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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ First lunar eclipse of 2021 took place on May 26, 2021.
 - It is a super lunar event because supermoon, lunar eclipse and blood moon, all occurred at once.

NATIONAL

National Mission on use of Biomass

- ❖ Union Ministry of Power has announced to set up a 'National Mission on use of Biomass' in coal based thermal power plants.
- ❖ This decision was taken to address issue of air pollution caused due to farm stubble-burning.
- ❖ Mission will be administered by Steering Committee.
- ❖ The Steering Committee is headed by Power Secretary consisting of all stakeholders, representatives from Petroleum and New & Renewable Energy Ministries.

Indo-Israel Agriculture Action Plan

- ❖ India and Israel have inked a three-year joint work programme which will continue till 2023.
- ❖ Joint work programme was initiated with the aim of enhancing cooperation in agriculture.
- ❖ Under new work programme,
 - 13 Centres of Excellence (CoEs) were to be set up to make Indian farmers aware of Israeli farm and water technologies.
 - A model ecosystem in agriculture called Villages of Excellence (VoE) will also be created across eight states within 75 villages.
- ❖ "India and Israel started the bilateral relations in agriculture sector in 1993.
- ❖ The new programme is 5th Indo-Israel Agriculture Action Plan (IIAP).

MCA21 version 3.0

- ❖ First phase of India's first mission mode e-governance project, MCA21 version 3.0 was launched.



- ❖ It was launched by Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Anurag Thakur.
- ❖ This version of MCA21 is data analytics driven.
- ❖ MCA21 is an online portal of corporate affairs ministry.
- ❖ Launched in 2006, the portal has made all the information related to company, accessible to stakeholders and general public.
- ❖ MCA21 version 3.0 makes use of new technologies to streamline corporate compliance and experiences of stakeholders.

WHO and EU's approval for Covaxin

- ❖ EU member countries recently approved a proposal to allow “fully vaccinated” tourists from countries outside Europe under certain criteria.
- ❖ For this the vaccine used by the tourists must be placed in the WHO's Emergency Use List (EUL).
- ❖ The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has been tasked with studying the matter and help get Covaxin a place in WHO's Emergency Use List (EUL).

INTERNATIONAL

“Fully digital border” Britain

- ❖ This is part of a wider overhaul of the country's immigration system, which will also include the introduction of a points-based migration system.
- ❖ The move means those coming to Britain without a visa or immigration status will need an Electronic Travel Authorisation.
- ❖ Digital identity checks will also be used to reduce the need to visit visa application centres.
- ❖ Digitising the border will mean officials “can now count who is coming in and out of the country and whether they have permission to be there”.

