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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Every year, 10th November is celebrated as World Immunization Day.
 - This day is celebrated to make people aware of the importance of getting timely vaccinations against vaccine-preventable diseases.
- ❖ Kolkata-based player Mitrabha Guha has become India's 72nd chess Grandmaster.
 - The 20-year-old achieved this feat by bagging his third and final GM norm during a tournament in Serbia.
- ❖ Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar will take charge as the next Chief of the Indian Navy.
 - This will happen after the incumbent, Admiral Karambir Singh retires on November 30.

TAMIL NADU

Madras High Court Chief justice Sanjib Banerjee



- ❖ Madras high court chief justice Sanjib Banerjee has been transferred to the Meghalaya high court.
- ❖ It was his bench that said the election commission of India (ECI) should face murder charges for flouting Covid protocols.
- ❖ Justice Banerjee has sworn in as chief justice at Madras High Court on January 4, 2021.

- ❖ The SC collegium, in its meeting held on September 16, recommended the transfer of Justice Sanjib Banerjee to Meghalaya High Court.
- ❖ It has also recommended the transfer of Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari, a judge in the Allahabad High Court, to the Madras High Court.

Payment bank license - Tamil Nadu

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government is planning to seek a payment bank license to help monitor the disbursement of funds from the government treasury efficiently until it reaches the right beneficiary of various welfare schemes.
- ❖ This is part of the several measures being undertaken by the state finance department so that funds meant for social welfare schemes do not lay idle, aren't delayed.



WHAT'S A PAYMENTS BANK?

A payment bank is like any other bank, but operating at a smaller level without involving any credit risk. It can carry out most banking operations but **cannot advance loans or issue credit cards.** It can

accept demand deposits (up to ₹1 lakh), offer remittance services, mobile payments/transfers/purchases and other banking services like ATM/debit cards, net banking and third party fund transfers

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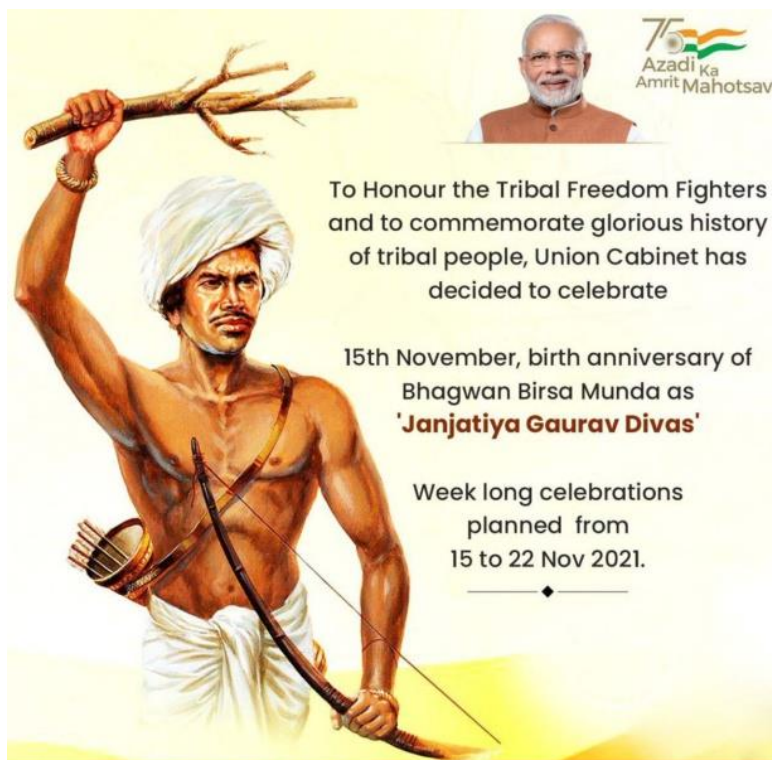
Top Aspirational Districts in Education Sector

- ❖ NITI Aayog has announced the top five aspirational districts in the education sector.
- ❖ It has ranked the most improved aspirational districts in the education sector for September month.
- ❖ As per NITI Aayog's delta rankings in the education sector, Bhoopalpalli in Telangana has topped.
- ❖ Bhoopalpalli is followed by,

- Chatra & Sahibganj in Jharkhand
- Nuapada in Odisha and
- Jaisalmer in Rajasthan.

