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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Cricketer Washington Sundar has been named as the Election Icon for Chennai district for the upcoming Tamil Nadu Assembly polls.

## TAMIL NADU

### President's Police Medal

- ❖ Commissioner of Police, Chennai, Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal, and other two police officials from Tamil Nadu chosen for the award of the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.
- ❖ The other two officers chosen for the medal are
  - ADGP S. Davidson Devasirvatham and Inspector of Police,
  - P. Manikandakumar, Tamil Nadu Special Police (Battalion-IV), Kovaipudur.

### Chennai corporation innovation officer

- ❖ Azhagu Pandian Raja has been appointed as the first innovation officer of the civic body.
- ❖ It is becoming the first such appointee in the country.
- ❖ He is the Smart Cities Mission Fellow.
- ❖ He developed the Madras Waste Exchange and the Greater Chennai Corporation corona monitoring mobile app.

### Youngest Bal Puraskar winner

- ❖ The youngest awardee this year was Kumari Prasiddhi Singh.
- ❖ She is a 7-year-old social volunteer from Chengalpattu district.
- ❖ She is the founder of Prasiddhi Forest.
- ❖ She has been in the India Book of Records for being the youngest fruit forest creator in the country.
- ❖ She created eight fruit forests in government schools and public places and planted over 9,000 trees.



### **Aquatic quarantine centre**

- ❖ Union minister of fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying Giriraj Singh laid the foundation stone for the aquatic quarantine centre facility at Padappai.
- ❖ This centre will include a disease diagnosing laboratory, exclusively for freshwater organisms.
- ❖ The project also includes disinfection unit, water recirculation system, temperature control (heating and chilling) and aeration facilities.
- ❖ The main objective behind the Centre is to help in augmenting ornamental fish trade.

### **Integrated and Inclusive Public Grievance CM Helpline**

- ❖ For effective and speedy disposal of public grievances, the state government issued a Government Order on setting up of Integrated and Inclusive Public Grievance CM Helpline Management System (IIPGCMS).
- ❖ This system will help integrate the grievance redressal mechanisms and helplines of all departments and will bring them on a single platform.
- ❖ A help desk, with helpline number '1100' would be set up as part of the scheme.

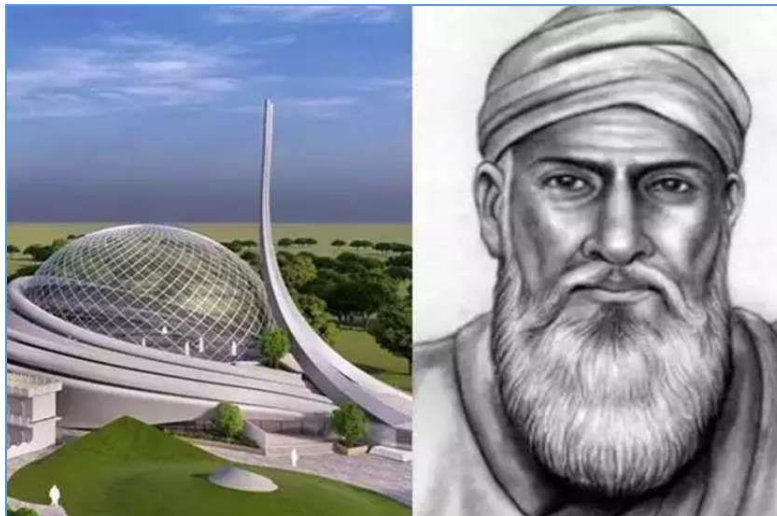
## NATIONAL

### Bangladesh army in Republic Day parade

- ❖ For the first time, a marching contingent of Bangladesh tri-services participated in the Republic Day Parade.
- ❖ It is commemorating the India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war
- ❖ That war led to the creation of Bangladesh.
- ❖ The 122-member contingent of the Bangladesh Armed Forces comprising soldiers of the Bangladesh Army, Navy and Air Force has participated in this.
- ❖ It was led by the contingent Commander Lieutenant Colonel Abu Mohammed Shahnur Shawon and his deputies.

### Ayodhya Mosque

- ❖ The mosque in Ayodhya district will be dedicated to Ahmadullah Shah.
- ❖ It will be built on the land in lieu of Babri Masjid.
- ❖ He earned the nickname of 'Awadh's Lighthouse of Rebellion' during the first war of independence against the British in 1857.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Alpha Global union

- ❖ Google workers from all around the globe have formed an international union called the "Alpha Global".
- ❖ The new union has been named after Google's parent company Alphabet.

