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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The ships and aircraft of the Indian Navy participated in the first-ever Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Focused Operation to enhance maritime security in the Indian Ocean region.
  - During the conclave, exercises were conducted between the lead maritime security agencies of India, Maldives, and Sri Lanka in the Indian Ocean region.
- ❖ Varanasi will soon become the first Indian city to start ropeway service as a mode of public transport.
  - The proposed ropeway will be constructed between Cantt Railway Station (Varanasi Junction) to Church Square (Godauliya).

## NATIONAL

### India1 Payments



- ❖ India1 Payments has crossed a milestone on deploying 10000 white-label ATMs, which was called “India1ATMs”.
- ❖ India1 Payments is promoted by the Banktech Group of Australia.
- ❖ It was formerly known as BTI Payments.
- ❖ With the deployment of 10000 ATMs, India1 Payments has become the largest player in this segment.
- ❖ India1 ATM has become the second-largest white label ATM brand in semi-urban and rural areas.

- ❖ The Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) which are set up, owned, and operated by non-bank entities are known as “White Label ATMs” (WLAs).
- ❖ Non-bank entities, which are incorporated in India, under the Companies Act 1956, are allowed to run WLAs.


### **1st International conference on Hydrogen energy**



- ❖ Bhagwanth Khuba, the Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy, Chemicals and Fertilizers inaugurated the 1st International Conference on Hydrogen Energy – Policies, Infrastructure Development and Challenges in New Delhi.
- ❖ The event was organized by the Central Board of Irrigation and Power with the support of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Central Electricity Authority, and NTPC.
- ❖ The conference discussed future challenges for Hydrogen Energy to find solutions for the production of Hydrogen Energy to reduce the cost of production for electrolyzers.

### **Farm Laws Repeal Bill 2021**

- ❖ On November 29, 2021, the Indian Parliament passed the Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021 during the first day of the winter session.
- ❖ The three farm laws of the Centre have been repealed by Lok Sabha as well as Rajya Sabha.
- ❖ Farm Laws Repeal Bill 2021 was tabled by Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar in Rajya Sabha.

<b>Bills introduced in the Lok Sabha and passed by both Houses on the same day:</b>	<b>Bills passed by the Lok Sabha and considered and passed by the Rajya Sabha on the same day:</b>	<b>December 4, 1971:</b> The Defence of India Bill, 1971, was introduced in the Lok Sabha and passed by both Houses on the same day as well as assented by President of India on the same day	<b>May 5, 2010:</b> The Tamil Nadu Legislative Council Bill, 2010
<div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>March 22, 2006:</b> The Delhi Special Police Establishment (Amendment) Bill, 2006	<b>April 8, 1998:</b> The Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 1998	<b>December 14, 2006:</b> The Administrative Tribunals (Amendment) Bill, 2006	<b>Aug 11, 2016:</b> The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016
<b>Nov 29, 2021:</b> Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021	<b>April 8, 1998:</b> The Governor (Emoluments, allowances and Privileges) Amendment Bill, 1998	<b>The Rajya Sabha has passed these bills on the day they were introduced in the House:</b>	<b>Aug 5, 2019:</b> The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, 2019
	<b>May 22, 2006:</b> The Constitution (One Hundred and Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2006		
	<small>(These three bills were with the Lok Sabha for some time, but were passed by RS on the day LS sent it to Upper House)</small>		

## Indian Young Water Professionals Programme

- ❖ The First Edition of the Indian Young Water Professionals Programme was launched on November 29, 2022 virtually.
- ❖ The India Young Water Professional Programme is unique and different from typical capacity building and training programs.
- ❖ The program was taken up under the National Hydrology Project.
- ❖ The Project is supported by the Australian Water Partnership.

