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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ HP has developed its first ever consumer PC using the plastic waste in ocean.

NATIONAL

Registration of political parties

- ❖ The Election Commission has said it had reduced the public notice period for new political parties seeking registration.
- ❖ It is reduced from 30 days to 7 days due to the delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ The relaxation in notice period would remain in force till the last dates of nomination for the Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry and West Bengal elections.
- ❖ Last dates of nomination for
 - Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry is March 19
 - West Bengal elections is April 7.
- ❖ According to this guideline, the applicants are supposed to publish the proposed name of their party in two national and local daily newspapers each on two days within 30 days.

Note :

- ❖ Registration of Political parties is governed by the provisions of Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
- ❖ A party seeking registration under the said Section with the Election Commission has to submit an application to the Commission within the said period following the date of its formation as per guidelines prescribed by the Election Commission of India in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 324 of the Commission of India and Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

LSTV-RSTV merged

- ❖ Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha Television - the two TV channels have been formally merged into a single entity called 'Sansad Television'.



- ❖ Rajya Sabha Television used to broadcast the proceedings of the upper House of Parliament.
- ❖ Lok Sabha Television used to broadcast the proceedings of the lower House of Parliament.
- ❖ Now under the banner of Sansad, TV it is expected that Lok Sabha TV will continue to telecast live proceedings of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha TV that of the Rajya Sabha.
- ❖ A retired IAS officer of the 1986 batch, Ravi Capoor, has been appointed as Sansad TV Chief Executive Officer for one year.

INTERNATIONAL

Hurun Global Rich List 2021.

THE RICH & FAMOUS: Hurun Global Rich List 2021					
Rank		Wealth (\$bn)	Change YOY	Company	Country of residence
1*	Elon Musk	197	328%	Tesla	USA
2↓	Jeff Bezos	189	35%	Amazon	USA
3↓	Bernard Arnault	114	7%	LVMH	France
4↓	Bill Gates	110	4%	Microsoft	USA
5-	Mark Zuckerberg	101	20%	Facebook	USA
6↓	Warren Buffet	91	-11%	Berkshire Hathaway	USA
7*	Zhong Shanshan	85	New	YST	China
8↑	Mukesh Ambani	83	24%	Reliance	India
9-	Steve Ballmer	80	19%	Microsoft	USA
9*	Bertrand Puech & family	80	45%	Hermes	France

Source: 10th Edition of Hurun Global Rich List 2021 Report

- ❖ It is a ranking of the US Dollar billionaires in the world.
- ❖ This is the tenth year of the ranking.
- ❖ Tesla's Elon Musk becomes the richest man in world for first time.
- ❖ Amazon.com Inc. boss Jeff Bezos and Bernard Arnault, chief executive of LVMH ranked second and third globally, respectively.
- ❖ Country-wise, China leads with the most number of billionaires at 1058, followed by the US (696), India (177), Germany, the United Kingdom and Switzerland at over 100 each.
- ❖ By continent, Asia accounts for 51 per cent of the billionaires.
- ❖ According to this report, the world added 8 billionaires a week in 2020 – 421 in a year – taking their total number to a record 3,288



- ❖ The Hurun Global Rich List 2021 ranked 3228 billionaires from 2,402 companies and 68 countries.

INDIA A-LISTERS: Hurun India Rich List 2021			
India Rank (Global Rank)		Net worth (\$bn)	Company
1(8)	Mukesh Ambani	83	Reliance Industries
2(48)	Gautam Adani & family	32	Adani
3(58)	Shiv Nadar & family	27	HCL
4(104)	Lakshmi N Mittal	19	ArcelorMittal
5(113)	Cyrus Poonawalla	18.5	Serum
6(117)	Hinduja Brothers	18	Hinduja
7(154)	Uday Kotak	15	Kotak Mahindra Bank
8(160)	Radhakishan Damani & family	14.5	Avenue Supermarts
9(185)	Jay Chaudhry	13	Zscaler
10(194)	Dilip Shanghvi & family	12.5	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries

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ENVIRONMENT

5 New Species of Shrub Frogs

- ❖ Five new species of shrub frogs have been discovered from the Western Ghats by researchers from India and the US.
- ❖ Western Ghats are one of the globally recognised biodiversity hotspots.
- ❖ The frogs belong to the Old-World tree frog family Rhacophoridae.
- ❖ These were discovered by researchers from University of Delhi and Kerala Forest Research Institute and University of Minnesota.
- ❖ This research is part of a long comprehensive study on the Shrub frogs (genus Raorchestes) of the Western Ghats, carried out over a period of nearly 10 years.
- ❖ The findings are published in PeerJ.
- ❖ The five new species are known as,
 - Raorchestes drutaahu,
 - Raorchestes kakkayamensis,
 - Raorchestes keirasabinae,
 - Raorchestes sanjappai,
 - and Raorchestes vellikkannan.
- ❖ All these species are found in the State of Kerala in southern Western Ghats.

Himalayan Serow Spotted in Assam

- ❖ A Himalayan mammal "Himalayan Serow" has been spotted for the very first time in Assam.
- ❖ The Himalayan serow as resembling a cross between a goat, a donkey, a cow, and a pig.
- ❖ The Himalayan serow has now been categorised as 'vulnerable' in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.
- ❖ It is listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.



STATES

Anantapur, Nellore receive PM Kisan Award

- ❖ Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar presented the prestigious Prime Minister's Kisan National Award to Nellore Collector K.V.N. Chakradhar Babu.
- ❖ The district was ranked first in resolving grievances received under PM Kisan portal.
- ❖ The award was presented during the second anniversary of the PM-Kisan Yojana in New Delhi.
- ❖ Also, Anantapur was bagged the award for achieving 99.6% physical verification of beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi.

Centralized AC railway terminal

- ❖ India's first centralised AC railway terminal is built in Bangalore.
- ❖ It is named after Bharat Ratna Sir M Visvesvaraya.

- ❖ This is Bengaluru's third railway terminal in Baiyappanahalli area.

India's first integrated Machine tool park

- ❖ India's first integrated machine tool park is named as Tumakuru Machine Tool Park.
- ❖ It is built in Karnataka.
- ❖ The park is developed under the scheme of Enhancement of Competitiveness in Indian Capital Goods Sector (ECICGS), jointly by the state government and the Department of Heavy Industries, Government of India.
- ❖ The Indian Machine Tools Manufacturers Association has provided the technical assistance to this.
- ❖ The park is located at Vasanthanarasapura which is around 90 km from Bengaluru.

Haryana reserves jobs for locals in the private sector

- ❖ Haryana Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya has given assent to the Bill providing 75% reservation in the private sector to job seekers from the state.
- ❖ The Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Bill, 2020 provides quota for local people in private sector jobs that offer a salary of less than ₹50,000 a month.
- ❖ Only 10 per cent of the recruitment by a company needs to be from the district in which it is located.
- ❖ The rest of the quota can be filled from other districts in the state.
- ❖ The quota will initially be applicable for 10 years, according to the Bill.
- ❖ The Bill covers private companies, societies, trusts and partnership firms in the state.
- ❖ It provides for training to eligible local candidates when qualified people are not available.

