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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has released a book titled 'Lockdown Lyrics'; a collection of poems written by Sanjukta Dash.
- ❖ England beat Germany in the European Soccer Championship and win its first women's soccer title.
- ❖ The Indian lawn bowls team won the gold medal in the women's four event of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
 - This is the first time in history that India has won a medal in this sport.

NATIONAL

Revamped Distribution Sector Program



- ❖ The Prime Minister launched the Ministry of Power's flagship Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme.
- ❖ It is aimed at improving the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of Distribution Companies.
- ❖ He also launched the national portal for Rooftop solar.

- ❖ It will enable online tracking of the process of installation of rooftop solar plants, starting from registering the applications to release of subsidy in residential consumers.

Three labor indicators

- ❖ As per the National Statistical Office, the proportion of employed persons working part-time in the 46-59 years age group at all India level was more than 10% between 2017-20.
- ❖ While in the age group of above 60 years, the proportion of employed persons working part-time was more than 15%.
- ❖ The NSO developed three labour indicators such as
 - “Proportion of Employed working Part-time, by sex”
 - “Proportion of Employed who are Employer, by sex” and
 - “Employment Rate of persons age 25-49 living in a household with at least one child under age 3 years and with no children under age 3 years living in the household, by sex” from the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data available in “Person level data of first visit schedule”.
- ❖ The International Labour Organization is custodian agency for these indicators.

INTERNATIONAL

Extended Fund Facility to Pakistan



- ❖ IMF signed an Extended Fund Facility (EFF) With Pakistan government for the revival of its economy.
- ❖ According to the Economic Survey of Pakistan 2022, the fiscal deficit in FY 22 was \$18.6 billion.
- ❖ The net public debt at \$252 billion, which is 66.3% of the GDP.

Extended Fund Facility (EFF)

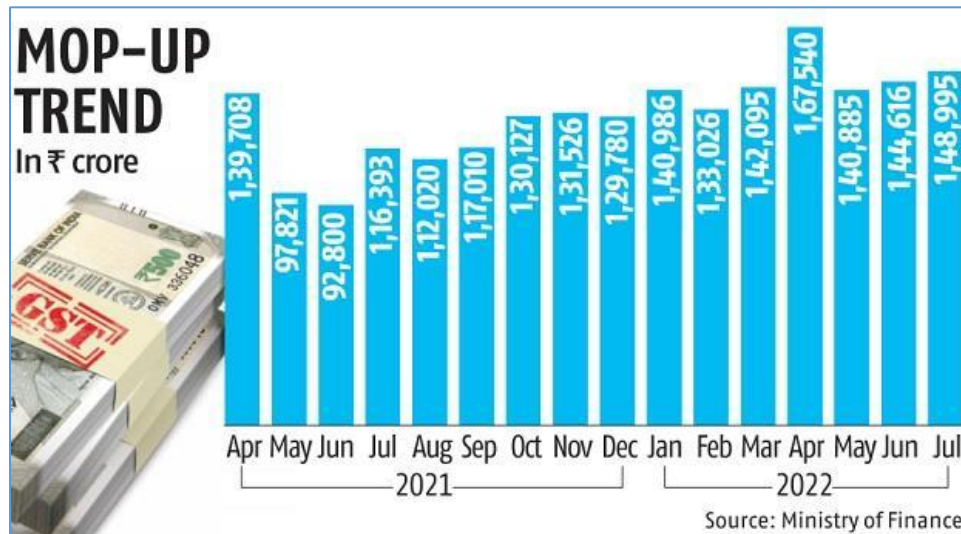
- ❖ It provides support for comprehensive programs including the policies needed to correct structural imbalances over an extended period.
- ❖ The EFF engagement and repayment cover longer periods than most Fund arrangements.
- ❖ The funds are provided for up to 3 to 4 years.
- ❖ Amounts drawn under an EFF are to be repaid over 5 -10 years.

Missile defense drill

- ❖ A joint ballistic missile defence exercise will be held between South Korea, the US, and Japan.
- ❖ It is the biannual Pacific Dragon drill
- ❖ Australia and Canada will also take part in the exercise in the edition of 2022, in addition to the three other nations.

ECONOMY

GST revenue collection



- ❖ GST collections in July 2022 jumped 28 per cent year-on-year Rs 1,48,995 crore.
- ❖ This is the second-highest GST revenue collection ever.
- ❖ The collection of June had stood at Rs 1,44,616 crore.
- ❖ The highest collection was in April 2022 - Rs 1,67,540 crore.