## 12 Rajya Sabha MPs suspended for rest of Winter Session



- ❖ 12 Rajya Sabha MPs from various parties were suspended for the rest of the winter session.
- ❖ This is for 'unruly and violent behaviour' they demonstrated during the monsoon session of Parliament in August.
- ❖ The suspended MPs are Elamaram Kareem (CPM), Phulo Devi Netam, Chhaya Verma, R Bora, Rajamani Patel, Syed Nasir Hussain and Akhilesh Prasad Singh,

Binoy Viswam of CPI, Dola Sen and Shanta Chhetri of Trinamool Congress, Priyanka Chaturvedi and Anil Desai of Shiv Sena.

### **Credit Card from Recycled PVC Plastic**

- ❖ HSBC India has launched India's 1st credit card made from recycled PVC (Polyvinyl chloride) plastic.
- ❖ The cards have been introduced in partnership with global cards manufacturer IDEMIA.
- ❖ This contributes to the gradual elimination of single-use PVC plastic.
- ❖ The cards are made from 85 percent recycled plastic.



### **Israeli Heron Drones**



- ❖ The Indian Army has received advanced Israeli Heron drones.
- ❖ The deployment of drones will boost the Indian Army's surveillance capabilities.

- ❖ It helps to keep a watch on the Chinese activities in the Ladakh region.
- ❖ The drones will be deployed along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the eastern Ladakh sector.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Barbados

- ❖ Barbados has become the World's newest republic, around 400 years after it became a British colony.
- ❖ Barbados, the Caribbean Island nation, removed Queen Elizabeth II as the head of the state.
- ❖ Dame Sandra Prunella Mason took over as the President of Barbados.
- ❖ Barbados is said to have been made a slave society by the British.
- ❖ It first became an English colony in 1625.
- ❖ It gained its independence in 1966.

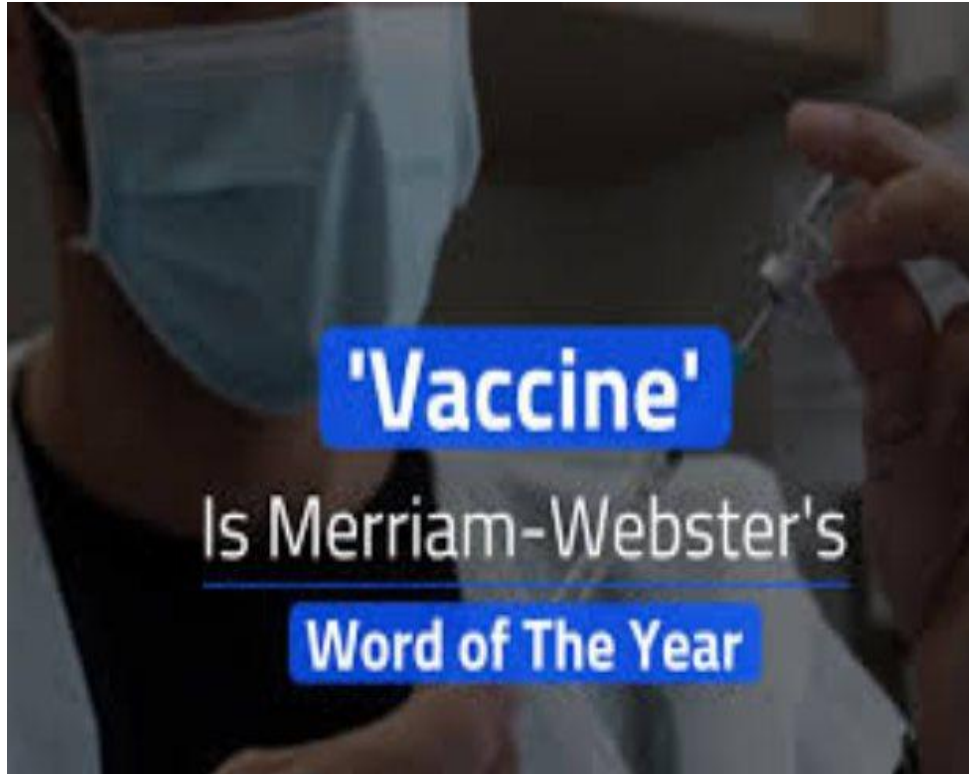


### World's first floating city

- ❖ South Korea is soon going to get the world's first floating city.
- ❖ This is to deal with the problem of floods due to rising sea levels.
- ❖ The floating city project is a joint effort by the UN Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habit) and OCEANIX.
- ❖ The city will be built off the coast of Busan in South Korea.

