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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated “Nikarshan Sadan” – The Dredging Museum at DCI campus in Vishakhapatnam.
  - This museum displays models of different types of dredgers, vintage photos & historical milestones from the Eastern Port City of Vizag.

## TAMIL NADU

### Marine Elite Force – Tamilnadu



- ❖ Two units of Marine Elite Force will be set up in the State.
- ❖ This is to combat marine wildlife crimes, including smuggling, prevention, and poaching of marine animals, particularly in the Gulf of Mannar biosphere and Palk Bay.
- ❖ The primary objective is to strengthen the protection and sustainable management of the marine areas and watch out for disasters affecting marine and coastal wildlife.

### Panruti Cashews GI tag



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Cashew Processors and Exporters Association has applied for a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Panruti cashews.
- ❖ Panruti cashew is mainly cultivated in laterite, red and coastal sands.

## NATIONAL

### IIT in UAE



**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOINT INDIA-UAE VISION STATEMENT**

**Advancing the India – UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership  
New Frontiers, New Milestones**

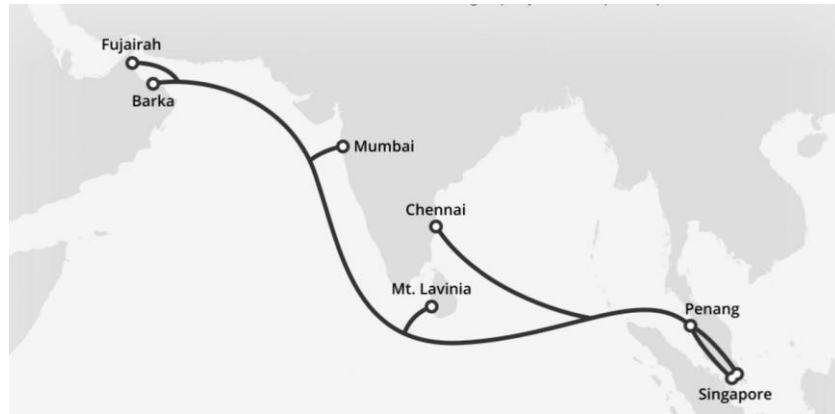
- Cultural Cooperation**
  - Setup India-UAE Cultural Council
- Education Cooperation**
  - Establish an Indian Institute of Technology in UAE
- Health Cooperation**
  - Collaborate in Research, Production & Development of reliable supply chains for vaccines
  - Enhance investments by UAE entities in India's health sector
- Skills Cooperation**
  - Develop a mutually agreed professional standards and skills framework
- Food Security**
  - Strengthening infrastructure & dedicated logistic services connecting farms to ports to final destinations in UAE

- ❖ The Indian Institute of Technology will establish its first branch outside India in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as part of the India-UAE trade deal signed.
- ❖ The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) signed between the UAE and India will usher in a new phase of joint strategic cooperation in all sectors.

### Reliance Jio's New Subsea Cable

- ❖ Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. will land the next generation multi-terabit India-Asia-Xpress (IAX) undersea cable system in Hulhumale, Maldives.

- ❖ The high capacity and high-speed IAX system will connect Hulhumale directly with World's major internet hubs in India and Singapore.
- ❖ On the other hand, the India-Europe-Xpress (IEX) system connects Mumbai to Milan, landing in Savona, Italy.
- ❖ It includes additional landings in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Mediterranean.



## India's Aid to Afghanistan



- ❖ India sent the first tranche of 2,500 metric tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan, loaded in 50 trucks.
- ❖ The first convoy would hand over the consignment to World Food Programme (WFP) at Jalalabad in Afghanistan.
- ❖ Each bag is stamped with the text "Gift from the people of India to the people of Afghanistan" in English, Dari and Pashto languages.

## J&K Delimitation Commission

- ❖ The Central Government, for the second time, has extended Jammu & Kashmir Delimitation Commission's term.

- ❖ This commission was given the task of redrawing the Union Territories' assembly constituencies.
- ❖ The term of this commission has been extended for two months and will end on May 6.
- ❖ The election process is to be held in the Union Territory after the completion of the Delimitation process.
- ❖ The commission is headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai.



### **‘Milan’ Multilateral Naval Exercise**





- ❖ 'Milan' is the name of the multilateral naval exercise which is hosted by the Indian Navy.
- ❖ This is a biennial exercise.
- ❖ This exercise was started in the year 1995.
- ❖ All editions of Milan were held in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, under the Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- ❖ This year's Milan exercise will be held for the first time in Visakhapatnam.
- ❖ The theme for this year's exercise is 'Camaraderie - Cohesion - Collaboration'.

### **Rural Connectivity GIS Data**



- ❖ Union Minister Giriraj Singh has released the Rural Connectivity GIS Data in Public Domain.
- ❖ This data includes the GIS data for more than 8 lakh rural facilities which have been collected and digitized using the GIS platform developed for the PM-GSY scheme.
- ❖ Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a scheme that was launched in the year 2000.
- ❖ It was launched with an objective to provide all-weather road connectivity to all the unconnected habitations throughout the nation which lie under the eligibility criteria.

