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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tata Group, the progenitor of the Air India airline, reclaimed it, nearly 60 years after it was nationalised.
 - Tata Sons bid ₹180 billion for the government's 100% stake in Air India.
- ❖ The Professor Saket Saurabh of the Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMSc), Chennai, has been awarded the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology 2021,
 - He was awarded in the field of Mathematical Sciences.

TAMIL NADU

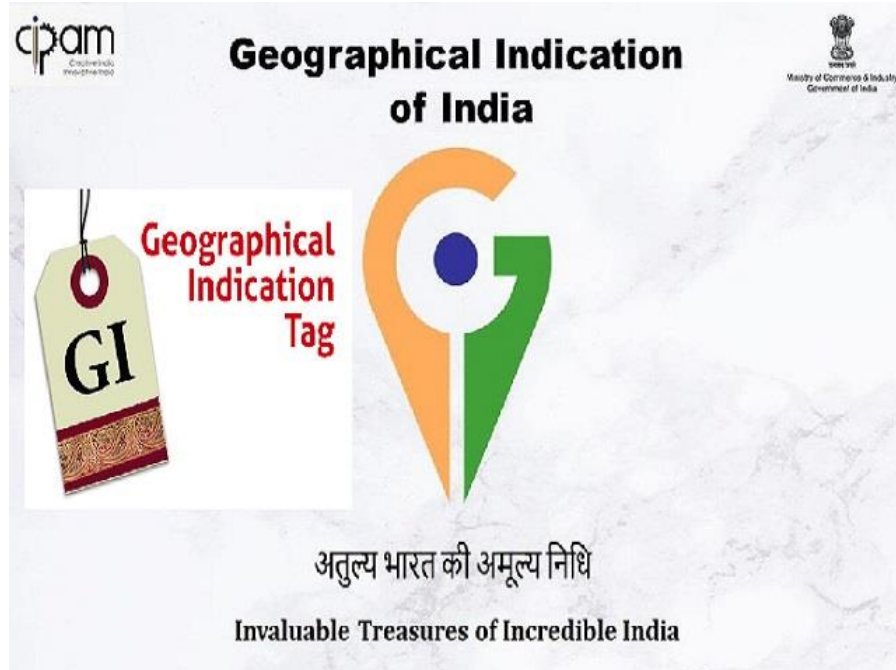
Pulampeyar Tamizhar Nala Variyam

- ❖ A Welfare Board for Non-Resident Tamils would be set up.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Act was enacted during the previous DMK regime on March 1, 2011.
- ❖ The proposed Welfare Board as "Pulampeyar Tamizhar Nala Variyam."
- ❖ Every year, January 12 would be celebrated as the "World Tamils Day".

NATIONAL

Geographical Indications tags

- ❖ For 51 new products, Geographical Indications (GI) tags were issued by the Chennai registry.
- ❖ They included a German beer (Muncener Bier), Italian veined blue cheese (gorgonzola), a plant resin (Chios Mastiha) from Greece and a variety of seed cones (zatecky chmel) from Czech Republic.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has earned GI tags for five products.
- ❖ They are Kanyakumari clove, Thanjavur Netti works, Karuppur Kalamkari paintings and wood carvings of Arumbavur and Kallakurichi.



Indian Space Association

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is set to digitally launch the 'Indian Space Association' (ISpA) on October 11, 2021.
- ❖ The Indian Space Association (ISpA) is the premier industry association of space and satellite companies.
- ❖ The Founding members of ISpA include Nelco (Tata group), Bharti Airtel, Larsen & Toubro, Mapmyindia, OneWeb, Walchandnagar Industries and Ananth Technology Limited.
- ❖ The Core members include BEL, Godrej, Hughes India, Centum Electronics, Azista-BST Aerospace Private Limited and Maxar India.



Henley Passport Index 2021

- ❖ India's rank has slipped by six places from last year on the Henley Passport Index 2021.
- ❖ It is now in the 90th spot.
- ❖ The index lists the world's most travel-friendly passports.
- ❖ Japan and Singapore hold the first rank on the passport index.
- ❖ The index covers 227 destinations and 199 passports.
- ❖ The rankings are based on the survey of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) data.

ECONOMY

World Investor Week

- ❖ The International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) launches its fifth annual World Investor Week (WIW) from 4 to 10 October 2021.
- ❖ This is an initiative promoted by the IOSCO.
- ❖ This is to raise awareness about the importance of investor education and protection and highlight the various initiatives of securities regulators in these two critical areas.
- ❖ The key messages of the IOSCO WIW campaign in 2021 will be based on two themes.
- ❖ They are,
 - Sustainable finance and
 - Frauds and scams prevention.





Monetary Policy Committee Announcements

- ❖ The three-membered Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) maintained an accommodative stance and kept the repo rate unchanged at 4 per cent.
- ❖ This is in order to revive & sustain growth and reduce the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ❖ The monetary Policy Committee has also ensured that inflation remains within the target.
- ❖ The reverse repo rate was also kept as earlier at 3.35 per cent.
- ❖ Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and bank rate also remain unchanged at 4.25 per cent.
- ❖ This was the eighth consecutive time that RBI has maintained a status quo on policy rate.

