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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The union minister for Health & Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya, launched the Sixth Edition of National Formulary of India.
 - NFI was published by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) for promoting rational use of medicines in India.

TAMIL NADU

Advisory Committee for the Welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government issued an order to establish an Advisory Committee for the Welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils.
- ❖ The 20-member advisory council is led by Tamil Nadu Minority Welfare and Overseas Tamil Welfare minister Gingee KS Mastan.
- ❖ Manuraj Shanmugasundaram is the vice-chairman of the advisory committee.
- ❖ According to the government, this Advisory Committee would look into the infrastructure in the camps, the upgrading of basic facilities, the classification of educational and social security support, nationality, and deportation to Sri Lanka.

NATIONAL

CII Asia Health 2021 summit

- ❖ The union minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya participated in the CII Asia Health 2021 summit.
- ❖ The theme of the two-day summit is 'Transforming Healthcare for a better tomorrow'.
- ❖ The Confederation of Indian Industry has organised the summit to provide a centralised forum to deliberate on the most critical challenges that India and the world face in delivering healthcare, with a focus on the digital transformations that result in improved patient outcomes and experience.
- ❖ The union minister mentioned how campaigns like 'Dawai Bhi Kadai Bhi' and 'Do Gaj ki Doori, Mask hai Zaruri' reached out to the masses and helped curb the COVID-19 infection in the country.

Toppers in Governance Performance

- ❖ In the recent study of Public Affairs Centre (PAC) on governance performance, Kerala, Tamil Nadu & Telangana have emerged as the toppers.
- ❖ Telangana has replaced Andhra Pradesh at the third spot as compared to 2020 ranking.
- ❖ Jharkhand jumped from 15th to 9th place this year.
- ❖ In the index, Sikkim, Goa and Mizoram were emerged as winners among the small states.
- ❖ Puducherry, Jammu & Kashmir and Chandigarh emerged as toppers among the union territories.
- ❖ The Public Affairs Centre (PAC) is a Bengaluru-based non-profit think tank.



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Sarthak

- ❖ A new Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Sarthak' has been dedicated to the nation.
- ❖ It will be based at Porbandar in Gujarat.
- ❖ Commissioning of the ship is a significant boost for the maritime safety and security of India.

Launch Of Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Sarthak'



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Offshore Patrol Vessels

Pune Dialogue on National Security

- ❖ 6th Pune Dialogue on National Security (PDNS) 2021 was inaugurated by the Pune International Centre (PIC).
- ❖ It was organised under the theme - 'National Security Preparedness in the Age of Disasters and Pandemics'.
- ❖ During the meeting, participants will discuss the impact of disasters and pandemics on the national security of India.
- ❖ They will also suggest strategies to deal with disasters.
- ❖ PDNS is held by PIC in collaboration with the Policy Perspectives Foundation (PPF) of New Delhi, Centre for Advanced Strategic Studies (CASS) and The Tribune Trust of Chandigarh.

PDNS
Pune Dialogue on
National Security

28th & 29th October 2021

National Security Preparedness in the age of Disasters and Pandemics

Session 1: Disaster Risk Reduction as Part of National Security

28th October, 12.00 noon – 1.30 pm

Session Chair



Gen. N. C. Vij
Former Vice-Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority

Panellists



Mr. K. M. Singh
Vice-President, Policy Perspectives Foundation



Mr. Pradyot C. Haldar
President, Policy Perspectives Foundation

Seven-member Economic Advisory Council - Reconstituted

- ❖ The Central Government of India has reconstituted the seven-member Economic Advisory Council to the PM (EAC-PM).

- ❖ Bibek Debroy continues to be the Chairman of the Council.
- ❖ EAC-PM has been reconstituted for a period of 2 years.
- ❖ EAC-PM was set up in September 2017 with a term of two years and it replaced the erstwhile Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (PMEAC).



INTERNATIONAL

Meta

- ❖ Facebook changes the parent company name.
- ❖ The parent company's name is being changed to "Meta" to represent a future beyond just its troubled social network.
- ❖ Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp will keep their names under the rebranding.





Greenhouse Gas Bulletin

- ❖ The World Meteorological Organization released its Greenhouse Gas Bulletin, recently.
- ❖ As per this Bulletin, abundance of heat-trapping greenhouse gases in the atmosphere reached a new record again in the year 2020.
- ❖ Annual rate of increase was above the 2011-2020 average.
- ❖ The Report notes that the trend has continued in 2021.
- ❖ The Concentration of carbon dioxide (CO₂) increased to 413.2 parts per million in 2020.
- ❖ It accounted for 149% of the pre-industrial level.



