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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Mansukh Mandaviya flagged off the cruise service from Hazira Port of Surat to Diu.
  - This cruise service is first-of-its-kind.

## TAMIL NADU

### Overseas workers from TN

- ❖ One in every 10 individuals who went to work overseas from India in the past five years was from Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The state sent the second highest number of workers abroad during this period.
- ❖ Kerala had the highest number of workers going abroad.
- ❖ 13.1 lakh people from Tamil Nadu went abroad for work between January 2016 and March 18, 2021.
- ❖ During the same period, 1.9 million people from Kerala travelled abroad for work.
- ❖ Out of the total 1.3 crore job seekers from across the country in the past five years, Kerala and Tamil Nadu accounted for nearly 24%.
- ❖ About 12.6 lakh people flew from Uttar Pradesh for work.
- ❖ The data was provided by Union minister of state for external affairs V Muraleedharan in the Lok Sabha.

### Note

- ❖ 4.7 lakh people returned to Tamil Nadu under the Vande Bharat Mission.
- ❖ The mission was aimed at repatriation of stranded and distressed Indian nationals across the globe during the pandemic.

## NATIONAL

### AIM-PRIME

- ❖ Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog launched the AIM-PRIME (Program for Researchers on Innovations, Market-Readiness & Entrepreneurship) initiative.
- ❖ This initiative is to promote and support science-based deep-tech start-ups & ventures across India.



- ❖ In this regard, AIM has joined hands with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) to launch this nationwide program.
- ❖ That will be implemented by Venture Center - a non-profit technology business incubator.
- ❖ The first cohort of the program is open to technology developers (early-stage deep tech start-ups, and scientists/ engineers/ clinicians) with strong science-based deep tech business ideas.
- ❖ The benefits of this program are aimed at addressing specific issues through training and guidance over a period of 12 months.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **First Indo-Korean Park**

- ❖ India's First Indo-Korean Friendship Park was jointly inaugurated at Delhi Cantonment by Union minister Rajnath Singh and Minister of National Defence, Republic of Korea Mr Suh Wook.
- ❖ The park has been developed in joint consultation with the Ministry of Defence, the Government of India, the Indian Army, the Delhi Cantonment Board, the Embassy of Korea and the Korean War Veterans Association of India.
- ❖ This park will also act as a monument to India's contributions as part of 21 countries that participated in the Korean war 1950-53.

### **Carnivac-Cov**

- ❖ The first animal vaccine against the novel coronavirus in the world has been registered in Russia.
- ❖ It was announced by Rosselkhoznadzor, the country's agriculture safety organization.
- ❖ The vaccine has been named as Carnivac-Cov.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Capital infusion in 4 PSBs**

- ❖ The Central Government has announced to infuse Rs 14,500 crore in four state-owned lenders in 2020-21 by issuing non-interest-bearing bonds to the banks.
- ❖ The four state-owned lenders are
  - Central Bank of India,

- Indian Overseas Bank,
- Bank of India and
- UCO Bank.
- ❖ This infusion will complete the government's total capital infusion of Rs 20,000 crore in public sector banks for the current financial year 2020-21.
- ❖ Earlier in December 2020, it infused Rs 5,500 crore in Punjab and Sind Bank.

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**Name of the Public Sector Banks and Allocation of Securities (i) Non-interest bearing (Non-transferable) Special Gol Security, 2031; (ii) Non-interest bearing (Non-transferable) Special Gol Security 2032; (iii) Non-interest bearing (Non-transferable) Special Gol Security 2033; (iv) Non-interest bearing (Non-transferable) Special Gol Security 2034; (v) Non-interest bearing (Non-transferable) Special Gol Security 2035; and (vi) Non-interest bearing (Non-transferable) Special Gol Security 2036, is as under:**

Sl. No.	Name of Eligible Bank	Maturing in Year (₹ crore)						Amount Allocated
		2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	
1	Central Bank of India	800	800	800	800	800	800	4800
2	Indian Overseas Bank	685	683	683	683	683	683	4100
3	Bank of India	500	500	500	500	500	500	3000
4	UCO Bank	435	433	433	433	433	433	2600
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2420</b>	<b>2416</b>	<b>2416</b>	<b>2416</b>	<b>2416</b>	<b>2416</b>	<b>14,500</b>

By Order of the President of India,  
RAJAT KUMAR MISHRA, Addl. Secy.

## ENVIRONMENT

### New Butterfly species in Western Ghats



- ❖ This is the first time that a butterfly species was discovered by an all-Indian research team from the Western Ghats.
- ❖ A new taxon of Lycaenid butterfly has been discovered by researchers in the Western Ghats.
- ❖ The taxon belongs to Nacaduba genus.



- ❖ The name of the butterfly species was suggested as Ramaswami's Six Line blue and 'Ceylon Varayanneeli'.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Dadasaheb Phalke Award

- ❖ Mr. Rajinikanth has been conferred with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award in this year.
- ❖ Rajinikanth made his debut into cinema in 1975 with K Balachander's Apoorva Ragangal.
- ❖ He has completed over 45 years in Kollywood.

#### About the award

- ❖ The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest honour in cinema.
- ❖ The award is presented by the Directorate of Film Festivals.
- ❖ It is given for the recipient's contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema.
- ❖ The award is named after Dhundiraj Govind Phalke.
- ❖ Phalke is revered as the father of Indian cinema.
- ❖ The award was instituted in 1969.
- ❖ The recipient receives a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh.





## MISCELLANEOUS

### Global gender gap report

South Asia			
Country	Rank		Score
	Regional	Global	
Bangladesh	1	65	0.719
Nepal	2	106	0.683
Sri Lanka	3	118	0.670
Maldives	4	128	0.642
Bhutan	5	130	0.639
India	6	140	0.625
Pakistan	7	153	0.558
Afghanistan*	8	156	0.444

- ❖ The World Economic Forum has released the Global Gender Gap Report 2021.
- ❖ India has seen a decrease in its ranking on the index by 28 places.
- ❖ India has been ranked 140th among 156 countries on the index.
- ❖ With this, India became the third-worst performer in South Asia.
- ❖ The decline also took place on the economic participation and opportunity subindex.
- ❖ The report highlighted that India's gender gap on this dimension widened by 3% this year.
- ❖ It is leading to a 32.6% gap closed till date.
- ❖ The women ministers have declined to 9.1% in 2021 from 23.1% in 2019.
- ❖ One of the drivers of this decline is a decrease in women's labour force participation rate, which decreased from 24.8% to 22.3%.
- ❖ The share of women in professional and technical roles also decreased to 29.2%.
- ❖ In senior and managerial positions, the share of women is also low.
- ❖ Only 14.6% of these positions are held by women.
- ❖ Moreover only 8.9% of firms are with female top managers.
- ❖ The income earned by women in India is the only 1/5th of that earned by men.

- ❖ This has put India among the bottom 10 globally on this indicator.

**Note:**

- ❖ Among India's neighbours, Nepal has been ranked 106, Bangladesh 65, Afghanistan 156, Pakistan 153, Sri Lanka 116, and Bhutan 130.
- ❖ The region has an overall gender gap closed at 62.3%.
- ❖ In the South Asia region, only two countries - Pakistan and Afghanistan have been ranked below India.
- ❖ Iceland has topped the index for the 12th time.
- ❖ In 2020, India was ranked 112th among 153 countries.

