

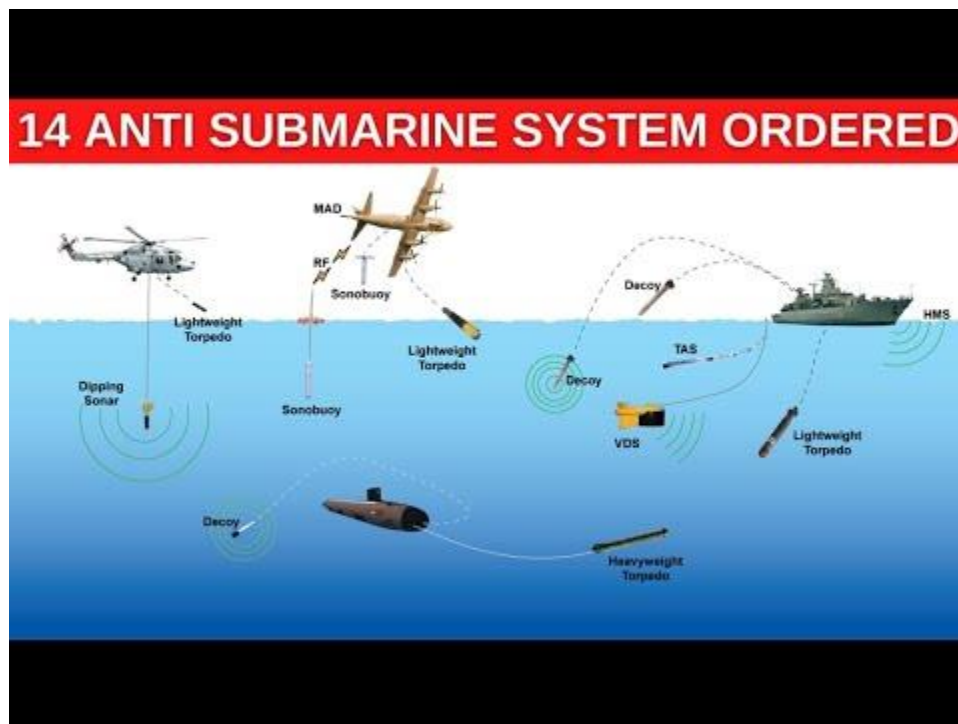
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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Supreme Court has said that the Governments should take the approval of the respective High Court before withdrawing criminal cases filed against MLAs/MPs.
- ❖ India's rising pair of G Sathiyam and Manika Batra clinched the mixed doubles title at the recent World Table Tennis Tour Contender Budapest 2021 in Hungary.
- ❖ The Union government revoked the anti-dumping duty on viscose staple fibre originating in or exported from China and Indonesia.
  - The government revokes anti-dumping duty on viscose staple fibre, excluding bamboo fibre.

## NATIONAL

### Integrated anti-Submarine warfare Defence Suits



- ❖ The Ministry of Defence signed a contract worth Rs. 1,349 Crores with Mahindra Defence Systems (MDS) Limited.



- ❖ This is in order to buy 14 Integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Defence Suits (IADS) for the Indian Navy.
- ❖ Integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare Defence Suits is high-end underwater equipment that uses the latest technology.
- ❖ The system is designed to detect and protect warships from underwater threats.

### **Plastics pact**

- ❖ India has become the first Asian Country to launch a Plastics pact.
- ❖ This new platform was developed by World-Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India) in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- ❖ It will help to promote a circular system for plastics.
- ❖ The Commitments under the pact are aimed at keeping plastic packaging in the economy and out of natural environment.



### **CORBEVAX**

- ❖ The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) gave approval to another indigenous COVID-19 vaccine candidate called CORBEVAX for two clinical trials.
- ❖ This vaccine is also called as BioE COVID-19 vaccine.
- ❖ This COVID-19 vaccine candidate has been developed by Indian bio pharmaceutical firm Biological E. Limited (BioE) in collaboration with the

Baylor College of Medicine, Houston in the United States and the American company Dynavax Technologies (DVAX).

- ❖ This Vaccine is a protein subunit vaccine.
- ❖ Biological E received approval to conduct phase two and three clinical trials on children between five to eighteen years of age.
- ❖ The vaccine has also received financial assistance under Mission COVID Suraksha and a financial support under COVID-19 Research Consortia through National Biopharma Mission, BIRAC.



