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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Puducherry government rolls out free breakfast scheme for school students named after TN's Ex CM Karunanidhi.
- ❖ The World Health Organization announced that it is to set up a traditional medicine centre in India.
- ❖ In a first for India, the Mumbai Metro Rail will lay vibration-absorbing tracks.
 - It will absorb vibrations up to 22 Vibration Decibels (Vdb).
- ❖ India's first Sandalwood Museum is being established at Mysuru, Karnataka.
- ❖ The Bollywood Actor Sonu Sood is all set to pen his autobiography titled 'I Am No Messiah.'
- ❖ The Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has unveiled 'Project Air Care' to combat rising Air Pollution in Gurgaon.
- ❖ The book titled 'A Promised Land', authored by former US President Barack Obama, is set to be released.
- ❖ The National Epilepsy Day is observed on November 17th in India.
 - Epilepsy is a chronic disorder of brain.

TAMIL NADU

Fertiliser Association of India Golden Jubilee Award 2020

- ❖ A professor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) Dr K S Subramanian for this award.
- ❖ He got the award for his contribution to the field of nano-fertilisers and its role in improved use while ensuring environmental safety.
- ❖ Subramanian is the founder-head of Department of Nano Science and Technology in 2010.

NATIONAL

11th Annual Pneumonia and Diarrhoea Progress Report

- ❖ The International Vaccines Access Centre released this.
- ❖ According to the report, India has achieved the global target of 90% coverage of three of five vaccines.



- ❖ These vaccines are DPT Vaccine, Measles vaccine, PCV vaccine, Rotavirus vaccine and Haemophilus Influenzae Type B vaccine.
- ❖ India accounts to 20% of deaths due to pneumonia in the world.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are the estimated to have majority of Pneumonia cases of the country.

Bharat Darshan–Dakshin Bharat Yatra

- ❖ Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will be starting 'Bharat Darshan–Dakshin Bharat Yatra'.
- ❖ It will start from Hyderabad and Secunderabad.
- ❖ The theme of this yatra will be 'Show India to Indians'.

INTERNATIONAL

Myanmar Election Results

- ❖ Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party is set to return for a second term.
- ❖ However, Suu Kyi is prohibited from becoming the President because her late husband and children are foreign citizens.

17th India-ASEAN summit

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi cochaired India-ASEAN summit along with the Vietnamese Prime Minister Ngyuyen Xuan Phuc.
- ❖ During the summit, PM announced that India is to contribute 1 million USD to COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund.
- ❖ ASEAN-India Plan of Action for 2021-2025 was also adopted during this summit.
- ❖ ASEAN is to become the world largest single market by 2030.
- ❖ ASEAN is the fourth largest trading partner of India.

15th East Asia Summit

- ❖ The summit adopted Ha Noi Declaration.
- ❖ It stressed upon the effective implementation of Manila Plan of Action to advance the Phnom Penh Declaration (2018-2022).

- ❖ The summit was chaired by Prime Minister of Vietnam Nguyen Xuan Phuc in his capacity as chair of the ASEAN.
- ❖ India expressed concerns over eroding trust in the South China sea region.
- ❖ China claims sovereignty of all the South China Sea.
- ❖ The East Asia Summit is a premier forum in the Asia-Pacific region dealing with issues relating to security and defence.

MEMBERSHIP



The map shows the geographical locations of the 17 member states of the East Asia Summit. The members are: Russia, China, South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Philippines, India, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei, Australia, New Zealand, and the US.

- All 10 ASEAN members Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam.
- 6 Regional partners China, Japan, South Korea, India, Australia and New Zealand.
- US and Russia got membership in 2011.

Operation Thunder

- ❖ The INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization conducted Operation Thunder, 2020 in 103 countries.
- ❖ The operation was conducted against environmental crimes.
- ❖ According to INTERPOL, wildlife and forestry crime is the fourth largest illegal trade in the world.
- ❖ Under the Operation Thunder, the India Customs intercepted an 18-tonnes of red sandalwood that was destined to United Arab Emirates.

RCEP : 15 agreement

- ❖ China and fourteen other countries signed a deal to set up the world largest trading bloc.
- ❖ These 15 countries account to 30% of world population and 30% of global GDP.
- ❖ The deal is the world largest Free Trade Agreement.
- ❖ This is the first time China and Japan reached a bilateral tariff reduction arrangement.
- ❖ Also, it is for the first time China, South Korea and Japan have come together in a single free trade agreement.

- ❖ The agreement will lower the tariffs further.
- ❖ Also, it is less comprehensive than the Trans-Pacific trade deal.
- ❖ Unlike the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and the European Union Trade deal, it does not set standards on labour and environment.
- ❖ CPTPP was signed between Canada, Australia, Japan, Mexico, Vietnam, Singapore, Peru, New Zealand, Malaysia, Chile, Brunei in 2018 at Chile.
- ❖ India in 2019 opted out of the agreement mainly due to concerns of dumping manufactured goods from China.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day for Tolerance – November 16

- ❖ It is an annual observance day declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance.
- ❖ In 1995, to mark the United Nations Year for Tolerance and the 125th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, UNESCO created a prize for the promotion of tolerance and non-violence.



- ❖ It is known as the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence.
- ❖ 'Centre Résolution Conflicts' in Democratic Republic of Congo will be the winner of the 2020 Edition.

National Press Day – November 16

- ❖ It is celebrated every year on November 16 to commemorate the establishment of the Press Council of India which was formed in 1966.
- ❖ The Press Council of India acts as a moral watchdog for media.
- ❖ It is a statutory and quasi-judicial institution.

