

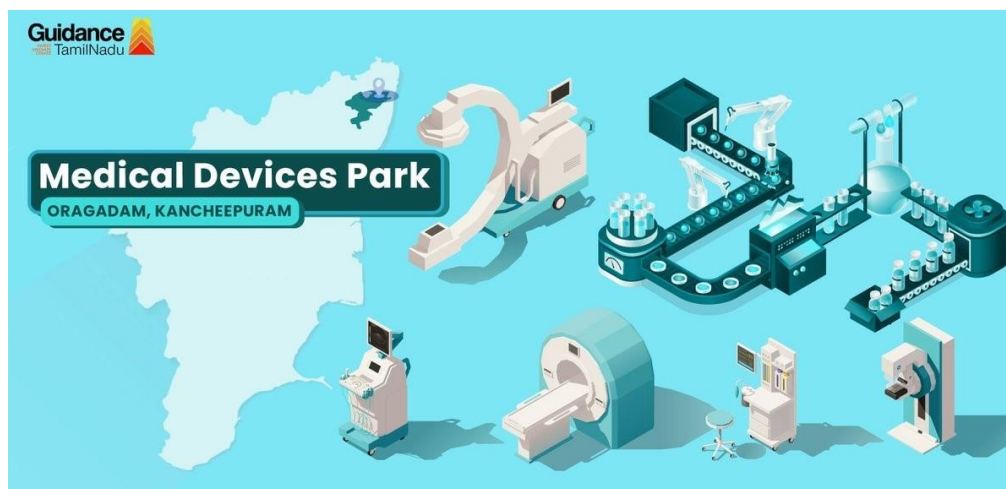
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Nata-Sankirtana festival was started at the Mandap of Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy (JNMDA), Imphal.
 - It is a three-day festival of Dance and Music.
- ❖ The Taliban announced that they plan to temporarily enact provisions from the 1964 Constitution of Afghanistan that are not in conflict with Sharia or Islamic law.
 - The adoption of this constitution could grant women the right to vote.
- ❖ Kilauea volcano erupted on Hawaii's Big Island on September 30, 2021.
 - It is one of the most active volcanos on Earth.
- ❖ India signed the implementing arrangement on the joint development of a small satellite for Bhutan.
 - The agreement was inked between the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Department of Information Technology and Telecom, Bhutan.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in India to administer 10 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses.

TAMIL NADU

Medical Devices Park



- ❖ The Medical Devices Park is to come up at Oragadam, Kanchipuram district.
- ❖ It is expected to provide direct and indirect employment to about 10,000 people.



- ❖ The park would manufacture ventilators, blood pressure monitors, pacemakers, equipment for surgeons and other requirements of the medical fraternity.

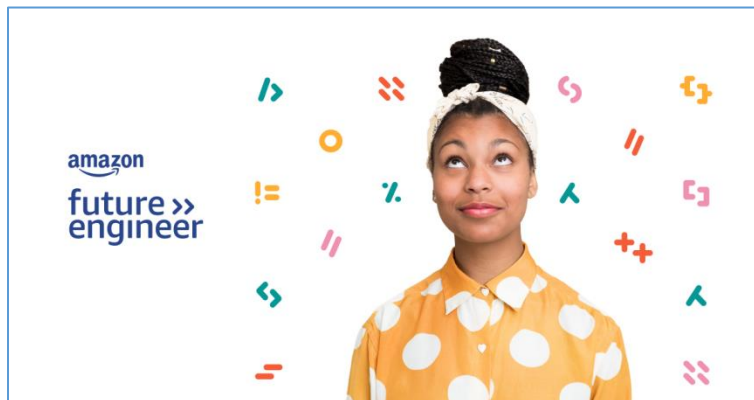
NATIONAL

Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement



- ❖ India's Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism, and Investment Dan Tehan have formally launched the resumption of negotiations on the India-Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).
- ❖ This happened during the 17th India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission.
- ❖ Both India and Australia reiterated their commitment to sign CECA by the end of 2022.

Amazon Future Engineer programme



- ❖ E-commerce major Amazon India has announced the launch of the 'Amazon Future Engineer programme' in India.
- ❖ It is a global computer science education programme
- ❖ The programme will enable access to quality computer science education and career opportunities for students from underrepresented and underserved communities.

Agro chemicals producer - India

- ❖ According to Agriculture Minister Mr Narendra Singh Tomar, India is the world's fourth-largest producer of agrochemicals.
- ❖ He said this while speaking at the 41st AGM of CropLife India.
- ❖ CropLife India is an apex organisation of 15 Crop science companies.

