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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Joe Biden announced the reversal of former President Trump's designation of Ansarallah's actions as a foreign terrorist organisation and specially designated global terrorist group.
 - It is known as Houthis Movement.

TAMIL NADU

Oil & Gas sector projects in Tamil Nadu

- ❖ PM Modi laid the foundation stone of key oil, gas sector projects in Tamilnadu.
- ❖ He dedicated the Ramanathapuram-Thoothukudi natural gas pipeline and Gasoline Desulphurisation Unit at Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited, Manali.
- ❖ He also laid the foundation stone of the Cauvery Basin Refinery at Nagapattinam.

Amazon Manufacturing Unit in Chennai

- ❖ Amazon announced that it will start a manufacturing unit in Chennai.
- ❖ It will start producing of Amazon Fire TV Stick devices.
- ❖ The manufacturing unit will be set up in partnership with Foxconn's subsidiary, Cloud Network Technology.

NATIONAL

Software applications for surveys

- ❖ The Labour Minister, Santosh Gangwar, will launch the software applications for five all India surveys
- ❖ The survey will also include the data of migrant and domestic workers.
- ❖ The Minister will also release the instruction manuals with questionnaire for all the five All India Surveys.
- ❖ These All India five surveys include
 - On Migrant workers.



- On Domestic Workers.
- On Employment Generated by Professionals.
- On Employment Generated in Transport Sector and
- Quarterly Establishment based Employment Survey.

Digital Intelligence Unit

- ❖ The Ministry of Communications has decided to set up a Digital Intelligence Unit (DIU).
- ❖ It will act as a nodal agency to deal with complaints of unsolicited commercial communication (UCC) and cases of financial fraud, especially in the digital payments space.
- ❖ Apart from the DIU, a Telecom Analytics for Fraud Management and Consumer Protection (TAFMCP) will also be set up at all the 22 license service area levels.
- ❖ It would also ensure strict compliance of the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preferences Regulations (TCCPR) 2018.
- ❖ TCCPR provides a revised regulatory framework aimed at regulating 'unsolicited commercial communication' (UCC) in India.

Mahabahu-Brahmaputra initiative

- ❖ The Prime Minister virtually launched 'Mahabahu-Brahmaputra' initiative in Assam.
- ❖ The Launch of the Mahabahu-Brahmaputra initiative is going to be marked with the inauguration of the Ro-Pax vessel operations.
- ❖ The Ro-Pax vessel operations will be launched in between the Neamatighat & Majuli, Dhubri-Hatsingimari and North-South Guwahati.
- ❖ This initiative also includes the inauguration of the Inland Water Transport Terminal at Jogighopa.
- ❖ He laid the foundation stone for the Dhubri Phulbari bridge.
- ❖ This will be constructed over the Brahmaputra River connecting Dhubri in Assam to Phulbari, Tura, Rongram, and Rongjeng in Meghalaya.
- ❖ He also perform the bhumi puja for the construction of Majuli Bridge in Assam.



INTERNATIONAL

Ebola Outbreak

- ❖ Guinea's health agency announced that the country was in the midst of an Ebola "epidemic situation".
- ❖ The 2013-16 outbreak killed 11,300 people, mostly in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia.
- ❖ The Ebola virus causes severe bleeding and organ failure.
- ❖ It is spread through contact with body fluids.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PiMo - eBike

- ❖ The Pi Beam launched the electric two-wheeler called 'PiMO'.
- ❖ IIT Madras has incubated this start-up team.
- ❖ The electric two-wheeler can charge faster than a smartphone.
- ❖ The affordable bike has a range of 50 km.

Astra Mark 2 Missile

- ❖ India will start the testing of the Astra Mark 2 missile soon.
- ❖ The missile is capable to take down enemy aircraft from a range of 160 kms.
- ❖ The Astra Mark is beyond visual range air-to-air missile - BVRAAM.
- ❖ It flies over 4 times the sound speed at Mach 4.5.

INS Karanj

- ❖ Indian Navy got its third Scorpene Submarine under project 75.
- ❖ It will be commissioned as INS Karanj.
- ❖ Total 6 submarines of the Indian Navy are being constructed under Project 75.
- ❖ The other two submarines that are delivered are - Khanderi and Kalvari.

ENVIRONMENT

World's Smallest Reptile

- ❖ The world's smallest species of reptiles have been found in Madagascar.
- ❖ It is a species of a chameleon and called Brookesia nana.
- ❖ It is the smallest species among the 11,500 known species of reptiles.
- ❖ The length of the chameleon is 22 mm that is 0.86 inches in all.



STATES

Kochi Water Metro project

- ❖ The CM of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan, has inaugurated the first route and terminal buildings of Kochi Water Metro.
- ❖ This project connects the islands across the city with the help of state-of-the-art boats.
- ❖ Apart from the metro, the Chief Minister also opened the Panamkutty Bridge.
- ❖ It is also known as Petta Bridge.
- ❖ He also launched the Integrated Urban Regeneration and Water Transport System (IURWT) project.
- ❖ IURWT project will renew the six major canals of 34 km in Kochi.

UP Abhyudaya scheme

- ❖ The government of Uttar Pradesh has started UP Abhyudaya scheme to provide free coaching for competitive exams.
- ❖ Under this scheme, those students who are preparing for competitive examinations will get free coaching classes either online or physically.

- ❖ It includes JEE, NEET, NDA, CDS and UPSC.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Skoch CM of the Year

- ❖ Andhra Pradesh's Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has been conferred the Skoch Chief Minister of the Year award.
- ❖ The award selection was based on study of project-level outcomes in various States.



Prani Mitra and Jeev Daya awards 2021

Awards	Awardee
Prani Mitra Award Individual	Yogender Kumar, Manish Saxena, Shyam Lal Chaubisa
Prani Mitra Award Shaurya	Anil Gandas Late Smt. Kalpana Vasudevan, Coimbatore
Prani Mitra Award – Life Time Animal Service	Dr. R. M. Kharb, Dr. S. Chinny Krishna, Chennai Dr. S.R. Sundaram, Chennai
Prani Mitra Award– Animal Welfare Organization	World Sankirtan Tour Trust Shri Karuna Foundation Trust People for Animals
Prani Mitra Award – Corporate	Tata Trust Foundation
JeevDaya Award – Animal Welfare Organization	Dhyan Foundation Animal Aid Charitable Trust

- ❖ The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) conferred 14 Prani Mitra awards and Jeev Daya awards 2021.



- ❖ It recognizes individuals, organizations and corporates for their outstanding performance in the field of animal welfare.

