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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ IAS officer of the Nagaland cadre, Piyush Goyal has been appointed by the Central Government as the new CEO of NATGRID (National Intelligence Grid).

NATIONAL

Independence Day Speech: 7 Highlights

I-Day resolve that identifies strengths, challenges

- 'Panch Pran' target for next 25 years
- The big goal is 'developed India'
- 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' needs to be taken forward
- Need to become self-reliant in the energy sector
- Private sector needs to play active role
- Women, pillars of India's growth
- Gender equality crucial parameter of unity, family its foundation
- Evils of corruption, nepotism two main threats

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on India's 76th Independence Day from Red Fort, Delhi,
- ❖ He began his address by remembering the freedom fighters, revolutionaries, and nation builders.
- ❖ He asked the people of India to discard the mindset of 'Ghulami' that makes us seek certificates from foreign powers.
- ❖ He asked remove any vestiges of colonialism, retain our roots, ensure unity in diversity, and carry out a citizen's duties.
- ❖ He highlighted that corruption and dynastic politics were the two biggest challenges in India.
- ❖ He urged the citizens of country to weed out Corruption and Nepotism from the country.

- ❖ He called upon the collective spirit of 130 crores, the “Team India”, to take the country forward and ensure that it is a developed nation in the next 25 years.
- ❖ PM laid down five resolves, or the “panch pran” for the ‘amrit kaal’: To work towards a ‘viksit Bharat’ (developed India).

President’s Police Medals

- ❖ In the Independence Day 2022, 1082 police personnel received the “Police Medals”.
- ❖ Among them, 347 personnel received the Police Medal for Gallantry, 87 received Police Medal for Distinguished Service while, 648 personnel received Police Medal for Meritorious Service.
- ❖ This year, 109 CRPF personnel and 108 Police personnel from Jammu and Kashmir have received Police Medal for Gallantry.
- ❖ Apart from them, 7 personnel received President’s Correctional Service Medal for Distinguished Service.
- ❖ 38 personnel received the Correctional Service Medal for Meritorious Service.
- ❖ The President’s Police Medal is presented to members of law enforcement in India.
- ❖ The award was established on March 1, 1951.
- ❖ It was initially called as “President’s Police and Fire Service Medal”.
- ❖ It is given for either gallantry or distinguished service.



President’s Tatrakshak Medal

- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu approved around 107 gallantry awards for the armed forces and Central Armed Police Forces.
- ❖ It comprises of 3 Kirti Chakras and 13 Shaurya Chakras.

- ❖ Other than that, 81 Sena Medals, 1 Nao Sena Medal and 2 Bar to Sena medals were also announced.
- ❖ The President also approved 3 Tatrakshak Medals to Coast Guard personnel.
- ❖ It aims honour their acts of conspicuous gallantry, meritorious service and exceptional devotion to duty.



23rd Edition of India International Seafood Show



- ❖ The 23rd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) will be held in Kolkata.
- ❖ It will be hosted by Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in association with the Seafood Exporters' Association of India (SEAI).
- ❖ It is the biennial showpiece event in the seafood sector.

Most trusted institutions

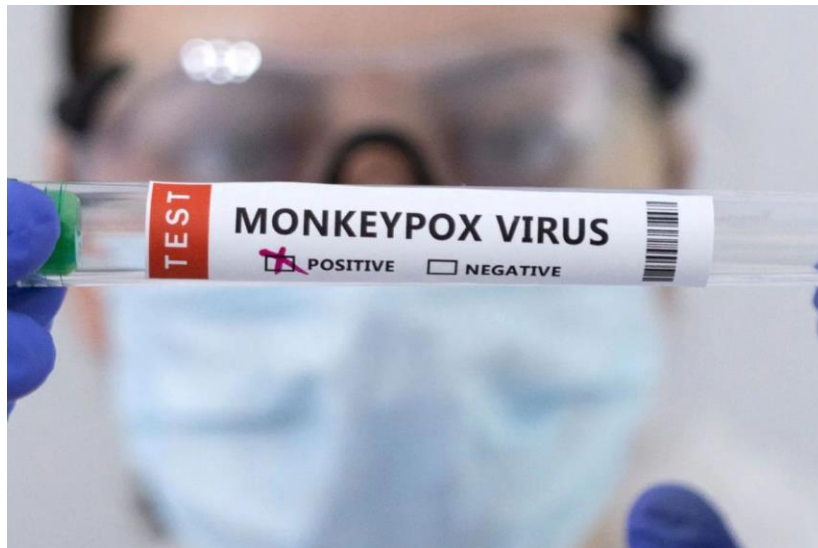
- ❖ Defence forces, RBI and Prime Minister of India are the three most trusted institutions in the country.

- ❖ This survey was conducted by Ipsos India.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India came fourth place.
- ❖ It was followed by the Central Bureau of Investigation.



