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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ In a first since 1940, Tiger is seen in Maharashtra's Guatala Autramghat Wildlife sanctuary.
- ❖ The Spain's parliament voted a law legalizing passive euthanasia.
  - This makes Spain the fourth European nation to decriminalise assisted suicide, alongside the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.
- ❖ The digital green certificate is a proposal from the European Commission.
  - It aims to facilitate free but safe movement within the European Union amidst the pandemic.
- ❖ The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot, announced the launch of Universal Health Scheme (UHS) called "Mukhya Mantri Chiranjeevi Yojana".
  - Under the scheme, a cashless health services will be provided to all the families in Rajasthan.
- ❖ The UNESCO joins USO India and Toonz Media Group for Water Conservation Programme awareness programme for students.
- ❖ Samia Suluhu Hassan was sworn as Tanzania's first female president.

## TAMIL NADU

### MitraClip

- ❖ In a first for Asia, four back-to-back MitraClip procedures were successfully performed in a single day at Apollo Hospitals, Chennai.
- ❖ It surpassed Japan where MitraClip procedures were performed on three patients in a single day.
- ❖ The minimally invasive method used in MitraClip therapy allows repair of a leaking mitral valve without open heart surgery.
- ❖ It is a lifesaver for patients at high surgical risk.
- ❖ Apollo Hospitals is at the forefront of making the MitraClip available.
- ❖ MitraClip becomes the standard of care for patients with heart failure showing no improvement with medicines.
- ❖ MitraClip is a revolutionary device.
- ❖ It was introduced in the country just three years ago.

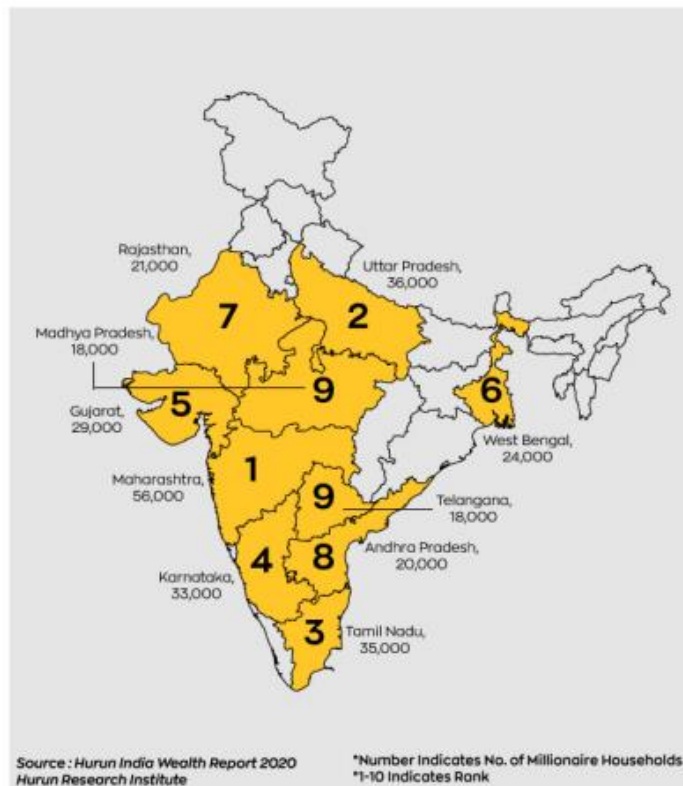
- ❖ It provides a non-surgical alternative to treat patients with mitral valve leaks (mitral regurgitation), which can lead to cardiac failure.

## NATIONAL

### Chairperson of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)

- ❖ The Union government appointed Harsh Chauhan as the chairperson of NCST.
- ❖ The chairperson, vice-chairperson and members of the NCST are appointed by the President for three years.
- ❖ The chairperson has the rank of Union Cabinet minister and the vice-chairperson that of minister of state.
- ❖ NCST was established under Article 338-B of the 89th Constitutional Amendment Act 2003.

### Hurun India Wealth Report 2020



- ❖ It has identified a novel household category in India – the ‘New Middle Class’ – with an average savings of Rs 20-lakh per annum.
- ❖ India is home to 4.12-lakh dollar-millionaire households.



