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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is observed on 26th June every year by the United Nations.
 - This day is observed to raise awareness among the people about human torture that it is not only unacceptable but it is also a crime.
- ❖ Zhang Zhizhen became the 1st Chinese man to make the main draw at the Wimbledon in the Open Era.
 - The 24-year-old Zhang is ranked 178th.
- ❖ Triton Electric Vehicle Pvt Ltd has announced that it will be setting up a manufacturing unit for electric vehicles at the National Investment & Manufacturing Zone at Zaheerabad, Telangana.
 - Triton Electric Vehicle Pvt Ltd is an electric vehicle company from US.

TAMIL NADU

CEO World Magazine

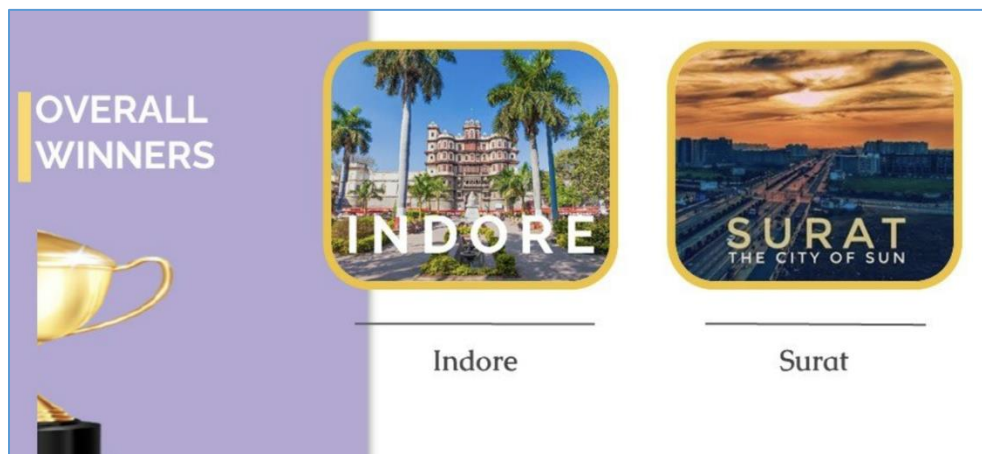
- ❖ Two colleges in Tamil Nadu have got a place in the 2021 list of top 100 medical colleges in the world.
- ❖ Every year on behalf of CEO World Magazine, a list of the world's top medical colleges and various other colleges, including fashion and management, is published.
- ❖ In this list Vellore Christian Medical College is ranked 49th and Chennai Medical College is ranked 64th.
- ❖ Similarly, Puducherry Jipmer Medical College is ranked 59th.
- ❖ Varanasi Medical College is ranked 72nd.

NATIONAL

Smart City Awards 2020

- ❖ Smart City Awards 2020 was announced under the 'Smart Cities Mission'.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh was ranked as top performing state under India Smart Cities Award Contest 2020.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh came second while Tamil Nadu at third position.

- ❖ Surat and Indore won best smart cities award for their overall performance in 2020.
- ❖ Best union territory award was conferred to Chandigarh.
- ❖ These awards were announced to mark six years of three urban transformative missions.
- ❖ Those missions are,
 - Smart Cities Mission,
 - Atal Mission for Urban Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and
 - Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban.



Pinaka rocket - Enhanced version

- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test fired an extended range version of “Pinaka” rocket.
- ❖ This Test fire was carried at Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, Odisha.
- ❖ This 122 mm Calibre rockets were launched with the help of Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL).
- ❖ The enhanced version has been developed by Pune based Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) in association with High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL).
- ❖ They got manufacturing support from Economic Explosives Limited, Nagpur.
- ❖ Enhanced Systems can destroy targets kept at distances up to 45 kilometres.

India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier

- ❖ India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-I), is planned to be commissioned by 2022.
- ❖ Once commissioned, the carrier will be named as INS Vikrant, in memory of India's first aircraft carrier.
- ❖ The IAC-1 carrier is being built at the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi, Kerala, under a public-private partnership.

Digital Skill Champions Program



- ❖ The National Skill Development Corporation and WhatsApp announced an alliance to launch the Digital Skill Champions Program.
- ❖ This aims to train India's youth on digital skills, in order to make them employment ready.
- ❖ The partnership identifies two broad areas of collaboration viz., WhatsApp Digital Skills Academy and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) and WhatsApp Business App Training sessions.

Paribartan Electoral Trust

- ❖ Paribartan Electoral Trust has anonymously disbursed Rs 3 crore it received from Birla Corporation in 2019-20 using electoral bonds.

- ❖ This is the first time that an electoral trust has taken the bonds route to disburse corporate donations to unnamed political parties.
- ❖ Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) has alleged that the use of electrical bonds route is “against the spirit” of the Electoral Trusts Scheme, 2013 and Income Tax Rules, 1962.

