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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Sarita Mor claimed her maiden medal by winning bronze in the 59 kg category at the 2021 World Wrestling Championships.
 - It was held at Oslo, Norway.
- ❖ The Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) KV Subramanian has decided to return to academia after the completion of his three-year term in the Finance Ministry of India.
- ❖ The 6th Edition of India–UK Joint Company Level Military Training Exercise Ajeya Warrior was launched recently.
 - It has commenced at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.
- ❖ India pulled out of next year's Birmingham Commonwealth Games' (2022) hockey competition.
 - It cited COVID-19 concerns and UK's discriminatory quarantine rules for travellers from the country as the reasons.

TAMIL NADU

Poet Piraisoodan



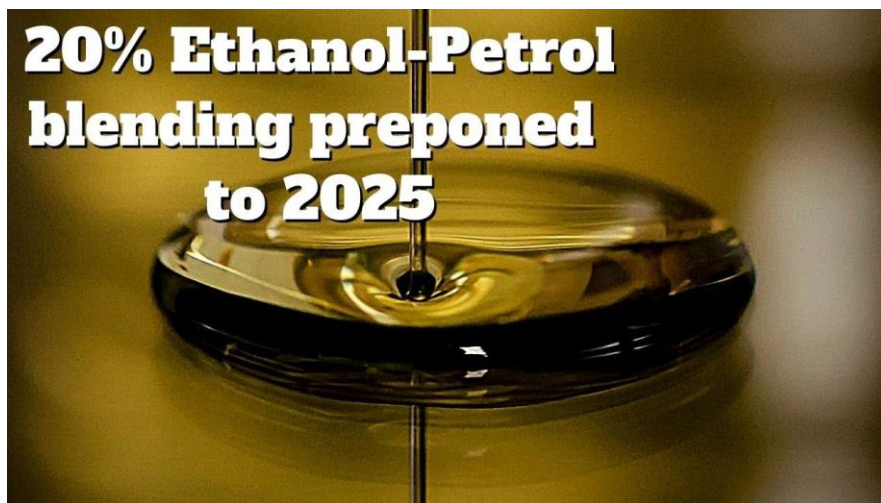
- ❖ Veteran lyricist and poet Piraisoodan has passed away recently.
- ❖ He was aged 65.
- ❖ Piraisoodan made his debut as a lyricist with the 1985 film Sirai, directed by RC Sakthi.
- ❖ He was conferred the title Kavi Gnani by M.S.Viswanathan.

- ❖ He was also the secretary of the South Indian Writers Association.
- ❖ He had been chosen to be part of the panel to select the Indian film to be nominated for the Oscars recently.

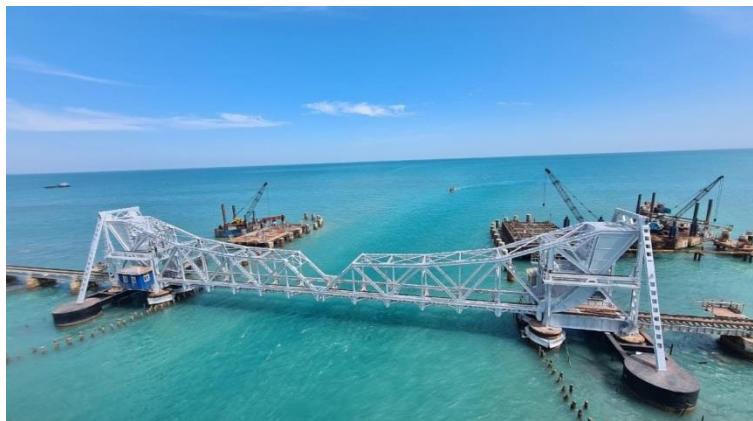
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Ethanol 20 Programme

- ❖ The Indian government has launched the Ethanol 20 (E20) programme.
- ❖ Under it aims to achieve 20% ethanol blending in petrol by 2025.
- ❖ Currently, 8.5% of ethanol is blended with petrol in India.



New Pamban railway bridge



- ❖ The Indian Railways began the construction work on the new 2.05 km Pamban railway bridge in Mandapam.
- ❖ It will connect Rameswaram to the mainland in Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ The existing Pamban Rail Bridge is 105 years old.
- ❖ This is India's first vertical lift railway sea bridge.

High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People



- ❖ India has officially joined the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People.
- ❖ India joined this coalition at a ceremony held between the French and Indian governments in New Delhi.
- ❖ “High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People” is a group of more than 70 countries.
- ❖ The HAC coalition aims for promoting an international agreement in order to protect at least 30 per cent of the world's land and ocean by 2030.

ECONOMY

Crypto Industry in India



- ❖ The Crypto tech industry is expected to reach \$241 million in India by 2030 and \$2.3 billion by 2026 globally.
- ❖ This is according to a report by Nasscom titled ‘Crypto Industry in India’ in association with WazirX.
- ❖ According to the report, more than 60% of states in India emerging as crypto tech adopters.

- ❖ The market has the potential to create more than 800,000 jobs by 2030.

