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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ International Tea Day is observed annually on May 21.
 - It aims to raise awareness of the long history and the deep cultural and economic significance of tea around the world.

NATIONAL

CORPAT Patrol

- ❖ The fourth edition of the Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) commenced.
- ❖ The patrolling drill commenced in the northern Bay of Bengal.
- ❖ Both units will undertake joint patrolling along International Maritime Boundary Line.
- ❖ The last IN-BN CORPAT was conducted in October 2020.

1st dental health insurance plan

- ❖ PNB MetLife India Insurance Company has launched India's first dental health insurance plan.
- ❖ This is the first insurance plan in India that covers fixed-benefit outpatient expenses and provides financial assistance with costs related to overall dental health.

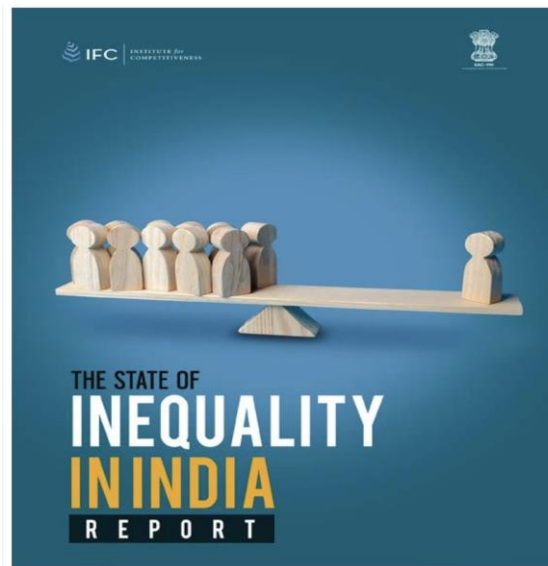
The state of inequality in India report

- ❖ The 'State of Inequality in India' Report was released by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).
- ❖ The report compiles information on inequities across sectors of health, education, household characteristics and the labour market.
- ❖ The report consists of two parts – Economic Facets and Socio-Economic Manifestations.
- ❖ Five Key Areas: These are income distribution, labour market dynamics, health, education and household characteristics.
- ❖ The report is based on the data derived from various rounds of the

- Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS),
- National Family and Health Survey (NFHS) and
- United Information System for Education Plus.

Highlights

- ❖ India's unemployment rate is 4.8% (2019-20), and the worker population ratio is 46.8%
- ❖ Urban areas have a 44.4% wealth concentration in the highest quintile (20%) and only 7.1% concentration in rural areas.
- ❖ From 1,72,608, the total health centres in India in 2005, increased into total health centres in 2020 at 1,85,505.
- ❖ By 2019-20, 95% of schools would have functional toilet facilities on the school premises.
- ❖ The Gross Enrolment Ratio has also increased between 2018-19 and 2019-20 at all the 3 levels.

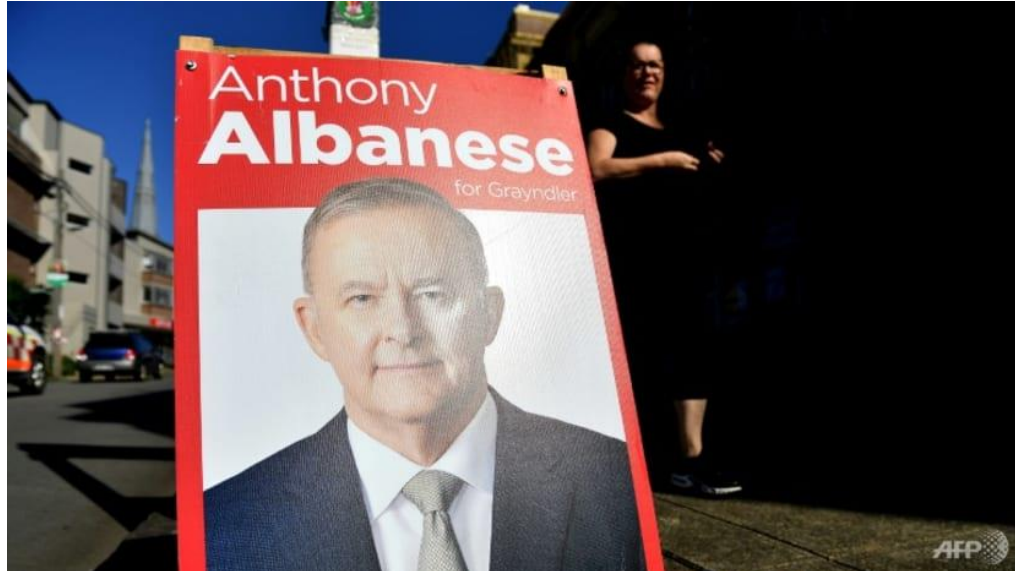


INTERNATIONAL

Australia's new prime minister

- ❖ Australia's Labor Party leader, Anthony Albanese was sworn in as the country's new prime minister.
- ❖ He became the country's 31st Prime Minister.
- ❖ Australia's Head of State is the Queen of Australia (British), Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

- ❖ Under the Australian Constitution, the executive power is exercised by the Governor-General as the Queen's representative.
- ❖ The Governor-General is appointed by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia.
- ❖ The Prime Minister is Head of Government.