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas - November 15

- ❖ The Centre approves declaration of Birsa Munda's birth anniversary as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'.
- ❖ Birsa Munda, who belonged to the Munda tribe, was born on November 15 in 1875.
- ❖ During the British rule in the late 19th century, he spearheaded an Indian tribal religious Millenarian movement across the tribal belt of modern-day Bihar and Jharkhand.
- ❖ His birth anniversary is celebrated as Birsa Munda Jayanti in the country and coincides with the Jharkhand Foundation Day.



Israel - DRDO agreement

- ❖ The Indian Defence Research and Development Organisation and the Directorate of Defence Research and Development, Israel entered into a Bilateral Innovation Agreement recently.

- ❖ The Agreement aims at promoting innovation and accelerated Research and Development in start-ups and MSMEs of both nations for the development of dual-use technologies.
- ❖ Start-ups and industries of both countries will work together to bring out the next-generation technologies and products in the areas such as Robotics, Drones, Quantum Technology, Artificial Intelligence etc.

BOOST TO STRATEGIC TIES

Israel among top 4 arms suppliers to India (apart from Russia, US & France). Annual sales worth over \$1 billion


MISSILE DEFENCE: 3 joint DRDO-Israeli Aerospace Industries projects underway for Barak-8 surface-to-air missile systems for Navy (initial cost Rs 2,606 crore), IAF (Rs 10,076 crore) & Army (Rs 16,830 crore)

AWACS: Impending deal for 2 Phalcon AWACS for over \$1.5 billion. 3 Phalcon AWACS, mounted on IL-76 aircraft, earlier inducted under \$1.1 billion deal

DRONES: Over 100 Israeli UAVs, from Heron & Searcher-II surveillance & precision-targeting drones to Harop 'killer' drones, inducted. Rs 3,500-crore Project Cheetah to fit Heron drones with missiles in pipeline

MISSILES & BOMBS: Inductions range from Spyder quick-reaction anti-aircraft missiles, Python & Derby air-to-air missiles to Crystal Maze PGMs and Spice-2000 bombs

RADARS: Israeli radars, from Aerostat to Green Pine radars, inducted. Now, acquiring 66 air defence fire control radars for Rs 4,577 crore



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- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is set to organise its first global hackathon called 'HARBINGER 2021–Innovation for Transformation'.
- ❖ It focuses on digital payments.
- ❖ It will be organised under the theme of 'Smarter Digital Payments'.

INS Vela

- ❖ INS Vela was delivered to the Indian Navy after more than two years of sea trials.
- ❖ This is the country's fourth Scorpene-class submarine.
- ❖ INS Vela is known to have advanced stealth and combat capabilities when it comes to engaging with the enemy.
- ❖ The diesel-electric submarine was built under Project 75 by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai.
- ❖ The fifth one, INS Vagir, was launched in November 2020 and has commenced harbour trials.
- ❖ It is expected to go for its maiden surface sortie in December 2021.
- ❖ The sixth submarine, INS Vagsheer, is in the advanced stage of outfitting.



Constructed by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited** for the Indian Navy, INS VELA was launched on **06 May 2019**. This is the fourth of the six Scorpene submarine that has completed the out fittings at MDL facility.

STATES

Tissue Culture-Based Seed Potato Rules - Punjab

- ❖ The Punjab Cabinet headed approved the 'Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules-2021'.
- ❖ This is to develop Punjab as a standard potato seed centre.
- ❖ With this decision, Punjab has become the first Indian state to have the facility of tissue culture-based certification.
- ❖ This will develop the Jalandhar-Kapurthala belt of Punjab as the export hub of potatoes.

