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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The UAE started its first-ever nuclear reactor “Barakah” at Abu Dhabi on the Gulf coast.
- ❖ The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs Ram Vilas Paswan extended the One Nation One card scheme to four more states and UT’s Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Nagaland and Uttarakhand.
- ❖ Apple becomes the world’s most valuable publicly listed company.
  - It pushed the Saudi Aramco into the second position.
- ❖ India celebrated the International Friendship Day on August 02.

## TAMIL NADU

### Renaming Chennai Metro stations

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has passed an order to rename three metro stations in Chennai after three late Chief Ministers of the state.
- ❖ According to a government order, the Alandur station will be called 'Arignar Anna Alandur Metro', the Central Metro as 'Puratchi Thalaivar Dr M G Ramachandran Central Metro' and the CMBT station as 'Puratchi Thalaivi Dr J Jayalalithaa CMBT Metro.'
- ❖ Chennai Metro is the third largest metro system in India after Delhi Metro and Hyderabad Metro.



## Sa Kandasamy

- ❖ Famous Tamil writer and documentary filmmaker Sa Kandasamy recently passed away.
- ❖ Kandasamy marked his entry to Tamil literature through his novel 'Saayaavanam' published in 1968.
- ❖ His novel 'Vicharani Commission' (Enquiry Commission) won the Sahitya Akademi award in 1998 for the 'Best Tamil Novel'.



## NATIONAL

### Gramodyog Vikas Yojana

- ❖ The Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has approved a programme for the benefit of artisans involved in manufacturing of Agarbatti under the 'Gramodyog Vikas Yojana' (As a pilot project).
- ❖ Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) will provide training, and assist artisans working in this area.

### SKOCH Gold Award

- ❖ The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) has received SKOCH Gold Award for its "Empowerment of Tribals through IT enabled Scholarship Schemes" project.
- ❖ It is the highest civilian honour in the country conferred by the SKOCH, an independent organisation.
- ❖ It recognises people, projects and institutions that aims to make India a better nation.

- ❖ It is given to both institutions/organisations and individuals.



## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Beidou**

- ❖ China says its Beidou system now fully operational.
- ❖ It is joining an elite group providing space-based systems comprising the US's GPS, Russia's GLONASS and the European Union's Galileo.
- ❖ India's is called Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC).
- ❖ India is developing its own navigation satellite system called the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System.
- ❖ IRNSS is an independent regional navigation satellite system being developed by India.
- ❖ It is designed to provide accurate position information service to users in India as well as the region extending up to 1500 km from its boundary.

## **STATES**

### **Capital of Andhra Pradesh**

- ❖ The Governor of Andhra Pradesh Biswa Bhusan Harichandan gave his assent to the Andhra Pradesh Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of All Regions Bill 2020.
- ❖ The clearance of the decentralisation Bill facilitates the development of Amaravati, Kurnool and Visakhapatnam as the Legislative, Judicial and Executive Capitals respectively.



## **Valmiki Community**

- ❖ Valmikis get domicile certificates in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The community members will now get a right to life, right to vote, right to government jobs, right to professional colleges and reservation.
- ❖ They came to Jammu and Kashmir as “sanitary workers” on the request of the then government before Sixty-three years.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Breastfeeding Week**

- ❖ It is celebrated annually in the first week of August (from 1st of August to 7th of August).
- ❖ The theme for the year 2020 is, “Support Breast feeding for a healthier planet”.
- ❖ The day commenced after signing the Innocenti Declaration in August 1990.
- ❖ It is organised by the WABA, WHO and UNICEF.
- ❖ The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) is a network of people working on a global scale to eliminate obstacles to breastfeeding

**World Breastfeeding Week:  
Support Breastfeeding  
For a Healthier Planet**

