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TAMIL NADU

Youth Literary Project

- ❖ The Youth Literature Project will be implemented to enhance children's creativity (speech, writing, painting, painting) and to teach moral education and to develop moral and social values.
- ❖ Under this project, the first phase of 100 children's literature books will be published by the Tamil Nadu Textbooks and Educational Works Corporation.

NATIONAL

New secretary general

- ❖ The Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu has appointed Dr PPK Ramacharyulu as the secretary general.
- ❖ He is the secretary in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat since 2018.
- ❖ He succeeds Desh Dipak Verma.

Defence Expo 2022



- ❖ The next Defence Expo will be hosted by Gujarat in 2022.
- ❖ This was announced by chief minister Vijay Rupani.
- ❖ Defence Expo-2022 will be held in Gandhinagar.

- ❖ The aim of Defense Expo 2022 is to move from Make in India to make for the world.
- ❖ The Defence Expo-2022 will focus on making India a Defence manufacturing hub.

Note

- ❖ Def Expo was traditionally held in Delhi until 2014.
- ❖ After 2014 it has seen a string of new venues - Goa (2016), Chennai (2018) and Lucknow (2020).

125th birth anniversary of ISKCON founder

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually unveiled a special commemorative coin of Rs 125 to mark the 125th birth anniversary of ISKCON founder Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.
- ❖ In July 1966, Prabhupada founded the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) commonly known as the 'Hare Krishna movement'.
- ❖ The spiritual leader was born as Abhay Charan De on September 1 in Calcutta.
- ❖ Later he was to be known by the honorific A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.



Royal Jelly

- ❖ The Indian Royal Jelly was found to surpass top-quality sellers; those are produced in Thailand and Taiwan.
- ❖ This is according to Pune-based researchers.
- ❖ Royal Jelly is known for being a good antioxidant.
- ❖ It helps women with fertility issues.
- ❖ The Indian Royal Jelly meets the ISO-prescribed standards prescribed by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in 2019.

- ❖ The Royal Jelly is a pearl white or pale yellow-coloured cohesive mixture of honey and secretions from hypopharyngeal & mandibular glands of worker honeybees.

Parameter (per cent by mass)	ISO permissible limit	Indian Royal Jelly
Moisture	62 to 68.5	64 to 66
10 HDA	1.4	2.02 to 2.31
Protein	11 to 18	11.56 to 12.97
Total sugar	7 to 18	10.02 to 10.39
Glucose	2 to 9	1.96 to 2.54
Total lipid	2 to 8	2.96 to 6.46

Eat Right Station



- ❖ Food Safety and Standards Authority of India awarded a 5-star 'Eat Right Station' certification to the Chandigarh Railway Station.

- ❖ This certification was awarded for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- ❖ The 'Eat Right Station Certification' was the part of the 'Eat Right India' movement.
- ❖ Chandigarh Railway Station has become the fifth station in India to receive this certification.
- ❖ Other stations with this certification include,
 - Anand Vihar Terminal Railway Station in Delhi,
 - Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus in Mumbai,
 - Mumbai Central Railway Station in Mumbai and
 - Vadodara Railway Station in Vadodara.

Shikshak Parv 2021

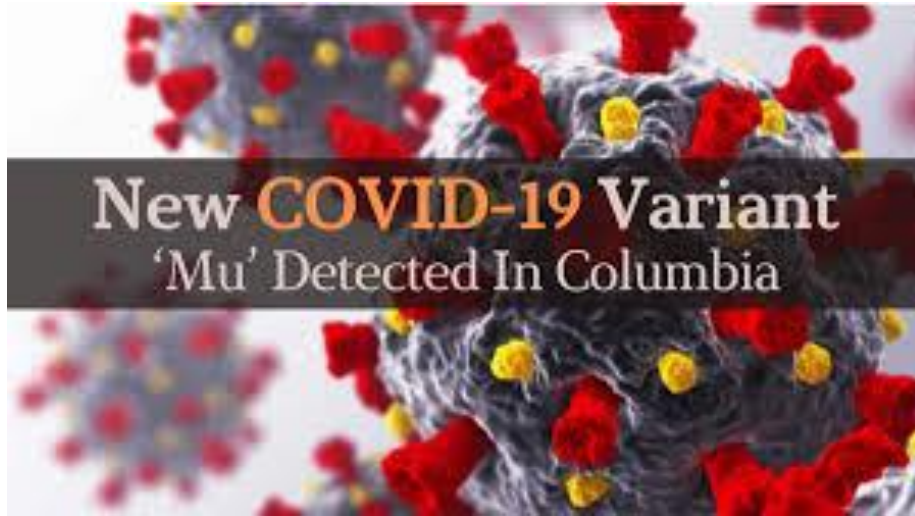
- ❖ The Shikshak Parv-2021 will be observed from September 5, 2021.
- ❖ This event will be celebrated to honour the contribution of teachers.
- ❖ On the occasion, PM will launch five initiatives:
 - Indian sign language dictionary of 10,000 words
 - Talking books (audio books for visually impaired)
 - School quality assessment and accreditation framework of CBSE
 - NISTHA teachers' training programme for NIPUN Bharat, and
 - Vidyanjali portal to facilitate education volunteers, donors and CSR contributors in development of school.
- ❖ Shikshak Parv-2021 will be celebrated by Ministry of Education from September 5 to 17, 2021.
- ❖ It will be organised to recognise the valuable contributions of teachers and to take National Education Policy 2020 ahead.

