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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Mariyappan Thangavelu, 2016 Rio Paralympic Games gold medallist will be replaced by Asian Games gold medallist Tekchand as the new flag-bearer of India at the opening ceremony.
  - The Paralympic Committee of India reported, “On his flight to Tokyo, Mariyappan came in close contact with a Covid positive foreign passenger.

## TAMIL NADU

### Kalaingar Urban Development Scheme

- ❖ The Tamilnadu government will implement the Kalaingar Urban Development Scheme.
- ❖ The objective of the programme was to provide employment to urban poor, who had lost their jobs because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ A committee headed by former RBI Governor C Rangarajan had also recommended that the Tamil Nadu government start an employment scheme in urban areas in the wake of the pandemic.
- ❖ Through this, Infrastructure including community hall, markets, modern libraries will be created in municipalities and town panchayats.

## NATIONAL

### Narayan Rane Arrest

- ❖ The Union minister Narayan Rane was arrested after his statement against Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray.
- ❖ A union minister or a Member of Parliament enjoys certain privileges but most of them are available when Parliament is in session.
- ❖ If Parliament is not in session, police or other law enforcement agencies may arrest a Union cabinet minister in a criminal case.
- ❖ But, under Section 222A of the Rules of Procedures and Conduct of Business of the Rajya Sabha, the police or a judge issuing an arrest order is required to intimate the Rajya Sabha Chairman about the reason for and place of arrest.
- ❖ The Chairman gets it published in Rajya Sabha.

**Note**

- ❖ A union minister or an MP enjoys protection from arrest 40 days before the start of a Parliament session, during its sittings and 40 days after its conclusion.
- ❖ So, under Section 135 of the Code of Civil Procedure, Narayan Rane has the protection from arrest in a civil case as Parliament's Monsoon Session ended earlier this month.
- ❖ However, his arrest came in a criminal case.
- ❖ And, the protection from arrest does not cover criminal offences or preventive detention.

### Global Manufacturing Risk Index



- ❖ India has emerged as a global manufacturing hub.
- ❖ It has effectively surpassed the United States to become the world's second most desired manufacturing destination.
- ❖ This indicates the growing interest in India by manufacturers as a preferred manufacturing hub over other countries.
- ❖ The top position is retained by China.
- ❖ India's ranking was reflected in Cushman & Wakefield's 2021 Global Manufacturing Risk Index.

- ❖ The index ranks 47 countries across Europe, the Americas, and the Asia Pacific.

### **Forum for Decarbonizing Transport**

- ❖ NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute (WRI), India, jointly launched the 'Forum for Decarbonizing Transport' in India.
- ❖ NITI Aayog is the implementing partner for India.
- ❖ The aim of the project is to bring down the peak level of GHG emissions (transport sector) in Asia.
- ❖ The Forum has been launched under the NDC-Transport Initiative for Asia (NDC-TIA) project.
- ❖ The NDC Transport Initiative for Asia (TIA 2020-2023) is a joint programme of seven organizations that will engage China, India, and Vietnam in promoting a comprehensive approach to decarbonizing transport in their respective countries.



### **E-Shram Portal**

- ❖ The Ministry of Labour and Employment launched the E-Shram portal.
- ❖ E-Shram Portal will be the National Database of Unorganised workers (Shram Yogis).
- ❖ The portal will do the targeted identification of the unorganized workers.
- ❖ It will help take social security schemes to their doorstep.
- ❖ Registered workers will be provided with an e-SHRAM card that will have a 12 digit unique number.
- ❖ This move will integrate the Centre's social security schemes.



# e-Shram

Shramev Jayate

NATIONAL DATABASE OF UNORGANISED WORKERS

## Iconic Week celebrations

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

*Celebrating*  
**ICONIC WEEK**  
**23-29 AUG, 2021**  
as part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**

- Microsite, e-books and cultural programmes: **to pivot on the Spirit of Jan Bhagidari**
- Documentary films and show **"Naye Bharat Ka Naya Safar"** to be broadcast by **DD Network**
- Online Film Festivals to showcase the **best of Patriotic/Classic cinemas**
- Interactive activities, quizzes and competitions** across social media to target Younger Audience

- ❖ The union minister for information and broadcasting Anurag Thakur has kicked off a series of activities to celebrate the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

- ❖ The activities organised by the ministry will aim to 'showcase the convergence of the values and glories of the freedom struggle of the past with the aspirations and dreams of a young, new and iconic India'.
- ❖ Thakur kicks off the 'Iconic Week' which attract participation from across the country under the overall spirit of 'Jan Bhagidari and Jan Andolan'.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Safe Cities Index 2021



- ❖ Copenhagen, the capital city of Denmark, has been named as the world's safest city from among 60 global cities in Safe Cities Index 2021.
- ❖ This index is released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).
- ❖ Yangon is at the bottom of the index.
- ❖ New Delhi is placed at 48th position and Mumbai is at 50th place.

