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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister debuted “Radio Jaighosh” to commemorate the 97th anniversary of the Kakori Train Action.

NATIONAL

Him Drone-e-thon Programme

- ❖ Him Drone-e-thon Programme was recently unveiled by the Indian Army, in association with the Drone Federation of India.
- ❖ It aims to catalyse and provide focused opportunities for Indian drone ecosystem.
- ❖ The ‘Him Drone-a-thon’ is pan India programme.
- ❖ It seeks to connect all the stakeholders including industry, software developers, academia, and drone product manufacturers.



SMILE-75 Initiative

- ❖ Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has marked 75 Municipal Corporations Under the Smile-75 initiative.
- ❖ It aims to comprehensive rehabilitation of person practicing the act of bagging.

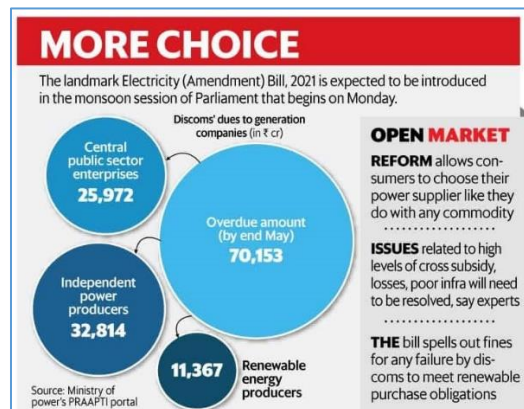
- ❖ SMILE stands for “Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise”.



Bharat Rang Mahotsav

- ❖ Maharashtra Governor inaugurated the 22nd ‘Bharat Rang Mahotsav’.
- ❖ It is a festival of theatre as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ❖ The five-day festival has been jointly organised by the National School of Drama and the P.L. Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Akademi.

Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022



- ❖ The contentious Electricity Amendment Bill, 2022 was introduced in the Lok Sabha.
- ❖ It aimed at giving multiple players open access to distribution networks of power suppliers and also allowing consumers to choose any service provider.

- ❖ It also pushes state electricity regulatory commissions to take up timely revision of tariffs and catalyse competition in the retail power distribution sector, among other provisions.
- ❖ This comes amid a renewed debate on the freebie culture and the focus on the mounting dues of power distribution companies.
- ❖ The bill amends the Electricity Act, 2003.
- ❖ Discoms of three states- Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Telangana owed about 57 per cent of total dues to power generating companies.
- ❖ They followed by Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir.

Recognition of Minorities at the District level

- ❖ The Supreme Court observed that it is "contrary to law" to identify religious and linguistic minority communities district-wise.
- ❖ It remarked that minority status of linguistic and religious communities have to be considered State wise.
- ❖ The judge was referring to the majority verdict given by the 11-judge Bench in the T. M. A Pai vs State of Karnataka case in 2002.
- ❖ Currently, only those communities notified under section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, by the central government are regarded as a minority.

INTERNATIONAL

Butterfly Mines



- ❖ UK warned about the possible use of PFM-1 series 'Butterfly Mines' by Russian military.

- ❖ Butterfly mines are capable of causing widespread casualties among military as well as local civilian population.
- ❖ Earlier, PFM-1s were used in Soviet-Afghan War.
- ❖ The PFM-1 and PFM-1S anti-personnel landmines are commonly called as 'Butterfly mines' or 'Green Parrots'.
- ❖ They got the name because of their shape and colour.
- ❖ Butterfly mine attracts children because it is similar to coloured toy.
- ❖ They are sensitive to touch and just picking it up can turn them on.
- ❖ They are difficult to detect as they are made of plastic.
- ❖ Moreover, they can evade metal detectors.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System



- ❖ The Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS), will be used for the 21-gun salute during the Independence Day.
- ❖ Till now, only British guns (Ordnance QF 25-pounder) were used during the annual celebrations of nationhood.



- ❖ The ATAGS is a 155 mm, 52 calibre heavy artillery gun
- ❖ It is jointly developed by the Armament Research and Development Establishment.
- ❖ The firing range of the new heavy artillery gun is 45 km, the first in the world.

Novel Langya Henipavirus

- Langya belongs to a family of viruses that is known to kill up to 75% of cases.
 - 35 people are known to have been infected by Langya henipavirus in the Shandong and Henan provinces of China between December 2018 and May 2021.
 - Most of the 35 cases were in farmers, and other infected individuals included factory workers.
 - Researchers are monitoring the spread of the novel Langya henipavirus (LayV) in China.
 - There is no treatment or vaccine for henipavirus infections yet.
- Source: Newscientist.com

- ❖ The novel Langya Henipavirus (LayV) was officially detected in China.
- ❖ It was first detected in the north eastern provinces of Shandong and Henan in 2018.
- ❖ The virus is suspected to have jumped from animals to humans in a process called zoonosis
- ❖ Langya is part of the genus Henipavirus, which has a single-stranded RNA genome with a negative orientation.
- ❖ The virus can cause severe disease in animals and humans and holds a biosafety Level 4 virus classification.
- ❖ It has 40-75 per cent fatality rate.

STATES

Assam-Mizoram Border Dispute

- ❖ A high-level delegation from Assam and Mizoram agreed to promote and maintain peace along the borders during talks held at the Aizawl Club.
- ❖ In a joint statement signed by officials from the two North-eastern neighbours.
- ❖ Both sides agreed to peacefully resolve the decades-old boundary dispute.

- ❖ The decades-old boundary dispute between Mizoram and Assam mainly stemmed from two colonial demarcations in 1875 and 1933.
- ❖ Mizoram accepts the demarcation in the 1875 notification under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation.
- ❖ But the Assam government said that the demarcations made under the 1933 notification were its constitutional boundary.



Nethanna Bima Scheme

- ❖ Nethanna Bima Scheme was recently launched by Telangana on the occasion of National Handloom Day.
- ❖ This scheme has been launched for the welfare of weavers.
- ❖ Nethanna Bima Scheme is one-of-its-kind insurance cover scheme.
- ❖ It will benefit around 80,000 weavers' families.
- ❖ Under the scheme, government will provide Rs 5 lakh insurance cover to the families of weaver, in case of unfortunate death of eligible beneficiary.
- ❖ It will be implemented by government in association with the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India.

SPORTS

Serena Williams Retirement

- ❖ USA's Tennis player Serena Williams announced her retirement from Tennis.
- ❖ She will retire from active Tennis after completing US Open.
- ❖ She referred as queen of tennis.
- ❖ She played Tennis around 22 years.

- ❖ She bagged 73 career singles titles and 23 career doubles titles.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Youth Day - August 12



- ❖ This day is celebrated to raise awareness regarding issues that are faced by the world's youth.
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly endorsed the proposal in 1999.
- ❖ The theme for the day is “Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages.”

World Elephant Day - August 12





- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the difficulty of elephants all over the world.
- ❖ This day was observed for the first time on 12 August 2012.
- ❖ The World Elephant Day was co-founded by Canadian filmmaker Patricia Sims and the Elephant Reintroduction Foundation of Thailand.

