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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is to launch its first ever Start-up Forum ahead of the SCO trade ministers meeting.
- ❖ The Commerce and Industry Ministry informed that India received its highest-ever Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in April-August 2020, the first five months of the financial year.
- ❖ The opening batsman of Delhi Capitals (DC), Shikhar Dhawan became the first player to score consecutive centuries in the history of Indian Premier League - IPL.

TAMIL NADU

UN Global Compact award

- ❖ Kalaiyaran is the first Indian to be have been conferred with this award.
- ❖ Kalaiyaran is also an ambassador of arts in the Tamil Nadu government.
- ❖ He was the founder of 'Graamiya Pudhalvan' (rural scion) in Coimbatore.
- ❖ UN honoured such artists marking its 75th anniversary.

NATIONAL

Maharashtra withdraws 'general consent' to CBI

- ❖ The Maharashtra government has withdrawn "general consent" given to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe cases in the state.
- ❖ The CBI is governed by the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.
- ❖ It makes consent of a state government mandatory for conducting investigation in that state.

Life in Miniature project

- ❖ It is a collaborative project between the National Museum, New Delhi, Ministry of Culture, and Google Arts & Culture.
- ❖ Several hundred miniature paintings from the National Museum, New Delhi can be viewed online through this.

INTERNATIONAL

20th Amendment of Sri Lanka

- ❖ 20th Amendment to Sri Lanka's Constitution was recently passed.
- ❖ It envisages expansive powers and greater immunity for the Executive President.
- ❖ The Amendment rolls back Sri Lanka's 19th Amendment.
- ❖ The new legislation in turn reduces the Prime Minister's role to a ceremonial one.

The Anti-Corruption Working Group

- ❖ Saudi Arabia is hosting the first-ever Ministerial Meeting of the G-20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG) virtually.
- ❖ The G20 Summit is formally known as the "Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy".
- ❖ It is an annual meeting of leaders from the countries with the largest and fastest-growing economies.
- ❖ Together, the G20 members represent 85 % of global GDP, 75% of international trade and two-thirds of the world's population.





ECONOMY

New CPI-IW Series

- ❖ The Labour Bureau of Ministry of Labour and Employment has revised the base year of the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) from 2001 to 2016.
- ❖ This was revised to reflect the changing consumption pattern, giving more weightage to spending on health, education, recreation and other miscellaneous expenses, while reducing the weight of food and beverages.
- ❖ It is used for measuring inflation in retail prices.
- ❖ It is also used to regulate the dearness allowance (DA) of government staff and industrial workers, as well as to revise minimum wages in scheduled employments.

Open Market Operations

- ❖ The RBI announced open market operations (OMO) purchase of State Development Loans (SDLs) for the first time in the History.
- ❖ It was labelled as a "special case" with an aim to improve liquidity and facilitate efficient pricing.
- ❖ The purchase amount will be 10,000 crores.
- ❖ The OMOs will be conducted for a basket of SDLs comprising securities issued by states.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) - Nag

- ❖ DRDO recently carried out the final user trial of the anti-tank guided missile (ATGM), Nag, at the Pokhran firing range in Rajasthan.
- ❖ It was developed indigenously by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ❖ The missile is now ready for induction into the armed forces.
- ❖ It is an Indian third-generation, all-weather, fire-and-forget, lock-on after launch, anti-tank guided missile (ATGM).

- ❖ It can be launched from both - land as well as air-based platforms.



IOWave 20 exercise

- ❖ Indian Ocean “Wave” exercises are held every two years under the auspices and coordination of the following institutions:
 - UNESCO’s Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission,
 - Intergovernmental Coordination Group of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTMWS) and
 - Indian Ocean Information Centre (IOTIC).
- ❖ Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC) participated in this exercise as its capacity as National Tsunami Warning Centre for India and also Tsunami Service Provider for the entire Indian Ocean Region.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Wildlife Photographer of the Year Award 2020

- ❖ Aishwarya Sridhar of Maharashtra is the First Indian to win this award.
- ❖ Her photo was titled as Lights of Passion.
- ❖ The Photo focussed on endangered fireflies deep inside the Western Ghats.
- ❖ She won the award under the ‘Behaviour-Invertebrates’ category.
- ❖ It is an annual international wildlife photography competition owned by the Natural History Museum of London.



50 Most Influential Indian 2020

- ❖ Pravir Krishna (IAS) is one of the handful bureaucrats to have made it to that list.
- ❖ He is currently serving as MD of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED).
- ❖ The List was compiled by Fame India magazine, Asia Post and PSU Watch.

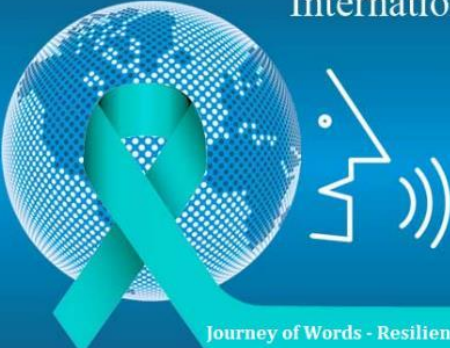
IMPORTANT DAYS

World Energy Day - October 22

- ❖ It is observed to raise awareness of global energy-related issues.
- ❖ It was first proclaimed at the World Energy Forum 2012.
- ❖ Under the theme of Connecting Energy Societies, this year's World Energy Week took place as a digital-only event from 7-9 October.

International Stuttering Awareness Day - October 22

- ❖ Stuttering is a communication disorder in which repetitions — or abnormal stoppages of sounds and syllables — break the flow of speech.
- ❖ The Sea Green colour ribbon is used to represent stuttering awareness.
- ❖ Theme of this year is "Journey of Words - Resilience and Bouncing Back".



International Stuttering Awareness Day

The day is observed on 22nd October every year

This year the day focuses to educate and bring hope to people who stutter

Journey of Words - Resilience and Bouncing Back