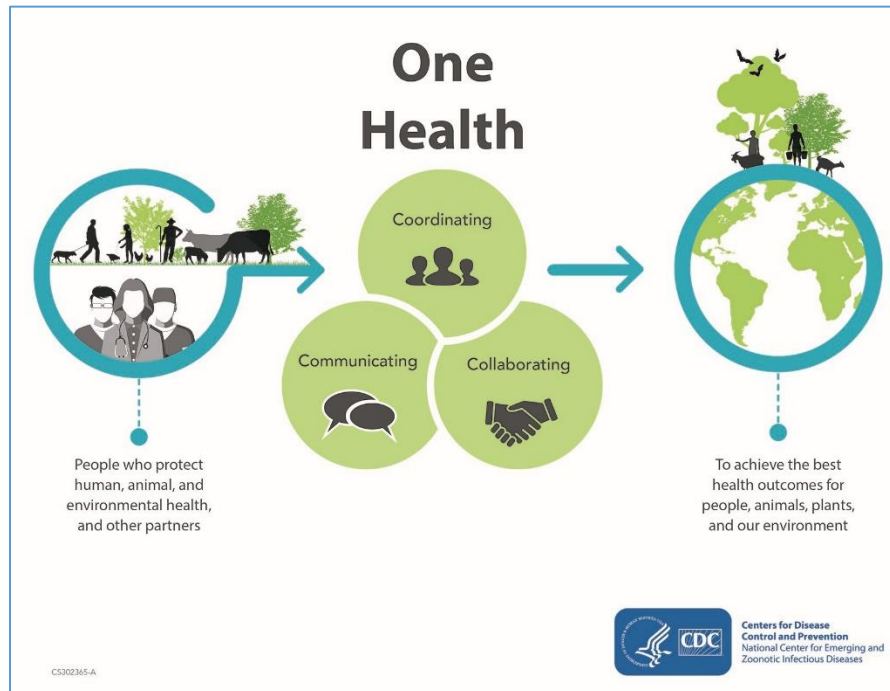
Lithuania quits China's 17+1

- ❖ Lithuania quitted China's 17+1 Cooperation between forum China and Central and Eastern European Countries (China-CEEC).
- ❖ It has also urged fellow EU members to pursue a much more effective 27+1 approach and communication with China.
- ❖ China-CEEC was founded in 2012 in Warsaw.

- ❖ Earlier, it was known as 17+1.
- ❖ But after Lithuania quits it in May 2021 it is known as 16+1.



One Health panel



- ❖ This initiative was launched by France and Germany in 2020, but held its first meeting in May 2021.
- ❖ World Health Organization along with three other international bodies have set up a team of experts who will help in developing a global plan called "One Health" panel.
- ❖ This panel will help preventing the spread of Zoonotic diseases.
- ❖ Zoonotic disease or Outbreak is an infectious disease, transmitted between species from animals to humans or from humans to animals.



74th World Health Assembly

- ❖ Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chairman of WHO Executive Board, Dr Harsh Vardhan, chaired 74th World Health Assembly.
- ❖ Director-General of World Health Organisation, Dr Tedros, also participated in the event.
- ❖ An executive board has asked for further efforts which can ensure fair and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines under COVAX Facility.
- ❖ Board recommended 74th World Health Assembly to consider report on mental health preparedness and response for Covid-19 pandemic.

ENVIRONMENT

NGT upholds rights of pastoralists in Banni grasslands

- ❖ The Maldhari community had filed a case against the rampant encroachment in the ecologically-sensitive Banni grassland in May, 2018.
- ❖ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) ordered all encroachments to be removed from Gujarat's Banni grasslands within six months.
- ❖ It also directed a joint committee to prepare an action plan in a month.
- ❖ The court also said the Maldharis will continue to hold the right to conserve the community forests in the area, granted to them as per the provisions in Section 3 of Forest Rights Act, 2006.
- ❖ Maldharis are a tribal herdsman community in Gujarat, India.
- ❖ Maldhari community breeds Banni Buffaloes.
- ❖ Banni Buffaloes are species endemic to the region.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

India Biodiversity Awards 2021

- ❖ India Biodiversity Awards 2021 were presented on the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity on May 22.
- ❖ Krishi Avam Paristhitiki Vikas Sansthan (KRAPAVIS) won the award under the category 'Sustainable Use of Biological Resources.'
- ❖ Shaji N.M., who is also called as 'Tuber Man' of Kerala has won in individual category of 'Conservation of domesticated species.'

- ❖ Khonoma Nature Conservation & Tragopan Sanctuary (KNCTS) in Nagaland won the award under 'Sustainable Use of Biological Resources' category.
- ❖ The India Biodiversity Awards initiative was started jointly by ministry of environment, forest & climate change; National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 2012.

Yuan Longping

- ❖ Yuan Longping, a Chinese agricultural scientist died at age of 91.
- ❖ Yuan is celebrated in China as the “father of hybrid rice” for his contributions to agriculture.
- ❖ In 1970s, he developed “the first hybrid rice combination called Nan-you No.2
- ❖ In 2004, he was honoured with the World Food Prize.
- ❖ The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation honoured him with a prize in 2001.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Missing Children's Day - May 25

- ❖ International Missing Children's Day is observed globally for
 - missing children who have found their way home,
 - remembering those that are victims of crime,
 - Continuing efforts to seek out those that are still missing.



- ❖ 25 May is now widely referred to as Missing Children's Day, with the forget-me-not flower as its emblem.
- ❖ The day was proclaimed in 1983, by U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

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