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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Typhoon Rolly or Goni has recently hit Philippines.
- ❖ The BCCI announced that Jio will be the title sponsor of the Women's T-20 Challenge.
 - It will be held in Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.
- ❖ The Finance Ministry has informed that around Rs. 1,05,155 crore worth of GST revenue has been collected in October 2020.
 - It is an 8-month high figure.
- ❖ Rajasthan government bans sale of firecrackers amid COVID - 19 crisis.
- ❖ The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras has developed "IITM COVID Game" to create awareness about the COVID-19 virus.
- ❖ Pakistan's Aleem Dar breaks South Africa's Rudi Koertzen's record of most ODIs (210) as on-field umpire.
- ❖ India's first-ever e-resource centre and virtual court for traffic and transport to enable speedy justice for litigants, called 'Nyay Kaushal' was established at Nagpur.
- ❖ Legendary violin maestro and Padma Bhushan awardee TN Krishnan passed away in Chennai.
 - He was honoured with the Padma Shri in 1973 and Padma Bhushan in 1992.
- ❖ Twitter introduces ArtHouse in India to help brands optimizing their content.
- ❖ The Army Chief General MM Naravane to visit Nepal to receive the honouring rank of 'General of the Nepal Army'.
- ❖ The first solar energy driven train was launched in Kerala by CM Pinarayi Vijayan.
 - The train is first of its kind in the country.

TAMIL NADU

Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption for Electric Vehicles

- ❖ The State Government of Tamil Nadu recently notified that it will grant 100% motor vehicle tax exemption for Electric Vehicles (EV).
- ❖ The Tamilnadu state also has proposed to establish the EV park in the state.
- ❖ The park will be first of its kind in India.

- ❖ In 2019, the Tamil Nadu Government announced the EV Policy.
- ❖ The Delhi Government, in August 2020, released the Electric Vehicle Policy, 2020.

NATIONAL

Army Aviation Corps (AAC)

- ❖ Army Aviation Corps (AAC) celebrated its 35th Corps Day on November 1.
- ❖ It is the youngest Corps of the Indian Army.
- ❖ The Corps was raised as a separate formation on November 1 in 1986.

Ganga Utsav - 2020

- ❖ It is being organised by the National Mission for Clean Ganga celebrating the 12th anniversary of declaring River Ganges as National river.
- ❖ The event was organised jointly by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ❖ The Ganges is the longest river of India.
- ❖ The Ganges originates in Gangotri Glacier as River Bhagirathi.
- ❖ Later it joins the Alaknanda at Devprayag in Uttarakhand and becomes the Ganges.
- ❖ The river drains in 11 states namely Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana, West Bengal.
- ❖ The Ganges joins River Brahmaputra and flows into the Bay of Bengal as River Padma in Bangladesh.





Contempt of Court

- ❖ The Attorney General of India declines consent to initiate contempt case against Andhra CM Jagan Reddy.
- ❖ Last month, CM Jagan Reddy had written to the CJI S.A. Bobde, alleging the Andhra Pradesh HC was being used to ‘destabilise and topple my democratically elected government’.
- ❖ Articles 129 and 215 of the Constitution of India empowers the Supreme Court and High Court respectively to punish people for their respective contempt.
- ❖ The Contempt of Courts Act of 1971 also defines the power of the Supreme court and High Court to punish contempt of its subordinate courts.

Rajasthan on Farm Laws

- ❖ Rajasthan passes three Bills to stall the Centre’s 3 farm laws.
- ❖ The main subjects of the three central acts are agriculture and market that are essentially state subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.
- ❖ But, Entry 33 of the Concurrent List provides Centre and the states powers to control production, supply and distribution of products of any industry, including agriculture.
- ❖ Usually, when a state wants to amend a Central law made under one of the items in the concurrent list, it needs the clearance of the Centre.
- ❖ When a state law contradicts a Central law on the same subject, the law passed by Parliament prevails.
- ❖ Article 254 (2) of the Constitution empowers state governments to pass legislations which negate the Central acts in the matters enumerated under the Concurrent List.
- ❖ A state legislation passed under Article 254 (2) requires the assent of the President of India.
- ❖ Moreover, A state law can include a provision that says that MSP will be applicable to all state agriculture markets.