INTERNATIONAL

Mu Variant

- ❖ Mu Variant of the coronavirus was first identified in Colombia.
- ❖ Now, the World Health Organization (WHO) is monitoring this variant.
- ❖ Mu variant is scientifically known as B.1.621 and has been classified as a "variant of interest".

- ❖ According to WHO, variant has constellation of mutations indicating a risk of resistance to vaccines.



New Development Bank - new members

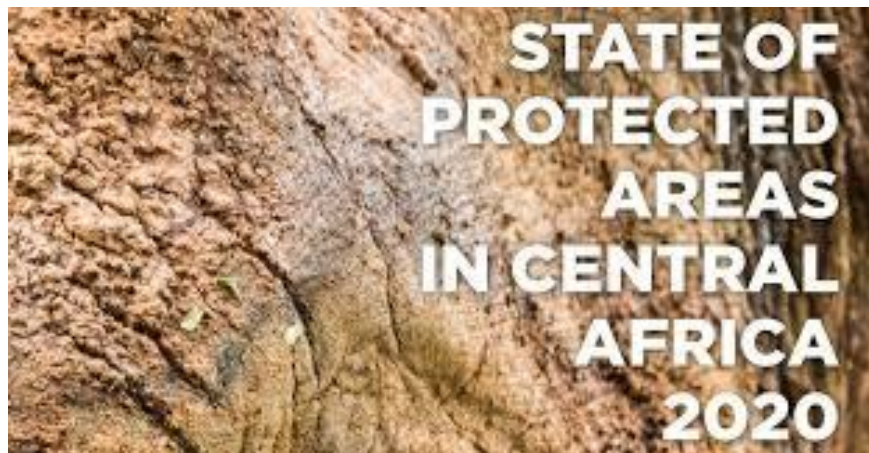


- ❖ New Development Bank by BRICS group of nations has added United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Bangladesh as its new members.
- ❖ New Development Bank was launched in 2015.
- ❖ It was launched by the BRICS Members (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa).
- ❖ It was formerly referred as “BRICS development bank”.
- ❖ It is headquartered in Shanghai.
- ❖ The first regional office of the NDB was set up in Johannesburg, South Africa.

- ❖ The second regional office was established in 2019 in Brazil, followed by in Russia.
- ❖ The bank mobilises resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in the member countries as well as in other developing nations.

Protected Areas in Central Africa 2020

- ❖ This report was produced under the Central Africa Forest Observatory which is a specialised unit of Central African Forests Commission.
- ❖ According to the report, Central Africa can develop itself sustainably if the resources are shared equitably and its environment is protected.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Global award for turtle conservation

- ❖ The Indian biologist Shailendra Singh has been awarded the Behler Turtle Conservation Award.
- ❖ This award was given for bringing three critically endangered turtle conservation species back from the brink of extinction.
- ❖ The species are,
 - Red-crowned Roofed Turtle (Batagur kachuga),
 - Northern River Terrapin (Batagur baska), and
 - Black Softshell Turtle (Nilssonina nigricans)
- ❖ There are 29 species of freshwater turtles and tortoises in the country.



Bird Photographer of the Year



- ❖ The Mexican photographer Alejandro Prieto has emerged as the winner of the Bird Photographer of the Year 2021.
- ❖ He has won for capturing a photograph of a greater roadrunner staring up at the barbed-wire-clad border wall between the USA and Mexico.
- ❖ The image has been given the title as 'Blocked'.

Association for Talent Development 2021 BEST Award

- ❖ Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has been awarded the coveted "Association for Talent Development 2021 BEST Award".

- ❖ POWERGRID is a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, Government of India.
- ❖ POWERGRID secured 8th rank among the 71 organizations from around the globe.
- ❖ It became the only PSU to win this award and one of the only two companies of India in the Top 20.



SPORTS

First Indian woman to win two medals at the Paralympics



- ❖ Avani Lekhara won the bronze medal in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions SH1 event.

- ❖ She became the first Indian woman to win two medals at the Paralympics.
- ❖ Lekhara had also won gold in the 10m air rifle standing SH1 event.

Praveen Kumar - Asian record

- ❖ Praveen Kumar won the silver with an Asian record jump of 2.07m.
- ❖ He finished behind Great Britain's Jonathan Broom-Edwards, who managed to jump 2.10 m.
- ❖ Praveen is India's fourth medallist in men's high jump at Tokyo Games after Nishad Kumar, Mariyappan Thangavelu, and Sharad Kumar.

