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# **TNPSC BITS**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced to celebrate the September 2020 as "Poshan Maah" or "Nutrition Month" to educate everyone on the importance of optimum nutrition.
- India and Russia were announced as the joint winners of FIDE (International Chess Federation) Chess Olympiad.
  - This was the first time that India had reached the finals of the FIDE Chess Olympiad.
- German's Bayern Munich Football Team won the UEFA Champions League 2019-20 title for the sixth time by defeating Paris Saint-Germain.

# NATIONAL

## **Chunauti - Next Generation Start-up Challenge**

- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has launched "Chunauti"-Next Generation Start-up Challenge Contest.
- It aims to further boost start-ups and software products with special focus on Tier-II towns of India.
- The selected start-ups will be provided various support from the Government through Software Technology Parks of India centres across India.

## First ever RORO service

- First ever RORO service of South Western Railway from Nelamangla (near Bengaluru) to Bale (near Solapur) has been started.
- This shall be the only privately operated RORO train services on Indian Railways.
- ✤ Roll On Roll Off (RORO) is a concept of carrying road vehicles loaded with various commodities, on open flat railway wagons.
- ✤ RORO services are combination of best features of road and rail transports.
- RO-RO train services were first introduced in Indian Railways on Konkan Railways in 1999.







# INTERNATIONAL

## World's Largest Solar Tree

- The CSIR-CMERI operating under the Ministry of Science and Technology has developed world largest solar tree at Durgapur of West Bengal.
- The tree has an annual capacity of generating 12,000 to 14,000 units of Clean and Green power.
- One solar tree can reduce ten to twelve tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions.







#### Human African Trypanosomiasis elimination

- ✤ Recently Togo has become the first country in Africa to eliminate human African Trypanosomiasis.
- Togo is a West African nation on the Gulf of Guinea and it did not report any cases in the past 10 years.
- Sleeping sickness, or human African trypanosomiasis, is caused by parasites which are transmitted by infected tsetse flies and is only found in 36 countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> International Military-Technical Forum**

- The 6th International Military-Technical Forum "Army-2020" was held at Moscow, Russia.
- It was organized by Russian Defence Ministry and operated by International Congresses and Exhibitions Ltd.
- For the first time, a line of 23 tanks and armoured vehicles were deployed in an open area.

#### Guidelines on access to social justice for people with disabilities

- The United Nations has released its first-ever guidelines on access to social justice for people with disabilities to make it easier for them to access justice systems around the world.
- ✤ The guidelines outline a set of 10 principles and detail the steps for implementation.
- The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted in 2007 as the first major instrument of human rights in the 21st century.
- Persons with Disabilities are those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments.
- ✤ As per statistics maintained by the UN, in India 2.4 per cent of males are disabled and two per cent of females from all age groups are disabled.
- In comparison, the disability prevalence in the US is 12.9% among females and 12.7% among males.

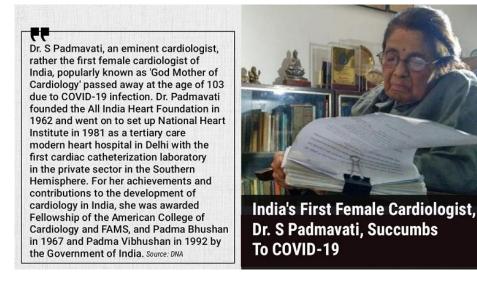
# PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS





## India's 1st Female & Oldest Cardiologist

- India's 1st Female & Oldest Cardiologist, Dr S. Padmavati Passwd away recently.
- She established the 1st cardiac clinic and catheterization laboratory at the Lady Hardinge Medical College in India.
- She is popularly known as the "God Mother of Cardiology".
- She is the recipient of Padma Bhushan (1967) and Padma Vibhushan (1992).
- She is the 1<sup>st</sup> female student to earn a medical degree at Rangoon Medical College, Rangoon.
- She initiated India's first Doctorate of Medicine in Cardiology.
- She is the 1st and only person to be chief administrator of 3 major institutions at the same time - Maulana Azad Medical College, Lok Nayak Hospital and G.B. Pant hospital.



# Pranab Mukharjee passed away

- The Former President of India, Pranab Mukherjee Passes away on August 31.
- Pranab Mukherjee served as the 13th President of India from July 25, 2012 to 25 July 2017.
- ✤ He also served at different times as Defence (2004-2006), Foreign (2006-2009), and Finance Minister (1982 & 2009).
- He was elected to Rajya Sabha five times from 1969 and twice to Lok Sabha from 2004.
- In 2019, Pranab Mukherjee was awarded India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna.







## National Energy Leader award

- Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (Hyderabad) won the 'National Energy Leader' and 'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit' awards at the 21st National Awards for 'Excellence in Energy Management'.
- It was organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Godrej Green Business Centre (GBC).
- Hyderabad International Airport received the "Excellent Energy Efficient Unit" award for 4th year in a row and the "National Energy Leader" for the 2nd year in a row.

# **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## National Nutrition Week - September 01/07

- India marks National Nutrition Week annually on the first week of September (from September 1 to September 7).
- This event was launched by Ministry of Women and Child Development's Food and Nutrition Board in 1982.
- ◆ It aims to raise awareness on the importance of nutrition for human body.
- ✤ Theme for National Nutrition Week 2020: Eat Right, Bite by Bite.





# NATIONAL NUTRITIÓN WEEK

- Observed from 1<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> September annually
- Aims to educate people on eating a well balanced diet
- Proper diet ensures optimal physical & mental health



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