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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has identified a new carangid (Vatta) species from the Indian coast.
  - The fish, *Scomberoides pelagicus*, is a member of the 'queen fish' family and is locally known as 'pola vatta.'

## NATIONAL

### Global Center of Excellence in Affordable and Clean Energy



- ❖ The Global Center of Excellence in Affordable and Clean energy was recently launched at IIT Dharwad of Karnataka.
- ❖ The center will enhance the research in affordable and clean energy.
- ❖ The solutions will target on livelihoods of rural communities.
- ❖ The center is to be supported by CSR funds.
- ❖ The CSR funds are to come from Honeywell Hometown Solutions India Foundation.

### One Nation One Registration

- ❖ During the budget presentation, the Union finance minister Nirmala Sitaraman introduced the One Nation One Registration scheme.
- ❖ This will increase the easing of doing business and also will improve the ease of living.

- ❖ The scheme will bring upon uniform registration process throughout the country.
- ❖ No matter where the registration is being made, be it land registration or vehicle registration, or any other registration, the same process will be followed throughout the country.



## **DILRMP**



- ❖ DILRMP is Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme.
- ❖ Under the programme, the Government of India has so far digitised 90% of land records in the country.
- ❖ This has been achieved in 24 states.
- ❖ It was launched in 2008 as National Land Records Modernization Programme.



- ❖ It was recently renamed by the Modi government as DILRMP.

### **India Press Freedom Report**

- ❖ The India Press Freedom Report, 2021 was recently released by the Rights and Risks Analysis Group.
- ❖ According to the report, 13 media houses and newspapers were targeted in the country, 108 journalists were attacked, and 6 journalists were killed.
- ❖ The highest number of journalist attacks was in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The second highest was in Uttar Pradesh.

### **Hydrogen into CGD network**



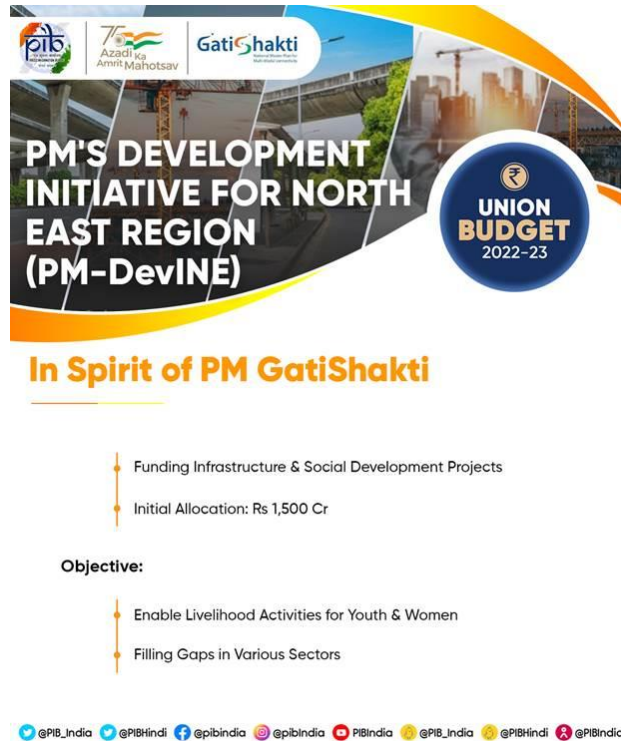
## **GAIL (India) Limited**

- ❖ Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has started India's first-of-its-kind project to mix hydrogen into the natural gas system at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Hydrogen blended natural gas will be supplied to Avantika Gas Limited.
- ❖ GAIL started the "hydrogen blending program" in line with National Hydrogen Mission.
- ❖ The hydrogen blending program was started as a pilot project to establish the techno-commercial feasibility of blending hydrogen in City Gas Distribution (CGD) network.

### **PM-DevINE Scheme**

- ❖ In Union Budget 2022-23, a new "PM-DevINE scheme" was proposed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- ❖ The government announced the PM-DevINE scheme, with an initial allotment of Rs 1,500 crore.
- ❖ It stands for "Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East".