Electoral Trusts Scheme, 2013

- ❖ Electoral Trust is a non-profit organization formed in India for orderly receiving of the contributions from any person.
- ❖ The scheme was notified by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
- ❖ The sole object of the electoral trust is to distribute the contributions received by it to the political party.
- ❖ These Electoral Trust companies are not allowed to accept contributions from foreign citizens or companies.
- ❖ The electoral trust may receive voluntary contributions from,
 - An individual who is a citizen of India.
 - A company which is registered in India.
 - A firm or Hindu undivided family or an Association of persons or a body of individuals, resident in India.

Covovax



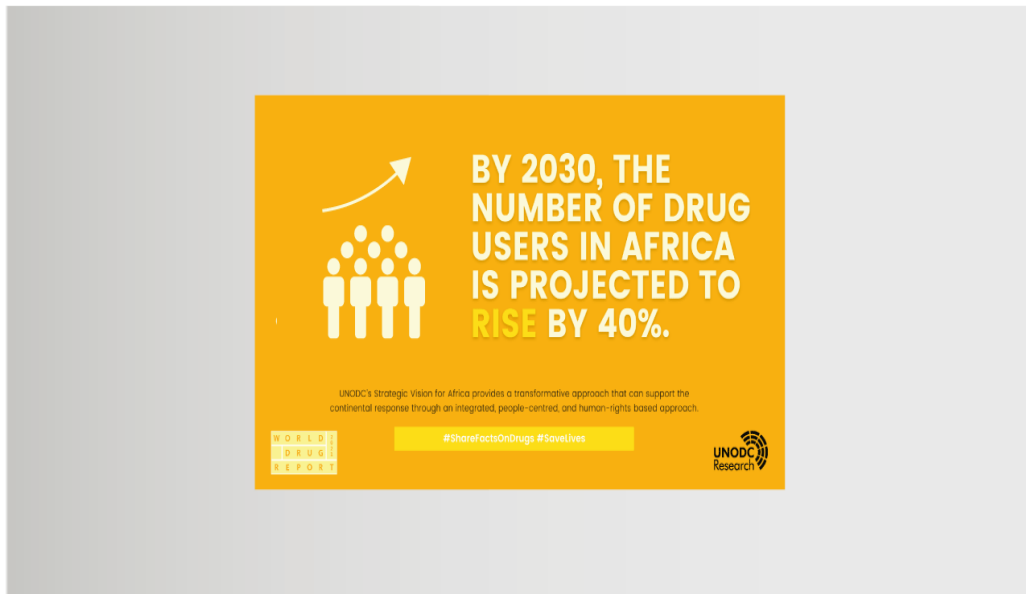
- ❖ Serum Institute of India has begun manufacturing the first batch of Covovax.
- ❖ It is a Covid-19 vaccine developed by Novavax Inc.

- ❖ Novavax is an US-based biotechnology company.

INTERNATIONAL

World Drug Report 2021

- ❖ World Drug Report 2021 was released by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- ❖ As per the report, 275 million people used drugs across the world in 2020.
- ❖ As per the report, 36 million people suffered from drug use disorders.
- ❖ Percentage of adolescents who perceived drug as harmful has reduced by 40 per cent.



Windows 11

- ❖ Microsoft officially launched its new Windows operating system 'Windows 11'.
- ❖ It is being called as the "next generation" of Windows.
- ❖ The previous Windows Operating System 'Windows 10' was launched in July 2015.
- ❖ PCs having Intel's sixth and seventh-generation processors will not be eligible to use Windows 11.



ECONOMY

India's bank credit-to-GDP ratio

- ❖ The bank credit-to-GDP ratio rose to a five-year high of a little over 56 per cent in 2020.
- ❖ This is according to the latest data from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).
- ❖ At a 56.075 per cent credit-to-GDP ratio, total outstanding bank credit stood at USD 1.52 trillion in the country in 2020.

ENVIRONMENT

Ramgarh Vishdhari wildlife sanctuary

- ❖ Ramgarh Vishdhari wildlife sanctuary becomes the 4th Tiger reserve of Rajasthan.
- ❖ This will be the 52nd Tiger Reserve of India.
- ❖ Rajasthan's other three tiger reserves are,
 - Ranthambore Tiger Reserve (RTR) in Sawai Madhopur,
 - Sariska Tiger Reserve (STR) in Alwar and
 - Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve (MHTR) in Kota.

Note

- ❖ Project Tiger was launched in 1973 with 9 tiger reserves.



- ❖ It is an ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - June 26

- ❖ The day is observed by the United Nations as an expression of its determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.
- ❖ The theme for this year is “Share Facts on Drugs, Save Lives”.
- ❖ Headquarters of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is in Vienna, Austria.



MISCELLANEOUS

QS EMBA Rankings 2021





- ❖ The Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management of the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore has been ranked the best in India in the latest edition of QS Executive MBA Rankings.
- ❖ IIM Bangalore has bagged the 39th spot globally.
- ❖ It makes it the only Indian institute to feature in the list of the top 100.
- ❖ In the Asia-Pacific category, IIM Bangalore holds the 10th spot.

