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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Odisha's Bhubaneswar becomes the 1st city in the entire country to receive the ISO-9001:2015 certification for effective Faecal Sludge & Septage Management.
- ❖ The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel has launched Seismic Survey campaign of Oil India Limited in the Mahanadi basin of Odisha.
- ❖ The India - Japan Mutual Agreement Procedure won OECD Mutual Agreement Procedure 2019 Award.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres**

- ❖ The 50,025 operational Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) are now spread across 678 districts in India.
- ❖ The ministry of health and family welfare further informed that 1.5 lakh AB-HWCs will be established by December 2022.
- ❖ These Centres include 18,536 Primary Health centres, 27,890 Sub Health centres, and 3,599 Urban Primary Health Centres.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **15th G-20 Leaders' Summit**

- ❖ This will be the second G20 leaders meeting in 2020.
- ❖ The summit's chair is King Salman bin Abdul aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ The theme is Realising the Opportunities of the 21st Century for All.
- ❖ India will be a part of the G20 troika along with Saudi Arabia and Italy.
- ❖ It is a three-member country committee.
- ❖ It is made up of the current, immediate past and next host countries
- ❖ Italy will take over the G20 presidency on December 1, 2020.
- ❖ The 2021 summit is planned to be held in Italy at Rome.
- ❖ Indonesia is to host the summit in 2022.
- ❖ India is to host the summit in 2023 at Delhi.

## India and Thailand Corpat

- ❖ The 30th Indo-Thai CORPAT was held between Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy at the Andaman Sea.
- ❖ CORPAT builds up interoperability between the participating navies.
- ❖ Under SAGAR, the Indian Navy has been assisting countries in the Indian Ocean Region for the surveillance and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.
- ❖ Thailand is one of the beneficiaries of these initiatives.
- ❖ India and Thailand are holding annual bilateral exercise MAITREE since 2006.
- ❖ SITMEX is India-Thailand Maritime Exercise.

## Global Bribery Risk 2020

- ❖ It was released by TRACE international.
- ❖ It is the world leading anti-bribery standard setting organisation.
- ❖ India ranked 77 in the global list.
- ❖ North Korea, Turkmenistan, South Sudan, Venezuela and Eritrea were at highest risks.
- ❖ Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden and New Zealand present the lowest.



## India-Luxembourg Virtual Summit

- ❖ India and Luxembourg held the first standalone summit in two decades.
- ❖ Luxembourg is the third largest source of Foreign Portfolios after US and Mauritius.
- ❖ Luxembourg is the second richest country in the world.

- ❖ Luxembourg is one of three major Tax Havens of the European Union.
- ❖ The other two are Ireland and Netherlands.
- ❖ Tax Haven is a country where taxes are levied at very low rates.



## ECONOMY

### **Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme (PM-FME)**

- ❖ The Minister of Food Processing Industries Narendra Singh Tomar launched the Capacity building Component of the PM-FME scheme.
- ❖ The scheme was launched under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
- ❖ It is implemented by the Ministry of Food Processing.
- ❖ It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
- ❖ The scheme is to be implemented over a period of five years between 2020-21 and 2024-25.
- ❖ Also, it will help India achieve its goal of doubling farmers income by 2022.
- ❖ India is the second largest producer of fruits and vegetables in the world after China.
- ❖ India has twenty different Agro-Climatic regions.
- ❖ The Agro-Climatic regions are defined based on rainfall, soil types, temperature and water availability.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Booker Prize 2020

- ❖ It is the current award of the annual prize for literature covering UK, Irish, American and Commonwealth authors.
- ❖ The prize is awarded to novels written in English and published in Ireland or UK.
- ❖ The British writer Douglas Stuart wins the UK Booker Prize for his debut novel Shuggie Bain.
- ❖ The UK Booker Prize 2019 was conferred jointly to Margaret Atwood for 'The Testaments' and Bernardine Evaristo for 'Girl, Woman, Other'.
- ❖ It was formerly known as "Booker-McConnell Prize" (1969-2001) and Man Booker Prize (2002-2019).
- ❖ In 1997, Arundati Roy of India won the Booker Prize for her Novel "The God of Small Things".
- ❖ For a book, translated into English and published in the United Kingdom or Ireland, the International Booker Prize is awarded.
- ❖ The 2020 winner of International Booker Prize is Marieke Lucas Rjineveld for the book "The Discomfort of Evening" in the Dutch language.
- ❖ It was translated into English by Michele Hutchison.



## SPORTS

### Minimum Age for International Cricket

- ❖ The International Cricket Council (ICC) Board announced a minimum age policy for International cricket.
- ❖ Now, a player has to be at least 15 years old to be a part of the men's and women's cricket team or the under -19 International cricket team.



- ❖ Pakistan's Hasan Raza is the youngest cricketer ever to play international cricket.
- ❖ Sachin Tendulkar was also the youngest Indian to play Test cricket for India.
- ❖ He made his Test debut on 15 November 1989 against Pakistan in Karachi at the age of sixteen.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Television Day – November 21**

- ❖ In December 1996 the United Nations proclaimed this day.
- ❖ It is commemorating the date on which the first World Television Forum was held in 1996.
- ❖ There are already three United Nations days encompassing similar subjects:
  - World Press Freedom Day;
  - World Telecommunication and Information Society Day; and
  - World Development Information Day.
- ❖ In 1927, Philo Taylor Farnsworth invented the world's first electronic television.

