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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The National Health Authority has appointed RS Sharma as the new Chief Executive Officer of Ayushman Bharat.
 - It also is called Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- ❖ The Prime Minister virtually inaugurated the Chauri Chaura Centenary celebrations on February 1, 2021.
 - He also released a postal stamp that will be dedicated to the centenary year.
- ❖ Larsen & Toubro (L&T) bagged a contract of the Mumbai Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project from the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu won the second Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy cricket series by winning Baroda.

NATIONAL

125th Anniversary of “Prabuddha Bharat”

- ❖ The 125th anniversary celebration ‘Prabuddha Bharata’ was held on January 31, 2021.
- ❖ ‘Prabuddha Bharata’ is a monthly magazine of the Ramakrishna Order.
- ❖ This magazine was founded in the year 1896 by P. Aiyasami, B. R. Rajam Iyer, G. G. Narasimhacharya, and B. V. Kamesvara Iyer
- ❖ It was started under the guidance of Swami Vivekananda.
- ❖ The journal was published in Chennai for 2 years.
- ❖ After that, the magazine started publishing from Almora.
- ❖ From April 1899, the magazine started publishing from Advaita Ashrama, Kolkata.

India Justice report-2020

- ❖ It is prepared by the Tata Trusts in collaboration with the
 - Centre for Social Justice,
 - Common Cause,
 - DAKSH organisation,
 - Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy and



- The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.
- ❖ The Report assesses the capacity of various states to deliver justice.
- ❖ Maharashtra was ranked topmost among 18 states for the second time in a row.
- ❖ It was followed by Tamil Nadu and Telangana.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh remains last.
- ❖ Amongst the smaller states, Goa remained at the top and Arunachal Pradesh at the bottom.

Other findings

- ❖ Bihar leads the list of 25 states for employing most women in its police force (25.3%).
- ❖ It is the only state to have more than 20% women in the police force.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has the highest percentage of women police officers (24.8%),
- ❖ It is followed by Mizoram (20.1%).
- ❖ Only 29% judges in High Courts across the country are women.
- ❖ But no state except Sikkim has over 20% women judges.
- ❖ Bihar, Uttarakhand, Tripura and Meghalaya have no woman judges in high courts.
- ❖ Karnataka is the only state to meet its quotas for SC, ST and OBC in both officer cadre and constabulary.

Kala Utsav

- ❖ It is an annual function to promote arts in education.
- ❖ It was organised by the Ministry of Education.
- ❖ This programme was initiated under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA).
- ❖ RMSA has now been merged with other schemes.
- ❖ Now It was under 'Samagra Shiksha – an integrated scheme for school education'.

Winners of Republic Day tableaux

- ❖ The Ram Temple tableau of Uttar Pradesh has bagged the first prize among all tableaux.
- ❖ It was on display during the Republic Day 2021.
 - Its theme was 'Ayodhya: Cultural Heritage of Uttar Pradesh'.

- ❖ The Tripura tableau won the second prize for the Republic Day parade.
- ❖ Uttarakhand's tableau was adjudged third among the states and union territories.
 - Its theme was 'Dev Bhoomi — The Land of the Gods'.
- ❖ The tableau of Central Public Works Department (CPWD) bagged a special prize for paying tribute to the fallen heroes of the armed forces.
 - Its theme was 'Amar Jawan'.



INTERNATIONAL

Worst year on record

- ❖ UN World Tourism Organization recently confirmed the Year 2020 as the 'worst year on record'.
- ❖ The global tourism suffered massively due to international travel bans implemented to contain the COVID-19 outbreak.
- ❖ It also noted that the COVID-19 crisis has put almost 100-120 million direct tourism jobs at risk.

Rare Mineral Found in Antarctica

- ❖ A rare maritime mineral, Jarosite, has been found in the Antarctica ice.
- ❖ It was discovered after drilling deep into Antarctic ice.
- ❖ This supports the theory of presence of jarosite on MARS in a similar manner.



- ❖ The minerals are able to form in thick deposits on mars
- ❖ Because the planet is a lot dustier than Antarctica.

Jarosite

- ❖ Jarosite is a mineral from mars.
- ❖ It is scarcely seen on earth.
- ❖ It is a sulphate of potassium and iron.
- ❖ The mineral can be formed by both water and acidic conditions.
- ❖ It was first discovered on Mars in 2004 by a rover named “opportunity”.
- ❖ Other Jarosite minerals include silver, sodium, lead and ammonium.
- ❖ The mineral was described in 1852 by August Breithaupt for the first time.

UAE’s new Citizenship Policy

- ❖ The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced its new citizenship policy.
- ❖ The government has planned to offer citizenship to a select group of foreigners.
- ❖ It became the first Gulf Arab nation that formalized the process of giving expatriates in the bigger stake of the economy.
- ❖ UAE earlier used to give citizenship to some foreigners in special cases.
- ❖ They were given citizenship for providing service to the state.

EDISON Alliance

- ❖ World Economic Forum (WEF) has announced the launch of an Essential Digital Infrastructure and Services Network (EDISON) Alliance.
- ❖ WEF will serve as the secretariat and platform for the EDISON Alliance.
- ❖ This Alliance aims to work towards ensuring global and equitable access to the digital economy.

ECONOMY

Gold demand hit 25-year low

- ❖ Gold demand in India hit a 25-year low at 446.4 tonnes in 2020, due to the COVID-19 induced lockdown.
- ❖ It was compared with 690.4 tonnes in 2019.
- ❖ Total jewellery demand in India for 2020 was down by 42% at 315.9 tonnes.



- ❖ It was compared with 544.6 tonnes in 2019.
- ❖ Total investment demand for the calendar year was down by 11% at 130.4 tonnes
- ❖ It was in comparison with 145.8 tonnes in the previous year.
- ❖ India's gold demand dropped by over a third in 2020.