WORLD
METEOROLOGICAL
ORGANIZATION



GLOBAL
ATMOSPHERE
WATCH

WMO GREENHOUSE GAS BULLETIN

The State of Greenhouse Gases in the Atmosphere Based on Global
Observations through 2020

Shinincheon Bitdream Fuel Cell Power Plant

- ❖ South Korea announced the completion ceremony of the 'Shinincheon Bitdream Fuel Cell Power Plant'.
- ❖ The power plant has a total capacity of 78 MW constructed in four stages since 2017 by using fuel cells supplied by POSCO Energy and Doosan Fuel Cell.
- ❖ It is the world's largest fuel cell power plant currently in operation.
- ❖ Unlike other power generators, hydrogen fuel cell emits very little nitrogen oxides (NOX) and sulfur oxides (SOX) as it does not produce electricity through high-temperature combustion.

International Observer for Presidential Elections

- ❖ The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India, Sushil Chandra, led a three-member delegation to Uzbekistan to oversee the presidential election.
- ❖ The President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, won the election with more than 80% of the vote.
- ❖ He has been re-elected for a second five-year term.

ENVIRONMENT

Global Climate Tech Investment trend

- ❖ India ranked 9th in the list of top 10 countries for climate technology investment from 2016 to 2021.
- ❖ This is in accordance with the report 'Five years on: Global climate tech investment trends since the Paris Agreement' by London & Partners, and Co.
- ❖ Indian climate tech firms received USD 1 billion in venture capital (VC) funding in this period.
- ❖ The list has been topped by the United States which is followed by China.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Savings Day – 30 October

- ❖ It is also called World Thrift Day.
- ❖ It is observed to promote the thought of savings to the worldwide public and its relevance to the economy and the individual.
- ❖ This day was established in the year 1934 during the 1st International Savings Bank Congress in Milan, Italy.

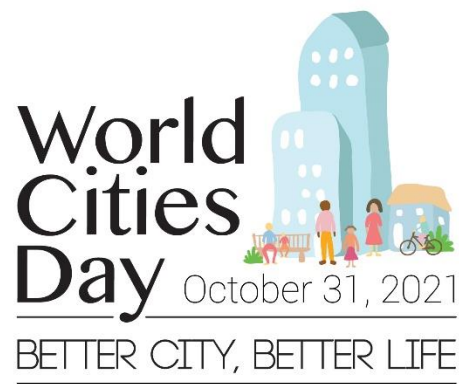


World Cities Day – 31 October

- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly designated this Day in 2013.



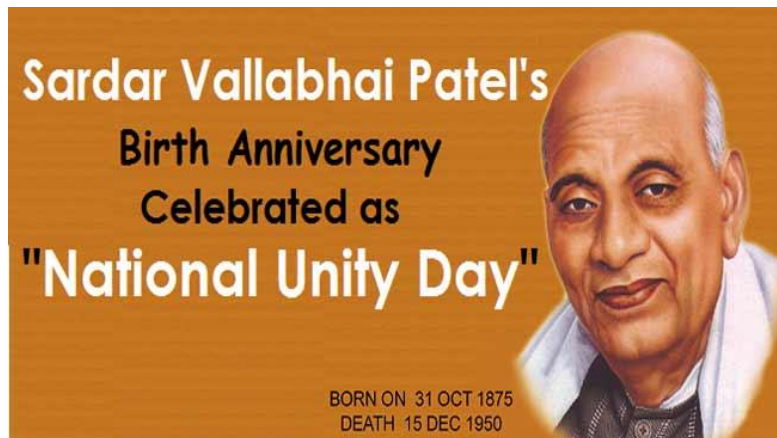
- ❖ The Day is expected to greatly promote the international community's interest in global urbanization.
- ❖ It pushes the forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities addressing challenges of urbanization and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.
- ❖ The global theme of World Cities Day 2021 is "Adapting cities for climate resilience".
- ❖ It is organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).



Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience

— LUXOR, EGYPT —

National Unity Day – 31 October



- ❖ It is the annual celebration that marks the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.



- ❖ It is also known as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.
- ❖ This celebration was first started in 2014 to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