Mandatory Quarantine for Monkeypox



- ❖ Belgium became the first country to introduce mandatory quarantine for those infected with monkeypox.
- ❖ Anyone testing positive in the country will have to remain isolated for 21 days (three weeks).

- ❖ The WHO recorded 100 confirmed cases of monkeypox from 12 different countries.
- ❖ Monkeypox is a rare viral infection.
- ❖ It is most commonly found in tropical areas of west and central Africa.
- ❖ It was first discovered in 1958.
- ❖ The first human infection was recorded in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1970.
- ❖ The first case in the US and UK was reported in 2003 and 2018, respectively.

First airport for drones and flying cars

- ❖ The world's first airport for electric drones and flying cars opened in the centre of a city in the United Kingdom.
- ❖ The pop-up Air-One has been built in the city of Coventry.
- ❖ It's designed for zero-emission electric drones and air taxis.
- ❖ And the airport itself is powered by hydrogen fuel cells.
- ❖ The project is aims to demonstrate the potential of urban air mobility to cut congestion and air pollution.



STATES

Incentive for direct seeding

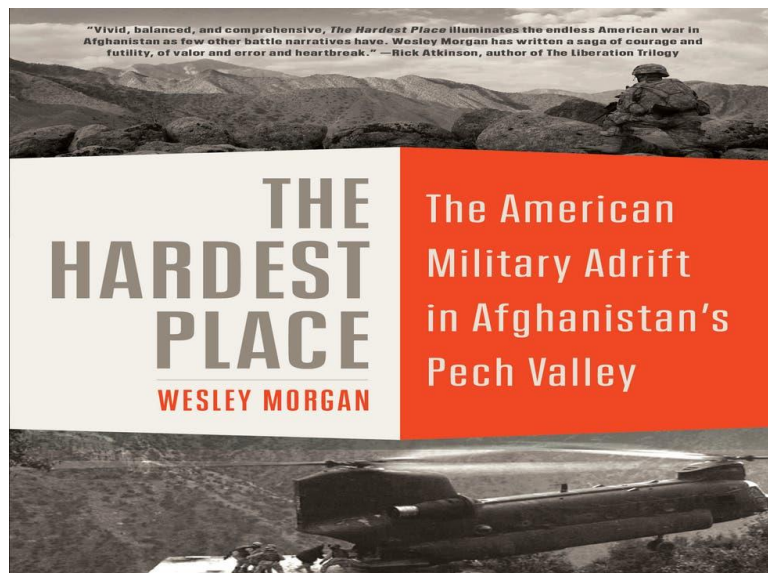
- ❖ The Punjab Cabinet has authorised a Rs 1,500 per acre incentive for farmers who grow paddy using the direct seeding of rice technology.
- ❖ It aims to provide incentives to farmers who promote the DSR (Direct Seeding of Rice) technique, which uses less water and is more cost-effective.

- ❖ It uses significantly less water for irrigation, enhances percolation, decreases farm labour dependency.
- ❖ And it improves soil health, increasing paddy and wheat yields by 5-10%.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

William E. Colby Award 2022

- ❖ Author and journalist, Wesley Morgan has won the William E. Colby Award 2022 for his military and intelligence writing.
- ❖ He was awarded for his book “The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan’s Pech Valley.”
- ❖ The Colby Award is presented by Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont.
- ❖ The Colby award was established in 1999.



SPORTS

36th Reykjavik Open 2022

- ❖ Rameshbabu Praggnanandha wins Reykjavik Open 2022 held in Iceland at the age of 16.
- ❖ He became the youngest player ever to defeat the world champion, Magnus Carlsen.
- ❖ It was his second win against the world champion Magnus Carlsen within 3 months.



- ❖ In 2013, Praggnanandha won the World Youth Chess Championship under-8 title.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Endangered Species Day – May 20



- ❖ The National Endangered Species Day is observed on the third Friday of May every year.
- ❖ The day was created and founded by David Robinson and the Endangered Species Coalition in 2006.

- ❖ The day spread awareness about the importance of protecting endangered species, and their habitats and taking actions necessary to protect them.

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development – May 21



- ❖ The day aims to celebrate the richness of the world's cultures and highlight the significance of its diversity as an agent of inclusion and positive change for achieving peace and sustainable development.
- ❖ In the year 2001, UNESCO adopted the 'Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity' as a result of the destruction of the Buddha statues of Bamiyan in Afghanistan in 2001.
- ❖ Then in December 2002, the UN General Assembly declared 21 May to be World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

Anti-Terrorism Day – May 21

Rajiv Gandhi, India's seventh PM, died on May 21, 1991

INDIA'S YOUNGEST PM

While campaigning for elections in 1991, he was assassinated by an LTTE suicide bomber in Sriperumbudur

14 others were also killed

The assassin, Thenmozhi Rajaratnam, alias Dhanu, blew herself up after touching his feet

LTTE claimed that it was revenge for Gandhi having sent the Indian Peace Keeping Force to Sri Lanka in 1987





- ❖ It was on this day in the year 1991 that former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated.
- ❖ The objective behind observing Anti-Terrorism Day is to spread the message of peace, humanity, unity, and harmony among the people, and to make them aware of the anti-social acts of terrorism.

