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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The US President Joe Biden appointed Dr Vivek Murthy led covid-19 task force.
 - Dr Vivek Murthy is a person of Indian Origin.
- ❖ India attended first BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meet.
 - The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman represented India at the meet.
- ❖ India's longest single-lane motorable suspension bridge has been inaugurated in Tehri-Garhwal district of Uttarakhand.
 - The bridge is 725-metre long and has been built over the Tehri lake.
- ❖ Assam's Tezpur Litchi has been given the geographical indication (GI) tag.
- ❖ World Kindness Day is an international observance on 13 November.

NATIONAL

Migration Policy Index

- ❖ The Mumbai based research non-profit firm 'India Migration Now' has recently released "Interstate Migrant Policy Index" (IMPEX).
- ❖ The index measures integration of interstate migrants.
- ❖ According to the index, the states of Kerala, Goa, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh have been most successful in integrating migrant workers.
- ❖ On the other hand, Delhi has the least Interstate Migrant Policy Index.

India Mobile Congress (IMC)

- ❖ Fourth edition of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) was inaugurated recently.
- ❖ Theme of this congress is "Inclusive Innovation – Smart I Secure I Sustainable".
- ❖ IMC is jointly organized by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI).
- ❖ IMC is considered the largest Digital Technology Forum in Asia.

INTERNATIONAL

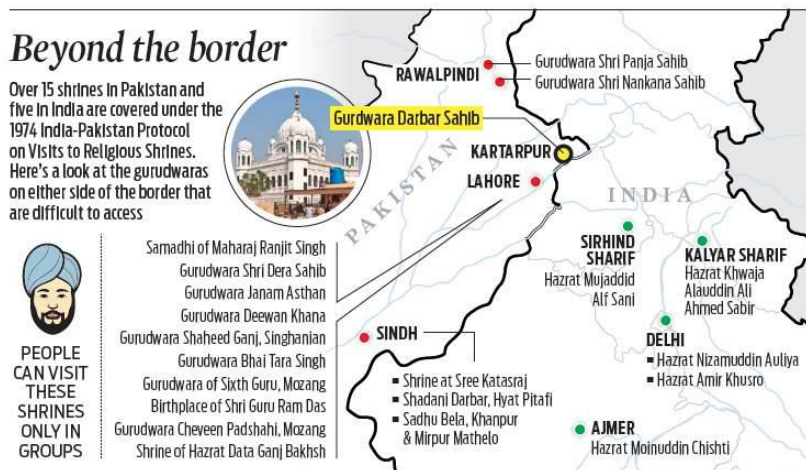
Special Anthology on Mahatma Gandhi

- ❖ Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari has released a special pictorial anthology on Mahatma Gandhi to mark the 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ❖ This anthology is written in the Nepali language.

20th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of State

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed this summit through video conferencing.
- ❖ The summit is chaired by the Russian President Vladimir Putin.
- ❖ The ongoing SCO summit is being attended by the Heads of States of all 8 SCO Member States - Russia, India, China, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.
- ❖ The Heads of States of 4 observer states of SCO- Iran, Afghanistan, Mongolia and Belarus are also participating in the summit.
- ❖ It is the third meeting that India is participating in as a full member of the SCO.
- ❖ India had become a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2017.
- ❖ The present SCO Summit has ended with the adoption of the Moscow Declaration.

Kartarpur Corridor



- ❖ The Pakistan Gurudwara body, PSGPC (Pakistan Sikh Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee) is to celebrate the first anniversary of the inauguration of Kartarpur Corridor.
- ❖ The Corridor connects Dera Baba Nanak in India with Gurudwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan.

ECONOMY

First Tranche of Coal Mine Auction

- ❖ The first tranche of the auction is to generate revenue of Rs 7,000 crores.
- ❖ The auctioned mines are located in the states of Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- ❖ Recently India launched the auction process of 41 blocks of commercial mining in June 2020.
- ❖ India is the second largest importer of coal.
- ❖ India has the fifth largest coal reserves in the world.

National Common Mobility Debit Card

- ❖ Karnataka Bank Ltd. has launched the National Common Mobility Debit (NCCM) card.
- ❖ It is the first-ever contactless debit-cum-prepaid Rupay Card of the bank.
- ❖ It is an inter-operable transport card.
- ❖ This debit card has been launched in-line with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' vision.

