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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ World Tuna Day is observed globally on May 2nd by the United Nations to raise awareness about the importance of tuna fish.
 - It is observed for the first time in 2017.
- ❖ World's longest pedestrian suspension bridge opens in Portugal.
 - The bridge hangs 175 meters above the River Paiva.

NATIONAL

Election results 2021

- ❖ Election results 2021 for West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry assemblies were declared on May 2.

West Bengal (294 seats)

- ❖ The Trinamool Congress managed a landslide victory in West Bengal.
- ❖ Trinamool Congress is to form the government for a third consecutive term in West Bengal.

Tamil Nadu (234 seats)

- ❖ In Tamil Nadu, MK Stalin, leader of DMK is set to become the state Chief Minister.

Seats Won by Parties					
State	Seats Won	Party and Alliances			
Assam	126/126	BJP+	INC+	OTH/IND	
		75	50	1	
Kerala	140/140	LDF	UDF	BJP+	OTH
		94	40	0	6
West Bengal	292/292	TMC+	BJP	LEFT+	OTH/IND
		213	77	1	1
Tamil Nadu	234/234	DMK+	AIADMK+	MNM	OTH/IND
		159	75	0	0
Puducherry	30/30	BJP+NRC	INC+	OTH/IND	
		16	8	6	

Kerala (140 seats)

- ❖ The Pinarayi Vijayan-led Left Democratic Front government scripted history by retaining power.



- ❖ It is the first time in four decades that the same grouping will form the government for the second consecutive time.

Assam (126 seats)

- ❖ The BJP managed to retain power in Assam.

Puducherry (30 seats)

- ❖ The National Democratic Alliance is set to form the government with NR Congress and its ally BJP in the 30-member House.

New Soybean variety

- ❖ The Indian scientists recently developed a new Soy Bean variety called the “MACS 1407”.
- ❖ The new variety was developed by the Agharkar Research Institute of Pune along with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
- ❖ The MACS 1407 Soybean variety is to be made available to farmers in 2022 Kharif season.

State Disaster Relief Fund

- ❖ The Ministry of Finance recently released the first instalment of State Disaster Relief Fund.
- ❖ According to the recommendation made by the Finance Commission, the funds were to be released by June 2021.
- ❖ Now the funds have been released early.
- ❖ The total amount of SDRF to be released for 2021-22 is Rs 8,873 crores.
- ❖ The ministry released 50% of the amount, which is Rs 4,436.8 crores.
- ❖ State Disaster Response Funds were constituted under Disaster Management Act, 2005.

Food grain production

- ❖ The government has set the production target for food grain for the crop year 2021-22 at a record 307.31 million tonnes.
- ❖ This includes the production of
 - 151.43 million tonnes of food grains during kharif (summer) season and
 - 155.88 million tonnes during rabi (winter) season.

- ❖ The targeted production is over 1.3% more than the last year's estimated food grain production of 303.34 million tonnes.

INTERNATIONAL

World largest airplane

- ❖ The World largest airplane built by Stratolaunch recently completed its second test flight from Mojave Air and Space Port in California of USA.
- ❖ It has been named "Roc".
- ❖ Stratolaunch was established by Paul Allen in 2011.
- ❖ He was a co-founder of Microsoft.

COVID-19 vaccines for animals

- ❖ Russia recently produced the first batch of COVID-19 vaccines for animals.
- ❖ The name of the vaccine is Carnivac-Cov.
- ❖ The World Health Organisation recently confirmed the possibility for transmission of virus between humans and virus.
- ❖ Carnivac-Cov was produced by Rosselkhoznadzor, a federal service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance in Russia.

Global Forest Goals Report

- ❖ The United Nations recently released the Global Forest Goals Report, 2021.
- ❖ According to the report, the COVID-19 has increased the challenges faced by countries in managing their forests
- ❖ According to the report,
 - Around 1.6 billion people rely on forests.
 - This is 25% of global population.
 - Of the rural areas in the world, more than 40% live in Savannah and forests.
 - This is 20% of the global population.
- ❖ India is to add 200,000 hectares of tree and forest cover per year as its key goal.

