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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Indian Railways has opened the first Pod retiring rooms for passengers of Indian Railways as well as common people, at the Mumbai Central station.
 - Pod hotel or capsule hotel comprised of small bed-sized capsules and provide affordable overnight accommodation.
- ❖ The United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres has appointed Shombi Sharp of the United States (US) as the UN Resident Coordinator in India.
 - He will lead the UN team in India, and work towards India's Covid-19 response plans to recover better for the Sustainable Development Goals.

NATIONAL

First Global Innovation Summit of Pharmaceuticals sector



- ❖ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the "First Global Innovation Summit of Pharmaceuticals sector".
- ❖ This summit aims of bringing together the key Indian and international stakeholders from the government, academia, industry, investors, and researchers together.
- ❖ This is for discussing and strategizing priorities to foster an innovation ecosystem in the pharmaceuticals industry in India.
- ❖ The summit will also highlight the opportunities in the Indian Pharmaceuticals industry, that has huge potential for growth.

Water Heroes – Share Your Stories’ Contest

- ❖ ‘Water Heroes – Share Your Stories’ Contest will be launched by Jal Shakti Ministry from December 1, 2021.
- ❖ This contest is organized with the aim of encouraging and collecting best practices in water conservation and management from the entire of India.
- ❖ It also aims to encourage such efforts in India, in a bid to boost transformational action in the water sector.



Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)-I and II up to September 2022, and Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas up to March 2023.
- ❖ The timeline has been extended to ensure the works envisaged under the three schemes are completed.



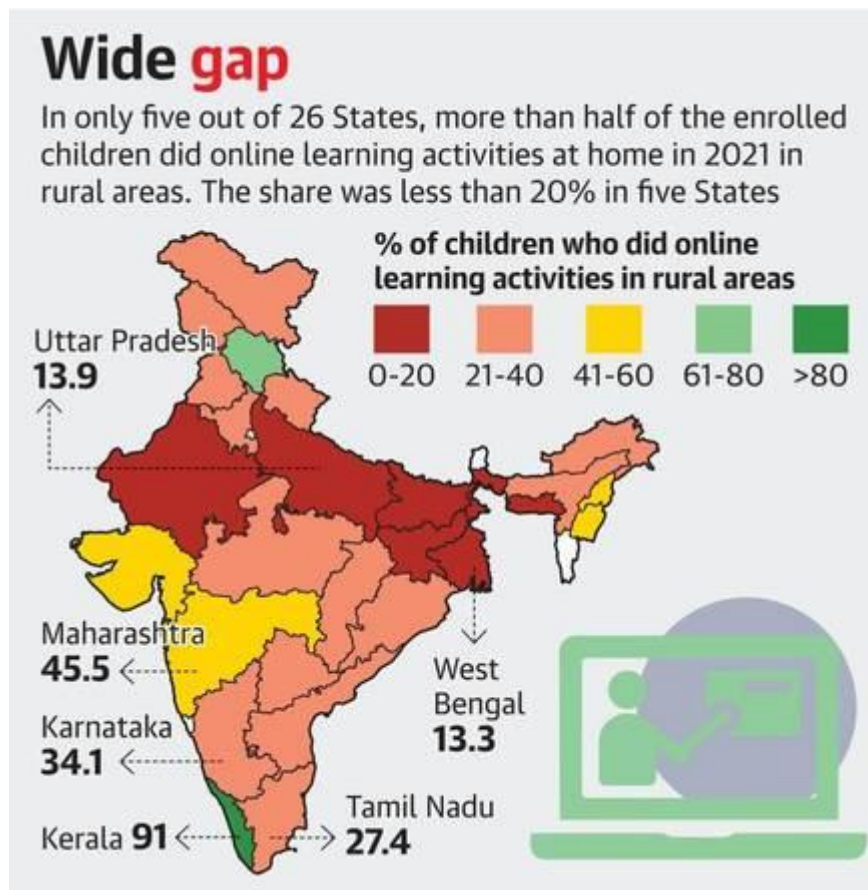
Need for continuation

- ❖ The majority of pending works under PMGSY-I and II are in the North-East and Hill States due to factors such as COVID lockdown, extended rains, winters, forest issues.

- ❖ Also, the States have been requesting the Central Government for an extension of time to complete these crucial works related to the rural economy.
- ❖ The objective is to provide connectivity, by way of an all-weather road to unconnected habitations.

16th Annual Status of Education Report 2021

- ❖ 16th Annual Status of Education Report (ASER - Rural) was published by the Pratham foundation.
- ❖ ASER provides reports on the schooling status of children in the age group of 5-16 age across rural India including the ability to do basic reading & arithmetic tasks.
- ❖ As per the report, there was an overall increase in the proportion of children enrolled in govt schools between 2018 and 2020.
- ❖ The Enrolment has increased from 64.3% to 65.8%.
- ❖ But in 2021, enrolment suddenly increased to 70.3%.