INTERNATIONAL

Clade I and Clade II

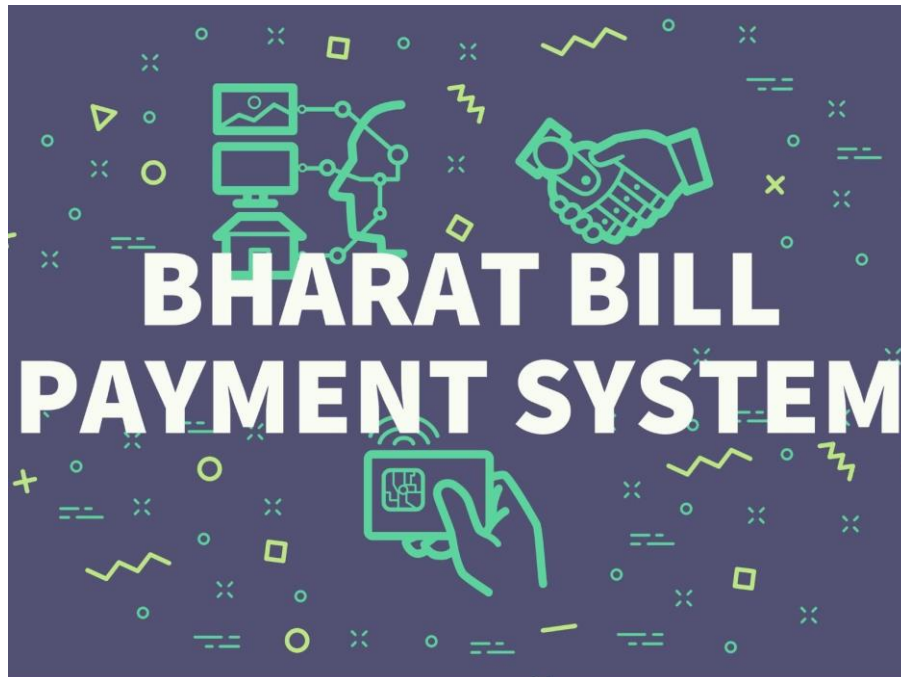


- ❖ The World Health Organisation has announced new names for the variants of the monkeypox virus.
- ❖ This step is taken in a bid to avoid causing any “cultural or social offence.”

- ❖ The names of Monkeypox variants are Clades I, IIa and IIb.
- ❖ The monkeypox virus was named upon its first discovery in 1958.

ECONOMY

Cross-border inward payments through BBPS



- ❖ Reserve Bank of India proposed to allow Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to process cross-border inbound bill payments.
- ❖ This will help the Non-resident Indians (NRIs) who face challenges in paying utility bills in India.
- ❖ If proposal is accepted, it will benefit the NRIs.
- ❖ BBPS system was conceptualised by the central bank.
- ❖ It is owned and operated by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL).

STATES

Donyi Polo Airport

- ❖ The third airport of Arunachal Pradesh is now under construction in Itanagar.
- ❖ It has been given the name “Donyi Polo Airport” by the Arunachal Pradesh administration.

- ❖ It reflects the long-standing indigenous respect for the Sun (Donyi) and the Moon (Polo) among the populace.
- ❖ It is the state's third airport after Pasighat and Tezu airports.
- ❖ This is also northeast India's 16th airport.



SPORTS

Suspension of All India Football Federation

RED CARD

WHAT DOES THIS SUSPENSION FROM FIFA MEAN FOR AIFF?

- India cannot host the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup which is scheduled to commence on Oct 11
- Indian teams, both representing clubs and country, are not allowed to take part in any international competition
- Neither AIFF nor any of its members or officials can benefit from any development programmes, courses or training from FIFA and/or the AFC

WHAT NEXT?

- Repeal of the CoA mandate in full
- AIFF administration to be fully in charge of the AIFF's daily affairs
- The AIFF constitution to be revised in accordance with the requirements of FIFA-AFC and to be approved by the AIFF general assembly without interference from any third party
- Concurrently, an independent electoral committee to be elected by the AIFF general assembly to run the elections of a new executive committee
- Hold elections based on the pre-existing membership structure of AIFF (i.e. state associations only)

HOW IT ALL STARTED

- Elections were due in December 2022 but the Praful Patel-led AIFF dragged its feet, citing a pending case in the Supreme Court. It was only on May 12, almost 18 months later, that the apex court agreed to look into the illegal continuation of Patel as president
- **May 18, 2022:** Supreme Court removed AIFF president Praful Patel and his executive committee, whose tenure ended in Dec 2022, and instead appointed a three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) to finalise the constitution and hold elections.
- **June 21-23:** FIFA-AFC sent a joint team to India for talks with all stakeholders. Roadmaps were agreed, crucially to approve the constitution on July 31 and hold elections before September 15.
- The July 31 deadline was missed and on August 3 Supreme Court ordered elections, without the draft constitution being finalised. The apex court also provided voting rights to 36 former players, a clear violation of FIFA Statutes.

