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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ MGM Healthcare hospital has become the third hospital in Chennai and one of the 39 hospitals in India to have received accreditation by the Joint Commission International (JCI).
 - JCI is a US-based non-profit organisation that accredits hospitals across the globe based on their quality and patient safety standards.
- ❖ Aadhaar is no longer mandatory for pensioners to get digital life certificate, Jeevan Pramaan, that is required to collect their pensions.
 - The government has also made Aadhaar verification voluntary for its instant messaging solution 'Sandes'.

TAMIL NADU

Devendrakula Velalars bill

- ❖ The Parliament passed the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2021 recently.
- ❖ It seeks to group seven Scheduled Caste communities in certain districts of Tamil Nadu under 'Devendrakula Velalars'.
- ❖ The seven groups are,
 - Devendrakulathan
 - Kalladi
 - Kudumban
 - Pallan
 - Pannadi
 - Vathiriyar
 - Kadaiyan (in the districts of Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Ramanathapuram, Pudukottai, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur and Nagapattinam)
- ❖ It may be noted that Article 341 of the Constitution empowers the President to specify the list of Scheduled Castes in various States and Union Territories.
- ❖ Further, it permits Parliament to modify this list.

NATIONAL

Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain

- ❖ It will be implemented from March 22 to November 30 during the pre-monsoon and the monsoon period in the country.
- ❖ The theme of the new campaign will be ‘Catch the rain, where it falls when it falls.’
- ❖ It will take place across India, in both the rural and the urban areas.



State law against Central law

- ❖ The Supreme Court on prima facie found no harm in State Legislative Assemblies, passing resolutions against Central laws.
- ❖ Recently, Kerala and West Bengal state assemblies had passed resolutions against Central laws such as Citizenship Amendment Act and the new farm laws.
- ❖ The court held that these resolutions are merely “opinions” of the majority members of a Legislative Assembly and do not have the force of law.

Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM)

- ❖ The Kalyani Rafael Advanced Systems (KRAS) have released the first batch of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) kits.
- ❖ It is a joint venture between the Kalyani Group of India and Rafael Advanced Defence Systems of Israel.
- ❖ The missile was released for the Indian Army and Indian Air Force.



INTERNATIONAL

Volcano Bonds

- ❖ The Danish Red Cross has launched first of its kind catastrophe bond for the volcano-related disasters.
- ❖ This bond will enable the disaster relief agency to get the financial aid quickly to those who are suffering from the eruption of 10 volcanoes
- ❖ These are at Chile, Ecuador, Cameroon, Colombia, Mexico, Guatemala and Indonesia.

Joint space mission

- ❖ India and France are working on third joint space mission.
- ❖ ISRO and the Space Agency of France CNES have undertaken two joint missions.
- ❖ The first one 'Megha Tropiques' was launched in the year 2011 and another one was 'Sarat-Altika' launched in 2013.

Pabbi-Antiterror-2021 exercise

- ❖ The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) will hold a joint anti-terrorism exercise this year.
- ❖ It was announced during the meeting of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Radar Surveys of Himalayan Glaciers

- ❖ India has planned to conduct the airborne radar surveys in order to estimate the thickness of Himalayan glaciers.
- ❖ The pilot study will be conducted in the Lahaul – Spiti basin of the Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ This proposal was initiated by the “National Centre for Polar & Ocean Research (NCPOR)” under the Ministry of Earth Sciences”.
- ❖ India is one of the most vulnerable country for extreme weather events.
- ❖ It has been ranked at the 20th position on Climate Risk Index (CRI).

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2020

- ❖ The Ministry of the culture of the government of India has conferred the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2020 on the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
- ❖ The prize for the year 2019 was conferred on Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman.
- ❖ Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the first President and also became the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, later.
- ❖ He is called as the “Father of the Nation” or “Mujib”.
- ❖ He was assassinated on August 15, 1975.
- ❖ It is an International Gandhi Peace Prize given by the Government of India.
- ❖ This award was launched in the year 1995 on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of Mohandas Gandhi.
- ❖ The award is open to all the persons regardless of their race, nationality, gender or creed.



SERB Women Excellence Award

- ❖ Hyderabad based National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) scientist Sonu Gandhi won the SERB Women Excellence Award.
- ❖ She recently developed a smart nanodevice for the detection of Rheumatoid arthritis (RA), cardiovascular disease (CVD), and Japanese encephalitis (JE).
- ❖ The award was instituted by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology (DST)

- ❖ It recognizes and rewards outstanding research achievements of young women scientists in Science and Engineering.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Tuberculosis Day – March 24



- ❖ 24 March commemorates the day in 1882 when Dr Robert announced that he had discovered the cause of tuberculosis, the TB bacillus.
- ❖ The theme of World TB Day 2021 - 'The Clock is Ticking'.
- ❖ Tuberculosis is one of the biggest health issues in India.
- ❖ It is caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis.
- ❖ These bacteria attack the lung, kidney, spine, and brain.
- ❖ In 2020 the Indian government announced to eliminate TB from the country by 2025 through its National TB Elimination Program.
- ❖ Nikshay Poshan Yojana is a government scheme in India to provide 500 rupees per month for tuberculosis patients to buy food.
- ❖ It is one of eleven official global public health campaigns marked by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ❖ These are
 - World Health Day,
 - World Chagas Disease Day,
 - World Blood Donor Day,
 - World Antimicrobial Awareness Week,
 - World Immunization Week,



- World Malaria Day,
- World No Tobacco Day,
- World Hepatitis Day,
- World Patient Safety Day,
- World AIDS Day.