INTERNATIONAL

21st IORA Annual Council of Ministers' Meeting



- ❖ The 21st Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Annual Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- ❖ India took part in the conference in virtual mode.
- ❖ India was led by Minister of State External Affairs (MoS), Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.
- ❖ At the end of this meeting, Dhaka Communique was adopted.

STATES

ASSOCHAM award for Best Digital Financial Services

- ❖ The Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) got the award for the best 'Digital Financial Services' by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).
- ❖ The bank received the award under the 'Regional Rural Banks' (RRBs) category.
- ❖ This is awarded in line with India's vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

Fisheries business incubator

- ❖ The first-of-its-kind, dedicated fisheries business incubator has been inaugurated in Gurugram of Haryana.
- ❖ This is to nurture fisheries start-ups under real market-led conditions.
- ❖ The incubator is known as LINAC- NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC).

- ❖ It was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala.



Best tourism villages



- ❖ Pochampally village in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district of Telangana was selected as one of the best tourism villages by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).
- ❖ It is known for its famous hand-woven Ikat saris.
- ❖ The award will be given at the 24th session of the UNWTO general assembly on December 2, in Madrid, Spain.

SPORTS

SAI Institutional Awards



- ❖ Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Thakur has presented the first-ever SAI Institutional Awards in New Delhi.
- ❖ It was awarded to 246 athletes and coaches.
- ❖ A total of 162 athletes and 84 coaches have been conferred awards in the Outstanding Award and Best Award category for their performance in national and international competitions.

Chairman of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee

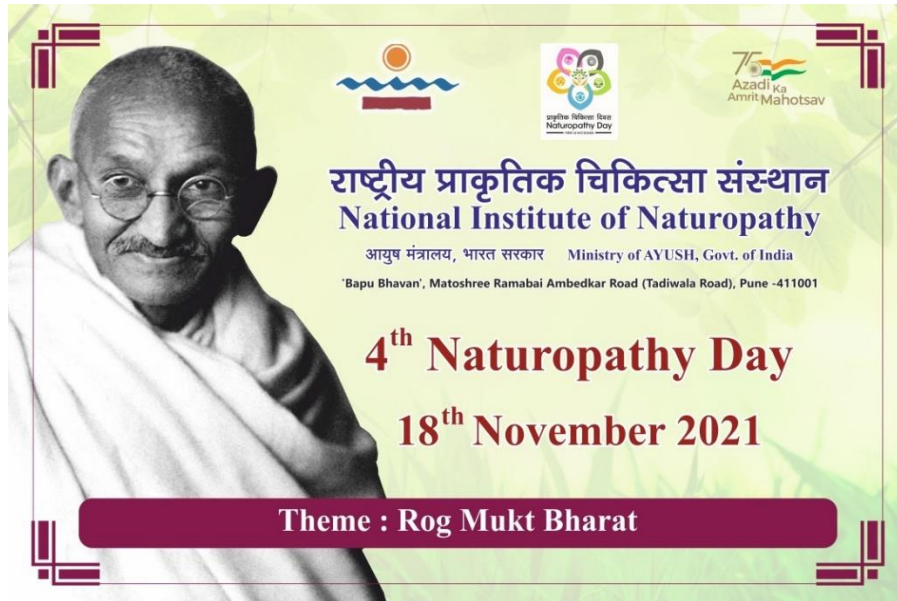


- ❖ The President of BCCI, Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as the Chairman of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee.
- ❖ Ganguly will replace Anil Kumble who assumed the charge in 2012.

- ❖ Kumble stepped down having served a maximum of three separate three-year terms.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Naturopathy Day - November 18



- ❖ The National Naturopathy Day is observed in India on 18 November every year.
- ❖ This is to promote positive mental and physical health through a drugless system of medicine, called Naturopathy.
- ❖ The day was declared by the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy).
- ❖ The theme of this day for this year is 'Rog Mukht Bharat'.

World Philosophy Day 2021 - November 18

- ❖ World Philosophy Day is celebrated on the Third Thursday of November each year.
- ❖ In 2021, the day falls on 18 November.
- ❖ World Philosophy Day 2021 opens the discussion on the different interactions of human beings with their social, cultural, geographical, and political environment.
- ❖ World Philosophy Day was introduced in 2002 by UNESCO.
- ❖ The theme for the World Philosophy Day 2021 is "different interactions of human beings with their social, cultural, geographical and political environment, with

the underlying objective of better understanding the contribution of philosophy in our contemporary societies and the challenges they face".

