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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has started a public awareness campaign to warn people against digital banking frauds.
 - For this new campaign, the RBI has roped in Olympic Gold medallist Neeraj Chopra.
- ❖ Nagaland has been conferred with seven national awards on the first Van Dhan Annual Awards 2020-21.
 - The awards were given during the celebration of the 34th foundation day of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED).
- ❖ A massive wildfire continues to burn on the northern tip of Greece's second-largest island called Evia, which is close to the mainland.
 - Wildfires or forest fires (or bushfires in Australia) are unplanned fires that burn through natural areas such as forests, grasslands or prairies.
- ❖ The Government of India has approved Bharat Biotech's manufacturing facility in Ankleshwar in South Gujarat for the production of Covaxin.
 - Covaxin is India's first indigenously developed Covid-19 vaccine.
- ❖ The theme of India's 75th Independence Day celebrations will be 'Nation First, Always First'.
 - The country will celebrate its 75th year of Independence at Red Fort this year.

TAMIL NADU

White report - Tamilnadu Economy

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management P. T. R. Palanivel Thiagarajan published White Paper on the state's finances at the Secretariat in Chennai.
- ❖ The white paper highlighted the fiscal mismanagement during the past 10 years in Tamilnadu.
- ❖ According to the white paper, the average annual growth rate of GSDP in TN has reduced from 10.15 per cent in 2006-11 to 7.22 per cent in between 2016-20.
- ❖ Revenue deficit of TN has been deteriorating for the last eight years.



- ❖ Revenue deficit is 3.16 as percentage of GSDP for FY 2020-21.
- ❖ Fiscal deficit of the state has been primarily increasing due to increase in govt borrowing.
- ❖ Fiscal deficit is 4.43 as percentage of GSDP.
- ❖ The public debt is Rs 2,63,976 per family in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Public debt as percentage of GSDP is 26.69 per cent.
- ❖ State's Own Tax Revenue registered a significant decline.
- ❖ Subsidies has increased to 27.06 per cent of Revenue Expenditure and 3.21 per cent of GSDP in 2020-21.
- ❖ Power subsidy is the highest at 1.10 per cent of GSDP.
- ❖ Food subsidy is at 0.49 per cent of GSDP.
- ❖ Transport subsidy is at 0.19 per cent of GSDP.

NATIONAL

The Tribunal Reforms Bill, 2021

- ❖ The Tribunal Reforms Bill, 2021 was passed in the parliament.
- ❖ The bill sets at abolishing as many as nine appellate tribunals set up under various acts.
- ❖ All the pending cases before these tribunals will be transferred to the High Court or Commercial Court.
- ❖ The Tribunal Reforms Bill will also provide for the uniform terms and the conditions of service for Chairperson and members of various tribunals.

World's highest mobile Air Traffic Control towers

- ❖ The Indian Air Force (IAF) has constructed one of the world's highest mobile Air Traffic Control (ATC) towers at the Advanced Landing Ground in the Ladakh region.
- ❖ The Air Traffic Control (ATC) towers to aid in control operations of the fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters operating in the eastern Ladakh region.
- ❖ IAF has also been deploying fighter aircraft including MiG-29s and Rafale in eastern Ladakh.

N Line of cars - Hyundai

- ❖ Hyundai Motor India Ltd. announced its debut first N Line of cars for India in 2021.
- ❖ According to the South Korean carmaker, N Line models will offer customers motor sport-inspired styling cues.
- ❖ i30 was the first N-branded vehicle, which was launched in 2017.
- ❖ In India, N Line model will be launched through i20.

Kakori Train Action

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government has renamed the landmark freedom movement event “Kakori Train Conspiracy” as “Kakori Train Action”.
- ❖ This is done as a tribute to the revolutionaries who were hanged for robbing a train at Kakori to buy weapons in 1925.