- ❖ The union was formed in coordination with Union Network International.

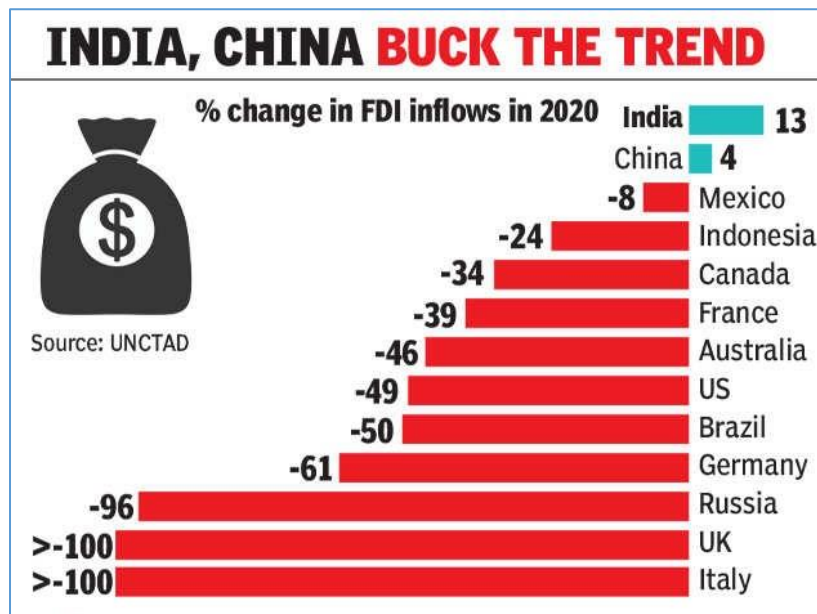
### Jayati Ghosh

- ❖ Indian development economist Jayati Ghosh is among 20 prominent personalities
- ❖ She was appointed by the United Nations to a high-level advisory board.
- ❖ This board will provide recommendations for the UN Secretary-General to respond to the current and future socio-economic challenges in the post-COVID-19 world.

## ECONOMY

### 13% rise in foreign direct investment

- ❖ India witnessed a 13% rise in foreign direct investment (FDI) to \$57 billion in 2020 compared to the previous year.
- ❖ The domestic figure was boosted by investments in the digital economy.
- ❖ China overtook the US as the largest recipient of FDI globally, according to an UNCTAD report.
- ❖ India and China were the only two countries which saw FDI rising in 2020.
- ❖ The rest of the world, including developed economies such as the UK and the US, saw sharp declines.





## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **World Space Record**

- ❖ SpaceX recently broke a world space record by launching 143 satellites.
- ❖ It beat India's record of deploying 104 satellites in February 2017.
- ❖ The launch vehicle for the SpaceX flight was the Falcon 9.
- ❖ The mission was designated as Transporter-1.
- ❖ The launch marks the first dedicated mission for SpaceX's SmallSat Rideshare Program.
- ❖ With the launched satellites, SpaceX aims at providing near-global broadband internet coverage all over the world by 2021.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Bihar's 'Cycle girl'**

- ❖ Bihar's Jyoti Kumari (16-year-old) was awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar.
- ❖ She is known as Bihar's 'Cycle girl'.
- ❖ She had pedalled all the way from Gurugram to Bihar during the nationwide lockdown.
- ❖ Her father was seated on the Cycle carrier.

### **Best Electoral Practices Award**

- ❖ Election Commission of India has selected 17 officers and organizations for the "Best Electoral Practices Awards -2020"
- ❖ It was on the occasion of National Voters Day on January 25.
- ❖ Deceased IPS officer and Inspector General of Police of Purnea, Binod Kumar was also conferred this award.
- ❖ He had contracted Covid-19 infection during the review of election-related preparations in Purnea district.
- ❖ This led to his untimely demise.
- ❖ The e-EPIC (digital version of the electoral photo identity cards) was launched at the event.

- ❖ Radio Mirchi was conferred the national media award for the voter education and awareness.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Indian Coast Guard Day – February 01

- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard is an armed force of India.
- ❖ It protects maritime interests and enforces maritime law.
- ❖ Indian Coast Guard was raised on February 1, 1977.
- ❖ But it was formally established on 18 August 1978 by the Coast Guard Act -1978 as an independent armed force.

