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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ NASA's newest space telescope will face 29 "harrowing" days after the launch.
 - This is because it makes its way to a deep-space destination nearly 1 million miles (1.6 million km) from the Earth.
- ❖ The President Ramnath Kovind reached Patna for the centenary celebrations of the Bihar state assembly building.

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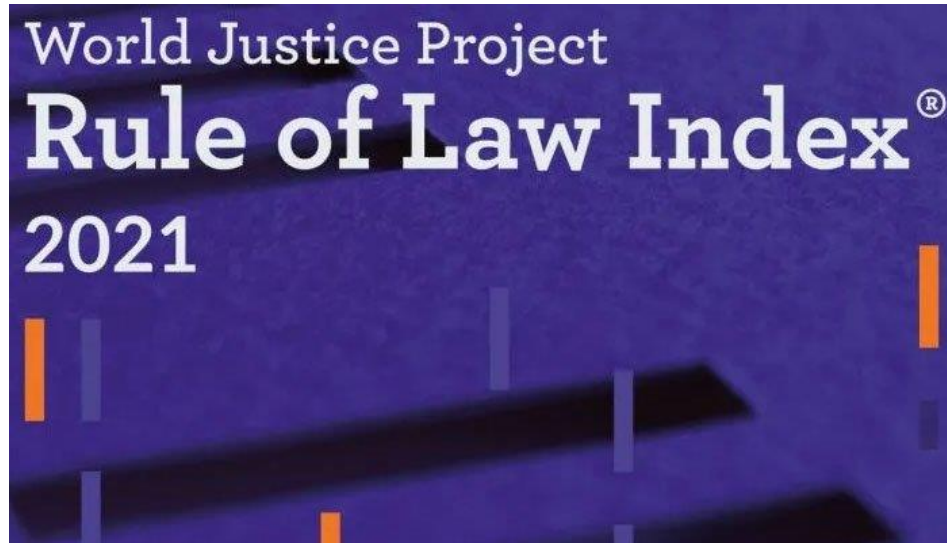
International Monetary and Financial Committee meeting



- ❖ The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attended the Plenary Meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- ❖ It was held in Washington D.C in USA.
- ❖ The meeting was attended by Governors/Alternate Governors representing 190-member countries of the IMF.
- ❖ The discussions at the meeting were centred on "vaccinate, calibrate and accelerate".
- ❖ Nirmala Sitharaman conveyed that India recognises that universal vaccination is the key to stemming the spread of the virus.

Rule of Law Index 2021

- ❖ India has ranked 79 out of 139 countries and jurisdictions in the World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021.
- ❖ The WJP Rule of Law Index 2021 ranks the countries based on scores ranging from 0 to 1.
- ❖ 1 indicates the strongest adherence to the rule of law.
- ❖ Denmark, Norway and Finland topped the Index this year.



NPCI Tokenization system



- ❖ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched the NPCI Tokenization system (NTS).
- ❖ This is to further enhance the safety of customers and provide a seamless shopping experience to consumers.

- ❖ The NPCI Tokenization System will support the tokenisation of RuPay cards.

ABHYAS

- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully tested the high-speed expendable aerial target (HEAT) called ABHYAS.
- ❖ The ABHYAS high-speed expendable aerial target will be used to evaluate several missile systems.
- ❖ It was tested from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Bay of Bengal in Odisha.
- ❖ ABHYAS has been designed and developed by the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) of DRDO, headquartered in Bengaluru.

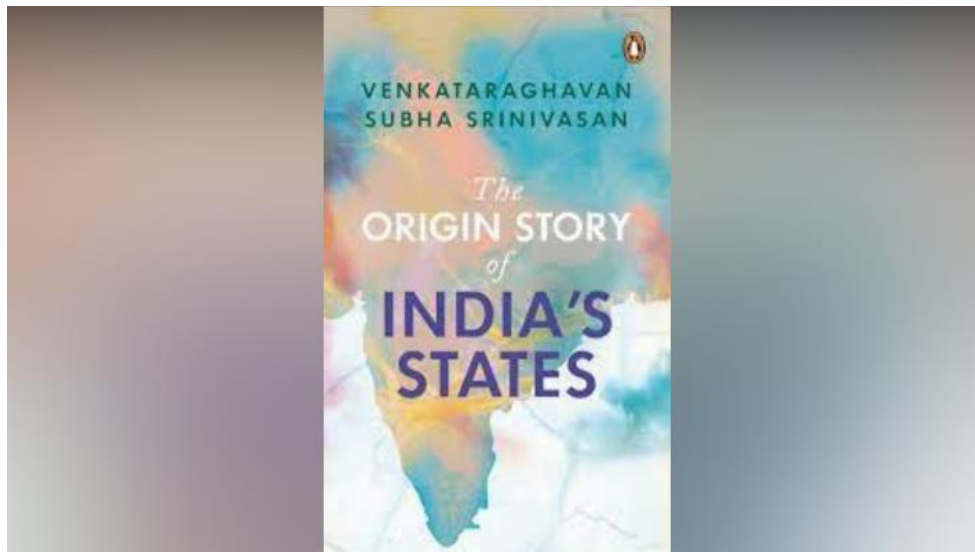


India-UK talks on Infra and Defence

- ❖ The External Affairs Minister of India S Jaishankar and British Foreign Secretary, Liz Truss held talks on Infrastructure and Defence.
- ❖ The talk was focused on infrastructure investment, defence cooperation and security cooperation.
- ❖ Liz Truss is also expected to announce a series of technological and infrastructure tie-ups with India for boosting the Indian as well as British economies.
- ❖ These tie-ups will also help the developing countries to grow in sustainable and clean manner.
- ❖ Both the ministers also reviewed the “Roadmap 2030” which was launched during India-UK Virtual Summit.



