



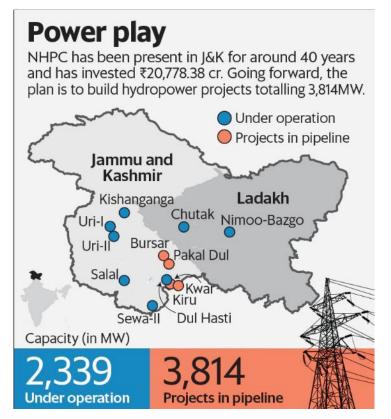
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# **TNPSC BITS**

- SpaceX has incorporated its wholly-owned subsidiary in India to start local broadband operations.
  - SpaceX's satellite broadband arm Starlink aims to start broadband services in India from December 2022.
- Indian Grandmaster (GM) P Iniyan has won the 5th Rujna Zora chess tournament held in Serbia.
  - P Iniyan is the 16th Indian Grand Master from Erode, Tamil Nadu.
- ✤ Damon Galgut has won the 2021 Booker Prize for his novel "The Promise".

# NATIONAL

### Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Project



- The Union Minister of Power, New & Renewable Energy R.K. Singh inaugurated the Diversion of Marusudar River of Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Project.
- ✤ This project is located in Kishtwar district of Jammu & Kashmir.





- Pakal Dul Project will help in fulfilling the target of 450 GW Renewable energy by 2030.
- ✤ Pakal Dul Project is a 1000 MW project.
- It is being constructed by Chenab Valley Power Projects Ltd.

#### Blue Flag 2021

- ✤ A total of 84 Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel took part in the international multilateral combat exercise Blue Flag 2021, along with IAF's Mirage 2000 aircraft squadron at Israel's Ovda Airbase.
- ✤ The theme of Blue Flag 2021 is Integration of fourth and fifth-generation aircraft in complex operational scenarios.
- The exercise involves Air Force missions from 8 countries.
- The other seven countries that have participated in the exercise include the US, UK, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, and Israel.



#### Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for emergency use

- Bharat Biotech's Covaxin has got WHO approval for emergency use listing for 18 years and above.
- Covaxin is a vaccine, completely 'made in India'.
- It is made by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech and the Indian Council of Medical Research.
- The World Health Organisation has so far approved Covid-19 vaccines of Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca-SK Bio/Serum Institute of India, Johnson 7 Johnson – Janssen, Moderna, and Sinopharm for emergency use.







**Mission Ganga - Guinness Book of World Records** 



- On the first day of Ganga Utsav (The River Festival 2021), National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) got registered in the Guinness Book of World Records.
- It was registered in the Guinness Book because of the number of photos of handwritten notes that were uploaded on Facebook in an hour.
- The Ganga Utsav event was organised to raise awareness on Ganga rejuvenation as well as to provide impetus to the reach of the event.

Note





- ✤ The 5th edition of Ganga Utsav virtually started with fun and festivities.
- This year, Ganga Utsav was celebrated from 1st to 3rd November.
- ✤ The Ganga Utsav is celebrated across the banks of the river.
- For instance, in Prayagraj, it is celebrated at the confluence of River Ganga & River Yamuna.
- ✤ In Ujjain, it is celebrated on River Shipra.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Forgotten kingdoms

- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is set to excavate 'five kingdoms' related to Dadanite and Lihyanite civilisations.
- They will excavate five nearby sites related to Dadanite and Lihyanite civilisations.
- ◆ Both of the civilisations were important regional powers, some 2000 years ago.
- ✤ Kingdoms were spanning roughly 900 years until 100 CE.

## **STATES**



#### Health Systems – Meghalaya

- The Indian government and the World Bank have signed an MoU.
- ✤ This is for improving the quality of health services in Meghalaya.





- ✤ The project is dubbed as "Meghalaya Health Systems Strengthening Project".
- The project will enhance the management & governance capabilities of the state as well as its health facilities.

#### **International Seed Conference - Telangana**

- Telangana has been invited to participate in a conference which will be held virtually by Food and Agriculture Organisation.
- International Seed Conference is a two-day conference.
- ✤ It will be held on November 4 & 5 of 2021 in Rome, Italy.
- The conference is being organised to discuss the development of the seed industry.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

#### Nizami Ganjavi International Award



- The World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General Tedros Ghebreyesus and UN Geneva Office Director-General Tatiana Valovaya were honoured with the Nizami Ganjavi International Award.
- The Nizami Ganjavi International Awards were presented during the 8th Global Baku Forum titled "The World After #COVID19".
- The award celebrates the great Azerbaijani poet Nizami Ganjavi.
- It is presented to distinguished personalities and institutions who embody the values that Nizami Ganjavi promoted through his poetry.





The awards were organised by the Nizami Ganjavi International Centre under the chairmanship of Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev.

## **SPORTS**

### **Unmukt Chand**

- Unmukt Chand has become the first Indian male cricketer to sign up for the Big Bash League.
- ✤ He is set to feature in the Melbourne Renegades side in the upcoming edition.
- ✤ The 28-year-old had led India to the Under-19 World Cup title in 2012.
- He was featured in teams like Delhi Daredevils, Mumbai Indians, and Rajasthan Royals in the IPL.

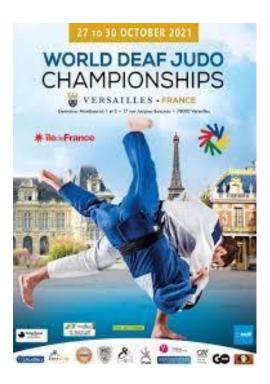


### World Deaf Judo Championship

- The Jammu & Kashmir team for deaf clinched 1st position in World Deaf Judo Championship.
- Rakshanda Mehak who is part of the Indian team for the deaf clinched the bronze medal by defeating the South Korean team in the semifinal.
- ✤ The championship was held at Versailles, France.
- The championship is organised by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf.

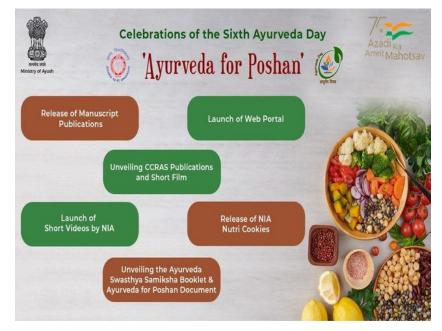






## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### National Ayurveda Day - 02 November



- ✤ The day was celebrated across the country by the Ministry of AYUSH.
- $\boldsymbol{\diamond}$  Ayurveda is an integral aspect of the healthcare system of India.





- ✤ It holds recognition as a traditional medicine system by World Health Organization (WHO).
- The Union Ministry of AYUSH started observing Dhanvantari Jayanti (also called Dhanteras) as Ayurveda day in 2016.
- In the year 2021, the day was observed under the theme "Ayurveda for Poshan (Nutrition)".

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