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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) appointed Professor Pradeep Kumar Joshi as its new Chairman.
  - He succeeds Arvind Saxena.
- ❖ The Forest Department of Uttarakhand has developed a Green Ramayana Park.
  - The park has species in connection with the journey of Rama across four major types of forest in the country.
- ❖ Export-Import Bank on behalf of Indian Government, extended a Line of Credit of USD 250 million (about Rs. 1,870 Crores) to Mozambique to improve the power supply quality of the country.

## NATIONAL

### **New CAG of India**

- ❖ Former J&K Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu has been appointed as a 14th Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.
- ❖ He succeeds Rajiv Mehrishi who completes his term on August 2020.

### **New Version of the India Water Resources Information System**

- ❖ The Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) has launched a new version of the India Water Resources Information System (India-WRIS) with new functions and features.
- ❖ It is open to the public, and accessible through the web portal [www.indiawris.gov.in](http://www.indiawris.gov.in).
- ❖ Also, the MoJS has established a dedicated organization, National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC) to maintain and update India-WRIS.

### **Online Training Programme for PE (Physical education) Teachers & Principals**

- ❖ The Sports Authority of India announced that will host an online training programme on “Khelo India Fitness Assessment of School Going Children”.
- ❖ This training conducted through the Khelo India Mobile App (KIMA) to the Physical Education teachers and head of the institutions from CISCE schools.

- ❖ For this, it associates with Education Boards Council for The Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Sri Lankan Parliamentary elections**

- ❖ Mahinda Rajapaksa has won 145 (plus five more seats from allies) in the elections, securing two-thirds majority in the parliament of Sri Lanka.
- ❖ The two-thirds supermajority will give them powers to change the constitution.
- ❖ Sri Lanka is a democratic republic and unitary state, which is governed by a semi-presidential system, a mixture of parliamentary and presidential system.

### **New Platform to Reduce Global Food Loss and Waste**

- ❖ The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) unveiled a new Platform, to support the global reduction of food loss and waste.
- ❖ The official launch of the platform will be on the first International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFW) which will be observed on 29th September 2020.
- ❖ The platform will have information on measurement, reduction policies, alliance, actions and examples of models that were successful in reducing the food loss and wastages in the period of global pandemic.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Liquidation Process Regulations- 2016 Amendment**

- ❖ Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) amended the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016.
- ❖ It is amended by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

## STATES

### Partnership with Google for Learning Tools for Schools

- ❖ The Government of Maharashtra announced the partnership with Google which will provide google provided learning programmes that integrate the classroom approach into online learning.
- ❖ Maharashtra became the first state in India to collaborate with Google India for state-wide distribution of G suite for Education and Google Classroom.

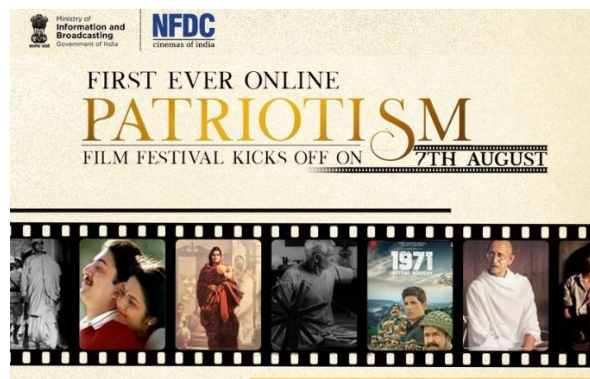
## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Food Vision 2050

- ❖ US-based Rockefeller Foundation has selected Naandi Foundation, a Hyderabad based non-profit organisation, as one of the top 10 'Visionaries' in the world for the Food Vision 2050 Prize.
- ❖ This model leads to the Food Vision 2050 that follows an 'ABCDEFGH' framework - Agriculture, Biology, Compost, Decentralised decision-making, Entrepreneurs, Families, Global Markets, and 'Headstands', or turning current approaches on their head.

### Online patriotic film festival

- ❖ The National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) is organized a first of its kind, online patriotic film festival.
- ❖ The virtual film festival will be a part of Independence Day Celebrations 2020 by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- ❖ The festival will be showcasing Indian History that marks the bravery of the country's freedom fighters and will aim at creating a festive and patriotic mood in the present times among the Indians across the world.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Quit India Day - August 9

- ❖ Bharat Chodo Andolan or August Kranti Movement was launched at the Bombay session of the All India Congress Committee on August 8, 1942.
- ❖ The movement was started on August 9, 1942 in Gowalia Tank.
- ❖ It is also known as August Kranti Maidan.
- ❖ On this day, Gandhi gave a 'do or die' call to the people of India in a final push to make the British quit.
- ❖ The first half of the movement was peaceful with demonstrations and processions.
- ❖ But the second half of the movement was violent with raids and setting fire at government buildings and railway stations.
- ❖ After the arrest of major leaders, young Aruna Asaf Ali presided over the AICC session.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### UNESCO Recognition for Two Coastal Villages

- ❖ UNESCO recognised the two coastal villages of Odisha as “Tsunami Ready” for their overall preparedness to face the tsunami.
- ❖ The two villages are Venkatraipur and Noliasahi.
- ❖ Odisha became the first state in India and India became the first country in the Indian Ocean Region to achieve this status.



## ODISHA IS THE **FIRST STATE IN INDIA** TO GET TWO COASTAL VILLAGES **TSUNAMI READY**

- The **Venkatraipur village** of Rangeilunda block, Ganjam District and **Noliasahi village** of Ersama block, Jagatsinghpur District.
- This is acknowledged by **Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)** of UNESCO



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