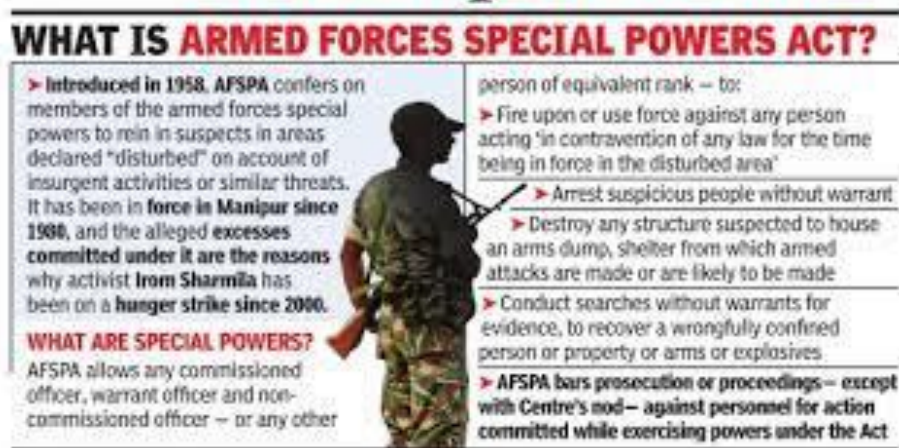
Clean India drive



- ❖ The Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launched a month-long Clean India drive on October 1, 2021, from Prayagraj.
- ❖ This Nationwide Clean India Programme aims at getting rid of single-use plastic and other waste.
- ❖ The Clean India Programme is being organised in 6 villages of 744 districts across India.
- ❖ It is organised through the networks of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan - NYKS affiliated Youth Clubs and the National Service Scheme- affiliated institutions.

Armed Forces Special Powers Act

- ❖ The Central government on October 1, 2021 extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in three districts of Arunachal Pradesh by another six months.
- ❖ The government declared the three districts of Changlang, Longding, and Tirap in Arunachal Pradesh along with the areas that fall under the jurisdiction of Mahadevpur and Namsai police stations bordering Assam as disturbed areas.



WHAT IS ARMED FORCES SPECIAL POWERS ACT?

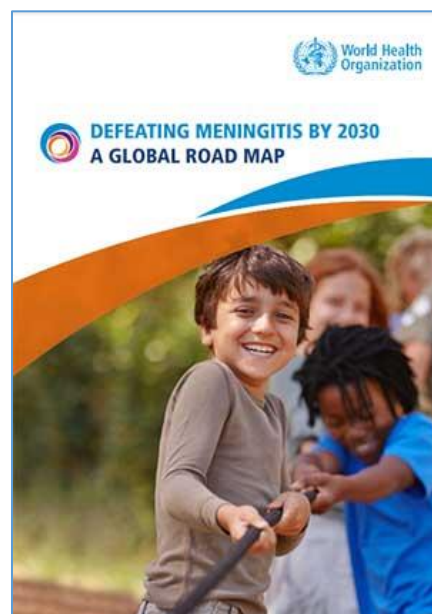
➤ **Introduced in 1958**, AFSPA confers on members of the armed forces special powers to rein in suspects in areas declared "disturbed" on account of insurgent activities or similar threats. It has been in **force in Manipur since 1980**, and the alleged **excesses committed under it are the reasons why activist Irom Sharmila has been on a hunger strike since 2000**.

WHAT ARE SPECIAL POWERS?
AFSPA allows any commissioned officer, warrant officer and non-commissioned officer – or any other person of equivalent rank – to:

- Fire upon or use force against any person acting 'in contravention of any law for the time being in force in the disturbed area'
- Arrest suspicious people without warrant
- Destroy any structure suspected to house an arms dump, shelter from which armed attacks are made or are likely to be made
- Conduct searches without warrants for evidence, to recover a wrongfully confined person or property or arms or explosives
- **AFSPA bars prosecution or proceedings – except with Centre's nod – against personnel for action committed while exercising powers under the Act**

INTERNATIONAL

Global Roadmap to Defeat Meningitis by 2030



- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched the first-ever global strategy to defeat meningitis.
- ❖ The roadmap includes three visionary goals
 - Eliminate epidemics of bacterial meningitis.
 - Reduce cases of vaccine-preventable bacterial meningitis by 50% and deaths by 70%.
 - Reduce disability and improve quality of life after meningitis of any cause.

UNCTAD Digital Economy Report 2021



- ❖ The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) published this report recently.
- ❖ In its report, UNCTAD noted the Philippines as one among six countries that allow free flow of data across borders.
- ❖ Free flow of data is required to boost the digital economy.
- ❖ Other five countries allowing free-flow of data across borders include- Canada, Australia, Mexico, Singapore and the United States.
- ❖ These countries use a “light-touch approach” for data flow.
- ❖ India follows the “restrictive” or “guarded” approach for cross-border data flow.