Article 254 states that:

If there is any matter enumerated in Concurrent List...
 On this matter State Legislature has formulated any Law...
 And the matter is repugnant (in disagreement) with

→ any provision of law made by parliament

→ Any existing law w.r.t. this matter

BUT
 President assents to the this matter

THEN
 Law formulated by State Law will prevail in that state instead of Central Act.

Fortification of Rice

- ❖ The Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India has been implementing the “Centrally Sponsored Pilot Scheme on Fortification of Rice and its distribution through Public Distribution System”.
- ❖ The scheme is to be implemented for a period of three years between 2019-20 and 2022-23.
- ❖ The scheme was launched to take the country towards nutritional security.
- ❖ According to the World Health Organisation, fortification of rice is done by adding micronutrient powder to the rice.
- ❖ The distribution of fortified rice is already being implemented by five states namely Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Tamil Nadu.



ADDED NUTRITION

Fortified kernels are blended at a ratio of **1:100** with ordinary rice

Every 100gram of fortified rice provides 10mg of iron

- Rice is fortified with rice kernels, which are manufactured by combining rice powder with iron
- Powder is converted into rice-like kernels using extrusion technology
- Micronutrient fortified rice kernels closely resemble the sheen, consistency and flavour of regular rice

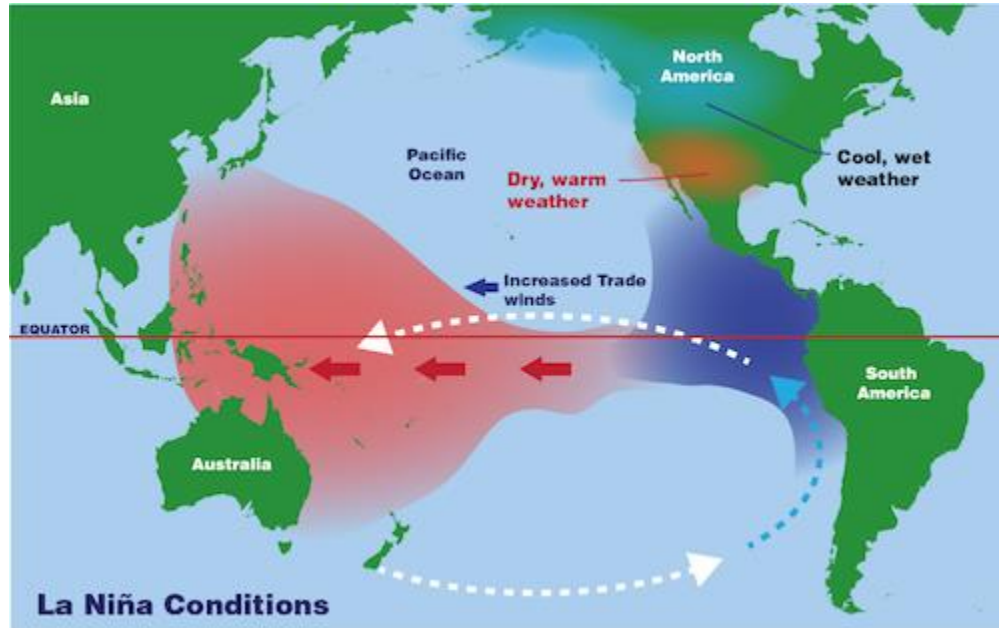
At present, fortified rice is provided for on-site cooking of supplementary food under the mid-day meal programme

INTERNATIONAL

Global Seasonal update

- ❖ The Global Seasonal Climate Update is prepared and released by World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- ❖ There are now 13 WMO Global Producing Centres of Long Range Forecasts.
- ❖ According to WMO, La Niña weather phenomenon is back in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean after nearly a decade’s absence.
- ❖ La Niña could last into 2021 and the La Niña of 2020 is expected to be moderate to strong.
- ❖ La Niña means the large-scale cooling of ocean surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean.

- ❖ It has the opposite impacts on weather and climate as El Niño, which is the warm phase of the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO).
- ❖ In India, La Niña means the country will receive more rainfall than normal, leading to floods.



