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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri will lead an official and business delegation to Russia to participate in the 6th Eastern Economic Forum EEF Summit in Vladivostok.
 - The Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually address the Plenary Session of the EEF Summit, in which President of Russia Vladimir Putin will be present.
- ❖ Sharad Kumar won a bronze in the men's high jump T63 event at Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
 - Sharad Kumar was born in Muzaffarpur, Bihar.
- ❖ From September 1, 2021, Goa became the first state in India to supply water free of cost to its citizens for consumption up to 16,000 litres.
 - This was introduced under the 'Save Water to Get Free Water' scheme.
- ❖ India's top paddler G Sathiyam beat Yevhen Ryshepa of Ukraine in the final of the Czech International table tennis tournament at Olomouc in Czech Republic.
 - This is his third ITTF Challenger title following triumphs in Belgium Open 2016 and Spanish Open 2017.

TAMIL NADU

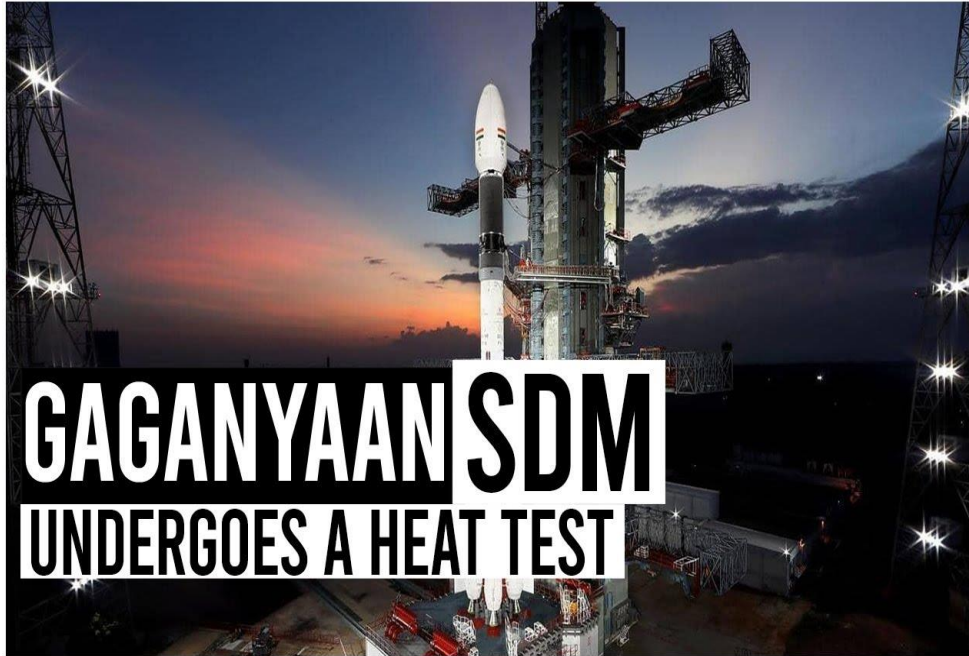
Dr. J. Jayalalithaa University Act

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government introduced a Bill to repeal the Dr. J. Jayalalithaa University Act.
- ❖ It will be merged with Annamalai University.
- ❖ Another Bill to amend the Annamalai University Act 2013 to convert it from a unitary institution into an affiliating type university was introduced.
- ❖ The Annamalai University is to be converted into affiliating type, by affiliating [arts and science] colleges in Villupuram, Cuddalore, Kallakurichi and Mayiladuthurai districts
- ❖ The government also tabled a Bill to amend the Bharathidasan University Act.
- ❖ Consequently, the Bharathidasan University would no longer be the affiliating university for arts and science colleges in Mayiladuthurai.

NATIONAL

Gaganyaan Service Module Propulsion System

- ❖ The Indian Space Research Organisation successfully conducted the first hot test of the System Demonstration Model of the Gaganyaan Service Module Propulsion System.
- ❖ It was done at the test facility of Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The test conducted for 450 seconds met the test objectives and matched the pre-test predictions.
- ❖ The Gaganyaan Service Module Propulsion System is a part of the Gaganyaan Orbital module of the Gaganyaan Mission, India's first human spaceflight mission.



Grenades made by private sector

- ❖ The first batch of one lakh privately 'made in India' modern hand grenades were handed over to the Indian Army by Economic Explosives Ltd. (EEL).
- ❖ EEL a Nagpur based private company.
- ❖ This is the first instance of ammunition being manufactured by the private industry in India.



Ladakh adopts State animal and bird

- ❖ Ladakh adopted two endangered species, snow leopard and black-necked crane, as State animal and State bird.
- ❖ Black-necked cranes are only found in Ladakh's Changthang region.
- ❖ The bird is classified as Near-Threatened, as per the IUCN classification.
- ❖ Snow leopard has been classified as 'vulnerable'.



