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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Mukesh Ambani joined Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk in the world's most exclusive wealth club with a fortune of at least \$100 billion.
 - He is Asia's richest person.
- ❖ Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan has passed away at the age of 85.
 - The man is regarded as the "Father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb".

TAMIL NADU

Adichanallur archaeological site

- ❖ After a long break of 17 years, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is all set to resume excavation at the Adichanallur archaeological site.
- ❖ It is spread over 125 acres along the Thamirabarani river in the Thoothukudi district.
- ❖ The Union government had announced plans to establish an iconic world-class on-site museum at Adichanallur, in February 2020.
- ❖ Adichanallur site was first excavated by German archaeology enthusiast Dr Jagor in 1876.
- ❖ The British India's ASI Superintending Engineer Alexander Rea excavated the site between 1899 and 1905.
- ❖ The ASI Superintending Archaeologist Dr Sathya Murthy also probed the site in 2004-06.





State-level Disha Committee

- ❖ The State-level Disha Committee headed by Chief Minister MK Stalin will be monitoring the implementation of Centrally-sponsored schemes.
- ❖ The schemes are such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana etc.
- ❖ Rural Development Minister KR Periyakaruppan will be the co-chairperson of the committee.

Strengthening of DISHA System



- **State Level DISHA Committees** under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister was formed in May 2018 as important and emergent issued noticed during the District Level DISHA committee meetings need to be resolved at the highest level in the State.
- **DISHA Dashboard** aims at creating a data-driven governance solution for elected representatives for planning, monitoring and evaluating multiple parameters of various schemes under DISHA. It will be single source of relevant information to DISHA stakeholders, eventually covering all the 42 identified Programmes and Schemes of the participating Ministries and Departments. Currently, data of 28 Schemes have been integrated for display on Dashboard.
- **Meeting Management Software** - To support the operations of DISHA Committee, facilitate structured and effective meetings, a web portal called 'DISHA Meeting Management' (DMM) has been developed.

NATIONAL

Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch the first-ever National Infrastructure Masterplan called "Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti".
- ❖ This master plan will be launched on October 13, 2021.
- ❖ Gati Shakti scheme was announced by PM Modi on Independence Day, 2021.
- ❖ Gati Shakti platform was launched to provide information instantaneously.
- ❖ It will allow for better coordination among ministries.



Trishul and Garuda

- ❖ The Indian Railways has launched two long haul freight trains "Trishul" and "Garuda".
- ❖ These are twice or multiple times longer than the normal composition of freight trains.
- ❖ Trishul is South Central Railway (SCR)'s first long haul train comprising three freight trains, i.e. 177 wagons.
- ❖ This train was launched from the Kondapalli station of the Vijayawada division to the Khurda division of the East Coast Railway.
- ❖ SCR followed it up with the running of yet another similar train 'Garuda' from Raichur of Guntakal division to Manuguru of Secunderabad division.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Starscapes

- ❖ Starscapes has launched a public observatory in Uttarakhand.
- ❖ The new observatory 'Stargate Observatory Bhimtal' by Starscapes Experiences Pvt Ltd is situated in Bhimtal.

- ❖ With this, the tourists will witness a holistic astronomical experience.

STATES

Bathukamma festival

- ❖ The nine-day floral festival has begun in Telangana.
- ❖ The Bathukamma festival is celebrated during Durga Navratri.
- ❖ Bathukamma festival begins on the day of Mahalaya Amavasya and the festival continues till nine days.
- ❖ It ends on the day of Durgashtami.



Swechha program

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched the ‘Swechha’ program.
- ❖ ‘Swechha’ (meaning freedom) is intended to ensure affordable access to health and menstrual hygiene in adolescent girls and women.
- ❖ The state government will provide good quality branded sanitary napkins to female students at government educational institutions free of cost.

e-voting process - Telangana

- ❖ The Telangana State Election Commission has planned to conduct a dry run of a “Mobile-Based e-voting system”.
- ❖ The development of this system is guided by the necessity of holding polls in India amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

- ❖ This system, if successful, will facilitate voting using smartphones from home.
- ❖ The dry run will be held in the Khammam district of Telangana on October 20.
- ❖ It will be India's first smartphone-based e-voting process.



