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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Senior bureaucrat Saurabh Garg has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- ❖ IAS officer Sanjeev Kumar has been appointed as the Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- ❖ IAS officer Atish Chandra has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director, Food Corporation of India.
- ❖ Times Network India Economic Conclave 2021 is being organised on March 25-26, 2021.
 - Theme for this year is 'India's Decade: Reform. Perform. Transform'.
- ❖ Maggie O'Farrell's book "Hamnet," has won the National Book Critics Circle prize for fiction in US.
 - Tom Zoellner's "Island on Fire: The Revolt That Ended Slavery in the British Empire" won for nonfiction.

NATIONAL

Inter-state Tiger Relocation Project

- ❖ Sundari - a tigress, shifted as part of India's first inter-state translocation project in 2018 from Madhya Pradesh to Odisha, returned home recently.
- ❖ The five-year-old tigress spent 28 months in captivity in Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Odisha.

Tiger Relocation Project:

- ❖ The tiger relocation project was initiated in 2018.
- ❖ A male (Mahavir) from Kanha Tiger Reserve and a female (Sundari) from Bandhavgarh from Madhya Pradesh were relocated to Satkosia Tiger Reserve in Odisha, to shore up the tiger population in the state.
- ❖ Sundari was brought to Satkosia a week after Mahavir's arrival.
- ❖ The relocation was meant to serve two purposes,
 - reducing tiger population in areas with excess tigers to majorly reduce territorial disputes,
 - to reintroduce tigers in areas where the population has considerably reduced due to various reasons.

Tuberculosis Report 2021 - India

- ❖ It is estimated that 18.05 lakh TB cases were registered in India.
- ❖ This Report also found that, between January and February 2020, registrations of TB increased by 6% on year.
- ❖ This Report highlights that 24.04 lakh cases were reported in 2019, among which treatment success rate was 82% while mortality rate was 4%.
- ❖ According to report, 4% of patients were lost in follow ups while treatment failure & regimen change accounts for about 3%.

TB Cases in India

- ❖ India has the largest caseload, 2.64 million tuberculosis patients, across the world.
- ❖ It accounts for 30% of the world's TB cases.
- ❖ The Government of India has aimed to have TB-free India by 2025, five years ahead of global target date, 2030.

100+ comic books

- ❖ Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched 100+ comic books created by teachers and students of CBSE schools and curated by NCERT.
- ❖ These comics can be accessed online on DIKSHA web portal (diksha.gov.in) or via DIKSHA app on any android Smartphone.
- ❖ The comics can also be accessed through a new WhatsApp powered Chatbot.
- ❖ The chatbot presents a unique opportunity to expand the scope of digital learning.
- ❖ During the occasion, Minister also launched CBSE Assessment Framework for Science, Maths and English classes as part of CBSE Competency Based Education Project.

INTERNATIONAL

First Ship Tunnel in Norway

- ❖ The Norwegian Coastal Administration has received the green signal to start working on the construction of the world's first tunnel.
- ❖ This is being built exclusively for ships.
- ❖ The tunnel is named as "Stad Ship Tunnel".

- ❖ It would be built under the mountainous Stadhavet peninsula in northwestern Norway.

About the Tunnel:

- ❖ The 1.7 km tunnel will be able to handle ships of up to 16,000 tonnes.
- ❖ It gives ships a safer passage through the treacherous Stadhavet Sea.
- ❖ The construction would begin in 2022.



International Intellectual Property Index

- ❖ India with a score of 38.40 has been ranked 40th out of 53 Global Economies in the 9th Edition of the 'International Intellectual Property (IIP) Index.
- ❖ This index titled 'Recovery through Ingenuity 2021' is released by US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC).
- ❖ USA, UK & Germany topped the Index.
- ❖ The IIP Index released annually by GIPC evaluates the IP rights, patents, copyright policies, commercialization of IP assets and ratification of International Treaties of 53 Global economies.
- ❖ The report states that the overall global IP environment has improved in 2020, with 32 out of 53 Countries recording positive improvements in their score.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Vyas Samman - 2020

- ❖ Prof. Sharad Pagare will be conferred with the prestigious Vyas Samman - 2020.
- ❖ He will be awarded the 31st Vyas Samman for his novel "Patliputru Ki Samragi".
- ❖ The Vyas Samman is started in 1991.
- ❖ It is given by KK Birla Foundation.



- ❖ It is given for an outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years.
- ❖ It carries an award of four lakh rupees along with a citation and plaque.

Maharashtra Bhushan award

- ❖ Asha Bhosle wins 2020 Maharashtra Bhushan award of the Maharashtra Government
- ❖ The Maharashtra Government said that the legendary singer Asha Bhosle has been selected for Maharashtra Bhushan award.
- ❖ It is the state government's highest honour.
- ❖ A committee chaired by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray decided to select Bhosle for the award for the year 2020.
- ❖ It is given in fields of Literature, Art, Sport, and Science, Social Work, Journalism, Public Administration and Health Services.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members - March 25

- ❖ The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is marked each year on the anniversary of the abduction of Alec Collett.
- ❖ He is a former journalist who was working for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.
- ❖ He was abducted by armed gunman in 1985.
- ❖ His body was finally found in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley in 2009.
- ❖ This is a day to mobilize action, demand justice and strengthen our resolve to protect UN staff and peacekeepers, as well as our colleagues in the non-governmental community and the press.

International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade - March 25

- ❖ The International Day is observed to offer opportunity to honour and remember those who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal slavery system.
- ❖ The International Day also aims to raise awareness about the dangers of racism and prejudice today.

- ❖ In order to permanently honour the victims, a memorial has been erected at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