Venkataraman Subha Srinivasan - new book



- ❖ The book titled 'The Origin Story of India's States' is written by Venkataraman Subha Srinivasan.
- ❖ It is published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).
- ❖ It is a story about the birth of India's 28 states and 8 union territories and their continuous changes.
- ❖ Venkataraman Subha Srinivasan is a writer, actor and strategy consultant from Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ❖ This is his first non-fiction book.

INTERNATIONAL

UN Global Sustainable Transport Conference

- ❖ The Second UN Global Sustainable Transport Conference was recently concluded at Beijing in China.
- ❖ In this, India strongly opposed the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and CPEC projects of China.

Belt and Road initiative

- ❖ The BRI is a multi-billion-dollar initiative which was launched in the year 2013, by Chinese President Xi Jinping.
- ❖ The project was launched with the aim of enhancing China's influence.
- ❖ It aims to link Southeast Asia, Central Asia, Africa, Europe and the Asia's Gulf region with a network of land and sea routes.



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**Sustainable
Transport
Conference**

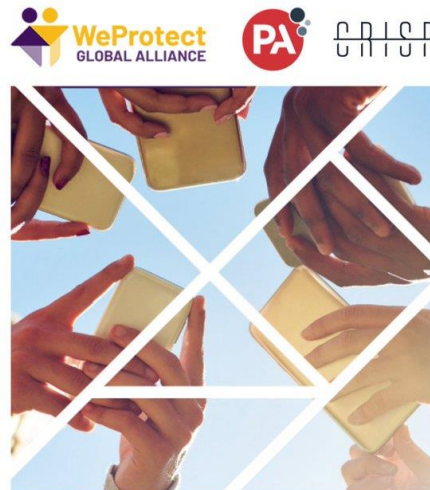
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Global Threat Assessment report 2021

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**Working together to
end the sexual abuse
of children online**



- ❖ 'We Protect Global Alliance' recently released this report.
- ❖ The report notes that Child sexual abuse is a chronically underfunded issue.
- ❖ Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, cases of child sexual exploitation and abuse online have increased.



- ❖ We Protect Global Alliance is a global movement of around 200 governments, private sector companies as well as civil society organisations.
- ❖ They work together to transform the global response to child sexual exploitation as well as abuse online.

COP15

- ❖ The 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the Convention on Biological Diversity was held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China.
- ❖ The theme of the conference is “Ecological Civilization: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth”.
- ❖ The leaders adopted the Kunming Declaration.
- ❖ The meeting takes place in two phases.
- ❖ The Phase one took place virtually, from 11 to 15 October.
- ❖ The Phase two will be an in-person meeting in 2022.



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ECONOMY

Bancassurance partnership

- ❖ Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Limited (Bharti AXA Life) has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Utkarsh Small Finance Bank.
- ❖ This is to ensure distribution of life insurance products through the bank’s network across India.
- ❖ This partnership will enable the Bharti AXA life to reach Tier II and Tier III markets with insurance solutions and increase the reach of insurance in India.



100 Million dollar Credit Facility

- ❖ The HDFC Bank, Mastercard, United States International Development Finance Corporation, and US Agency for International Development (USAID) launched a \$100 million credit facility for MSMEs (Micro Small and Medium Enterprises) in India.
- ❖ The credit facility is part of USAID's global Women Economic Empowerment Fund initiative and its COVID-19 response in India.

ENVIRONMENT

Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change

- ❖ India is one of the five countries in the world whose vulnerable populations had the most exposure to extreme heat over the past five years.
- ❖ India has become 15% more vulnerable to extremes of heat than in 1990.
- ❖ These observations are from the report 'Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change'.
- ❖ This is a flagship report of the medical journal, the Lancet.



STATES

Shri Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store scheme

- ❖ The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has virtually launched this scheme.
- ❖ This is to provide low-cost generic medicines and enable seamless healthcare services to the vulnerable people of the state.

- ❖ The scheme will be implemented by the Urban Administration and Development Department (UADD) of the state.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Energy Day – 22 October

- ❖ The World Energy Day is an initiative endorsed by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the then Prime Minister of the UAE, during the World Energy Forum in Dubai in 2012.
- ❖ The World Energy Day is one of the UAE's contributions to the world to achieve sustainable development.
- ❖ The 2021 World Energy Day (WED) Conference was held at Kampala in Uganda.



International Snow Leopard Day – 23 October



- ❖ The day is observed since 2014.



- ❖ The day commemorates the anniversary of the Bishkek Declaration.
- ❖ It is also observed to raise awareness for its conservation and protection.
- ❖ It was on October 23, 2013, when political leaders from 12 countries came together to endorse the 'Bishkek Declaration on the conservation of snow leopards.
- ❖ Snow Leopard is found in 12 countries.
- ❖ They are India, Nepal, Bhutan, China, Mongolia, Russia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