STATES

Mission Kavach Kundal

- ❖ The Maharashtra government launched a special 7-day COVID-19 vaccination drive called Mission Kavach Kundal.
- ❖ This is launched with an aim to inoculate 15 lakh, people, every day.
- ❖ The Mission is a part of Central Govt's target to achieve 100 crore vaccinations by October 15.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

2021 Nobel Peace Prize

- ❖ The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award it to Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov.
- ❖ This is “for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace”.
- ❖ Maria Ressa uses freedom of expression to expose abuse of power, use of violence and growing authoritarianism in the Philippines.
- ❖ Dmitry Muratov has for decades defended freedom of speech in Russia under increasingly challenging conditions.

Nobel Peace Prize 2021

 FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION



Maria Ressa

Philippines
Born in 1963

- Journalist, co-founded Rappler in 2011, a digital medial company for investigative journalism
- "Uses freedom of expression to expose abuse of power, use of violence and growing authoritarianism in her native country"



Dmitry Muratov

Russia
Born in 1961

- Journalist, founded Novaya Gazeta in 1993 and has been editor-in-chief since 1995
- "Has for decades defended freedom of speech in Russia under increasingly challenging conditions"

Forbes India Rich list for 2021

- ❖ The Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman Mukesh Ambani has topped the list.
- ❖ The list ranks India's 100 richest Indians.
- ❖ He has retained his position as the wealthiest Indian for the 14th consecutive year on the Forbes India list, since 2008.
- ❖ The second spot has been retained by Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adan
- ❖ Shiv Nadar acquired the third spot.



Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank

- ❖ Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), has bagged two national awards ('APY Big Believers' and 'Leadership capital') for significant enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY).
- ❖ It received the from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- ❖ KVGB is sponsored by Canara Bank.
- ❖ KVGB is playing a pivotal role in implementing all three social security schemes (PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY) launched by the Central government.



SPORTS

FIH Stars Awards

- ❖ Indian hockey players swept the 2020-21 edition of the FIH Stars Awards.
- ❖ The following are the winners of the given categories.
 - Goalkeeper of the Year: PR Sreejesh (men) and Savita Punia (women)
 - Rising Star of the Year: Vivek Sagar Prasad (men) and Sharmila Devi (women)
 - Coach of the Year: Graham Reid (men) and Sjoerd Marijne (women)



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Financial Planning Day 2021 – 06 October

- ❖ Every year on the first Wednesday in October is celebrated as World Financial Planning Day.
- ❖ This year it falls on October 6th.
- ❖ The day is held to raise awareness about the importance of financial planning.
- ❖ The first World Financial Planning Day was held on October 4, 2017.
- ❖ The Financial Planning Standards Board (FPSB) hosts the day.
- ❖ Every year, the FPSB partners with the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).



World Egg Day 2021 – 08 October



- ❖ The World Egg Day is celebrated worldwide on the 'Second Friday of October' month each year since 1996.

- ❖ This year's World Egg Day will take place on Friday 8 October.
- ❖ It marks the 25th anniversary of the event.
- ❖ The theme for 2021 World Egg Day is "Eggs for all: Nature's perfect package".

Indian Air Force Day - 08 October



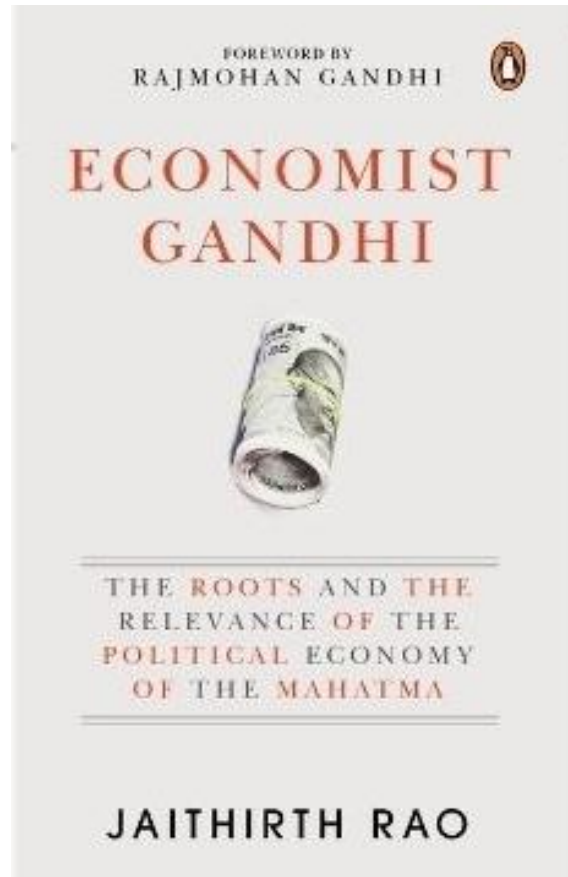
- ❖ The day is celebrated every year by the Indian Air Force.
- ❖ This year Indian Air Force celebrated its 89th anniversary.
- ❖ Indian Air Force was officially established on 8 October 1932 by the British Empire as the Royal Indian Air Force.
- ❖ The name was changed to Indian Air Force in 1950.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jaithirth Rao's new book

- ❖ The Indian Entrepreneur and writer Jaithirth Rao have come out with a book on Mahatma Gandhi.
- ❖ He is popularly known as Jerry Rao.

- ❖ It is titled as “Economist Gandhi: The Roots and the Relevance of the Political Economy of the Mahatma”.
- ❖ Jaithirth Rao is the founder and former CEO of the software company Mphasis.



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