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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Indian Police Foundation (IPF) conducted a survey on citizens perception.
 - In the survey, Delhi Police has been ranked at seventh spot, among Indian states and union territories.
- ❖ In tennis, Garbine Muguruza of Spain beat Anett Kontaveit of Estonia in the final to claim her first WTA Final title.
 - Muguruza is also the first Spaniard to win the WTA Finals.
- ❖ India, world's largest recipient of remittances, received \$87 billion in 2021.
 - India is followed by China, Mexico, the Philippines, and Egypt.

NATIONAL

Three farm laws repealed



- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his address on November 19, 2021 announced that, the central government will repeal all the three farm laws.
- ❖ These laws will be repealed in the 2021 Winter Session of Parliament.
- ❖ The three laws that led to agitation by farmers across India are
 - Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020

- Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020
- Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020.

LIGO venture

- ❖ Hingoli income division handed around 225 hectares of land right in Maharashtra to the authorities of Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) venture.
- ❖ The land was handed over in order to organise primary facility within the nation.
- ❖ This venture will provide alternatives to scientists and engineers for digging deeper into concept of gravitational waves.
- ❖ LIGO is a massive observatory to detect cosmic gravitational waves and to carry experiments.



Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses renamed



- ❖ The institute is renamed as Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses.

- ❖ Manohar Parrikar is remembered for his thoughtful leadership during the 2016 counter-terror strikes and implementation of the One Rank One Pension scheme.

Operation Sankalp



- ❖ As part of Operation Sankalp, INS Trikand is currently deployed by the Indian Navy in the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman.
- ❖ INS Trikand is a state-of-the-art guided missile stealth frigate.
- ❖ Operation Sankalp ensure safety of India's Mercantile Marine in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

EW Suite Shakti

- ❖ The 1st Shakti Advanced Electronic Warfare system Shakti has been installed on-board INS Visakhapatnam and is being installed in INS Vikrant.
- ❖ Advanced Electronic Warfare (EW) System 'Shakti' has been designed and developed by the Defence Electronics Research Laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation.
- ❖ They are under production at Bharat Electronics Ltd.
- ❖ Shakti is an Integrated Radar EW System for Capital Warships of the Indian Navy.

4G mobile services scheme

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approves 4G mobile services scheme for over 7,000 villages.

- ❖ These are to be implemented across the villages of Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Odisha.
- ❖ This ambitious project will be funded by the Universal Service Obligation Fund.

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- ▶ **7,287 uncovered villages of 44 Aspirational Districts across five States** to get 4G based mobile services
- ▶ Will be implemented in **Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra & Odisha**
- ▶ **Rs 6,466 crore** will be the estimated cost of implementation
- ▶ Work will be awarded through open competitive bidding process

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Benefits:

- ▶ Will fulfill the vision of digital India and enhance digital connectivity
- ▶ Will provide adequate support to educational institutions
- ▶ Will increase the availability of job opportunities
- ▶ Will promote domestic manufacturing

INTERNATIONAL

Global report on trends in the prevalence of tobacco use 2000-2025

WHO global report on
trends in prevalence of tobacco use
2000–2025

Fourth edition



- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) published the 4th edition of this report.
- ❖ As per the report, South-East Asia Region achieved the fastest rate of decline in the use of tobacco.
- ❖ The average prevalence of smoking among men decreased to 25% in 2020, as against 50% in 2000.
- ❖ India and Nepal are likely to achieve a 30% relative reduction in tobacco use in order to meet the Global NCD action target plan by 2025.

Executive board of UNESCO – India



- ❖ India was re-elected to the executive board of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) for the term of 2021-2025.
- ❖ India was re-elected with 164 votes.
- ❖ Among Group IV Asian & Pacific States, Japan, Vietnam, Philippines, Cook Islands, and China were also elected.

Kamala Harris

- ❖ US Vice-President Kamala Harris on November 19, 2021, became the first female acting President of the United States for one hour and 25 minutes.
- ❖ She is now the first woman ever who held presidential powers in the 250-year-old history of the US.

- ❖ Kamala Harris is the first woman, first African-American and first Asian-American, first Indian-American who holds the second-most powerful position in the USA.
- ❖ The US President Joe Biden temporarily transferred power to Harris while he went under anesthesia for a routine colonoscopy.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica



MAITRI

2nd Indian Research Base in Antarctica

Maitri was established in the year 1989-90 in Schirmacher Oasis, East Antarctica. The research base was built in two summer seasons (there being no sun during the winter period)



BHARATI

3rd Indian Research Base in Antarctica. Bharati was established in the year 2012 in Larsemann Hills.