- ❖ It is the sixth time that the monthly GST collections have crossed the Rs 1.40-lakh-crore mark since the inception.

5G Spectrum Auction 2022

- ❖ Reliance Jio emerged as the top spectrum buyer in the 5G auctions.
- ❖ This is the first time that 700 MHz spectrum was acquired by an operator.
- ❖ Bharti Airtel was next to Jio and it is followed by Vodafone Idea.
- ❖ Adani Data Networks, the Adani Group firm was a new entrant in the auctions.
- ❖ The government mopped up a little over Rs 1.50 trillion in the auctions.
- ❖ 29% spectrums are unsold.

Auction Numbers		
	Spends (₹ Cr)	Purchases (MHz)
Jio	88,078	24,740.0
Airtel	43,084	19,867.8
Vi	18,799	6,228.4
Adani	212	400.0

STATES

Nation's longest House session

- ❖ Kerala had the nation's longest House session at 61 days in 2021.
- ❖ In 2020, it dropped to eighth place in terms of convening Assembly sessions during the initial COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Karnataka came in second with 40 sitting days.
- ❖ It is followed by Tamil Nadu with 34, Odisha.
- ❖ 17 of the 28 State Assemblies and the assembly of one Union Territory convened for fewer than 20 days.

- ❖ Andhra Pradesh, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, and Delhi convened for fewer than 10 days.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Asia's Richest Woman

- ❖ Savitri Jindal, the Chairperson of OP Jindal Group, become Asia's richest woman, as per the real-time Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
- ❖ She has surpassed China's Yang Huiyan.
- ❖ She is the richest woman and the 10th-richest person in the country of about 1.4 billion.



Distinguished Indologist for 2021



- ❖ Canadian scholar, Jeffrey Armstrong has been awarded the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist for 2021 award.
- ❖ “In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the study/teaching/research in India’s philosophy, thought, history, art, culture, Indian languages, literature, civilisation, society, etc” this is awarded.
- ❖ He becomes the seventh recipient of this award and joins the earlier recipients from Germany, China, Japan, the UK, South Korea and the USA.
- ❖ The annual award was instituted in 2015 during the First World Indology Conference, held at Delhi.
- ❖ The first recipient of the award in 2015 was Professor Heinrich Freiherr Von Stietencron from Germany.

SPORTS

‘Games Wide Open’



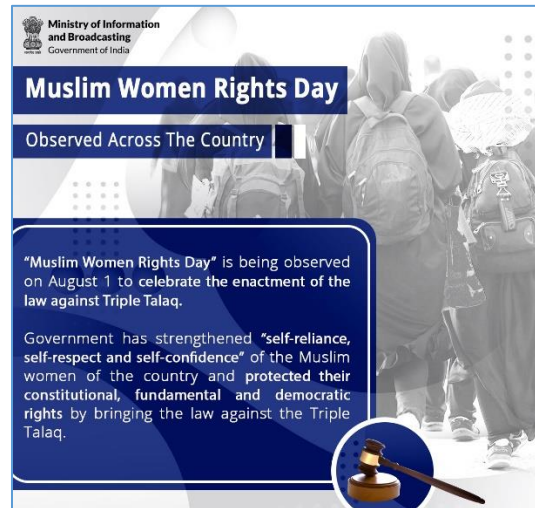
- ❖ The organizers of the 2024 Paris Olympics unveiled “Games Wide Open” as their official slogan.
- ❖ The 2024 Summer Olympics are scheduled to take place from July 26 to August 11, 2024.
- ❖ The slogan was released alongside a video promising the Olympics and Paralympics would be “faster”, “higher” and “stronger” — as well as “more inclusive, more brotherly, more beautiful.”

IMPORTANT DAYS

Muslim Women’s Rights Day – August 1

- ❖ The day celebrates the enactment of triple talaq law.

- ❖ It was implemented on August 1, 2019.
- ❖ Practice of triple talaq was made a criminal offence through this law.
- ❖ Triple talaq allowed Indian Muslim husbands to divorce their wives instantly, by pronouncing the word “talaq” three times continuously.
- ❖ This practice does not take the consent of wives into consideration.
- ❖ It prohibited under Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Law.



World Lung Cancer Day - Aug 1

- ❖ It aims to prevent deaths each year by raising awareness about the deadly disease and urging governments across the world to take action against it.
- ❖ It caused around 1.80 million deaths alone in 2020.
- ❖ The day was first observed in 2012.