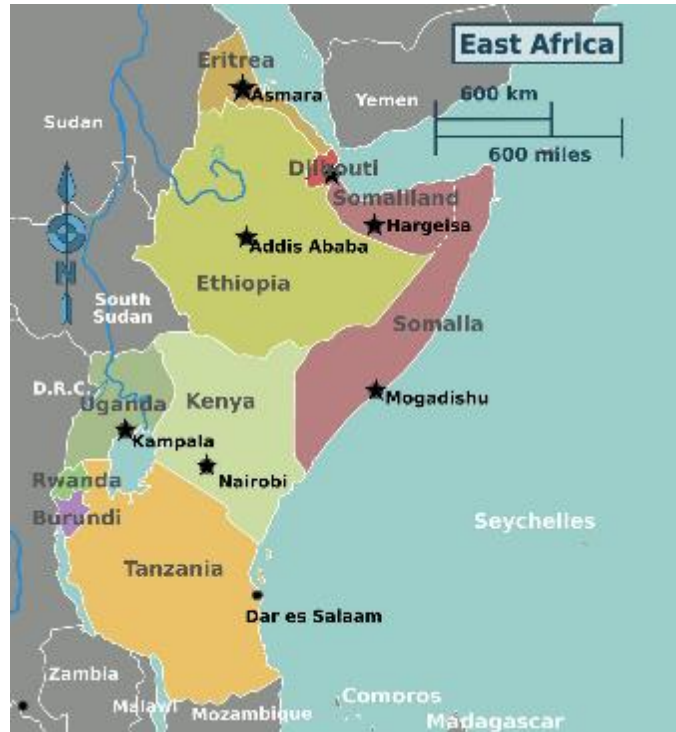
Gilgit-Baltistan

- ❖ Pakistan is planning to accord provincial status to the “Gilgit-Baltistan”.
- ❖ India slammed Pakistan’s attempt to convert Gilgit-Baltistan as the fifth province of the country
- ❖ India has clarified that the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, include the area of Gilgit-Baltistan.
- ❖ It shares a geographical boundary with Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, and India considers it as part of the UT of Ladakh.
- ❖ It borders China in the North, Afghanistan in the west and Kashmir in the south east.
- ❖ China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) passes through this region.