- ❖ The scheme aims to fund infrastructure and need-based social development, including one-of-a-kind 'Bamboo Link Roads' in Mizoram.
- ❖ These roads will help in transporting bamboo from forests.



**PM'S DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR NORTH EAST REGION (PM-DevINE)**

**UNION BUDGET 2022-23**

**In Spirit of PM GatiShakti**

- Funding Infrastructure & Social Development Projects
- Initial Allocation: Rs 1,500 Cr

**Objective:**

- Enable Livelihood Activities for Youth & Women
- Filling Gaps in Various Sectors

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### Renaming of three places in MP

- ❖ The central government has approved the proposal for the renaming of three places in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The proposals include renaming Hoshangabad Nagar as "Narmadapuram", Shivpuri as "Kundeshwar Dham" and Babai as "Makhan Nagar".
- ❖ Hoshangabad, which is located on the south bank of River Narmada, was named after Hoshang Shah, the first Malwa ruler, over 600 years ago.
- ❖ The center has, however, reportedly frozen the proposed name change of West Bengal to Bangla.
- ❖ It was saying that the proposed name sounds similar to the neighboring country of Bangladesh.

### INS Vagir

- ❖ The Indian Navy's brand-new submarine - the fifth of the six French-designed Scorpene-class submarines - sailed out on its first sea trial.

- ❖ The submarine is designated "Yard 11879" during its construction by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in collaboration with the Naval Group of France.
- ❖ It will be named "Vagir" after it is commissioned into service.



## Ramsar sites



- ❖ The Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary near Jamnagar in Gujarat and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh have been listed as Wetlands of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention.
- ❖ With this, the total number of Ramsar sites in India goes up to 49.
- ❖ Khijadiya has become the fourth wetland of Gujarat to get the Ramsar tag.



- ❖ Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary, Thol Wildlife Sanctuary, and Wadhwana wetland are the other Ramsar sites in the state.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Lunar New Year

- ❖ Lunar New Year is commonly known as Chinese New Year and it is celebrated on February 1st.
- ❖ Chinese New Year or Lunar New Year marks the transition between zodiac signs.
- ❖ Therefore, 2022 is the Year of the Tiger, and 2021 was the Year of the Ox.



### Uganda Oil Deal

- ❖ The Chinese and French oil giants have signed an agreement to build a huge oil pipeline in Uganda.
- ❖ The companies are to exploit the oil resources of the country.
- ❖ The drilling is to be done near the Murchison waterfalls.
- ❖ It is the largest national park in the country.
- ❖ The pipeline project will displace thousands of people.
- ❖ This has fumed the environmentalists.

## ECONOMY

### NSO First Revised GDP estimates

- ❖ The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the First Revised Estimates of National Income,

Consumption Expenditure, Saving and Capital Formation for the financial year 2020-21.

- ❖ According to the estimates, the GDP contracted by 6.6%.
- ❖ Earlier, the GDP had contracted by 7.3%.
- ❖ The contraction is mainly due to the COVID pandemic and the lockdown imposed.

### **National Land Monetisation Corporation**

- ❖ According to Economic Survey, the government of India is setting up the National Land Monetisation Corporation.
- ❖ This is to carry out the monetization of the land and other non-core assets.
- ❖ It is being set up in accordance with the Budget announcement.
- ❖ It is being set up as a 100 percent Government of India-owned entity.

## **STATES**

### **Torgya Festival**



- ❖ The three days long Torgya Festival of the Monpa tribal community of Arunachal Pradesh is celebrated at Tawang Monastery, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The main attraction of the festival is the 'Sha-na Cham'.



- ❖ It is the ritual dance performed by monks to showcase the Choe-Gyal Yap & Yum Tsa-Munde deity.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Book by Akash Kansal

- ❖ India's first-ever season style book titled 'The Class of 2006: Sneak Peek into the Misadventures of the Great Indian Engineering Life', written by Akash Kansal.
- ❖ "The Class of 2006" consists of 18 different episodes that recall the times spent in College.