BONE OF CONTENTION

- FIFA is not against inclusion of

individual players in the executive committee as co-opted members but said giving voting rights to 36 players undermines state associations who also have a vote each.

- Other objection includes a clause in the draft constitution that officials cannot hold simultaneous posts in AIFF and state associations.
- FIFA also said a provision stipulating that the term limits have no retroactive effect was missing in Article 26 of the draft constitution

WHO COMPRISES THE CoA?

- Justice (retired) Anil Dave, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India SY Quraishi, Former India captain Bhaskar Ganguly

“THE COA IS SURPRISED THAT THE FIFA DECISION HAS COME WHEN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WERE GOING ON FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS BETWEEN ALL STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING FIFA-AFC, AIFF, COA, AND THE SPORTS MINISTRY AS PER THE ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT.”

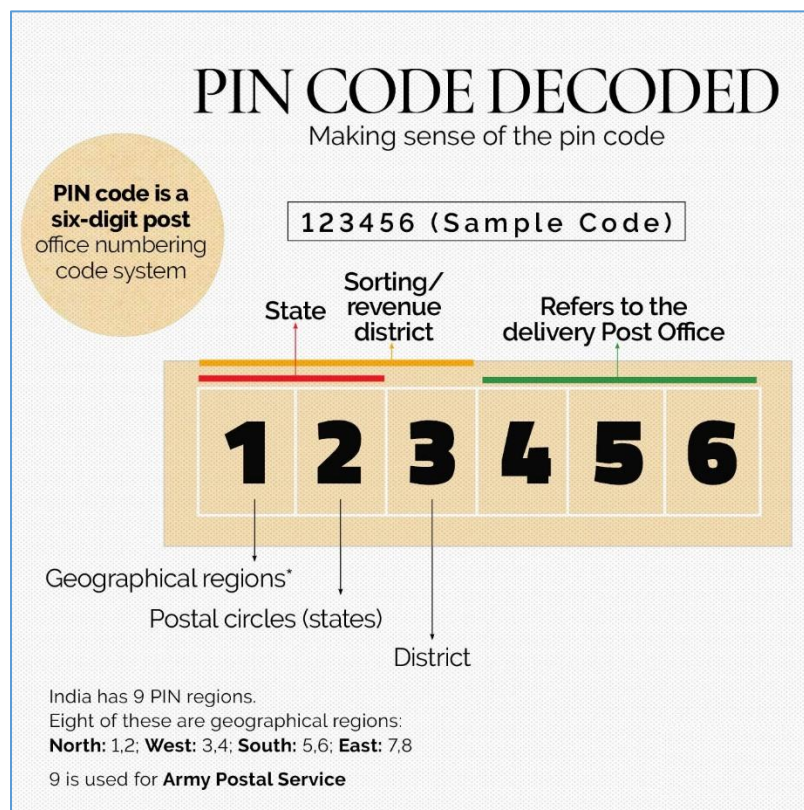
—CoA STATEMENT

- ❖ FIFA, the governing body for world football, suspended the All-India Football Federation for “undue interference by a third party”.

- ❖ This is a first instance, since the federation was formed in 1937.
- ❖ Since May 18, 2022, the AIFF is being run by a three-member committee of administrators
- ❖ They were appointed by the Supreme Court after removing Praful Patel and his executive committee, whose term ended in December 2020.
- ❖ The appointment of CoA is considered third-party interference and goes against FIFA statutes that asks all countries to “manage its affairs independently.”
- ❖ The suspension means no Indian team, club or country, can play international matches.
- ❖ Also, India will lose hosting rights of the FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup-2022.

MISCELLANEOUS

History of PIN code 50th year



- ❖ The 76th Independence Day coincides with another milestone in the country’s history.
- ❖ It was on August 15, 1972, 50 years ago, the Postal Index Number (PIN) was introduced in India.

- ❖ According to the Department of Posts, there were 23,344 post offices, primarily in urban areas, in India at the time of Independence.
- ❖ The PIN code was meant to ease the process of mail sorting and delivery in a country where different places, often, have the same or similar names, and letters are written in a wide variety of languages.
- ❖ The PIN is made up of six digits.
- ❖ The first number indicates the postal region — Northern, Eastern, Western, Southern; and number 9, which signifies the Army Postal Service.
- ❖ The person behind the initiative was Shriram Bhikaji Velankar, the then additional secretary in the Union Ministry of Communications.
- ❖ Globally, in the US, the Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) code was introduced July 1, 1963.