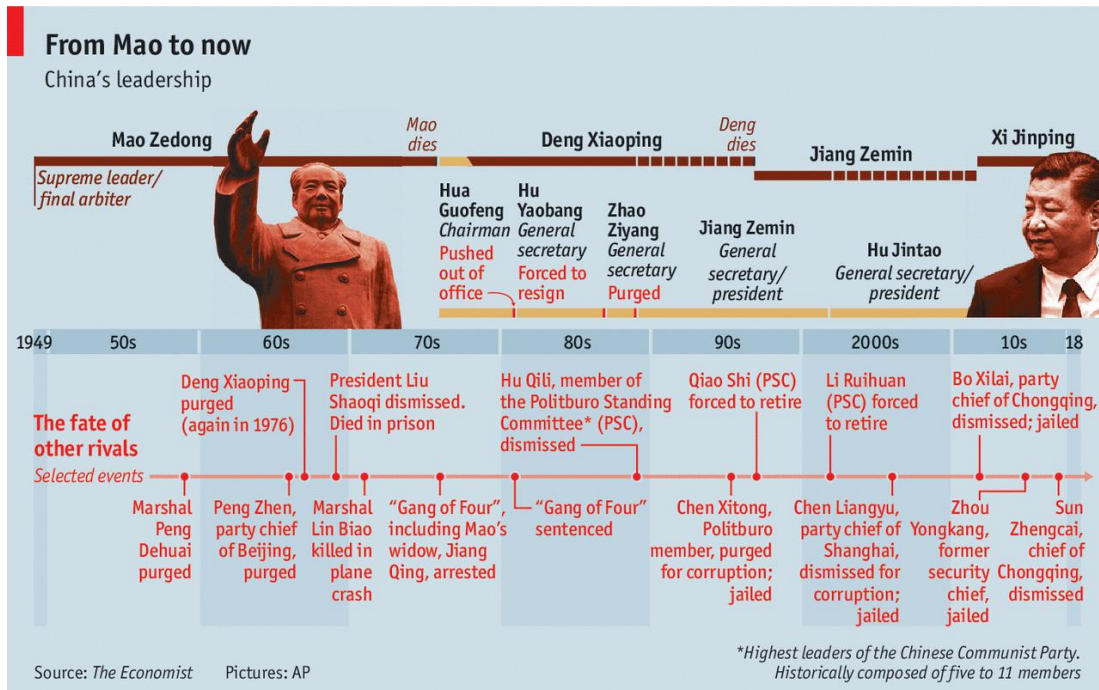
Mission Sagar-II

- ❖ The Indian Naval Ship Airavat entered Port Sudan as part of Mission Sagar Phase II.
- ❖ Under Mission Sagar, India is currently providing assistance to its friendly foreign countries to help them overcome COVID-19 pandemic and natural calamities.
- ❖ In phase II of Mission Sagar, INS Ship Airavat will deliver food aid to Sudan, Djibouti, South Sudan and Eritrea.
- ❖ This phase is being implemented in close coordination with the Ministries of External Affairs and Ministry of Defence.
- ❖ Under the first phase of Mission Sagar, India reached out to countries such as Seychelles, Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius and Maldives.
- ❖ During this phase, India provided free food aid and medicines.
- ❖ In Phase I of the mission, INS Kesari was deployed.
- ❖ SAGAR is Security and Growth for All in the Region.
- ❖ It was launched in 2015 under strategic vision of Indian Ocean Region.



Xi Jinping – China

- ❖ The plenary session of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) adopted proposals for the formulation of the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025).
- ❖ It aims for National Economic and Social Development and the Long-Range Objectives Through the Year 2035.
- ❖ The party also hints at the continuation of President Xi Jinping in power for the next 15 years up to 2035.
- ❖ A constitutional amendment in 2018 has removed the two five-year term limits for the President.
- ❖ Earlier, a constitutional bar was introduced by Deng Xiaoping in 1982.
- ❖ It prevented China's president from serving more than two terms.
- ❖ His second term as the president is due to end in 2022.
- ❖ He is holding the posts of party General Secretary, head of the military besides the Presidency.



Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU)

- ❖ Duarte Pacheco, Portugal MP, was elected as new President of Inter Parliamentary Union.
- ❖ The previous president was Mexican MP Gabriela Cuevas Barron.
- ❖ The President of IPU is the political head of the organization.
- ❖ IPU is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ❖ It is a global organization of national parliaments.
- ❖ IPU was founded in 1889 as the first multilateral political organization in the world.
- ❖ The Slogan of IPU is "For Democracy, For Everyone".
- ❖ India was represented by the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Indian Coast Guard Ship C-452

- ❖ It is to be commissioned in the Indian Navy.
- ❖ It is designed and built by L&T indigenously in India.
- ❖ Earlier, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had commissioned the ICGS Sachet and two other interceptor boats namely C-451 and C-450 in Goa.
- ❖ Indian Coast Guard was established in 1978 under the Coast Guard Act, 1978.
- ❖ It operates under the Ministry of Defence.



ENVIRONMENT

Spike in ammonia levels in Yamuna

- ❖ Ammonia levels in the Yamuna river had reached nearly 3 parts per million (ppm)
- ❖ It was almost six times above the acceptable limit of 0.5ppm, as per the Bureau of Indian Standards.
- ❖ Ammonia is a colourless gas.
- ❖ It consists of hydrogen and nitrogen.
- ❖ It is used as an industrial chemical in the production of fertilisers, plastics, synthetic fibres, dyes and other products.
- ❖ Ammonia occurs naturally in the environment from the breakdown of organic waste matter.



STATES

10% quota at Kerala

- ❖ Kerala Public Service Commission (PSC) will implement 10% reservation quota in government jobs for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).
- ❖ It should not affect the 50% reservation being provided to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.
- ❖ This is in line with the 103rd amendment of the Constitution.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Vegan Day – November 01

- ❖ The day marks the founding day of the Vegan Society in the United Kingdom.
- ❖ World Vegan Day came to be observed officially in 1979.
- ❖ It is observed to motivate people to follow a vegan lifestyle, which is beneficial for animal welfare and the environment.
- ❖ The people who are vegetarians but do not consume dairy products such as milk, cheese, paneer, etc. are called vegans.

International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists – November 02

- ❖ This year the Theme is: Protect Journalists, Protect the Truth.
- ❖ The date of November 2nd was chosen to mark the commemorate of the assassination of French journalists in Mali in 2013.



World Tsunami Awareness Day – November 05

- ❖ It is started by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2015.
- ❖ The term 'Tsunami' is a Japanese term which means "harbour wave".
- ❖ In the past 100 years, 58 tsunami incidents have claimed more than 2.6 lac lives, or an average of 4,600 per disaster.
- ❖ The theme of the world tsunami awareness day 2020 was "Sendai Seven Campaign".

