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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ All India Football Federation, the apex body for the sport of football in India has launched their new brand moto 'Indian Football. Forward Together'.
- ❖ Polish professional footballer, Robert Lewandowski has been named UEFA Men's Player of the Year for 2019-20.
- ❖ World Anaesthesiologists Day or World Anaesthesia Day observed on October 16 to commemorate the first successful demonstration of diethyl ether anaesthesia on 16 October 1846.

NATIONAL

Kamdhenu Deepawali Abhiyan

- ❖ Rastriya Kamdhenu Aayog begins nationwide campaign to celebrate "Kamdhenu Deepawali Abhiyan".
- ❖ It aims to Promoting extensive use of cow-dung/ Panchgavya products this Diwali Festival.
- ❖ It also aims reaching 11 crore families to ignite 33crore Diyas made of cow-dung during this year's Deepawali festival.

Rastriya Kamdhenu Aayog

- ❖ Constituted in 2019, the Aayog is a high-powered permanent apex advisory body.
- ❖ It comes under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
- ❖ It will function as an integral part of Rashtriya Gokul Mission.

INTERNATIONAL

Pakistan to remain in 'grey list'

- ❖ The global terror financing watchdog FATF decided to keep Pakistan in the "Grey List".
- ❖ It is justified that Pakistan has failed to check flow of money to terror groups like the LeT and the JeM.
- ❖ The decision was taken at the Financial Action Task Force's third and final plenary held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



- ❖ The plenary was held under the Chinese Presidency of Xiangmin Liu.
- ❖ The Asia Pacific Group of FATF has also retained the country on its 'Enhanced Follow-up' list.

STATES

Gujarat Disturbed Area Act (Amendment) bill

- ❖ The president of India assented the Gujarat Disturbed Area act (Amendment) Bill 2019.
- ❖ The amendment will prohibit transfer of assets that is the immovable property in disturbed areas.
- ❖ Also, it will protect the tenants from vacating the property.
- ❖ Gujarat prohibition of transfer of immovable property and provision for protection of tenants from eviction from premises in Disturbed Areas Act 1991 is commonly referred to as Disturbed Areas act.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Rural Women – October 15

- ❖ The first International Day of Rural Women was observed on 15 October 2008.
- ❖ The role of rural women is important to fulfil the vision of SDG – Sustainable Development Goals.
- ❖ The theme for this International Day of Rural Women is “Building rural women’s resilience in the wake of COVID-19”.





World Students' Day – October 15

- ❖ World Students' Day is celebrated every year on October 15 on former Indian president APJ Abdul Kalam's birthday.
- ❖ In 2010, the United Nations declared October 15 to be World Students' Day.
- ❖ He was the 11th President of India (2002-2007).
- ❖ Being a politician, he was a scientist and a teacher.
- ❖ He played a crucial role in the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998 and so, he earned the title 'Missile Man of India'.

Missile man of India

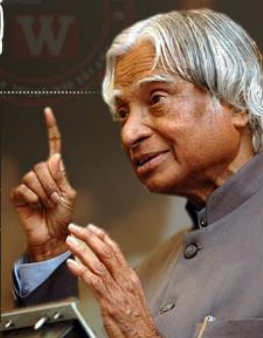
R.I.P. A P J Abdul Kalam (15th October 1931 - 27th July 2015)

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, 11th President of India, dies at 84

 <p>Distributed newspapers after school to help his father</p>	 <p>Was project director of India's first satellite launch vehicle, which deployed the Rohini satellite in earth's orbit, in 1980</p>
 <p>Was chief project coordinator during the POKHRAN-II NUCLEAR TESTS</p>	 <p>Developed a low-cost coronary stent called 'Kalam-Raju-Stent' with Dr Soma Raju</p>

40 universities have given him honorary doctorates. Also awarded the 'Padam Bhushan, Padam Vibhushan and Bharat Ratna'

"A dream is not that which you see while sleeping, it is something that does not let you sleep"
~Dr APJ Abdul Kalam



World Food Day – October 16

- ❖ World Food Day is annually held on October 16 to commemorate the founding of the United Nations' (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- ❖ The aim is to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all.
- ❖ It was founded in October 1945.
- ❖ This year marks the 75th anniversary of FAO.
- ❖ Theme of the year: Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together.



Global Handwashing Day – October 15











- ❖ The global campaign is dedicated to raising awareness of handwashing with soap as a key factor in disease prevention.
- ❖ The first Global Handwashing Day was held in 2008.
- ❖ This year's Global Handwashing Day theme is "Hand Hygiene for all".



MISCELLANEOUS

Health Spending Index

- ❖ Oxfam released the Health Spending Index for the year of 2020.
- ❖ The survey data indicates India has spent less than 4% of its budget on health and ranked 155th on the health spending index.
- ❖ Also, the report founded that only 26 of the 158 countries surveyed were spending the recommended 15% of their budgets on health.

HOW THE SAARC NATIONS FARE				
Country	Public services ranking* 	Tax ranking 	Labour ranking 	Overall ranking
India	141	19	151	 129
Pakistan	148	71	116	 128
Bangladesh	142	32	109	 113
Nepal	120	16	130	 112
Bhutan	124	130	141	 146
Afghanistan	153	6	113	 102
Sri Lanka	106	91	86	 94

*Health + education + social protection



Human Cost of Disasters 2000-2019 Report

- ❖ The report is published by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).
- ❖ The report did not touch on biological hazards and disease-related disasters like the coronavirus pandemic.

Highlights

- ❖ Climate change is largely to blame for a near doubling of natural disasters in the past 20 years.
- ❖ 7,348 major disaster events had occurred between 2000 and 2019, affecting 4.2 billion people.
- ❖ The figure is far more than the 4,212 major natural disasters recorded between 1980 and 1999.
- ❖ 6,681 climate-linked disasters had been recorded in the period 2000-19, up from 3,656 during the previous 20-year-period.
- ❖ Major floods had more than doubled to 3,254; there had been 2,034 major storms up from 1,457 in 20 years.
- ❖ India is the 2nd most affected country by floods after China.
- ❖ Extreme heat is proving especially deadly.
- ❖ Heatwaves of 2015 in India resulted in 2,248 deaths.
- ❖ The data showed that Asia has suffered the highest number of disasters in the past 20 years with 3,068 such events, followed by the Americas with 1,756 and Africa with 1,192.
- ❖ In terms of affected countries, China topped the list with 577 events followed by the United States with 467 and India (321 events).

