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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ ICICI bank become the first bank in India to use satellite data to measure a collection of parameters related to the land, irrigation and crop patterns and use it in combination with demographic and financial parameters to make expeditious lending decisions for farmers.
- ❖ Dutch writer, Marieke Lucas Rijneveld has become the youngest author to win the International Booker Prize 'for his "The Discomfort of Evening book.
- ❖ IIT Alumni Council has signed an agreement with Russia's Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU) and Russoft to build the world's largest and fastest hybrid quantum computer in India.
- ❖ West Indies all-rounder Dwayne Bravo become the first bowler to attain the mark of 500 wickets in T20 cricket.
- ❖ Jeff Bezos, Amazon CEO became the first person in the world to hit a net worth of \$200 billion.

NATIONAL

National GIS-enabled Land Bank System

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched National GIS (Geographic Information System) enabled Land Bank System.
- ❖ The platform is to provide database of industrial clusters all over India.
- ❖ It will serve as one-stop solution to free and easy accessibility of industrial information.
- ❖ It holds information related to forest, raw material heat maps, drainage and multiple layers of connectivity.

KIRAN helpline service

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched 'Kiran', a toll-free helpline number for mental health rehabilitation.
- ❖ The helpline number (1800-599-0019) has been developed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment along with its partners.
- ❖ It aims to provide first aid, support for the early screening, distress management, psychological support, preventing deviant behaviours, mental well-being, psychological crisis management, among others.



- ❖ Kiran Helpline will be able to offer support in 13 languages.

Export Preparedness Index (EPI) report 2020

- ❖ NITI Aayog in partnership with the Institute of Competitiveness released the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) report 2020.
- ❖ EPI is the first report to examine export preparedness and performance of Indian states.
- ❖ The index ranked states on four key parameters – policy; business ecosystem; export ecosystem; export performance.

Highlights of the report:

- ❖ At present, 70 per cent of India's export has been dominated by five states – Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

Category	Winners
Top 3 states	Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.
Top 3 landlocked states,	Rajasthan followed by Telangana and Haryana.
Top 3 Himalayan states,	Uttarakhand followed by Tripura and Himachal Pradesh.
Top 3 Union Territories/City States	Delhi followed by Goa and Chandigarh.
Top 3 on policy parameters	Maharashtra followed by Gujarat and Jharkhand.
On business ecosystem parameter	Gujarat followed by Delhi and Tamil Nadu.
In the export ecosystem parameter	Maharashtra followed by Odisha and Rajasthan.
On the export performance parameter	Mizoram followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra.



LEADING THE PACK

Export preparedness score

Gujarat



Maharashtra



Tamil Nadu



Rajasthan



Odisha



New Circles of Archaeological Survey of India

- ❖ The Ministry of Culture, India has announced 7 new circles of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- ❖ New circles have been created in Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal and Gujarat.
- ❖ Trichy, Raiganj, Rajkot, Jabalpur, Jhansi & Meerut have been announced as new circles.
- ❖ The Hampi city in Karnataka is a place of international repute hence Hampi Mini Circle has been converted into a full-fledged circle.
- ❖ Earlier there were 29 ASI circles across the country.

INTERNATIONAL

Africa free of Wild Poliovirus

- ❖ The African Continent was declared free of wild polio by the independent body, the Africa Regional Certification Commission (ARCC).
- ❖ ARCC is responsible for certifying the eradication of wild poliovirus in the World Health Organization (WHO) African Region.
- ❖ The last case of wild poliovirus in Africa was detected in 2016 in Nigeria's Northeastern Borno state.
- ❖ The Poliovirus is now found only in Afghanistan and Pakistan.



- ❖ India was officially declared polio-free in 2014.