Brand Finance Insurance 100 report - 2021

- ❖ The state-owned insurance behemoth 'Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)' has emerged as the third strongest and the tenth most valuable insurance brand globally.
- ❖ This is according to the Brand Finance Insurance 100 report for 2021.
- ❖ The annual report is released by London-based brand valuation consultancy firm Brand Finance.
- ❖ This report is to identify the most valuable and strongest insurance brands globally.

Note

- ❖ Most Valuable Global Insurance Brand - Ping An Insurance, China
- ❖ Most Strongest Global Insurance Brand - Poste Italiane, Italy

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

400th Prakash Purab of Guru Tegh Bahadur

- ❖ On May 1, 2021, India celebrated the four hundredth Prakash Purab of Guru Tegh Bahadur.
- ❖ He was the ninth Sikh Guru.
- ❖ He was born in Amritsar, Punjab in 1621.
- ❖ He was the youngest son of Guru Hargobind Sahib.
- ❖ He wrote 115 hymns that were included in Guru Granth Sahib.



- ❖ Guru Tegh Bahadur was executed on the orders of Aurangzeb.
- ❖ The Gurudwara Sis Ganj Sahib marks the execution place of Guru Tegh Bahadur.
- ❖ The Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib marks the cremation place of Guru tegh Bahadur.

- ❖ His martyrdom is commemorated as Shaheedi Divas of Guru Tegh Bahadur.
- ❖ It is commemorated on 24th November every year.

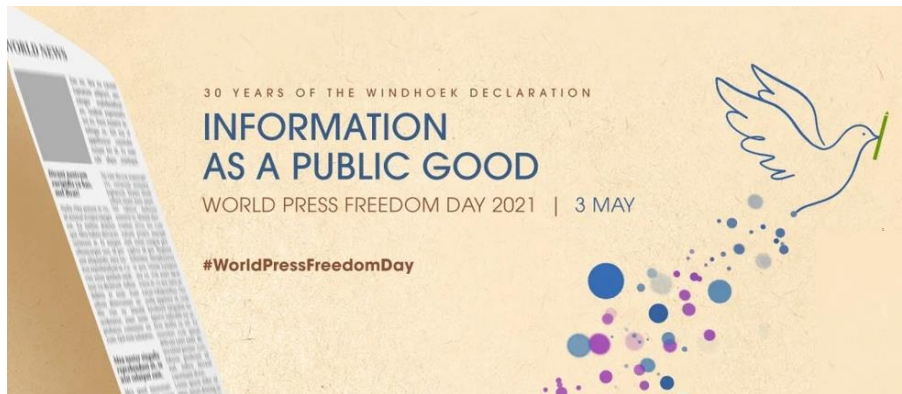
IMPORTANT DAYS

World Laughter Day - May 02

- ❖ World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of May every year.
- ❖ It is a day to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits.
- ❖ In 2021, the day falls on 02 May 2021.
- ❖ World Laughter Day was first celebrated on May 10, 1998, in Mumbai upon the initiation of Dr Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement.

World Press Freedom Day - May 03

- ❖ World Press Freedom Day is also known as World Press Day.
- ❖ The day also pays tribute to journalists who have lost their lives.
- ❖ This year's World Press Freedom Day theme "Information as a Public Good".



- ❖ The General Assembly in the United Nations established World Freedom Day in 1993 to promote the independence of the Africa Press.
- ❖ This was followed by the Windhoek Declaration that was established to maintain the free press.
- ❖ As the declaration was made on the 3rd of May, hence the special day is observed each year on 3rd May.

MISCELLANEOUS

Embalmed pregnant woman

- ❖ The researchers of Poland recently discovered the first embalmed pregnant woman.
- ❖ This is the first time in the history scientists have found a foetus in a mummy.
- ❖ This Mummy was found at the Royal Tombs in Thebes.
- ❖ Thebes is an ancient Egyptian city along the Nile River.
- ❖ It was first brought to Warsaw in 1826.