- ❖ India successfully launched the 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica.
- ❖ The first batch of its contingents comprising of 23 scientists and support staff has reached the Indian Antarctic station Maitri.
- ❖ Four more batches will be landing in Antarctica by mid-January 2022.
- ❖ The Indian Antarctic program began in 1981 and has completed 40 scientific expeditions.

STATES

Clean Yamuna River

- ❖ The Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal, pledged to clean Yamuna River completely by 2025.
- ❖ He announced a six-point action plan to clean the holy river.
- ❖ He also promised to make Yamuna River fit for drinking and bathing by 2025.

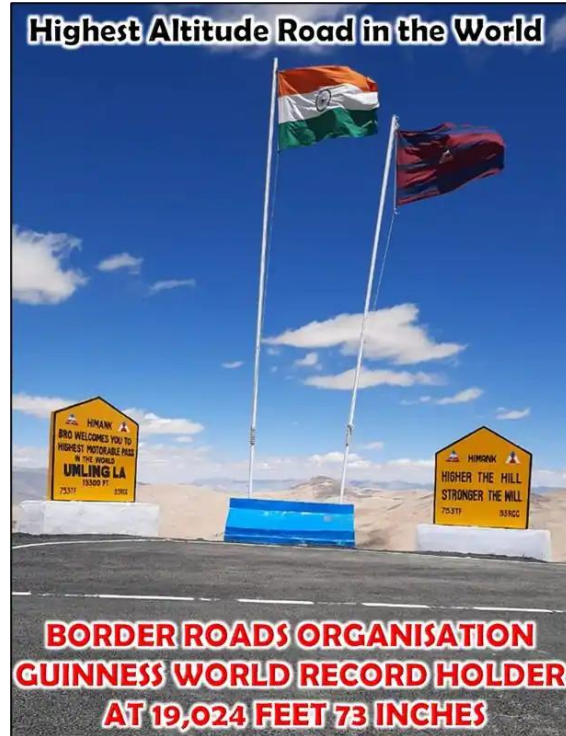
WhatsApp chatbot

- ❖ The West Bengal Government launched India's first WhatsApp chatbot in the Public Distribution System.
- ❖ This Chatbot will make it easier for citizens to apply for a ration card, lodge grievances and get access to critical resources.
- ❖ The chatbot will also help farmers with verified information pertaining to paddy related procurement.
- ❖ The bot is free to use and is available in English and Bengali.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Guinness World Record – BRO

- ❖ The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has received the Guinness World Record for constructing & blacktopping the world highest motorable road.
- ❖ This is passing through the 19,024 feet 0.73 inches (5798.251m) high Umlingla Pass in the Union Territory of Ladakh.
- ❖ The 52-kilometre long Chisumle to Demchok tarmac road was developed under Project HIMANK (93RCC/753 BRTF) of BRO.



SPORTS

ICC announced the host nations



- ❖ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the 14 host countries of the ICC men's white-ball events from 2024-2031.
- ❖ India is set to host the 2029 Champions Trophy and co-host the 2026 ICC Men's Twenty20 World Cup with Sri Lanka.
- ❖ It will also host the 2031 ICC Men's 50-over World Cup with Bangladesh.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National New born Week 2021 - November 15 to 21



- ❖ In India, the National New born Week is observed every year from 15 to 21 November.
- ❖ The main purpose of the week is to reinforce the importance of New born health as a key priority area of the health sector and reduce the infant mortality rate by improving healthcare conditions for babies in the neonatal period.
- ❖ The theme of National New born Week 2021 is 'Safety, quality and nurturing care - the birth right of every New born.

National Journalism Day - November 16

- ❖ This day is observed to honour the Press Council of India (PCI).

- ❖ It was established on the same day 55 years ago.
- ❖ The PCI was constructed as an instrument to not only keep a check on the quality of reportage in the country but also to ensure that independent journalism survives and henceforth thrives in the country.

International Students' Day - November 17



- ❖ It is the day set by the World Student Union.
- ❖ This is observed to denounce the storming of all universities by Hitler's Nazi forces and the arrest and murdering of thousands of students in 1939.

World Prematurity Day - November 17



- ❖ This is observed to raise awareness of the challenges and burden of preterm birth globally.

- ❖ The small pair of purple socks framed by nine full-size baby socks symbolises: 1 in 10 babies is born preterm.
- ❖ The global theme for World Prematurity Day 2021 is - Zero Separation. Act now! Keep parents and babies born too soon together.

International Day of Islamic Art - November 18

- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness about the art of Islam and its contribution to culture and civilization.
- ❖ Saudi Ministry of Culture hosted the first Islamic Art Biennale at the Islamic Museum in Riyadh to mark this day.