- ❖ It is likely to be completed by 2025.

## 2021 Word of the Year



- ❖ The American publishing company Merriam-Webster has chosen the word “vaccine” as its 2021 Word of the Year.
- ❖ It has been declaring the word of the year since 2008.
- ❖ The word “vaccine” saw a 601 percent increase in definition lookups over the year, compared to 2020.

## STATES

### Call your Cop App

- ❖ Nagaland Police officially launched the ‘Call your Cop’ mobile App recently.
- ❖ The app was launched at Police Headquarters in Kohima.
- ❖ It will enable all citizens in the state, including those in distress, to get in touch with the police directly.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

## International film festival of India

- ❖ The 52nd edition of the International film festival of India concluded in Goa.
- ❖ For the first time, the BRICS film festival was hosted alongside IFFI.
- ❖ 75 creative young minds of cinema were felicitated at IFFI.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh has been picked as the most-friendly state for film shooting.

Most friendly State for film shooting: **Uttar Pradesh**

Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male): **Jitendra Bhikulal Joshi** (Godavari)

Best actor (female): **Angela Molina** (Paraguay) for Charlotte

Best director: **Vaclav Kadrnka** (Czech Republic) for 'Saving One Who Was Dead'

Golden Peacock Award for Best Film: Japanese film **Ring Wandering (Masakazu Kanyeko)**

The Special Jury award: **Renata Carvalho** (Brazil)

Indian Film Personality of the Year Award: **Prasoon Joshi**

Jury Special Mention for Debut Feature Film: **The Wealth of the World**

Best Debut Feature Film of a Director: **Director Mari Alessandrini's Zahori**

ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Award: **Lingui: The Sacred Bonds**

## Parag Agrawal



- ❖ Indian-origin technology executive, Parag Agrawal has been appointed as the new CEO of Twitter.
- ❖ He is now the youngest CEO.
- ❖ However, Agrawal is 37 and the same age as Mark Zuckerberg.

## SPORTS

### Ravichandran Ashwin's new record

- ❖ Ravichandran Ashwin became India's third-highest wicket-taker (With 418 wickets) in Test cricket.
- ❖ He surpassed veteran off-spinner Harbhajan Singh.
- ❖ He achieved this feat on Day five of the first Test between India and New Zealand at the Green Park Stadium in Kanpur.
- ❖ He dismissed the Kiwi vice-captain Tom Latham to reach the milestone.

MOST WICKETS FOR INDIA IN TESTS				
	WKTS	MTS	AVGE	SR
ANIL KUMBLE	619	132	29.66	66.0
KAPIL DEV	434	131	29.65	63.9
RAVICHANDRAN ASHWIN	418	80	24.53	52.7
HARBHAJAN SINGH	417	103	32.46	68.5
ISHANT SHARMA	311	105	32.41	61.6
ZAHEER KHAN	311	92	32.95	60.4
BISHAN BEDI	266	67	28.71	80.3
BHAGWAT CHANDRASEKHAR	242	58	29.75	66.0
JAVAGAL SRINATH	236	67	30.49	64.0
RAVINDRA JADEJA	228	57	25.18	62.3

### ATP Challenger tournament



- ❖ Indian tennis player Ramkumar Ramanathan won his maiden singles title at the ATP Challenger tournament in Manama, Bahrain.
- ❖ He defeated Evgeny Karlovskiy of Russia.
- ❖ Ramkumar Ramanathan is from Chennai.

### IMPORTANT DAYS





## **World AIDS Day - December 01**

- ❖ The day aims to show support for people living with HIV and the ones who have lost their lives because of AIDS.
- ❖ The theme for the year 2021 is 'End inequalities. End AIDS.'
- ❖ The day was first marked in 1988.

