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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The State of Telangana has become India's first state to complete 100 percent 1st dose Covid-19 vaccination.
- ❖ Jharkhand government has decided to give a concession of ₹25 per litre petrol to motorcycles and scooter riders

TAMIL NADU

Sahitya Academy award – Tamil



- ❖ Ambai has won this year's Sahitya Akademi award.
- ❖ She has been awarded for her short story collection Sivappu Kazhuthudan Oru Patchaiparavai.
- ❖ Ambai is the fourth woman writer from Tamil Nadu to get the award.
- ❖ Her original name is C.S. Lakshmi.
- ❖ Tamil writer Mu Murugesu bagged the Bala Sahitya Puraskar for his collection of short stories.
- ❖ The name of the book is 'Ammavukku Magal Sonna Ulagin Mudhal Kadhai'.

New Draft Policy for Women 2021

- ❖ The state of Tamil Nadu has released its "New Draft Policy for Women 2021" on December 29, 2021.
- ❖ This policy will be implemented for more than five years.

- ❖ The new policy provides for martial arts training for school and college girls.
- ❖ It talks about 50 more person-days for all single-headed households and women-headed households under MGNREGS.
- ❖ The Women will also get 33.3% representation in registered parties.
- ❖ Scope of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya will be extended specifically in educationally backward blocks, to cover adolescent girls aged up to 19 years of age.
- ❖ This move will help them in completing their school education.
- ❖ The policy also aims to support at least 1,000 women student researchers from disadvantaged sections of society each year, particularly in STEM subjects.

NATIONAL

Trend and Progress of Banking in India

- ❖ This report was recently released by the RBI.
- ❖ According to the report, the gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) ratio of SCBs fell from 8.2 percent at the end of March 2020 to 7.3 percent in March 2021.
- ❖ This decreased further to 6.9 percent at the end of September 2021.
- ❖ The Capital to risk-weighted assets ratios of SCBs improved from 14.8 percent at the end of March 2020 to 16.3 percent at the end of March 2021.

J&K real estate open to all



- ❖ The first-ever 'J&K Real Estate Conference' was held recently in Jammu.
- ❖ The Centre and the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory governments have decided to throw open local real estate for "second homes and summer homes" to all the citizens of the country.
- ❖ This is to attract investments from real estate bigwigs.

- ❖ Under the newly introduced Jammu and Kashmir Development Act, the term 'being permanent resident of the State' as a criterion has been 'omitted', paving the way for investors outside Jammu and Kashmir to invest in the Union Territory.
- ❖ As a result, any citizen of India can buy non-agriculture land in Jammu and Kashmir.

Extreme Cold Weather Clothing System



- ❖ The Défense Research and Development Organisation has handed over technology for indigenous Extreme Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS) to some Indian companies.
- ❖ The Extreme Cold Weather Clothing System is an ergonomically-designed modular, three-layered technical clothing system that can be used at various climatic conditions in extreme altitude combat operations.
- ❖ The Indian Army, till recently has been importing ECWCS and several Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment (SCME) items for the troops deployed in high altitude regions.
- ❖ ECWCS is a viable import alternative for the Indian Army for its sustained operations in glacier and Himalayan peaks.

INTERNATIONAL

BRICS Bank

- ❖ The BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) announced to add Egypt as its new member.

- ❖ Egypt is the fourth new member admitted into NDB, following Bangladesh, United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Uruguay.
- ❖ The inclusion of Egypt has further expanded the global outreach of the BRICS Bank.



