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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ A Trilogy book series titled, 'India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution' is authored by J Sai Deepak and published by Bloomsbury India.
  - It is the first part of a comprehensive trilogy highlights how colonialism changes the socio-religious culture, history, education, language, and racial patterns in India.
- ❖ The former secretary, Department of Sports, Ravi Mittal has been appointed as the Chairman of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.
  - He will serve for a term of five years or till he attains 65 years of age, whichever is early.

## NATIONAL

### India's Diplomatic Boycott of Beijing Winter Olympics

- ❖ The Ministry of External Affairs officially announced the diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Olympics of India.
- ❖ Doordarshan will not telecast the opening and closing ceremonies of the Beijing Winter Olympics.
- ❖ India will not send its envoy to the opening and closing ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics.
- ❖ However, India will send an athlete to attend the ceremonies.



#### Note:

- ❖ China has chosen the army officer Qi Fabao as the torch bearer.
- ❖ Qi Fabao was involved in the Galwan valley clashes between India and China in 2020.

### **Millets in Mid-Day Meal Scheme**

- ❖ The Government of India is to include millets in the mid-day meal scheme.
- ❖ This includes bajra, ragi, jowar.
- ❖ This is being done to enhance nutrition in children.
- ❖ The announcement was made by the Ministry of Education.
- ❖ It is to be implemented by the PM POSHAN scheme.

### **Republic Day Parade 2022 winners**



- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh state tableau was adjudged as the best state tableau of Republic Day Parade 2022,
- ❖ Maharashtra state tableau was selected as the best in the popular choice category.
- ❖ The CISF was adjudged as the best marching contingent among the CAPF.
- ❖ Indian Navy was selected as the best marching contingent among the Services.
- ❖ The Indian Air Force contingent won in the popular choice category.
- ❖ The tableau of the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Civil Aviation was declared as the best tableau among Ministries.
- ❖ The Ministry of Education's Tableau 2022 was titled "Vedas to Metaverse".

### **Punaura Dham**

- ❖ As per the request received from the State Government of Bihar, the Ministry of Tourism has included Punaura Dham in the Ramayana Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

- ❖ The destination of Punaura Dham has been recently included under the PRASHAD Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism.
- ❖ Punaura Dham is considered to be the birthplace of Goddess Sita.



### **Aravalli Biodiversity Park**

- ❖ The Aravalli Biodiversity Park in Gurugram, Haryana, has been declared as India's first "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECM) site.
- ❖ This was informed by the Union ministry of environment, forest, and climate change on the occasion of World Wetlands Day.
- ❖ The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) gives OECM tag to those areas that are not protected but support rich biodiversity.
- ❖ The tag designates the area as a biodiversity hotspot on the international map.

### **Square Kilometre Array Observatory**





- ❖ India inked an interim agreement to confirm its commitment to working on a mega-science project called “Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO)”.
- ❖ The agreement will be valid for one year.
- ❖ SKAO is proposed to be the world’s largest radio telescope.
- ❖ This project will facilitate India in making its first monetary contribution towards the construction phase of SKA.
- ❖ SKA will be built in Australia and South Africa.
- ❖ It is headquartered in the United Kingdom.

### **Saffron Bowl Project**

- ❖ North East Centre For Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR) under the Saffron Bowl project has identified a few locations in Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya for saffron cultivation.
- ❖ The saffron bowl of India, so far confined to parts of Kashmir, has now spread its wings to parts of the North East.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **International Space Station Transition Plan**

- ❖ Recently, NASA announced that the International Space Station (ISS) will cease operations in 2031.
- ❖ In 2031, the spacecraft will fall out of orbit and into the waters of the South Pacific Ocean.
- ❖ NASA published the transition plan for the ISS.
- ❖ The ISS is entering its third and most productive decade as a ground-breaking scientific platform in microgravity.

## **ECONOMY**

### **India’s top trade partner 2021**

- ❖ The United States was India’s top trading partner in the calendar year 2021 with a trade of \$112.3 billion.
- ❖ The US is followed by China on second.
- ❖ The value of trade between India and China was \$110.4 billion.

- ❖ In 2020, China was India's top trading partner and the US was in the second rank.
- ❖ In 2019 USA was India's top trading partner and China was on second.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Supercomputer Param Pravega

- ❖ Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru has commissioned one of the most powerful supercomputers, called "Param Pravega" in India.
- ❖ Param Pravega supercomputer has a supercomputing capacity of 3.3 petaflops.
- ❖ It is the largest supercomputer in an Indian academic institution.
- ❖ The supercomputer has been designed and developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing.



## STATES

### One Nation One Ration Card

- ❖ The One Nation One Ration card plan was recently enabled in the state of Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ With this, the One Nation One Ration card scheme has become operational in 35 states and union territories.

- ❖ It is now covering 96.8% of the population included in the National Food Security Act.

### **104 ft tall National Flag**

- ❖ Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu hoisted a 104 ft tall National Flag at Ngangpa Natme (Buddha Park) in Tawang.
- ❖ The state of Arunachal Pradesh now has the second-highest national flag in the country.
- ❖ Belagavi or Belgaum Fort in Kote Kere, Karnataka, has the tallest Indian flagpoles measuring 361 ft.



## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **International Day of Human Fraternity - February 04**



- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness about different cultures and religions, or beliefs, and the promotion of tolerance; and to educate people that tolerance, pluralistic tradition, mutual respect, and the diversity of religions and beliefs promote human fraternity.
- ❖ The first International Day of Human Fraternity was held in 2021.
- ❖ The Day is a part of the 'World Interfaith Harmony Week', observed during the first week of February.

### **World Cancer Day - February 04**

- ❖ It is observed every year globally by the Union for International Cancer Control.
- ❖ This year's theme is "Close the Care Gap".
- ❖ The day came into existence on February 4, 2000, during the World Cancer Conference for the New Millennium in Paris, France.

