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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Madhavaram is all set to get Chennai's largest metro rail train maintenance depot.

TAMIL NADU

MGR tradition paddy conservator award 2021

- ❖ “Bharat Ratna Dr.M.G.R. Traditional Rice variety conservator Award” would be conferred for supporting the traditional paddy variety growing farmers and to conserve traditional varieties.
- ❖ The first prize was given to N. Sakthiprakash from Namakkal and the second prize was given to S. Velmurugan from Salem and the third prize was given to U.Sivaraman from Sivagangai district.

NATIONAL

Miss india 2020 award

- ❖ 23-year-old Manasa Varanasi from Telangana was crowned the winner of Miss India 2020.
- ❖ She will represent India at the 70th Miss World pageant in December 2021.
- ❖ Miss India 2019, Suman Ratan Singh Rao from Rajasthan crowned her successor Manasa the Miss India 2020.
- ❖ In the event Manika Sheokand became Miss Grand India 2020, whereas Manya Singh went on to become Miss India 2020 Runner-up.

Champion Publisher of the Year 2020

- ❖ The Hindu Group received two golds and two silvers at WAN IFRA's South Asian Digital Media Awards.
- ❖ This made them to earn the name 'Champion Publisher of the Year 2020'.
- ❖ The awards are introduced in recognition of excellent work achieved by information publishers, in digital media.
- ❖ The World Association of News Publishers or WAN-IFRA, is a global organisation of the world's press.



- ❖ It has a network of 18,000 publications in 120 countries.

Interim director of CBI

- ❖ The Centre appointed Praveen Sinha as the interim director of the Central Bureau of Investigation.
- ❖ He is a 1988-batch Gujarat cadre Indian Police Service officer.
- ❖ He has been appointed in place of the incumbent chief RK Shukla, whose tenure came to an end on February 03, 2021.

Ease of Living Index-2020

- ❖ Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, announced the final rankings of Ease of Living Index (EoLI) 2020.
- ❖ The rankings under Ease of Living Index 2020 were announced for cities with a population of more than a million, and cities with less than a million people.
- ❖ 111 cities participated in the assessment exercise that was conducted in 2020.
- ❖ Bengaluru emerged as the top performer in the Million+ category.
- ❖ In the Less than Million category, Shimla was ranked the highest.
- ❖ The Ease of Living Index (EoLI) is an assessment tool that evaluates the quality of life and the impact of various initiatives for urban development.
- ❖ It provides a comprehensive understanding of participating cities across India based on quality of life, economic-ability of a city, and its sustainability and resilience.

Municipal Performance Index:

- ❖ Similar to the EoLI index, the assessment framework under MPI 2020 has classified municipalities based on their population.
- ❖ They are Million+ (municipalities having over a million population) and Less than Million Population.
- ❖ New Delhi Municipal Council topped the "Municipal Performance Index" in the "less than a million" population category.
- ❖ Indore topped the "Municipal Performance Index" in the million-plus population category.



Rank	Ease of Living Index				
	Population Million+			Population Less than Million	
	City	Score		City	Score
1	Bengaluru	66.70		Shimla	60.90
2	Pune	66.27		Bhubaneswar	59.85
3	Ahmedabad	64.87		Silvassa	58.43
4	Chennai	62.61		Kakinada	56.84
5	Surat	61.73		Salem	56.40
6	Navi Mumbai	61.60		Vellore	56.38
7	Coimbatore	59.72		Gandhinagar	56.25
8	Vadodara	59.24		Gurugram	56.00
9	Indore	58.58		Davangere	55.25
10	Greater Mumbai	58.23		Tiruchirapalli	55.24

Rank	Municipal Performance Index				
	Population Million+			Population Less than Million	
	Municipality	Score		Municipality	Score
1	Indore	66.08		New Delhi MC	52.92
2	Surat	60.82		Tirupati	51.69
3	Bhopal	59.04		Gandhinagar	51.59
4	Pimpri Chinchwad	59.00		Karnal	51.39
5	Pune	58.79		Salem	49.04
6	Ahmedabad	57.60		Tiruppur	48.92
7	Raipur	54.98		Bilaspur	47.99
8	Greater Mumbai	54.36		Udaipur	47.77
9	Visakhapatnam	52.77		Jhansi	47.04
10	Vadodara	52.68		Tirunelveli	47.02

MTRC system

- ❖ Indian Railways' Western Railway zone (Mumbai local train) has introduced the Mobile Train Radio Communication (MTRC) system.
- ❖ It will play an important role in preventing train accidents through effective communication.
- ❖ It facilitates an instant and constant interaction of train crew with the Control Centre and the Station Master.



INTERNATIONAL

Malaria Elimination Certificate - El salvador

- ❖ El Salvador became the first country in Central America to be awarded a certification of malaria elimination by the World Health Organization.
- ❖ Certification of malaria elimination is granted by WHO when a country has proven that the chain of indigenous transmission has been interrupted nationwide for at least the previous three consecutive years.

ENVIRONMENT

First Platypus sanctuary

- ❖ Australia is set to open the world's first platypus sanctuary.
- ❖ It is to be setup in order to help the native species from going extinct.
- ❖ The duck-billed platypus, a species unique to Australia, is facing extinction due to bush fires and drought linked to the climate crisis.
- ❖ The refuge will be the first of its kind around the world.
- ❖ It will have the capacity to house 65 at a time.
- ❖ The facility will be built at Taronga's Western Plains Zoo by 2022.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Safety Day - March 04

- ❖ National Safety Day was observed for the first time in 1972.
- ❖ It is observed every year to commemorate the foundation of the National Safety Council.
- ❖ It is observed to propagate and create awareness among the general public about the various safety measures and hygienic measures that people need to inculcate in their lifestyle.
- ❖ This year's theme is 'Sadak Suraksha (Road Safety).'

National Safety Council

- ❖ It was set up by the Government of India, Ministry of Labour and Employment on 4 March 1965.

- ❖ It is setup to generate and develop a voluntary movement on Safety, Health, and Environment.
- ❖ It is an autonomous body.



National Security Day - March 04

- ❖ In India, March 04 is celebrated as National Security Day (Rastriya Suraksha Diwas) every year, in the honour of the Indian Security Forces.
- ❖ The day aims to show gratitude to all the security forces, including policemen, para-military forces, commandos, guards, army officers, and other persons involved in security.
- ❖ March 04 also marks the day when the National Security Council (NSC) of India was established, in 1966.
- ❖ The first National Security Day was held in 1972.

National Security Council

- ❖ The Security Council looks into the economic, political and strategic security concerns of India.
- ❖ It was established in 1998 by the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- ❖ NSC was setup by the Ministry of Labour under the Government of India.

Chabahar Day

- ❖ India will commemorate 'Chabahar Day' on March 4 on the margins of the Maritime India Summit-2021.
- ❖ It is being held from March 2 to 4.
- ❖ Ministers from Afghanistan, Armenia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia and Uzbekistan will participate in the event.

Chabahar port

- ❖ India and Iran had signed an agreement in 2018 to develop the Chabahar Port, located in the Gulf of Oman in south-eastern Iran.

- ❖ Chabahar is the only Iranian port with direct access to the Indian Ocean.
- ❖ The port is a key connectivity project that is aimed at boosting trade ties between India, Iran, and Afghanistan.

