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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh, virtually inaugurated the “5th World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM)”.
- ❖ The Indian government and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a loan agreement of 300 million U.S. dollars.
  - The loan agreement will help in strengthening and improving access to comprehensive primary health care across urban areas in 13 states.
- ❖ CBI Special Director Praveen Sinha was elected as a delegate from Asia to the executive committee of the INTERPOL (International Criminal Police Organisation).
  - Major General Ahmed Naser al-Raisi of UAE has been elected for one four-year term as the President of the global policing body.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Veda Nilayam**



- ❖ The Madras High Court set aside an order of the previous AIADMK regime to convert late Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa's residence as a memorial.
- ❖ The residence is named 'Veda Nilayam'.
- ❖ The property is located at the Poes Garden locality in Chennai.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana**

- ❖ The Central government has extended “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)” for four months.
- ❖ PMGKAY was extended from December 2021 till March 2022 as a part of Phase 5 of this scheme.
- ❖ This scheme was launched in 2020 in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Under this scheme, five kg grain is provided per person per month free of cost.
- ❖ It benefits all the beneficiaries, who are covered under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and National Food Security Act (NFSA) (Antyodaya Anna Yojana & Priority Households).



### **O-SMART scheme**

- ❖ “Ocean Services, Modelling, Application, Resources and Technology (O-SMART)” scheme has been extended for the period of 2021-26.
- ❖ This was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❖ The O-SMART scheme comprises seven sub-schemes.

- ❖ All of the sub-schemes are being implemented by autonomous institutes of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.



### **National Apprenticeship Training Scheme**



- ❖ Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for the continuation of the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme for the next five years.
- ❖ Approval was given for the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- ❖ Under it, the industrial & commercial organisations will train approximately nine lakhs' apprentices.

## Dosti exercise

- ❖ India, Maldives and Sri Lanka are holding the 15th edition of the biennial trilateral coast guard exercise 'Dosti', in Maldives.
- ❖ The year 2021 marks the 30th year of the Dosti Trilateral Coast Guard Exercise.
- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard vessels namely ICGS Apoorva & ICGS Vajra joined the Sri Lanka Coast Guard vessel named SLCGS Suraksha.

## Mysuru Declaration

- ❖ The participants from 16 States signed the Mysuru Declaration.
- ❖ Under this, Common Minimum Service delivery by Panchayats across the country is to be rolled out from April 1, 2022.
- ❖ The declaration is aimed at recognizing Citizen-Centric Services as the "Heart of Governance".
- ❖ This declaration talks about both the services delivered by panchayats directly and services of other departments that are facilitated by panchayats through a monitoring mechanism.

## NFHS Survey 5

| <b>Hunger watch</b>  |         |         |         |
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| The nutritional status of children in India barely improved in 2019-20 from the levels in 2015-16, the National Family Health Survey-5 data show |         |         |         |
|  | (IN %)  |         |         |
| Indicator  | 2019-20 | 2015-16 | 2005-06 |
| Children aged six to 59 months who are anaemic   | 67.1    | 58.6    | 69.4    |
| Children under five who are stunted  | 35.5    | 38.4    | 48      |
| Children under five who are wasted   | 19.3    | 21      | 19.8    |
| Children under five who are severely wasted  | 7.7     | 7.5     | 6.4     |
| Children under five who are underweight  | 32.1    | 35.8    | 42.5    |
| Children aged six to 23 months receiving an adequate diet  | 11.3    | 9.6     | -       |
| Institutional births   | 88.6    | 78.9    | 38.7    |



- ❖ The National Family and Health Survey (NFHS) 5 has been released.
- ❖ This is the most comprehensive survey on socio-economic and health indicators in the country.



- ❖ The previous four rounds of the NFHS were conducted in 1992-93, 1998-99, 2005-06, and 2015-16.
- ❖ These have been conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, with the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) Mumbai.

### Highlights

- ❖ There were 1,020 women for 1000 men in the country in 2019-2021.
- ❖ This is the highest sex ratio for any NFHS survey as well as since the first modern synchronous census conducted in 1881.
- ❖ The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has also come down below the threshold at which the population is expected to replace itself from one generation to the next.
- ❖ TFR was 2 in 2019-2021, just below the replacement fertility rate of 2.1.
- ❖ Children's nutrition improved but only at a slower pace.
- ❖ Though India might have achieved food security, 60% of Indians cannot afford nutritious diets.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 13th ASEM Summit



- ❖ The 13th edition of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit was held recently.
- ❖ Indian delegation was led by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu in this.
- ❖ It was hosted by Cambodia as the current chair of the grouping.
- ❖ Turkey is the newest member to this in 2021.
- ❖ The summit is titled "Strengthening Multilateralism for Shared Growth".
- ❖ It was held in virtual mode, including all 51-member countries.
- ❖ Apart from members, ASEAN and the European Union will also take part.

## **ECONOMY**

### **The transition from Equalisation Levy 2020**

- ❖ Recently, India and the USA agreed on a transition from India's charge of 2% Equalisation Levy 2020 on e-commerce supplies & the US' trade action regarding the said Equalisation Levy under the 2-Pillar Solution.
- ❖ This transitional approach that will begin from April 1, 2021 is taken under the Two-Pillar Solution to Tax Challenges of Digital Economy.

### **JP Morgan - world's most systemic bank**



- ❖ JPMorgan Chase has once again been named the world's most important bank to the health of the wider financial system.
- ❖ This is according to the latest annual ranking of top lenders by global regulators.
- ❖ The Financial Stability Board (FSB), made up of regulators from G20 countries, published its latest table of the world's 30 most systemic banks.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Prawn Nebula**

- ❖ The Hubble Telescope has observed "Prawn Nebula".
- ❖ It is a massive stellar nursery located around 6,000 light-years away in the Scorpius constellation.
- ❖ Astronomers classify the Prawn Nebula as an emission nebula.
- ❖ This means that its gas has been energized, or ionized, by the radiation of neighbouring stars.

## **DART mission**

- ❖ The US space agency NASA has launched a first-of-its-kind mission named DART.
- ❖ This is to change the path of an asteroid by intentionally crashing a spacecraft into it.
- ❖ DART stands for Double Asteroid Redirection Test.
- ❖ The DART mission was launched from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California of USA atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.



## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Knighthood of Parte Guelfa**

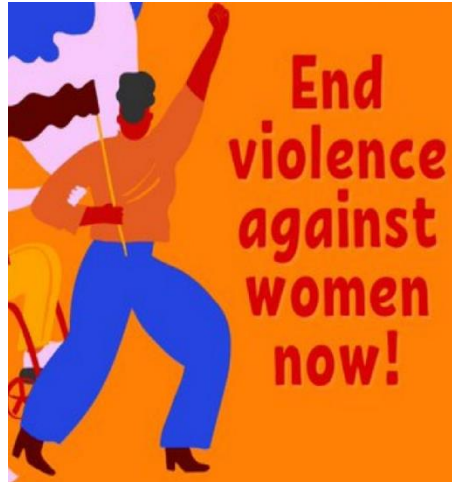


- ❖ Dr. S K Sohan Roy from Kerala has become the first Indian to be honoured with the Knighthood of Parte Guelfa.
- ❖ He is the CEO and founder of Aries Group of Companies

- ❖ He was awarded for his humanitarian and Environmental protection efforts in business and movies.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women - November 25**



- ❖ The day is celebrated to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to various forms of violence and the true nature of the issue is often hidden.
- ❖ This year's theme is "Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!".