Indian economy - World Bank's report



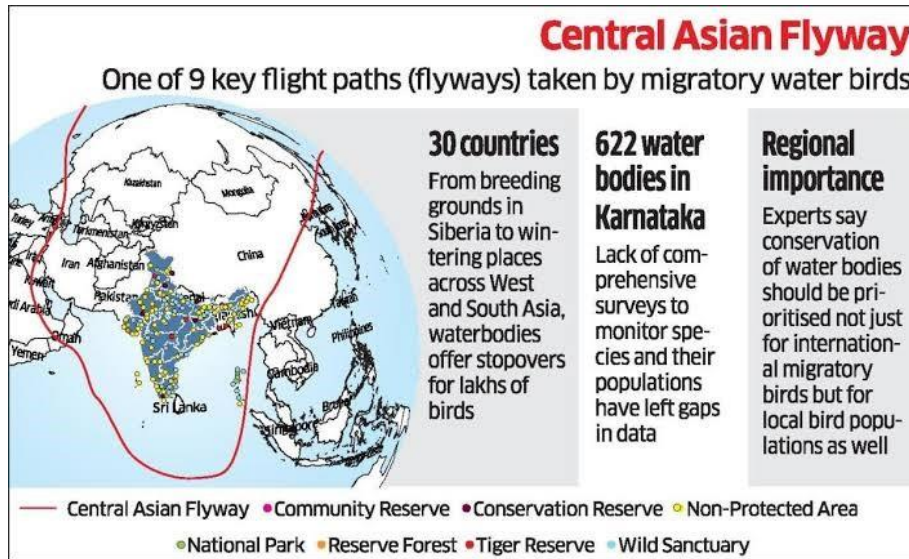
- ❖ The Indian economy is expected to increase by 8.3% in the fiscal year 2021-2022.
- ❖ This is as per World Bank's report titled "Shifting Gears: Digitization and Services-Led Development".
- ❖ In the next financial year, India's economic prospects will be determined by its pace of vaccination against covid-19 and successful implementation of agriculture & labour reforms.
- ❖ India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 20.1% in the first quarter (April-June quarter) of the financial year 2021-22.
- ❖ In the first quarter of the financial year 2020-21, the GDP of India was contracted by 24.4% because of nationwide coronavirus lockdown.

ENVIRONMENT

CAF range countries Meeting

- ❖ A virtual two-day Central Asian Flyway (CAF) range countries' meeting was held recently.
- ❖ A flyway is a geographical region within which a single or a group of migratory species completes its annual cycle.
- ❖ The annual cycle includes breeding, moulting, staging and non-breeding.

- ❖ The Central Asian Flyway (CAF) covers a large area of Eurasia between the Arctic and Indian Oceans.
- ❖ Including India, there are 30 countries under the Central Asian Flyway.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Raja Chari



- ❖ Raja Chari is an Indian American Astronaut who will command NASA-SpaceX's Crew-3 Mission to the International Space Station.

- ❖ NASA-SpaceX's third mission will carry four astronauts - three NASA astronauts Raja Chari, Tom Marshburn, and Kayla Barron and one ESA astronaut Matthias Maurer.
- ❖ The Crew-3 mission will be SpaceX's fifth crewed flight to space and the fourth to the International Space Station.

2021 Global Leadership Humanitarian Awards



- ❖ The US-India Business Council announced to present the 2021 Global Leadership Humanitarian Awards to CEOs of Accenture, IBM and Microsoft.
- ❖ This is in recognition of their strong leadership and contributions towards the Global Task Force on Pandemic Response.
- ❖ Julie Sweet, CEO and chair, Accenture; Arvind Krishna, chairman and CEO, IBM; and Brad Smith, president and vice-chair, Microsoft, would be presented the prestigious award during the India Ideas Summit.

SPORTS

Men's world Boxing championships

- ❖ Asian medal winners such as Shiva Thapa (63.5kg), Deepak Kumar (51kg) and Sanjeet (92kg) are to participate in the men's world Boxing championships.
- ❖ It is to be held in Belgrade, Serbia.
- ❖ Shiva Thapa, Sanjeet and Rohit qualify for Boxing World Championships after winning gold medals at Nationals.

Anshu Malik

- ❖ Indian wrestler Anshu Malik created history as she became the first Indian women finalist at the World Championship.
- ❖ She is also the first female player from India to claim a silver medal at the 2021 World Wrestling Championships.
- ❖ She won in a 57 kg freestyle bout.
- ❖ Helen Lousie Maroulis of the United States won the gold medal.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Rapid Action Force Raising Day – 08 October

- ❖ Rapid Action Force (RAF) was created as a specialised wing of CRPF in 1992.
- ❖ It is tasked to tackle riot and riot-like situations that too with promptness and less application of physical force.
- ❖ It is popularly known as Zero - time response Force.
- ❖ RAF has been acting in accordance with its own tagline ‘Serving Humanity with Sensitive Policing.’

World Migratory Bird Day – 09 October

- ❖ Every year, World Migratory Bird Day is officially celebrated twice a year since it started in 2006.
- ❖ Firstly it is held on the Second Saturday of May and again on the Second Saturday of October.

- ❖ In 2021, the WMBBD fell on May 08, 2021, and October 09, 2021.
- ❖ The theme for 2021 WMBD is “Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!”



World Post Day – 09 October

- ❖ The purpose of World Post Day is to create awareness of the role of the postal sector in people’s and businesses’ everyday lives.
- ❖ The theme of 2021 World Post Day is “Innovate to recover.”