- ❖ The Cabinet also approved to introduce the 'Punjab Horticulture Nursery Bill-2021' by amending 'Punjab Fruit Nursery Act-1961'.

Kittur Karnataka

- ❖ The Mumbai-Karnataka region has been renamed 'Kittur Karnataka'.
- ❖ This was done after the Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's announcement earlier this month.
- ❖ The Hyderabad-Karnataka region has been already renamed as 'Kalyana Karnataka'.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Ministry of Home Affairs Padma Awards 2021



Padma Vibhushan



Padma Bhushan



Padma Shri

- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs has announced a list of 119 personalities.
- ❖ They will be conferred the Padma Awards by President Ram Nath Kovind this year.
- ❖ 'Padma Shri' is awarded for distinguished service in any field.
- ❖ 'Padma Bhushan' is awarded for distinguished service of a high order.
- ❖ 'Padma Vibhushan' is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service.

- ❖ There will be no recipient of the Bharat Ratna in 2021.

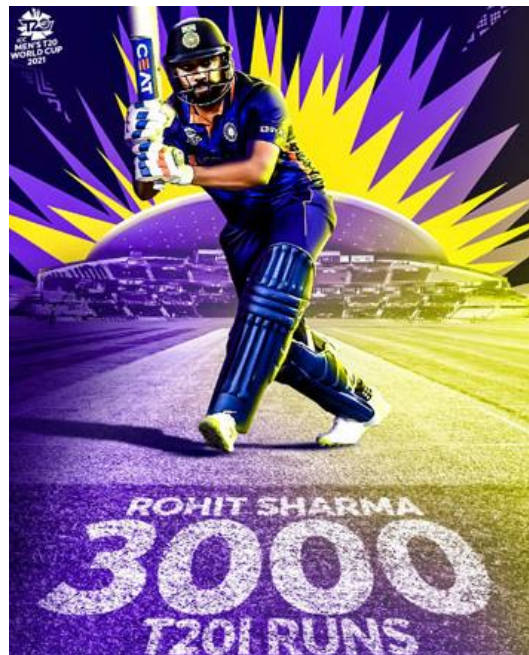
Falguni Nayar - woman billionaire

- ❖ Nykaa founder Falguni Nayar became India's wealthiest self-made female billionaire.
- ❖ Nayar became India's seventh woman billionaire.
- ❖ Falguni Nayar founded Nykaa in 2012.



SPORTS

3000 T20I runs - Rohit Sharma





- ❖ The Indian batter Rohit Sharma has completed 3000 T20I runs.
- ❖ He became the third cricketer in the world to achieve this feat.
- ❖ Rohit reached the 3000 run mark in the ICC men's T20 World Cup match against Namibia.
- ❖ Virat Kohli is at the top of the tally with 3227 runs.
- ❖ He is followed by New Zealand's Martin Guptill & India's Rohit Sharma.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Science Day for Peace and Development – 10 November

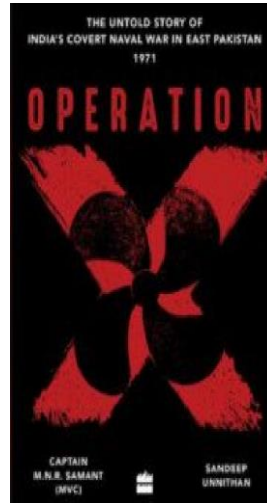


- ❖ This day is celebrated to highlight the important role that science play in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues.
- ❖ The year 2021 marks the 20th edition of World Science Day for Peace and Development.
- ❖ This year's celebration will highlight the importance of "Building Climate-Ready Communities".
- ❖ The World Science Day was proclaimed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2001.

- ❖ It was celebrated for the first time in 2002.

MISCELLANEOUS

Operation X



- ❖ Operation X, a tale of the War of Liberation, was launched in Bangla language.
- ❖ Operation X is co-written by Indian Captain MNR Samant and noted author and journalist Sandeep Unnithan.
- ❖ The book tells how commando operations, jointly undertaken by the Mukti Bahini and Indian Navy took place during the Liberation War in 1971.