### **Court rules against EWS reservation**

- ❖ The Madras High Court ruled that the Centre ought not to have provided 10% reservation for economically weaker sections (EWS) of society in the All India Quota medical seats without obtaining the express approval of the Supreme Court.
- ❖ Chief Justice Sanjib Banerjee and Justice P.D. Adikesavalu held that Centre's July 29 notification was permissible only with respect to
  - 15% reservation for Scheduled Castes,
  - 7.5% for Scheduled Tribes and
  - 27% reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

## **INTERNATIONAL**

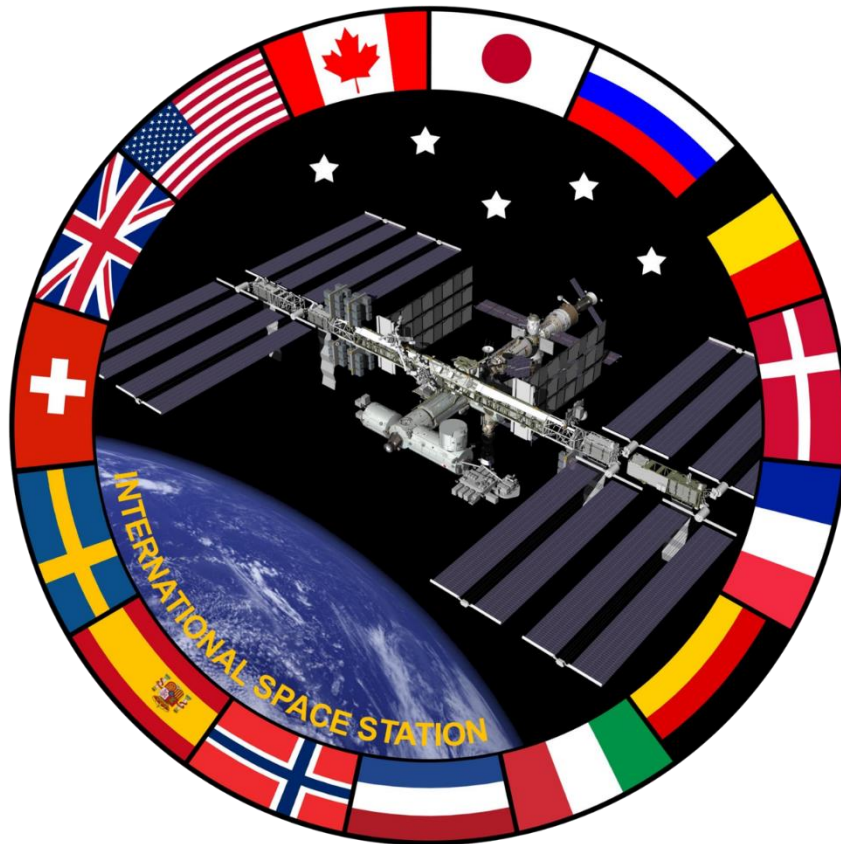
### **Russia to remain part of ISS**

- ❖ NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said that Russia will remain a part of the International Space Station through the end of the decade.

- ❖ The International Space Station (ISS) is a modular space station in low Earth orbit.
- ❖ It is a multinational collaborative project involving five participating space agencies:
  - NASA (US),
  - Roscosmos (Russia),
  - ESA (Europe),
  - CSA (Canada) and
  - JAXA (Japan).

**Note**

- ❖ Russian space agency, Roscosmos, had announced in February 2015 that it would remain a part of the ISS till 2024.



**World Social Protection Report 2020 - 22**

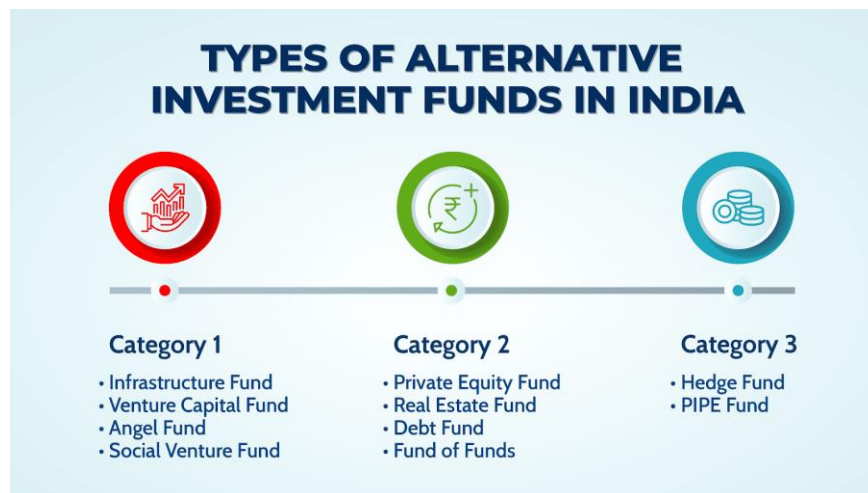
- ❖ This report was released by International Labour Organisation (ILO).
- ❖ As per report, more than half of the world population is not getting any form of social protection.

- ❖ People in Europe and Central Asia are among the best covered population.
- ❖ Just one in four children in the world gets a social protection benefit.



