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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The American biotech company Novavax Inc's Covid-19 vaccine has got its first emergency use authorisation (EUA) in Indonesia.
 - The vaccine will be made by India's Serum Institute and marketed in Indonesia under the Covovax brand name.
- ❖ International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists was observed on November 02.
 - This day is commemorated the legacy and achievements of journalists killed in the line of duty, and call for justice for crimes committed against them.
- ❖ Halloween day was celebrated in many countries across the world on October 31st.
- ❖ Shyam Saran Negi is believed to be India's oldest voter at 104 years of age.
 - He recently cast his ballot in the Mandi Parliamentary by-poll in Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ A 400-year-old way of making firecrackers using clay is witnessing a small revival in Vadodara, Gujarat.
 - These variety of crackers are known as Kothis.

TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu police control room



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu police control room has been given ISO 27001: 2013 by the British Standards Institution.
- ❖ The state-of-art control room functioning in Egmore handles emergency calls in the numbers 100, 101 and 112 in an integrated platform with the help of ITES.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu control room is the first in the country to receive the ISO certificate.

Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company

- ❖ The State government accorded permission to establish the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company.
- ❖ It is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), to implement three key missions.
- ❖ They are
 - Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission
 - The Green Tamil Nadu Mission and
 - The Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission.

Objective

- ❖ Plan, execute, and monitor State-wide programmes for climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- ❖ Wetlands mapping and restoration.
- ❖ Enhancing forest and tree cover of the State to 33 per cent over the next 10 years.

NATIONAL

PM Modi in Kedarnath



- ❖ PM Modi inaugurated the reconstructed Shri Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi (final resting place) at the premises of the Kedarnath Temple in Rudra prayag district of Uttarakhand.
- ❖ He also unveiled the statue of Shri Adi Shankaracharya at the Samadhi.
- ❖ The Samadhi was damaged in the 2013 Kedarnath flood.



Guided-Missile Destroyer 'Visakhapatnam'

- ❖ The Indian Navy received its first P15B stealth guided-missile destroyer from Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders.
- ❖ The Project 15B ships are a follow-on of the Kolkata-class destroyers (Project 15A).
- ❖ These are also known as the Visakhapatnam-class destroyers.

Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2021

- ❖ Hurun India and EdelGive have jointly released this list.
- ❖ The list was topped by Azim Premji, the founder chairman of Wipro.
- ❖ HCL's Shiv Nadar once again retained the second spot on the list.
- ❖ Mukesh Ambani, the chairman of Reliance Industries, and his family occupied the third spot on the philanthropy list.



INTERNATIONAL

Oral pill to treat Covid-19

- ❖ Britain's health regulators have approved the world's first pill to treat cases of symptomatic COVID-19.

- ❖ The antiviral molnupiravir has been found to be safe and effective at reducing the risk of hospitalisation and death in people with mild to moderate COVID-19.



International Methane Emissions Observatory



- ❖ The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has launched “International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO)” at the G20 Summit.
- ❖ The Methane observatory was launched to drive action on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- ❖ It was launched with support from the European Union.

- ❖ The IMEO will monitor the methane emission through satellite.

BRICS Joint Statistical Publication

- ❖ The 13th Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Offices of BRICS Countries was held recently.
- ❖ It was under the Chairmanship of India.
- ❖ The 13th Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Offices of BRICS countries was held under the theme “NSOs efforts in monitoring Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.



Vax



- ❖ 'Vax' has been chosen as the word of the year by the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) in 2021.



- ❖ Vax is derived from the Latin word Vacca, which means cow.
- ❖ Vax is used as a short form for vaccines and means a substance put into a person's body to prevent them from getting a disease.

ECONOMY

Basic duty on crude edible oils

- ❖ The Government of India has slashed the basic duty on crude palm oil, crude soybean oil and crude sunflower oil from 2.5 percent to nil.
- ❖ The Agri-cess on these Oils has been brought down from 20 percent to 7.5 percent for crude palm oil.
- ❖ Also, for crude soybean oil and crude sunflower oil, it has also been brought to 5 percent.
- ❖ The basic duty on RBD Palmolein Oil, Refined Soyabean and Refined Sunflower Oil has been slashed to 17.5 percent from the current 32.5 percent.

STATES

Gujarati New Year

- ❖ Gujarati New Year, dubbed as Bestu Varas, was observed on November 5.
- ❖ This day is observed on Pratipada Tithi of the Kartik month of Hindu calendar.
- ❖ Shukla Paksha marks the beginning of Gujarati New Year.
- ❖ Bestu Varas is related to lord Shri Krishna.

SPORTS

National Sports Awards - 2020

- ❖ The Winners of the Awards had already received the cash rewards but were unable to collect their trophies and citations during 2020 event because the Sports Awards ceremony was held virtually amid the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Recently, the Sports Ministry physically handed over trophies to the winners of the National Sports Awards 2020.
- ❖ The Sports Ministry had handed over a total of 74 National Sports Awards.
- ❖ It includes 27 Arjuna Awards & 5 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards.

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar	
Identification and Nurturing of Budding & Young Talent category-	given to Lakshya Institute & Army Sports Institute.
Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility category-	presented to Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Ltd.
Employment of sportspersons & sports welfare measures category-	presented to Air Force Sports Control Board.

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2020	Arjuna Award 2020
Presented to Rohit Sharma (Cricket), Manika Batra (Table Tennis), Mariyappan Thangavelu (Para-Athletics), Rani Rampal (Hockey) and Vinesh Phogat (Wrestling).	Presented to Atanu Das (Archery), Chirag Chandrasekhar Shetty (Badminton), Dutee Chand (Athletics), Ishant Sharma (Cricket), Deepti Sharma (Cricket), Divya Kakran (Wrestling).
Dronacharya Award (Life-Time Category) 2020	Dhyan Chand Award 2020
Presented to Naresh Kumar (Tennis), Ramesh Pathania (Hockey), Dharmendra Tiwary (Archery), Om Parkash Dahiya (Wrestling).	Presented to Kuldip Singh Bhullar (Athletics), Lakha Singh (Boxing), Trupti Murgunde (Badminton), N Usha (Boxing), Manpreet Singh (Kabaddi), Nandan Bal (Tennis).

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Tsunami Awareness Day – 05 November



- ❖ The day is celebrated to spread awareness among people across the world in matters related to the dangers of tsunami.
- ❖ In 2021, the World Tsunami Awareness Day promotes the “Sendai Seven Campaign,” target (f).



- ❖ This aims to ‘substantially enhance international cooperation to developing countries through adequate and sustainable support to complement their national actions for implementation of the present Framework by 2030.’

