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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Mumbai and Bengaluru are out of the global top-100 list and are currently ranking at 106 and 110 respectively.
 - This is according to the latest edition of the QS Best Student Cities Ranking.
- ❖ The IndusInd Bank has been empanelled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to act as an 'Agency Bank'.
 - As an Agency Bank, IndusInd becomes eligible to carry out transactions related to all kinds of government-led businesses.
- ❖ The International Clouded Leopard Day is observed Aug 4th.
 - The day creates international awareness and an attempt to increase the profile of Clouded leopards both in captivity and in the wild.
- ❖ The Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee has launched the 'Uttarakhand Bhookamp alert' app.
 - It is India's first Earthquake Early Warning (EEW) mobile app.

TAMIL NADU

Excavation begins in Porpanaikottai

- ❖ The Tamilnadu Environment Minister Siva V Meyyanathan inaugurated archaeological excavation by Tamil Nadu Open University, at Porpanaikottai, Pudukkottai.
- ❖ There are reports of a fort having stood at Porpanaikottai several years ago.
- ❖ The Archaeologists said the evidence found in the area dates back 1,800 years.
- ❖ In 2013, the archaeology students found a culvert which is 1,800 years old.

Trichy Carbine

- ❖ The Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli (OFT) in Tamil Nadu launched a new high-tech and low sound weapon.
- ❖ It is called as TriCa (Trichy Carbine).
- ❖ It is a mini version of the Trichy Assault Rifle (TAR).

NATIONAL

Inland Vessels Bill, 2021

- ❖ The Parliament has passed the Inland Vessels Bill, 2021 recently.
- ❖ This legislation is to replace the Inland Vessels Act, 1917.
- ❖ This bill seeks to introduce a uniform regulatory framework for inland vessel navigation across the country.
- ❖ It provides for a central database for recording the details of vessel, vessel registration and crew on an electronic portal.
- ❖ The bill defines mechanically propelled inland vessels to include ships, boats, sailing vessels, container vessels and ferries.
- ❖ To operate in inland waters, all vessels must have a certificate of survey and a certificate of registration.
- ❖ Each state will constitute a development fund which will be utilised for various purposes including emergency preparedness, containment of pollution and boosting inland water navigation.

Samagra Shiksha Scheme for School Education



- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of Samagra Shiksha Scheme for School Education for five years from April 1, 2021 till March 31, 2026.
- ❖ The Samagra Shiksha Scheme is an integrated scheme that aims to cover the whole school education from school to class XII.
- ❖ The scheme is in line with Sustainable Development Goal for Education (SDG-4).
- ❖ It aims to ensure that all children have access to quality education.

Pardoning Power of Governors - Supreme Court

- ❖ The Supreme Court of India held that, Governor of state can pardon prisoners, including in the death sentence cases.



- ❖ The Governor can pardon the prisoners even before they have completed minimum 14 years of prison sentence.
- ❖ The Bench also held that, Governor's power to pardon overrides a provision given under Section 433A of Code of Criminal Procedure.
- ❖ The Section 433A mandates that sentence of prisoner can be remitted only after 14 years of jail.
- ❖ The Court noted, sovereign power of Governor to pardon prisoner under Article 161 is exercised by the State government and not the Governor on his own, in reality.

Note

- ❖ Article 161 of the Indian constitution provides the Governor of a State with power to grant pardons, reprieves, respites or to remit punishment or to suspend, remit or commute sentence of any person convicted of any offence against laws.
- ❖ As of now, only President had the power to pardon in all cases including that in death sentence cases.
- ❖ However, this provision for Governor has been reversed by Supreme court recently.

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill

- ❖ The Parliament passed Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill recently.
- ❖ This Bill replaces the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 that was promulgated on April 4, 2021.
- ❖ The recent amendment bill will provide for an alternate insolvency resolution process for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- ❖ This resolution will be called as "pre-packaged insolvency resolution process (PIRP)".
- ❖ It will introduce a time-bound process to resolve issues of insolvency of the corporate debtors within 330 days.
- ❖ This process of resolution is called as Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP).
- ❖ Under the CIRP, debtor or its creditors will be able to apply for initiation of CIRP in case there is default of Rs. 1 lakh.
- ❖ A committee of creditor will also be constituted under CIRP to decide on insolvency resolution.

Fortune Global 500 list - 2021

- ❖ Seven Indian companies have found a place in 2021 Fortune's Global 500 list.
- ❖ The Fortune Global 500 is an annual ranking of the top 500 enterprises globally, as measured by business revenues.
- ❖ Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Ltd is the highest-ranked Indian company on the list in terms of revenue.
- ❖ It is placed at 155th spot globally.
- ❖ Globally, Walmart has topped the list in terms of revenue for the eighth consecutive year and the 16th time since 1995.

List of 7 Indian Companies	
•	Reliance Industries (155)
•	State Bank of India (205)
•	Indian Oil (212)
•	Oil & Natural Gas (243)
•	Rajesh Exports (348)
•	Tata Motors (357)
•	Bharat Petroleum (394)

Minervarya Pentali



- ❖ The newly discovered species is endemic to the southern Western Ghats (Kerala and Tamil Nadu).
- ❖ This species is also among the smallest known Minervaryan frogs.
- ❖ It belongs to the family Dicroglossidae.

- ❖ The species is named after Prof. Deepak Pental in appreciation of his tremendous support and encouragement for setting up of Systematics Lab at University of Delhi.

SPORTS

Paralympic Theme Song launch

- ❖ The Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur launched the theme song for the Indian Paralympic contingent in New Delhi.
- ❖ The song is titled “Kar De Kamaal Tu”.
- ❖ The composer and singer of the song is Sanjeev Singh.
- ❖ He is a Divyang cricket player from Lucknow.
- ❖ 54 para-sportspersons across 9 sports disciplines are participating in Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

Lovlina Borgohain



- ❖ Lovlina won the third Olympic medal for India.
- ❖ She won bronze medal after against Busenaz Surmeneli from Turkey in 69kg welterweight semi-finals.
- ❖ Lovlina Borgohain has also become the second Indian female boxer, after MC Mary Kom, to win an Olympic bronze.
- ❖ Lovlina has become first-ever Assamese woman to win the Olympic medal.
- ❖ Lovlina Borgohain is the third Indian boxer to win Olympic bronze following legendary boxers Mary Kom and Vijender Singh.



- ❖ Mary Kom and Vijender Singh had won bronze medal respectively in 2012 London Olympics and 2008 Beijing Olympics.