## ECONOMY

### Alternate Investment Fund



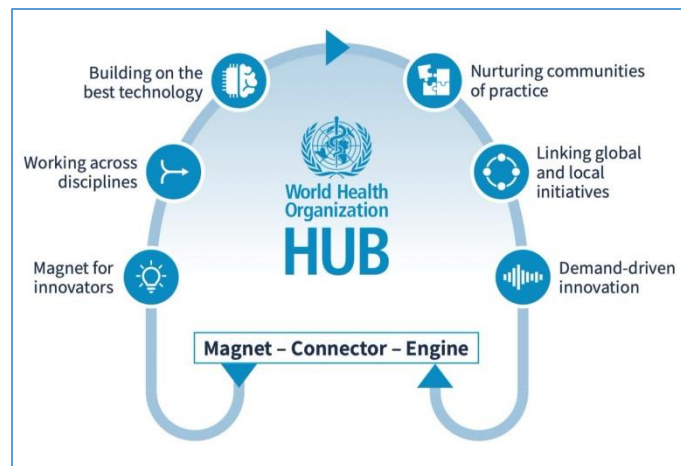
- ❖ ASK Investment Managers (ASK IM), registered with SEBI, is one of the largest Portfolio Management Service providers in India.
- ❖ It has launched India's First Digital Alternate Investment Fund (AIF).

- ❖ An alternative investment is a financial asset that does not fall into one of the conventional investment categories.
- ❖ Alternative investments include private equity or venture capital, hedge funds, managed futures, art and antiques, commodities, and derivatives contracts.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Hub for pandemic and epidemic intelligence

- ❖ The World Health Organization opened a centre in Berlin at Germany.
- ❖ Here the information can be shared to help prepare the world for the next global health crisis.
- ❖ The center is known as the Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence.
- ❖ The initiative aims to track, collect, analyse, and use data from outbreaks, epidemics, and pandemics to better prepare for, predict, and manage them.



## ENVIRONMENT

### Erosion of India's coastline

- ❖ As much as 32 per cent of India's coastline underwent sea erosion and 27 per cent of it expanded between 1990 and 2018.
- ❖ This is according to a report published by the National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) under the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- ❖ The West Bengal coastline has been particularly vulnerable with 60 per cent of the coastline erosion.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu underwent 41 per cent erosion.



- ❖ Odisha coast expanded by 51 per cent.
- ❖ In Tamil Nadu it is 22 per cent.

## STATES

### United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress

- ❖ Recently, it was announced that the second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) will be held in Telangana, Hyderabad in 2022.
- ❖ The event would show a glimpse of India's evolving geospatial ecosystem.
- ❖ It is organised by United Nation Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM).
- ❖ It is conducted every four years.
- ❖ The first UNWGIC was organized by China in October 2018.
- ❖ Theme of Second UNWGIC is 'Geo-enabling the Global Village'.



## SPORTS

### Asian boxing championship 2021 - Junior & Youth Category

- ❖ India concluded its successful campaign with 39 medals, including 14 gold, in Dubai.
- ❖ India had already won 19 medals, including eight gold, five silver and six bronze medals, in the junior event played earlier.
- ❖ The youth boxers added 20 more (six gold, nine silver and five bronze) to India's tally.



**(YOUTH EVENT)**

**(MEN): GOLD:** Bishwamitra Chongtham (51kg), Vishal (80kg); **SILVER:** Vishvanath Suresh (48kg), Vanshaj (64kg) and Jaydeep Rawat (71kg); **BRONZE:** Daksh (67kg), Deepak (75kg), Abhimanyu (92kg) and Aman Singh Bisht (92+kg).

**(WOMEN): GOLD:** Neha (54kg), Preeti Dahiya (60kg), Sneha Kumari (66kg) and Khushi (75kg); **SILVER:** Nivedita Karki (48kg), Tamanna (50kg), Simran Verma (52kg), Preeti (57kg), Khushi (63kg) and Tanishbir Kaur Sandhu (81kg); **BRONZE:** Lashu Yadav (70kg).

**(JUNIOR EVENT)**

**(BOYS): GOLD:** Rohit Chamoli (48kg) and Bharat Joon (+81kg); **SILVER:** Gaurav Saini (70kg); **BRONZE:** Ashish (54kg), Anshul (57kg) and Ankush (66kg).

**(GIRLS): GOLD:** Vishu Rathee (48kg), Tanu (52kg), Nikita Chand (60kg), Mahi Raghav (63kg), Pranjal Yadav (75kg) and Kirti (+81kg); **SILVER:** Muskan (46kg), Aanchal Saini (57kg), Rudrika (70kg) and Sanjana (81kg); **BRONZE:** Devika Ghorpade (50kg), Aarzo (54kg) and Supriya Rawat (66kg).

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Culture Awareness Day 2021 - September 04

- ❖ The day falls on the first Saturday in September every year.
- ❖ The aim of is to highlight vulture conservation and awareness.
- ❖ The initiative is run jointly by the Birds of Prey Programme of the Endangered Wildlife Trust in South Africa and the Hawk Conservancy Trust in England.

