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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The European Space Agency is set to hire world's first physically disabled astronaut.
- ❖ The French author Emmanuel Carrere has been granted this year's Spanish Princess of Asturias Literature Award.
  - He is popular for his non-fiction books in a high literary vein.
- ❖ Rahi Sarnobat won gold medal in women's 25 m pistol event at the ISSF Shooting World Cup held at Croatia.
  - Sarnobat's gold is India's first in the ongoing edition.
- ❖ BCCI president Sourav Ganguly has confirmed that BCCI (The Board of Control for Cricket in India) is set to host the T20 World Cup in UAE.
  - The remaining season of the IPL 2021 will also be held in the UAE.
- ❖ The United Nations observe 29 June as International Day of the Tropics.
  - The day celebrates the extraordinary diversity of the tropics while highlighting unique challenges and opportunities nations of the Tropics face.
- ❖ The Fortis Memorial Research Institute in Gurugram has started the Trial Run of Sputnik V Vaccine for the general public.
  - Currently, Covishield, Sputnik V, and COVAXIN are being used in the country for the nationwide inoculation drive.
- ❖ The National Insurance Awareness Day was observed on 28th of June 2021.
  - It is celebrated with the motive to make people more and more aware about the insurance benefits and different plans.

## TAMIL NADU

### Reward for sportspersons - MK Stalin

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin announced that his government will reward sportspersons who bag medals in the upcoming Tokyo Olympic Games.
- ❖ MK Stalin said that sportsperson who win a gold medal will be given Rs 3 crore as prize money.
- ❖ Those winning silver medals will be given Rs 2 crore and Rs 1 crore will be given to bronze medal winners.

- ❖ Gagan Narang, a Chennai native is still the only individual medallist from the state.
- ❖ He represented India in shooting and won a bronze in the 2012 London Olympics in the Men's 10m Air Rifle event.

## NATIONAL

### Agni-Prime

- ❖ India successfully carried out the test-firing of a new missile of the Agni series known as Agni-Prime off the coast of Odisha.
- ❖ The new nuclear-capable missile is fully made up of composite material.
- ❖ Agni-Prime is a canisterised missile with a range capability between 1000 and 2000 kilometres.

### NTPC - Energy Compact Goals

The total installed capacity of the NTPC group has become



# 66,075 MW

with the completion of trial operation of **2<sup>nd</sup> Unit of 250 MW** capacity at **Barauni Thermal Power Station in Bihar.**



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- ❖ National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited declared its Energy Compact Goals as part of the UN High-level Dialogue on Energy (HLDE).

- ❖ It became the first energy company in India to declare this.
- ❖ The NTPC is the India's largest power generating company under the Ministry of Power.
- ❖ The NTPC has set a target to install 60 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032.
- ❖ The company also has aimed at a 10 per cent reduction in net energy intensity by 2032.

### **Hotels 50 2021 report**



- ❖ Taj has been rated as the Strongest Hotel Brand across the World by Brand Finance.
- ❖ This announcement was made by world's leading brand valuation consultancy, Brand Finance, in its annual 'Hotels 50 2021' report.
- ❖ This report recognises most valuable and strongest hotel brands worldwide.
- ❖ Taj Hotels is subsidiary of Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL).
- ❖ Indian Hotels Company Limited was founded by Jamshedji Tata.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Baihetan Hydro power Station**

- ❖ China began operating the world's second-largest hydro power station (Baihetan Hydro power Station) recently.
- ❖ Baihetan Hydro power Station has been built with a total installed capacity of 16,000 megawatts.
- ❖ The hydropower dam is built on the upper section of the Yangtze River.
- ❖ Yangtze is the longest river in China.

- ❖ Three Gorges dam (China) is the largest hydro power station in the world in terms of power generation.



### Most expensive city for foreign workers - Ashgabat

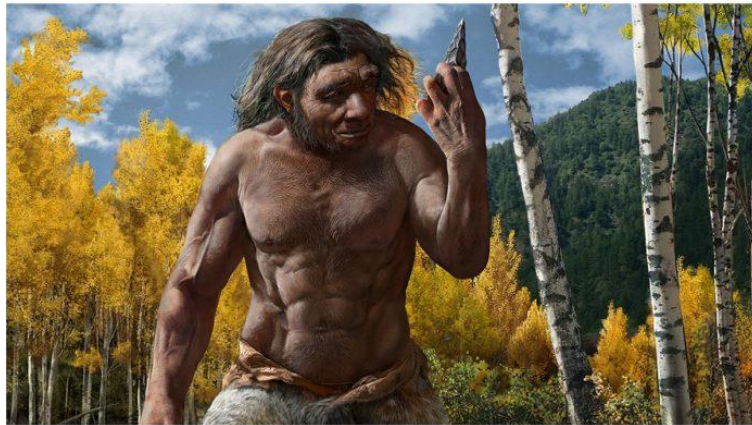
- ❖ Ashgabat has been named the world's most expensive city for foreign workers.
- ❖ It is the capital of Turkmenistan.
- ❖ The city topped the list in a 2021 cost-of-living survey by consultancy firm Mercer.
- ❖ Hong Kong was on the second position.
- ❖ Hongkong was followed by Beirut in Lebanon and Tokyo in Japan.





## **Dragon Man**

- ❖ The Researchers from China have claimed to have found an ancient human skull that could belong to an altogether new species of humans.
- ❖ The skull was found in north-east China's Harbin city.
- ❖ It has been dubbed the "Dragon Man" or Homo longi.
- ❖ The name has been derived from the Long Jiang or Dragon River in the Heilongjiang province of China where the city of Harbin is located.
- ❖ The cranium could be over 146,000 years old.



## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **The Order of Polar Star**

- ❖ RK Sabharwal has been honoured with the highest civilian award of Mongolia 'The Order of Polar Star'.
- ❖ He is the Chairman & Managing Director of Engineers India Limited.
- ❖ The President of Mongolia recognises the outstanding contribution made by him towards the establishment of the first-ever oil refinery in Mongolia.

## **SPORTS**

### **International Cricket stadium at Bokaro**

- ❖ The Jharkhand State Cricket Association has inked a Memorandum of Understanding with SAIL Bokaro Steel Plant.
- ❖ This is for the construction of an International Cricket Stadium in Bokaro city.
- ❖ Once the stadium is ready, Bokaro will become the third city in Jharkhand to have an International Cricket Stadium after Jamshedpur and Ranchi.

## Shafali Verma

- ❖ The Opener Shafali Verma became the youngest Indian cricketer to make debut across all the formats.
- ❖ Shafali Verma at the age of 17 years and 150 days made her ODI debut to achieve the feat.
- ❖ This made her the 5th youngest cricketer overall in the list which is headed by Afghanistan's Mujeeb Ur Rahman.
- ❖ Shafali Verma was 15 years and 239 days old when she made her debut in T20Is in September 2019.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Allergy Week - June 13 to 19

- ❖ The World Allergy Organization organizes the World Allergy Week.
- ❖ It was held from June 13 to 19, 2021.
- ❖ The topic of 2021 World Allergy Week is Anaphylaxis.
- ❖ The theme of the World Allergy Week 2021 is "Anaphylaxis: Be Aware. Be prepared. Save lives".
- ❖ Anaphylaxis is most commonly related to food allergy.
- ❖ The First World Allergy Week was observed in 2011.

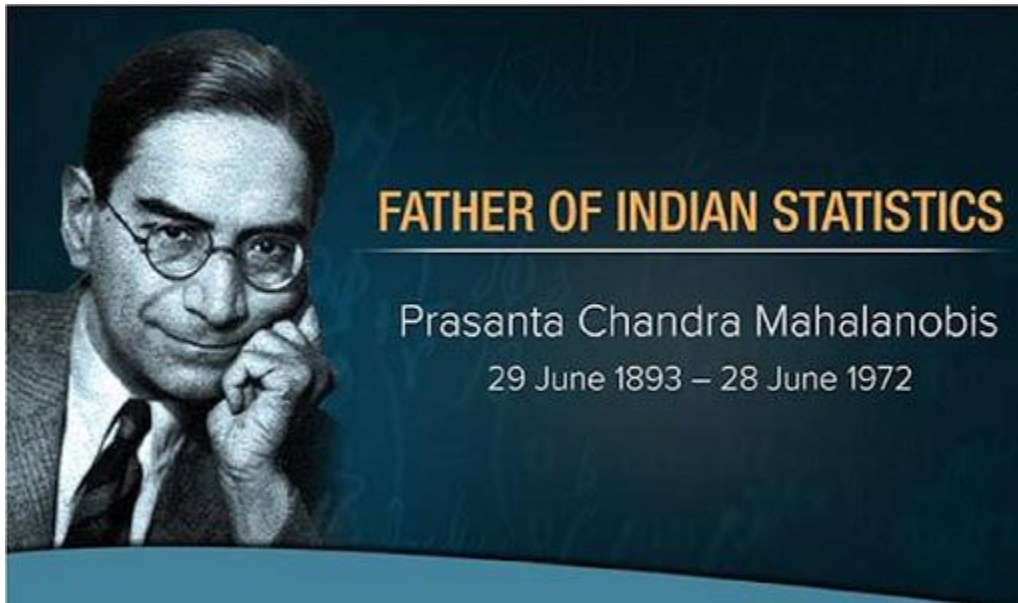


## **World Allergy Week 2021**

### **Focus on Anaphylaxis**

#### **National Statistics Day - June 29**

- ❖ The National Statistics Day is celebrated every year in India to create public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation.
- ❖ End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture (SDG 2 of the UN) is the theme of this year's National Statistics Day.
- ❖ The day also acknowledges the notable contribution of Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in fields of statistics, statistical system, and economic planning.
- ❖ He is often referred to as the 'father of Indian statistics.'
- ❖ In 1933, he had founded the first Indian statistical journal Sankhya.
- ❖ He is also best remembered for the statistical measure of Mahalanobis distance.
- ❖ He had founded the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI).
- ❖ The Union Government had designated June 29 as National Statistics Day in 2007.
- ❖ The Second Five-Year Plan had relied on Mahalanobis mathematical description of Indian economy.
- ❖ This plan had encouraged the development of heavy industry in India.
- ❖ This later became as Nehru-Mahalanobis model or Basic Industry strategy of economic growth.



### **World Asteroid Day - June 30**

- ❖ It is an annual UN-sanctioned global awareness campaign event.
- ❖ The Day aims to raise public awareness about the asteroid impact hazard and to inform the public about the crisis communication actions to be taken at the global level in case of a credible near-Earth object threat.



### **International Day of Parliamentarism - June 30**

- ❖ The Day celebrates parliaments and ways during which parliamentary systems of government improve the everyday lives of individuals throughout the world.
- ❖ The Day was established in 2018 through a United Nations General Assembly Resolution.
- ❖ This day also acknowledges the formation of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.





- ❖ Inter-Parliamentary Union was established in 1889.



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