Nicolas Sarkozy – one year jail term

- ❖ Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy has been sentenced to a one-year jail term by a French court.
- ❖ Nicolas Sarkozy has been accused of spending almost twice the maximum legal amount during his 2012 re-election bid.
- ❖ The court will allow Sarkozy to serve the one-year sentence at home by wearing an electronic monitoring bracelet.



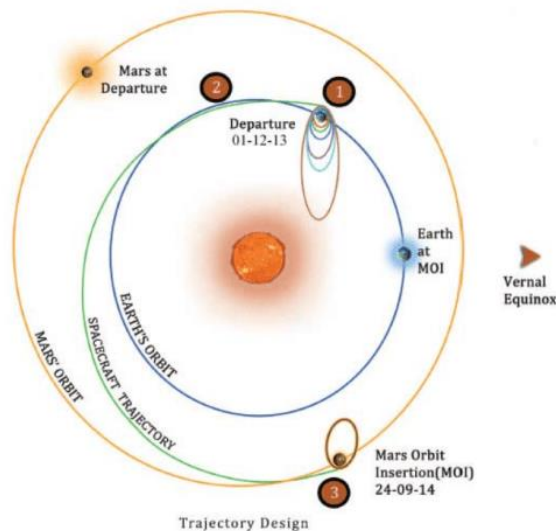
ECONOMY

India's external debt

- ❖ India's external debt stood at \$571.3 billion at the end of June.
- ❖ It recorded an increase of \$1.6 billion over its level at the end of March 2021.
- ❖ However, the external debt to GDP ratio declined to 20.2 per cent at June-end 2021 from 21.1 per cent as of March 31.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Mars Orbiter Mission



- ❖ India's Mars Orbiter spacecraft has completed seven years in its orbit.
- ❖ This is well beyond its designed mission life of six months.
- ❖ Mars Orbiter Mission is the maiden interplanetary mission of ISRO.
- ❖ Launched on November 5, 2013, the probe was successfully inserted into Martian orbit on September 24, 2014 in its first attempt.

STATES

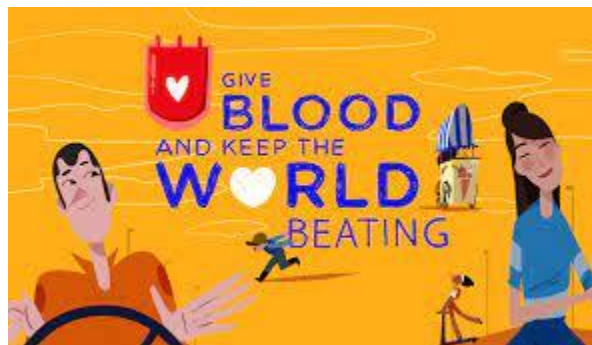
Medical colleges - Rajasthan

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone of four new medical colleges in Rajasthan.
- ❖ The medical colleges are based in Banswara, Sirohi, Hanumangarh and Dausa.
- ❖ He also inaugurated the Institute of Petrochemicals Technology (IPT) located in Sitapura, Jaipur.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day – 01 October

- ❖ The day is celebrated every year across the country.
- ❖ This is to raise awareness about Blood donation and promote voluntary blood donation in the country.
- ❖ The theme for this year's Blood donation event is "Give Blood and keep the world-beating".



The International Day of Non-Violence – 02 October

- ❖ The day is observed on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly adopted this day on June 15, 2007.

- ❖ This day is observed across the world to give the message of non-violence.



World Farm Animals Day – 02 October



- ❖ The Farm animals are indeed playing a significant role in providing food for humans.
- ❖ World Farm Animals Day is observed to bring in some form of improvements to their lives.

Wildlife Week 2021 - October 02 to 08

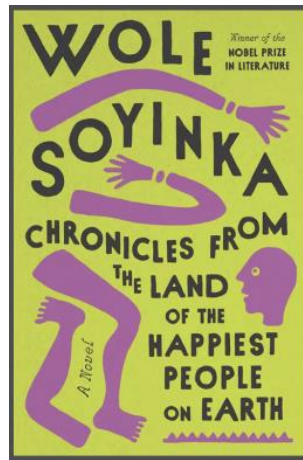
- ❖ The first Wildlife Week was observed in 1957.

- ❖ Wildlife Week 2021 marks the 67th Wildlife Week.
- ❖ Theme for this year is 'Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet'



MISCELLANEOUS

Wole Soyinka's new book



- ❖ A novel titled “Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth” authored by Wole Soyinka has been released.
- ❖ Wole Soyinka is Africa’s first Nobel laureate in Literature.
- ❖ He wrote his last novel “Season of Anomy” in 1973.