### **Sanjeev Sanyal**

- ❖ Finance Ministry's Principal Economic Advisor, Sanjeev Sanyal has been inducted as a full-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).

- ❖ The appointment is for a tenure of two years.
- ❖ The EAC-PM is an independent body constituted by the Union government to advise the prime minister on economic matters.



## INTERNATIONAL

### 9000-year-old Shrine

- ❖ At a remote Neolithic site in Jordan's eastern desert, a team of Jordanian and French archaeologists discovered a 9,000-year-old shrine.
- ❖ The ritual complex was discovered beside large structures which are known as desert kites or mass traps.
- ❖ These traps were thought to have been used to gather wild gazelles for killing in a Neolithic campground.



### Nord Stream 2 Pipeline

- ❖ This is a 1,200-km pipeline that runs from Ust-Luga in Russia to Greifswald in Germany through the Baltic Sea.
- ❖ It will carry 55 billion cubic meters of gas per year.
- ❖ It was decided to build this pipeline in 2015.
- ❖ Nord Stream 1 system is already completed.

- ❖ Together with NS2P, it will supply 110 billion cubic meters of gas a year to Germany.
- ❖ Germany has taken steps to halt the process of certifying the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline from Russia after Russia announced that it will recognize the independence of eastern Ukraine's separatist republics, Donetsk and Lugansk territories.

**Nord Stream pipelines from Russia**



## **ECONOMY**

### **Dollar/rupee two-year sell-buy swap auction**

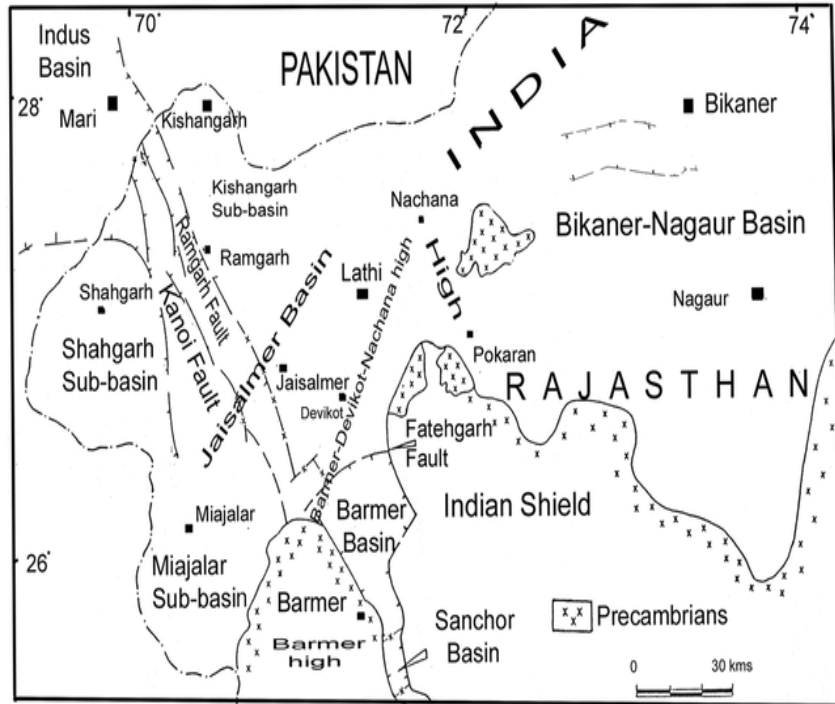
Swap Amount (USD Billion)	Auction date	Auction Time	Near Leg/Spot Date	Far Leg Date
5	March 08, 2022	10.30 AM-11.30 AM	March 10, 2022	March 11, 2024

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a US Dollar/Rupee two-year sell-buy swap auction.
- ❖ This is with a view of elongating the maturity profile of its forward book and smoothening the receivables relating to forwarding assets.

- ❖ The Central bank will undertake a sell/buy swap auction of \$5 billion, which will enable access to a wider set of market participants.
- ❖ Under the swap auction, a bank sells US dollars to the RBI.

## STATES

### Oil Discovery in Rajasthan



- ❖ Vedanta Ltd. Cairn Oil & Gas has discovered oil in the Barmer district of Rajasthan.
- ❖ The company has notified the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) about this discovery.
- ❖ The Block RJ-ONHP-2017/1 is located in Chohtan and Gudamalani Tehsil of the district of Barmer.
- ❖ 'Durga' is the name given to this discovery.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Actress KPAC Lalitha

- ❖ Veteran Malayalam film and stage actress, KPAC Lalitha has passed away at 74.
- ❖ She starred in over 550 films in Malayalam and Tamil.



- ❖ She was born as Maheswari Amma in Kayamkulam of Alappuzha.



### **Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians**

- ❖ The Professor Neena Gupta has been conferred the Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians 2021.
- ❖ Neena Gupta is a mathematician from Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata.
- ❖ She conferred the award for her outstanding work in affine algebraic geometry and commutative algebra.
- ❖ The Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians is a mathematics prize, that is awarded annually by the “International Centre for Theoretical Physics” in Italy.
- ❖ The prize was founded in 2004 and first awarded in 2005.