Note

- ❖ The train robbery took place in Kakori, a village near Lucknow.
- ❖ The robbery was planned by Ram Prasad Bismil and Ashfaqullah Khan.
- ❖ They belonged to the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA).
- ❖ Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaqullah Khan and Roshan Singh were hanged to death for their involvement in the robbery on December 19, 1927.



AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2021

- ❖ India and Saudi Arabia is all set to conduct their first ever naval exercise called “AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2021”.
- ❖ To participate in the exercise, India’s guided-missile destroyer INS Kochi reached Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ The joint naval exercise will showcase the reflection of growing defence and military cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia.

- ❖ INS Kochi reached to Saudi Arabia after conducting a naval exercise with the UAE Navy off the coast of Abu Dhabi.

INS Kochi

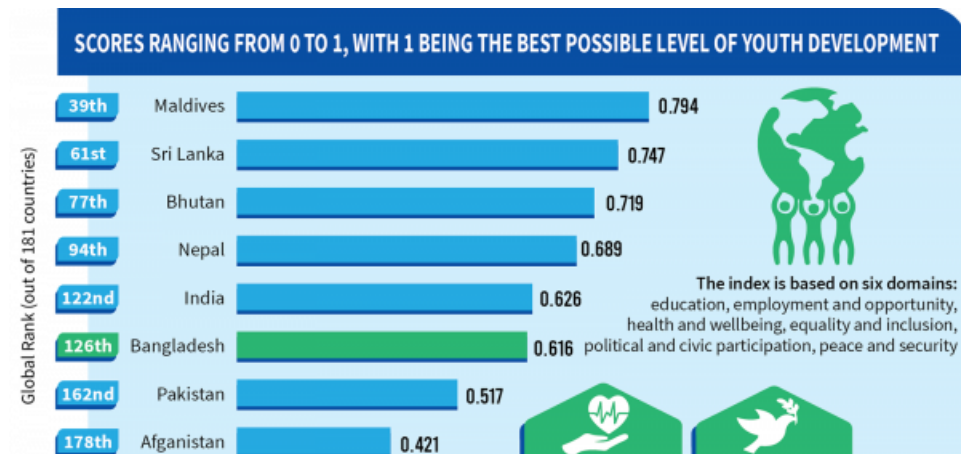
- ❖ It is the second ship of Kolkata-class stealth guided-missile destroyers.
- ❖ It was built for Indian Navy under the code name Project 15A.
- ❖ The ship was constructed by Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) in Mumbai.
- ❖ It was commissioned to Indian Navy service in September 2015.

INTERNATIONAL

Marburg virus disease

- ❖ The World Health Organization has confirmed the Marburg virus disease in southern Gueckedou prefecture, West Africa.
- ❖ Marburg virus is carried by bats and has a fatality rate of up to 88 per cent.
- ❖ Marburg is a highly virulent disease that causes haemorrhagic fever and is in the same family of viruses that cause Ebola.

Global Youth Development Index, 2020



- ❖ India was ranked at 122nd position among 181 countries in Global Youth Development Index, 2020.
- ❖ Commonwealth Secretariat released this triennial ranking of youth development for 181 countries.
- ❖ The index measures the status of young people among 181 countries across the world.
- ❖ Singapore was ranked at the top for the first time.



- ❖ It is followed by Slovenia, Norway, Malta and Denmark.
- ❖ Bottom countries in the index include Chad, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Afghanistan and Niger.

DABUS receives patent

- ❖ South Africa, first time in the world, has granted a patent to an ‘artificial intelligence system’
- ❖ Patent is related to a “food container based on fractal geometry” to an artificial intelligence (AI) system called DABUS.
- ❖ DABUS (which stands for “device for the autonomous bootstrapping of unified sentience”) is an AI system created by Stephen Thaler.

STATES

Rajiv Gandhi award for IT sector

- ❖ Maharashtra government has announced a new award named after the former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- ❖ The award is given for outstanding performance in the Information and Technology (IT) sector.
- ❖ The Rajiv Gandhi Award in Maharashtra will be given to institutes doing remarkable work in the field of information technology.

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