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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The German sportswear brand Adidas has roped in Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone as global ambassador for women sports.
 - She will represent Adidas women globally.

TAMIL NADU

Palm jaggery

- ❖ The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched a scheme to sell palm jaggery under the name Karpagam through ration shops.
- ❖ The State government had announced in its Agriculture Budget that measures would be taken to sell palm jaggery through PDS shops.
- ❖ Mr Stalin also launched a scheme to sell palm jaggery under the name Karumpanai through departmental stores.
- ❖ He inaugurated several other schemes under the Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department, including an app, tnkhadi.
- ❖ The tnkhadi was launched for selling Khadi Kraft products and silk sarees, named Tamilthari, for the special sale during Deepavali.

Koozhangal



- ❖ The Tamil-language drama film Koozhangal (internationally translated as Pebbles), has been selected as India's official entry for the 94th Academy Awards (Oscars 2022).
- ❖ The film has been directed by filmmaker Vinoth Raj PS.

- ❖ It has been produced by Vignesh Shivan and Nayanthara.
- ❖ The 94th Academy Awards are scheduled to take place in Los Angeles in USA.

NATIONAL

Banni buffalo - IVF

- ❖ India's first IVF (in-vitro fertilisation) calf of Banni breed of buffaloes was born at a farmer's house in Gir Somnath district of Gujarat.
- ❖ The Banni breed of buffalo is found primarily in the Kutch region of Gujarat.
- ❖ The IVF process was carried out in a bid to enhance the number of genetically superior buffaloes for increasing milk production.
- ❖ Banni buffalo, belonging to a dairy farmer, from Dhanej village gave birth to IVF male calf.



Life expectancy in India

- ❖ In India, the covid-19 pandemic has resulted in a drop in life expectancy by almost two years.
- ❖ This is according to the scientists from Mumbai based International Institute for Population Studies.
- ❖ The Report points out a drop in life expectancy at birth in men as well as women.
- ❖ In the year 2019, life expectancy at birth was 69.5 years for men while 72 years for women.

- ❖ This is decreased to 67.5 years for men and 69.8 years for women in the year 2020.

Garuda app

- ❖ The Election Commission of India has launched the Garuda app for digital mapping of all polling stations.
- ❖ This is to ensure faster, smarter, transparent and timely completion of election work.
- ❖ Through the Garuda app, Booth Level Officers will upload photos and location information of the polling stations.
- ❖ The app will also help in reducing the paperwork.

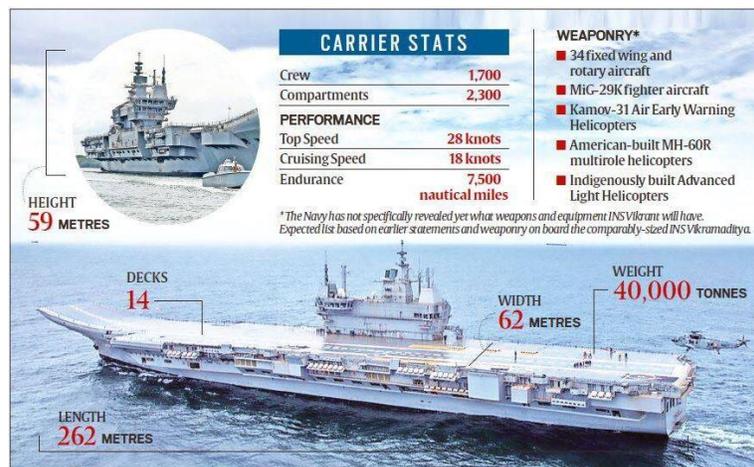


Supreme Court on Right to Protest

- ❖ The Supreme Court said that the public roads could not be blocked to hamper the free movement.
- ❖ The court noted that it had laid down the law in the Shaheen Bagh protests case.
- ❖ The right to protest should not hamper the right to movement of the public.



INS Vikrant



- ❖ The first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) of India, named Vikrant, started its second phase of sea trials.
- ❖ INS Vikrant is a 40,000-tonne aircraft carrier.
- ❖ It is the largest and most complex warship that has been built in India.
- ❖ INS Vikrant has been built by Cochin Shipyard Limited.

Pradhan Mantri Atma nirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission & Release of Operational Guidelines'.
- ❖ Pradhan Mantri Atma nirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana will be one of the largest pan-India schemes.

- ❖ It will focus on strengthening healthcare infrastructure across the country.
- ❖ It will be launched in addition to the National Health Mission.

PM AatmaNirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana

A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme with an outlay of about ₹ 64,180 crore, over 6 years

Main Interventions :

- Support for 17,788 rural and 11,024 urban Health and Wellness Centers

Setting up of :

- Integrated public health labs in all districts and 3382 block public health units in 11 states
- Critical care hospital blocks in 602 districts and 12 central institutions
- 15 Health Emergency Operation Centers and 2 mobile hospitals
- A national institution for One Health, a Regional Research Platform for WHO South East Asia Region, 9 Bio-Safety Level III laboratories and 4 regional National Institutes for Virology