Karnataka Bank launches National Common Mobility Debit card

Karnataka Bank Ltd has launched National Common Mobility Debit Card.

Aims: Users can make payments without inserting the card at PoS terminals. Payments can be made at toll plazas, metro transits, parking lots, retail outlets and smart cities with the help of this card. The card's wallet supports small-ticket size offline payments through the value stored in the card.



Note: About Karnataka Bank

- Headquarters: Mangalore
- CEO: Mahabaleshwara M. S
- Tagline : "Your Family Bank Across India".



MSME Job Generation

- ❖ The report was released by the Reserve Bank of India.
- ❖ Maharashtra has been ranked first on the list of states that have generated most jobs in the MSME (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) sector.
- ❖ The other top four states after the Maharashtra are Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh has secured a place ahead of Karnataka, Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana and Telangana in the list of top 10 states.
- ❖ The ambitious scheme of One District One Product (ODOP) under MSME in UP has emerged as a game changer in the times of the pandemic.

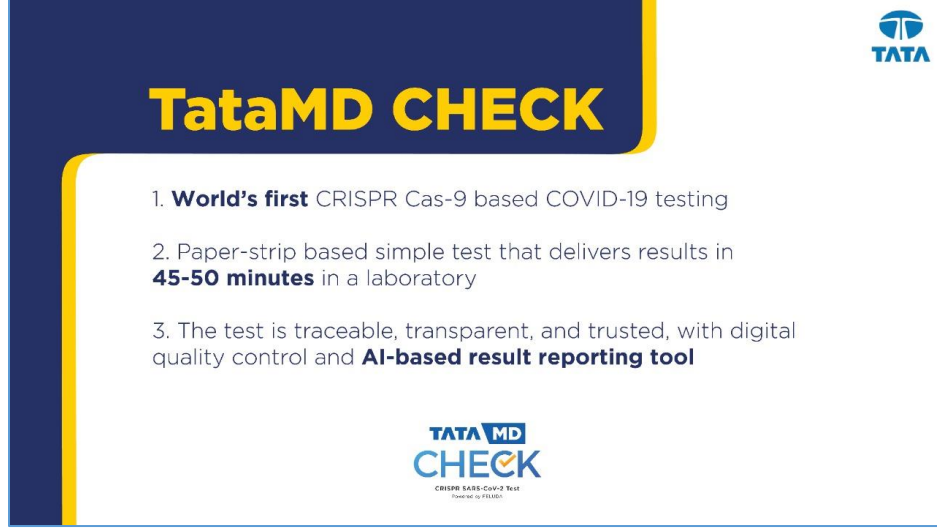
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Earth Surface Mass

- ❖ The National Aeronautics and Space Administration recently announced that the Earth Mass has deviated in August 2020 as compared to that of 2004-09.
- ❖ The changes were mainly because changes in amount of water, ice and snow.
- ❖ According to NASA, the sea level increase may be due to the change in earth mass.
- ❖ The change in earth mass is mainly caused due to land movement relative to sea.
- ❖ The changes in land movement was more in snow and ice-covered regions.
- ❖ These changes were calculated by GRACE Mission.
- ❖ It was a joint mission by NASA and Germany.

TataMD CHECK

- ❖ Tata Medical and Diagnostics Ltd (TataMD) launched this new Diagnostic testing tool for covid-19.
- ❖ It is the world's first CRISPR Cas-9 based diagnostic tool.
- ❖ It was developed in partnership with the Council of scientific and Industrial Research and Institute of genomics and integrative Biology.
- ❖ It is also powered by FELUDA.



TataMD CHECK

1. **World's first** CRISPR Cas-9 based COVID-19 testing
2. Paper-strip based simple test that delivers results in **45-50 minutes** in a laboratory
3. The test is traceable, transparent, and trusted, with digital quality control and **AI-based result reporting tool**

TATA MD CHECK
CRISPR SARS-CoV-2 Test
Powered by PFMED

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IMPORTANT DAYS

National Ayurveda Day – November 13

- ❖ The Ayurveda Day is being observed every year from 2016, on the day of Dhanwantri Jayanti.
- ❖ 'Ayurveda for Covid-19' is to be the main theme of 5th Ayurveda Day.
- ❖ The Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (abbreviated as AYUSH) is celebrating this.
- ❖ According to Hindu mythology, Dhanwantri is the god of medicine.