## ECONOMY

### Infosys crosses \$100 billion m-cap

- ❖ The shares of Information Technology major, Infosys crossed \$100 billion in market capitalisation.
- ❖ Infosys is the fourth Indian company to achieve this milestone.
- ❖ Reliance Industries, Tata Consultancy Services and HDFC Bank are the other Indian firms in the club with Infosys.

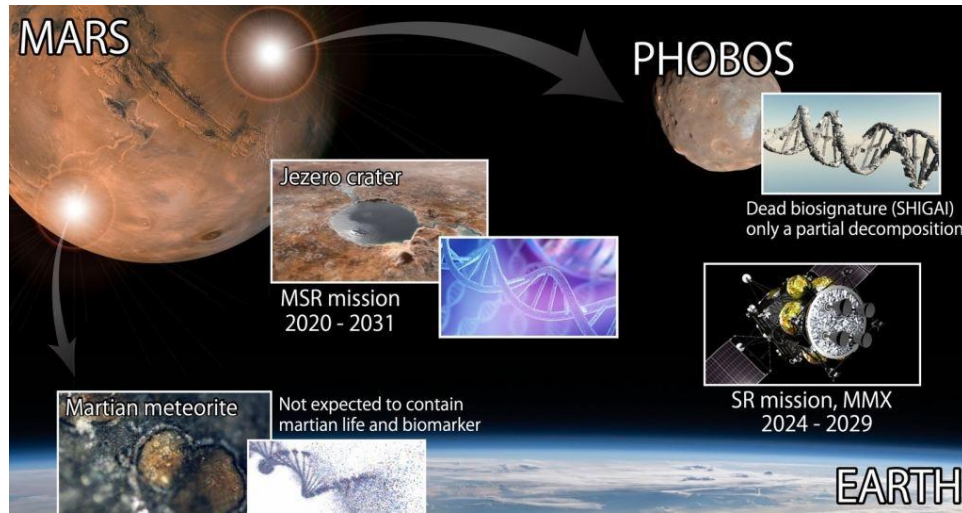


## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### JAXA's Aim to Bring Mars Samples Soon

- ❖ Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) has planned to bring soil samples from the Mars ahead of the US and China.
- ❖ JAXA plans to launch an explorer in 2024 to land on Phobos.
- ❖ This is to collect 10 grams of soil and bring it back to Earth in 2029.
- ❖ Phobos is a Martian moon.

- ❖ By studying Phobos soil samples including material from Mars, scientists hope to learn about the evolution of the Martian biosphere.



## STATES

### Wanchuwa Festival in Assam



- ❖ Tiwa tribesmen perform their traditional dance as they take part in Wanchuwa Festival in Assam.
- ❖ This festival is celebrated by Tiwa tribesmen to mark their good harvest.



- ❖ Tiwa is also known as Lalung is an indigenous community inhabiting the states of Assam and Meghalaya.
- ❖ They are also found in some parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.
- ❖ They are recognized as a Scheduled tribe within the state of Assam.
- ❖ They practice Jhum or shifting cultivation.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Sri Basava International Award**

- ❖ Karnataka government has selected Sri Basavalinga Pattaddevaru for the prestigious Sri Basava International Award.
- ❖ He is the senior seer of Bhalki Hiremath.
- ❖ Minister for Kannada and Culture V. Sunil Kumar will present the award at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru.
- ❖ The septuagenarian seer has spent over five decades in the Lingayat religious institution in the Bidar district.



## **SPORTS**

### **Princepal Singh in NBA**

- ❖ Princepal Singh became the first Indian to be part of an NBA title-winning team when his side Sacramento Kings clinched the 2021 NBA Summer League crown.



- ❖ The 6-foot-9 forward made history by being the first Indian to be part of a championship roster at any level of the NBA.
- ❖ The Kings dominated the championship game against the Boston Celtics, clinching the title win.