- ❖ At 4,593, India is fourth after US, China, Germany in the globe in the Ultra high net worth individuals' category.
- ❖ Maharashtra (56,000), Uttar Pradesh (36,000), Tamil Nadu (35,000), Karnataka (33,000) and Gujarat (29,000) account for 46 per cent of the total millionaire households.
- ❖ City-wise, Mumbai is home to most millionaires (16,933), followed by Delhi (16,000), Kolkata (10,000), Bengaluru (7,582) and Chennai (4,685).

### **Mobile Seva Appstore**

- ❖ India has developed its first indigenously developed App Store called "Mobile Seva Appstore".
- ❖ This Indian App Store will be available for free of cost in the initial phases.
- ❖ It is a mobile application hosting platform which is owned by the government of India.
- ❖ It is an innovative initiative which has been launched by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- ❖ It is implemented by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC).
- ❖ It seeks to enable all the central, state and local government departments and agencies to deliver their services using the channels of mobile.
- ❖ India is the largest user of mobile apps.
- ❖ As per India App Market Statistics report 2021, around 5 percent of the apps on Android belongs to the Indian Apps developers.

### **Allotting Election Symbol**

- ❖ The Supreme Court dismissed the special leave petition challenging the Kerala High Court judgments.
- ❖ That upheld the Election Commission of India's order allotting the 'Two Leaves' symbol to Kerala Congress (M).
- ❖ The Election Commission (EC) has plenary powers under Article 324 of the Constitution to decide on the allotment of symbols.
- ❖ Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, empowers the EC to allot symbols to the political parties at elections in Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies.

## Van Dhan Vikas Yojana

- ❖ Manipur has been declared as model state for Van Dhan Vikas Yojana.
- ❖ The Van Dhan Vikas Yojana is a programme for value addition, branding & marketing of Minor Forest Produces.
- ❖ Manipur has emerged as the Champion state where the Van Dhan programme has emerged as a major source of employment for the local tribals.
- ❖ The Van Dhan Scheme is an initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED.

## World's Highest Railway Bridge

- ❖ The Chenab Bridge is an Indian railway steel and concrete arch bridge under construction between Bakkal and Kauri in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, India.
- ❖ The world's highest rail bridge over the Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir is in the last stages of construction.
- ❖ The rail line is expected to be 35 metres taller than the Eiffel Tower in Paris.
- ❖ Once completed, it will surpass the record of the Beipan river Shuibai railway bridge (275 m) in China.
- ❖ It will be 359 metres above the Chenab river bed.
- ❖ The overall length of the bridge is 1,315 metres.



## INTERNATIONAL

### World Happiness Report 2021

- ❖ It has been released by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
- ❖ It ranks 149 countries by how happy their citizens perceive.
- ❖ Finland was once again crowned as the world's happiest country for the fourth consecutive year.
- ❖ It is followed by Iceland, Denmark, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Sweden, Germany and Norway.
- ❖ India has been ranked 139 out of 149 countries.
- ❖ In 2019, India was ranked 140th.
- ❖ Among India's neighbouring countries, Pakistan ranked 105th, China 84th, Sri Lanka 129th and Bangladesh 101st.
- ❖ People in war-torn Afghanistan are the most unhappy with their lives.
- ❖ It is followed by Zimbabwe (148), Rwanda (147), Botswana (146) and Lesotho (145).



### World Energy Transitions Outlook report

- ❖ It was brought out by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).
- ❖ It estimated that by 2050, 90% of total electricity needs would be supplied by renewables, followed by 6% from natural gas and the remaining from nuclear.
- ❖ It stresses the need to focus on the expansion of emerging technologies such as green hydrogen.



## **CDRI**

- ❖ The European Union (EU) comprising of 27 members has joined the “Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) initiative” of India.
- ❖ CDRI is an international coalition of countries, United Nations (UN) agencies, private sectors, multilateral development banks and academic institutions.
- ❖ The initiative aims to promote the disaster-resilient infrastructure.
- ❖ The CDRI Initiative was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the year 2019.
- ❖ The initiative was launched at the UN Climate Change Summit, held at Spain.