Sibir

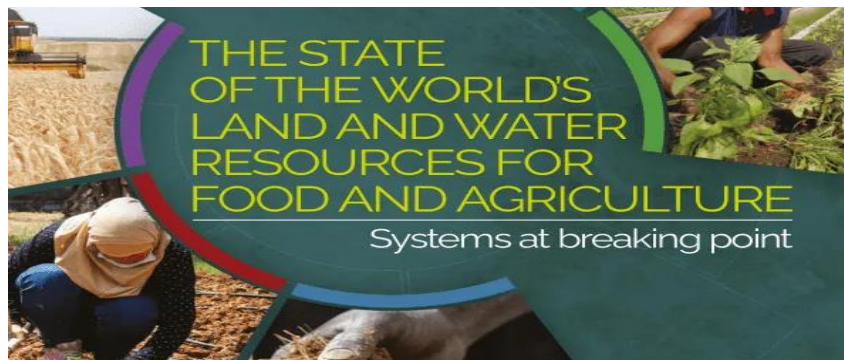
- ❖ Russia has launched a new nuclear-powered icebreaker 'Sibir'.
- ❖ This will contribute to the rapidly growing fleet of lethal icebreakers to keep the Northern Sea Route open for year-round shipping through the Arctic enabling a wider presence of India in the region.

Europol



- ❖ South Korea has recently become the 10th country outside of Europe to join Europol.
- ❖ The National Police Agency of South Korea joined Europol by signing the agreement, which was approved unanimously by the 27 EU nations.
- ❖ Under the agreement, police can now exchange information on crime and cooperate with member states of Europol.
- ❖ Europol is the European Union law enforcement cooperation agency that fights terrorism and other international crimes.

SOLAW 2021



- ❖ The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations launched the State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture – Systems at breaking point Synthesis report 2021 (SOLAW 2021).
- ❖ This highlights the worsening state of the earth's soil, land, and water resources and the challenges it poses for feeding a global population that is expected to reach 10 billion by 2050.
- ❖ The central theme of SOLAW 2021 is "Systems at breaking point".
- ❖ The present status is
 - The interconnected systems of land, soil, and water are stretched to the limit.
 - Current patterns of agricultural intensification are not proving sustainable
 - Farming systems are becoming polarized.

ECONOMY

2nd largest in PoS machines - Axis

- ❖ Axis Bank has become the second-largest merchant-acquiring bank in the country by installing over two lakh card-swipe machines during the year.

- ❖ This is part of the bank's 'Axis One' strategy.
- ❖ In this strategy, the bank approaches the customers by offering its entire gamut of products instead of a standalone service.
- ❖ HDFC Bank tops in this and SBI and ICICI Bank comes after Axis.



STATES

Nagaland - disturbed area



- ❖ The central government declared the entire Nagaland as a “disturbed area” for six more months, under the AFSPA Act.
- ❖ This declaration will be in effect, starting from December 30, 2021.
- ❖ The government has also termed the state's condition as “disturbed and dangerous”.

- ❖ This decision was taken days after the central government constituted a high-level committee for examining the possibility of withdrawal of the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act from Nagaland.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Ramnath Goenka award



- ❖ The Hindu's West Bengal correspondent Shiv Sahay Singh won the Ramnath Goenka award in the "Uncovering India Invisible" category.
- ❖ This was awarded for his 2019 story "Death by Digital Exclusion".
- ❖ The story exposed how the Jharkhand government's insistence on digitization deprived people living on the margins of the benefits of the public distribution system (PDS).
- ❖ Tridip K Mandal of The Quint is the broadcast media winner under the same category.

SPORTS

Dubai Globe Soccer Awards

- ❖ The 12th edition of the Dubai Globe Soccer Awards took place in the Burj Khalifa.



- ❖ Robert Lewandowski secured the Maradona award for the year's best goal scorer and the fans' player of the year award.

Fans' Player of the Year: Robert Lewandowski
Men's Player of the Year: Kylian Mbapp
Maradona Award: Robert Lewandowski
Top best scorer of all time: Cristiano Ronaldo
Women's Player of the Year: Alexia Putellas (Barcelona)
Men's Club of the Year: Chelsea
Women's Club of the Year: Barcelona
Defender of the Year: Leonardo Bonucci (Juventus/Italy)
Goalkeeper of the Year: Gianluigi Donnarumma (PSG/Italy)
Coach of the Year: Roberto Mancini
National Team of the Year: Italy
Agent of the Year: Federico Pastorello
Sports Director of the Year: Txiki Begiristain (Manchester City)
Esports Player of the Year: Musaed Al-Dossary "Msdossary7"
Player Career Award: Ronaldinho
Best Youth Academy in Africa: ZED FC
Special Innovation Award: Serie A