Saath initiative

- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, launched the Rural Enterprises Acceleration Programme called 'Saath'.
- ❖ This initiative was launched with the aim of transforming the lives of rural women associated with SHGs.

- ❖ This initiative will help about 48000 SHGs in which about four lakh women are connected, in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ Saath initiative will focus on mentoring and market linkages of products that created by these women.
- ❖ Saath initiative was launched in line with the Umeed scheme that enabled women to start their own business.

200 Army personnel for Zapad exercise



- ❖ One of the contingents of the Indian armed forces is participating in Exercise Zapad.
- ❖ ZAPAD 2021 is one of the theatre level exercises of Russian armed forces and will focus primarily on operations against terrorists.
- ❖ Multiple countries will be part of this exercise.
- ❖ Pakistan and china are part of this exercise as observer states.

INTERNATIONAL

FDA Approves First COVID-19 Vaccine

- ❖ The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first COVID-19 vaccine.
- ❖ The vaccine has been known as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.
- ❖ It will now be marketed as Comirnaty, for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older.



8th Meeting of Agricultural Experts of BIMSTEC Countries

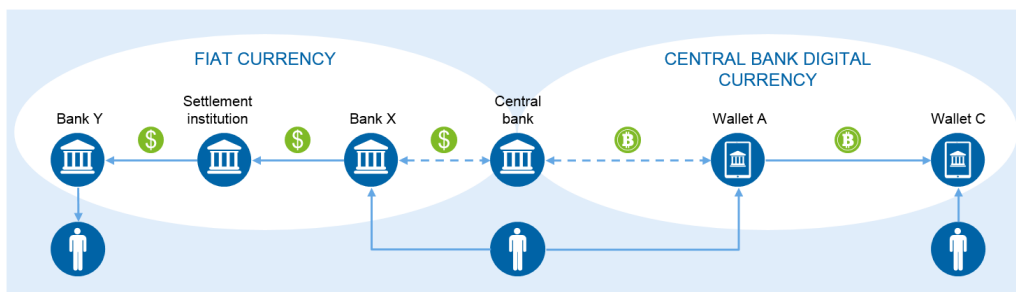
- ❖ India hosted the 8th Meeting of Agriculture Experts of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).
- ❖ The meeting was chaired by Dr Trilochan Mohapatra.
- ❖ He is the Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Education & Director General of ICAR.
- ❖ During this meet, Chairman highlighted the UN Food System Summit 2021 and transformational aspects that are happening across agriculture and food systems globally.
- ❖ BIMSTEC comprise of seven Member States including,
 - Five from South Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka), and
 - Two from Southeast Asia, including Myanmar and Thailand.

- ❖ BIMSTEC was formed in 1997.
- ❖ It earlier included six sectors.
- ❖ Sectors were later expanded to 14 (technology, trade, energy, agriculture etc.).



ECONOMY

CBDC Scheme



- ❖ The Central banks in Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and South Africa launched a Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) Scheme recently.
- ❖ CBDC scheme is a cross border payments trial that uses different central bank digital currencies (CBDC) in order to assess if this allows transactions to be settled in a cheap and easy manner.
- ❖ CBDCs are digital forms of existing currencies.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Ramon Magsaysay Award

- ❖ Ramon Magsaysay Award 2021 awardees have been announced
- ❖ The winners will be formally awarded the Magsaysay Award at the Ramon Magsaysay Centre in Manila, Philippines.
- ❖ The Awardees are,
 - Vaccine pioneer Dr Firdousi Qadri of Bangladesh,
 - Muhammad Amjad Saqib of Pakistan,
 - Philippine fisheries and community environmentalist Roberto Ballon,
 - American citizen Steven Munci and
 - Indonesian WatchDoc for investigative journalism.
- ❖ Ramon Magsaysay Award is the highest honour in Asia.
- ❖ It was established in April 1957.
- ❖ It is widely regarded as the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in Asia.
- ❖ The award is presented to individuals who have made extraordinary contributions in eradication of poverty and development of the society in Asia.



Dorje Angchuk

- ❖ Dorje Angchuk has been admitted as an Honorary Member of the International Astronomical Union.



- ❖ He is an Engineer in charge at the Indian Astronomical Observatory of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics at Hanle in the Ladakh region.
- ❖ Angchuk is the first and only Indian to bag the position in the prestigious body.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Coconut Day - September 02



- ❖ The day is observed every year since 2009.
- ❖ It is observed for promoting this tropical fruit and bringing awareness regarding its health benefits.



- ❖ The theme of World Coconut Day 2021 is 'Building a Safe Inclusive Resilient and Sustainable Coconut Community Amid COVID-19 Pandemic & Beyond'.