INTERNATIONAL

Shijian-21

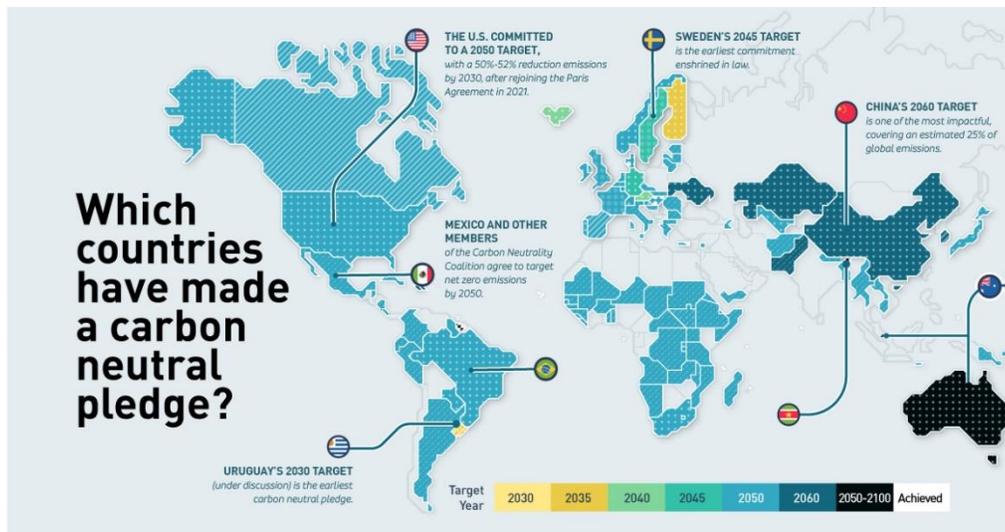


- ❖ China successfully launched a new satellite named Shijian-21.
- ❖ The satellite will be used to test and verify space debris mitigation technologies.
- ❖ This launch marked the 393rd mission for the Long March series carrier rockets.

ENVIRONMENT

Zero net carbon emissions - 2050

- ❖ The Australian Cabinet is set to consider conditions that junior coalition partner of government has placed on committing to the target of zero net carbon emissions by 2050.
- ❖ This support is significant for Australia as Prime Minister Scott Morrison wants to take a more ambitious plan for reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.
- ❖ This is in the backdrop of the UN summit in Glasgow, Scotland.



STATES

Goa's recent achievement

- ❖ Goa has achieved ODF (Open Defecation Free) and Electricity for every household.
- ❖ Goa has also become the first state to provide tap water to every household under the "Har Ghar Jal Mission".
- ❖ Apart from that, Goa achieved 100 per cent target to provide free ration to the poor and needy.
- ❖ It has also completed 100 per cent first dose of covid-19 vaccination.



Free education scheme

- ❖ The Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar, announced a free education scheme in the state.
- ❖ This is to boost the level of education in the state.
- ❖ The scheme has been announced to those whose verified family income is lower than Rs. 1.80 lakh per annum.
- ❖ The announcement was made under Haryana's 'Super 100 Programme'.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Dadasaheb Phalke Award

- ❖ Actor Rajinikanth was honoured with the prestigious 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award.
- ❖ It was awarded at the 67th National Film Awards ceremony.
- ❖ This is for his contribution as an actor, producer and screenwriter.
- ❖ Instituted in 1969, the award is the highest honour for an artiste in Indian cinema.

SPORTS

Cross Country Championships

- ❖ The 2022 South Asian Federation Cross Country Championships is scheduled to be held in Kohima, Nagaland.
- ❖ This 56th National Cross Country Championships will also be clubbed with the South Asian Federation Cross Country Championships.
- ❖ This will be the first-ever national athletics event hosted by Nagaland.

FIFA Rankings 2021

- ❖ India has ranked 106th in the FIFA Rankings 2021.
- ❖ After the victory in the SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Championship 2021 of team India led by Sunil Chhetri, it has secured the 106th position.
- ❖ Under the FIFA Rankings, Belgium is at 1st position.
- ❖ Brazil holds 2nd position and France holds 3rd position,

MEN			WOMEN		
RK	Team	Total Points	RK	Team	Total Points
1	Belgium	1822.34	1	USA	2197.29
2	Brazil	1797.67 ▲	2	Germany	2073.09
3	France	1761.77 ▼	3	France	2038.68 ▲
4	England	1752.83	4	Netherlands	2035.49 ▼
5	Italy	1744.67 ▲	5	Sweden	2010.52
6	Argentina	1714.43 ▲	6	England	1973.98
7	Spain	1680.44 ▼	7	Brazil	1971.43
8	Portugal	1661.51 ▼	8	Canada	1961.9
9	Mexico	1658.29 ▲	9	Australia	1952.01
10	USA	1647.75 ▲	10	Japan	1941.74 ▲

IMPORTANT DAYS

The International Day of Diplomats – 24 October

- ❖ The day aims to commemorate the contributions made by diplomats in shaping the world since ancient times and in making our planet a better place.
- ❖ It also aims to bridge the gap in perception and reality of diplomats' lives among the general public.
- ❖ The first International Day of Diplomats was celebrated in Brasília (Capital of Brazil) on 24 October 2017.
- ❖ The day was proposed by Indian poet-diplomat Abhay K.





MISCELLANEOUS

Writing for My Life

- ❖ “Writing for My Life”, an anthology of author Ruskin Bond, has been released.
- ❖ It contains some of the most exemplary stories, essays, poems and memories of Ruskin Bond.
- ❖ This anthology has been released 25 years after the first anthology of Bond titled, “The Best of Ruskin Bond”.