STATES

First Marine Ambulance

- ❖ The Government of Kerala has launched Marine Ambulance services, PRATHEEKSHA to provide more efficient rescue.
- ❖ This ambulance is capable of providing critical care to up to five people simultaneously.
- ❖ The other marine ambulances that are to be deployed are Pratyasha and Karunya.
- ❖ The ambulances to be deployed are as follows:
 - Pratheeksha in Thiruvananthapuram,
 - Pratyasha in Ernakulam,
 - Karunya in Kozhikode.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nuakhai Juhar

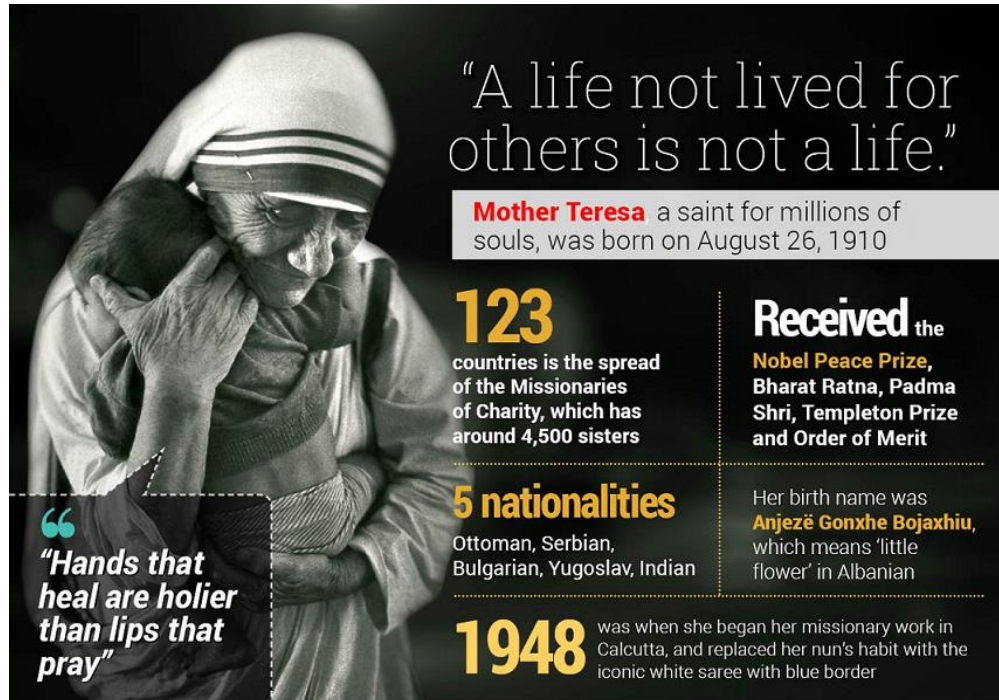
- ❖ Nuakhai Juhar is an agricultural festival, also called Nuakhai Parab or Nuakahi Bhetghat has celebrated on 23rd August, 2020.
- ❖ This is the festival of Western Odisha, southern Chhattisgarh and adjoining areas of Simdega (Jharkhand).
- ❖ It is celebrated to welcome the new crop of the season.
- ❖ Nuakhai is a combination of two words that signifies eating of new rice as 'nua' means new and 'khai' means eat.

Mother Teresa's 110th birth anniversary

- ❖ Mother Teresa's 110th birth anniversary observed on August 26, 2020.
- ❖ She was born on the 26th of August 1910 in Macedonia and moved to India in the late 1920s and taught history and geography for 15 long years at Calcutta's St Mary's High School.
- ❖ In 1950, she laid the foundation of the Roman Catholic religious congregation, which is now popularly known as the Missionaries of Charity.



- ❖ She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, but she refused to accept it and urged to contribute the prize money of 192,000 dollars for helping the poor in India.
- ❖ She also received the
 - Padma Shri in 1962
 - The Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding in 1969.
 - The Bharat Ratna in 1980.



“A life not lived for others is not a life.”

Mother Teresa a saint for millions of souls, was born on August 26, 1910

123 countries is the spread of the Missionaries of Charity, which has around 4,500 sisters

Received the **Nobel Peace Prize, Bharat Ratna, Padma Shri, Templeton Prize and Order of Merit**

Her birth name was **Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu**, which means 'little flower' in Albanian

5 nationalities Ottoman, Serbian, Bulgarian, Yugoslav, Indian

1948 was when she began her missionary work in Calcutta, and replaced her nun's habit with the iconic white saree with blue border

“Hands that heal are holier than lips that pray”