SPORTS

Sunil Chhetri

- ❖ Sunil Chhetri has equalled the legendary Pele by making the 77th international goal.
- ❖ 77th goal by Chhetri during the strike helped India to beat Nepal by 1-0.
- ❖ This achievement was made by Chhetri while playing in his 123rd match for India.
- ❖ He is now placed on joint third with Ali Mabkhout from UAE, in the list of highest scorers among active footballers.
- ❖ He is behind Cristiano Ronaldo with 112 goals and Lionel Messi with 79 goals.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Indian Foreign Service Day – 09 October

#CelebratingIndia

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the Indian Foreign Service
which would cater for
Indian Diplomatic Consular &
Commercial representation overseas.

The Cabinet at its meeting on October 9, 1946

Indian Foreign Service Day



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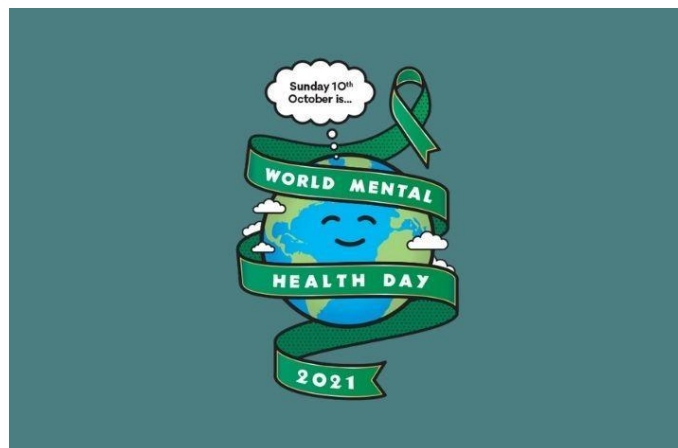
- ❖ On October 9, 1946, the Indian Foreign Service was established for India's diplomatic, consular and commercial representation overseas.
- ❖ The IFS Day is celebrated on 9 October every year since 2011.
- ❖ This is to commemorate the day the Indian Cabinet created the IFS.

National Postal Day – 10 October

- ❖ In India, the day is celebrated annually as an extension of World Post Day, which is celebrated on 9 October.
- ❖ The Day aims to commemorate the role played by the Indian postal department.
- ❖ It was founded in 1854 by Lord Dalhousie.
- ❖ The 6-digit PIN system was introduced by Shriram Bhikaji Velankar, an additional secretary in the Union Ministry of Communications on 15 August 1972.



World Mental Health Day – 10 October



- ❖ The objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health.
- ❖ The theme for World Mental Health Day 2021 is 'Mental health in an unequal world'.

- ❖ World Mental Health Day was first observed on October 10, 1992.

World Day Against the Death Penalty – 10 October

- ❖ It is a day to advocate for the abolition of the death penalty and to raise awareness of the conditions and the circumstances which affect prisoners with death sentences.
- ❖ The theme for 2021 is “Women Sentenced to Death: An Invisible Reality.”
- ❖ The day was first organised by the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty in 2003.
- ❖ 2021 marks the 19th World Day Against the Death Penalty.



International Day of the Girl Child – 11 October



- ❖ The International Day of the Girl Child (also known as Day of Girls and the International Day of Girls) is observed annually since 2012.
- ❖ This international observance day was declared by the United Nations.
- ❖ It is to raise awareness of issues facing girls internationally surrounding education, nutrition, child marriage, legal and medical rights.



- ❖ The theme for 2021 International Day of the Girl Child is “Digital generation. Our generation”.

