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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Puducherry airport has become the first airport of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) which is entirely solar-powered.
- ❖ Iqbal Singh Chahal, Municipal Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai was honoured with Global 'Covid Crusader Award-2020.
- ❖ Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia has launched the coffee-table book titled “Babu – The Unforgettable”.
- ❖ India’s 16-year-old Visnu Shivaraj Pandian has won the 10m air rifle event at the fifth edition of the International Online Shooting Championship.
- ❖ The term of Madhabi Puri Buch as a full Time Member at Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has been extended by 6 months.
 - She is the first woman full Time Member of SEBI and also the first from the private sector to be appointed as a board member in SEBI.

NATIONAL

VAIBHAV Summit 2020

- ❖ Prime Minister inaugurated a virtual summit of overseas and resident Indian Researchers and Academicians namely “Vaishvik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit 2020.
- ❖ It aims to bring Indian origin experts in academic institutes and R&D organizations across the World on a single platform to debate upon collaboration mechanisms to strengthen academic and S&T base in India for global development.

SUNIDHI Initiative

- ❖ The Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation (CMPFO) launched the information technology (IT) project Superior New-generation Information and Data Handling Initiative (SUNIDHI).
- ❖ It aims to digitise its entire provident fund and pension related activities.
- ❖ CMPFO is a statutory body under the coal ministry which administers different schemes of provident fund, pension and deposit linked insurance for coal mine workers.



Decade of Healthy Ageing

- ❖ The Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare launched Decade of Healthy Ageing (2020-2030) in India on International Day for Older Persons (1st October).
- ❖ It is an opportunity to bring together governments, civil society etc. for ten years of concerted action to improve the lives of older people.
- ❖ As per Census 2011, the total population of Senior Citizens (people aged 60 years and above) is 10.38 crore.
- ❖ The share of senior citizens in the total population as per Census 2011 is 8.57%.

First International Webinar on Textiles traditions

- ❖ The Prime Minister addressed an international webinar on textile traditions.
- ❖ The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Uttar Pradesh Institute of Design organized the webinar.
- ❖ The theme of the webinar is "Weaving Relations: Textile Traditions."

Famous textiles in Regions	
Andhra Pradesh	Kalamkari
Assam	Muga Silk
Kashmir	Pashmina
Punjab	Phulakri
Gujarat	Patolas
Banaras	Silk Saris
Madhya Pradesh	Chanderi fabric
Odisha	Sambalpuri Fabric

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Shaurya Missile Test fire

- ❖ India successfully test fired the new version of nuclear capable Shaurya missile in Balasore, Odisha.

- ❖ The newer version of shaurya missile is easy to operate and is lighter as compared to that of the existing missile.
- ❖ It is a two-stage rocket missile and developed by DRDO.
- ❖ It is a hypersonic surface-to-surface missile with a range of 700-1000 km.

STATES

Alert over Congo fever

- ❖ Maharashtra's Palghar district issued a 'Congo fever' alert after the virus was found in some of the neighbouring districts in Gujarat.
- ❖ The Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) is caused by infection with a tick-borne virus (Nairovirus) in the family Bunyaviridae.
- ❖ The disease was first characterized in the Crimea in 1944 and was given the name Crimean hemorrhagic fever.
- ❖ The disease was discovered to be the cause of illness in the Congo in 1969.
- ❖ The Congo fever is transmitted to humans through contact with the blood of infected animals and by eating the meat of infected animals.

GI Tag for chilli of Sikkim

- ❖ The red cherry pepper chilli of Sikkim which is locally known as the "Dalle Khursani" got the geographical indication tag.
- ❖ It is considered as one of the hottest chillies in the world.
- ❖ It is to be mentioned that the largest manufacturer of Dalle Khursani products is the state government-owned Sikkim Supreme.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Right Livelihood Award 2020

- ❖ The Right Livelihood Award Foundation has announced the four winners of the 2020 Right Livelihood Award 2020.
- ❖ It is also known as the alternative Nobel Prize of Stockholm.
- ❖ The four winners shared the 2020 award for their contribution towards equality, democracy, justice and freedom.
 - Ales Bialiatski of Belarus,
 - Nasrin Sotoudeh of Iran,
 - Bryan Stevenson of the United States and
 - Lottie Cunningham Wren of Nicaragua.



UNSDG Action Award 2020

- ❖ CII Foundation's work on crop residue management has been awarded the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG) Action Award by UNDP.
- ❖ This was awarded under the category 'Integration, Convergence, Joint Action and Holistic Solution Approach – Industry'.

MISCELLANEOUS

Data Governance Quality Index Survey

- ❖ NITI Aayog and Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) recently conducted the Data Governance Quality Index Survey.
- ❖ The Department of Fertilizers (Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) has been ranked 3rd out of the 65 Ministries/Departments.



- ❖ It aims to drive healthy competition among them and promote cooperative peer learning from best practices.

Reference body weight of Indians

- ❖ The National Institute of Nutrition recently increased the ideal weight of men and women.
- ❖ The average body weight of Indians has been increased by 5 kg.
- ❖ Thus, the current ideal weight of Indian men is 65 kg and of Indian women is 55 kg.
- ❖ Earlier, the ideal weight of Indian men was 60 kg and that of Indian women was 50 kg.

