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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Bangladesh celebrates 50 years of its Independence and National Day on 26 March.
  - The day coincides with the grand celebration of the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

## **NATIONAL**

### **My Experiments with Silence book**

- ❖ The book “My Experiments with Silence” is authored by Samir Soni on anxiety and self - discovery.
- ❖ Soni’s book aims to be a personal account of his dialogues with himself during his growing-up years in Delhi, his stint at Wall Street and his time in Bollywood.
- ❖ The book will be published by OM Books International.
- ❖ Soni said his book will be an “ode to anyone who has fought or is fighting their inner demons”.

### **Tribal TB Initiative**

- ❖ Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan launched 'Tribal TB Initiative' in pursuit of TB Mukht Bharat.
- ❖ He said, the government has already increased the Budget allocation for TB in India a four-fold in the last five years.
- ❖ The Union Territories of Lakshadweep and district of Badgam in Jammu and Kashmir have been declared TB Free on World TB Day this year.

### **NATHEALTH summit**

- ❖ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan, addressed the 7th annual summit of NATHEALTH in virtual mode.
- ❖ The summit focused on ‘Indian Health system expansion in post-COVID era’.
- ❖ Government has launched the “National Health Policy” in 2017.
- ❖ The primary vision of policy-framework is to attain highest possible level of health and well-being for all irrespective of all age groups.

**Note:**

- ❖ Health has been identified in Budget 2021-22 as one of the six main pillars to drive growth.
- ❖ Health was allocated an enormous financial allocation of Rs 2,23,846 crore in 2021-22
- ❖ This is a 137% increase over the previous year.
- ❖ It is in line with increasing health expenditure as a percentage of GDP to 2.5 % by 2025.





## **INTERNATIONAL**

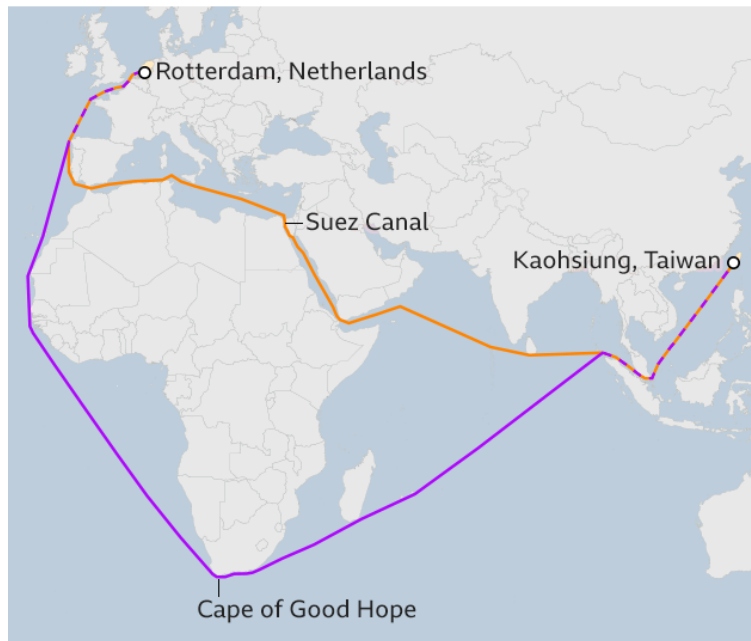
### **Suez Canal issue**

- ❖ Global trade has been impacted after a container ship got stuck in the Suez Canal.
- ❖ Suez Canal is a 193-km waterway that is pivotal in connecting Europe and Asia.
- ❖ Located in Egypt, the artificial sea-level waterway was built between 1859 and 1869 linking the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.
- ❖ The canal is one of the busiest waterways in the world.
- ❖ On March 23, due to weather obstructions a giant container ship, MV Ever Given, ended up getting stuck in one of the canal's narrow stretches.
- ❖ It was an en route from China to the Netherlands.
- ❖ Some countries have already seen a rise in oil prices after the blockage.
- ❖ Due to political, financial and technical problems the canal had been shut down five times before.
- ❖ Ever Given, which has blocked the Suez Canal for almost a week now, has been freed from the channel's shoreline.

## Alternative route for shipping while Suez Canal blocked

 Using Suez Canal	 Around Cape of Good Hope
10,000 nautical miles (18,520km)	13,500 nautical miles (25,002km)
<b>25.5 days*</b>	<b>34 days*</b>

\*Based on ship's average speed of 16.43 knots



## Global Wind Report 2021

- ❖ Global Wind Report 2021 was published by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC).
- ❖ The report warns that there is a need to install new wind power capacity three times faster by next decade.
- ❖ This warning is to achieve global climate targets & limit global warming to below 2°C above the pre-industrial levels.
- ❖ In the year 2020, 93 GW of new capacity were installed.
- ❖ It is a 53% year-on-year increase.
- ❖ But this is not sufficient to ensure that world will achieve net zero emission target by 2050.

### Findings

- ❖ As per this report, total global wind power capacity of 743GW is helping the globe to avoid over 1.1 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually.

- ❖ It is equal to annual carbon emissions of South America.
- ❖ Report warns that, the world needs to install a minimum of 280 GW of new wind energy per year.
- ❖ It underlines that, the Governments across the globe must work with 'climate emergency' approach to eliminate red tape and planning delays.
- ❖ Wind power is a cornerstone to achieve net zero emission target and power a green recovery.
- ❖ This is because wind power is cost-competitive and a resilient power source which is having most decarbonisation potential per MW.
- ❖ According to this report, technology innovations and economies of scale has quadrupled the global wind power market in size in past decade.
- ❖ Growth in 2020 was driven by installations on large scale in China and US which are the two largest wind power markets of world.
- ❖ Both the countries have over half of total wind power capacity.
- ❖ They accounted for 75% of new installations in 2020.

### **Bangabandhu-Bapu Museum**



- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina jointly inaugurated the 'Bangabandhu-Bapu Museum' at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Dhaka.
- ❖ The museum has a digital exhibition on India's Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and Bangladesh's Father of the Nation 'Bangabandhu' Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



- ❖ The exhibition is dedicated to the lives of Gandhi and 'Bangabandhu'.

### **Mitali Express**

- ❖ A new passenger train called Mitali Express was inaugurated recently.
- ❖ It connects Dhaka and New Jalpaiguri in West Bengal on the Indian side.
- ❖ It was inaugurated jointly by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina.
- ❖ This is the third passenger train after Maitree Express (Dhaka-Kolkata) and Bandhan Express (Khulna-Kolkata) running between the two neighbouring countries.
- ❖ The new inter-country passenger train was launched on the occasion of 'Bangabandhu' Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's birth centenary and golden jubilee of Bangladesh's Independence.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Laxmipriya Mohapatra**

- ❖ Noted Odissi dancer Laxmipriya Mohapatra passed away recently.
- ❖ She was the wife of legendary classical dancer Kelucharan Mohapatra.
- ❖ She started her dancing career at the Annapurna Theatre in Puri in 1947.
- ❖ She has also acted in four Odia movies.

## **SPORTS**

### **Girl Gang track**

- ❖ Girl Gang is a track by New Zealand singer Gin Wigmore.
- ❖ It has been announced as the official song of the 2022 ICC Women's World Cup.
- ❖ The tournament is set to be hosted in New Zealand from March 4, 2022 to April 3, 2022.
- ❖ Originally it was scheduled to be held from February 6, 2021 to March 7, 2021.
- ❖ It was postponed by a year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

