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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Nepal PM KP Sharma Oli has been expelled from the ruling Nepal Communist Party (NCP) over his decision to dissolve the Parliament.
- ❖ The first commercial flight services between Delhi and Sikkim commenced.
 - The flight landed at Pakyong airport at Sikkim, the 100th Airport of the country.

NATIONAL

AMPHEX – 21

- ❖ It is a large-scale tri-service joint amphibious exercise.
- ❖ It was conducted in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- ❖ It involved the participation of Indian Naval ships, Indian Army troops and different types of aircraft from the Air force.



Jeevan Raksha Padak Series of Awards

- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind has approved the conferment of this award for 40 persons
- ❖ The awards include Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak (8), Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak (1) and Jeevan Raksha Padak (31).

- ❖ One Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak award was conferred posthumously to Muhammed Muhsin from Kerala.
- ❖ Jeevan Raksha Padak awards are conferred to honour people who have displayed the meritorious act of human nature by saving the life of another person.




e-EPIC

- ❖ The Election Commission of India (ECI) launched a non-editable digital version of the voter ID card.
- ❖ It is named Electronic Electoral Photo Identity Card (e-EPIC).

WHAT IS AN

E EPIC?



An e-EPIC is a digital Voter ID Card

An e-EPIC is downloadable on mobile or in a self printable form on the computer

An e-EPIC has 2 QR Codes




Photo & Demography

Serial no, part no, name of AC & Address

- ❖ The e-EPIC card can be printed in PDF format.
- ❖ It can be saved online in facilities like Digi locker.

- ❖ It is to provide faster delivery and easy accessibility to the document.
- ❖ The elector photo identity cards were introduced in 1993.
- ❖ It was the time TN Seshan headed the election commission of India.
- ❖ He was appointed the 10th Chief Election Commissioner of India (1990–96).

Jail Tourism

- ❖ The government of Maharashtra has decided to start a 'jail tourism' from the Yerawada prison of Pune.
- ❖ Some of the freedom fighter who were imprisoned in Yerawada jail under the British rule include Mahatma Gandhi, Motilal Nehru, Lokmanya Tilak, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sarojini Naidu, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Subhas Chandra Bose.

PLAN FOR JANUARY 26

File photo

- Deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar will inaugurate jail tourism at Yerawada prison on January 26 at 11am
- Chief minister Uddhav Thackeray and home minister Anil Deshmukh are expected to mark their attendance at the inaugural function virtually

UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS

- Institutes such as schools, colleges, and others, will have to seek permission from the Yerawada jail superintendent to visit the facility, submit a list of students and furnish their identity proof
- Visitors will have to pay an entrance fee of ₹1, ₹10 and ₹15,

per person. They will have to surrender their phone and baggage at the entrance gate

- Visitors will not be allowed to click photographs or shoot videos. Instead, jail authorities will click photos and shoot videos of visitors. The digital images will be shared with educational institutes free of cost



Gallantry Awards 2021

- ❖ The President has approved awards of Gallantry awards to Armed Forces personnel.
- ❖ It was announced on the eve of 72nd Republic Day celebrations.
- ❖ These include one Mahavir Chakra, 05 Kirti Chakras, 05 Vir Chakras, 07 Shaurya Chakras.

- ❖ Mahavir Chakra was given to Colonel Santosh Babu (posthumous), the Commanding Officer of 16 Bihar Regiment.



Padma Awards 2021

- ❖ On the eve of 72nd Republic Day, India has honoured 119 people.
- ❖ These awards will be conferred by the President of India at ceremonial functions at Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- ❖ In the list, there are 7 Padma Vibhushan, 10 Padma Bhushan and 102 Padma Shri Awards.
- ❖ Women awardees counts at 29.
- ❖ It also includes 10 persons from the category of Foreigners, 16 Posthumous awardees and 1 transgender awardee.

Padma Vibhushan (7)			
S.N	Name	Field	State/Country
1.	Shri Shinzo Abe	Public Affairs	Japan
2.	Shri S P Balasubramaniam (Posthumous)	Art	Tamil Nadu
3.	Dr. Belle Monappa Hegde	Medicine	Karnataka
4.	Shri Narinder Singh Kapany (Posthumous)	Science and Engineering	USA
5.	Maulana Wahiduddin Khan	Others- Spiritualism	Delhi
6.	Shri B. B. Lal	Others- Archaeology	Delhi
7.	Shri Sudarshan Sahoo	Art	Odisha

About Padma Awards

- ❖ It is one of the highest civilian Awards of the country.
- ❖ This award is given in three categories namely, the Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.

Padma Bhushan (10)			
8.	Ms. Krishnan Nair Shantakumari Chithra	Art	Kerala
9.	Shri Tarun Gogoi (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Assam
10.	Shri Chandrashekhar Kambara	Literature and Education	Karnataka
11.	Ms. Sumitra Mahajan	Public Affairs	Madhya Pradesh
12.	Shri Nripendra Misra	Civil Service	Uttar Pradesh
13.	Shri Ram Vilas Paswan (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Bihar
14.	Shri Keshubhai Patel (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Gujarat
15.	Shri Kalbe Sadiq (Posthumous)	Others-Spiritualism	Uttar Pradesh
16.	Shri Rajnikant Devidas Shroff	Trade and Industry	Maharashtra
17.	Shri Tarlochan Singh	Public Affairs	Haryana

Bharat Parv 2021

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BHARAT
PARV

- ❖ It is being organised from January 26, 2021 till January 31, 2021.
- ❖ It celebrates the spirit of India.
- ❖ It is organized by the Ministry of Tourism every year.

- ❖ It is being organised with the overall theme focusing on the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat.

ECONOMY

Regulation of NBFCs

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has created a four-tier structure for a tighter regulation of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
- ❖ The four-layered structure includes Base Layer, Middle Layer, Upper Layer and a possible Top Layer.
- ❖ The RBI has proposed classification of non-performing assets (NPAs) of base layer NBFCs from 180 days to 90 days overdue.
- ❖ The responsibility of regulation and supervision has been entrusted with the RBI under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

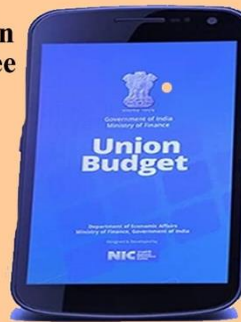
About NBFC

- ❖ NBFC is a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956.
- ❖ NBFC cannot accept the demand deposits.
- ❖ They are not the part of the payment and settlement system.

Union Budget Mobile App

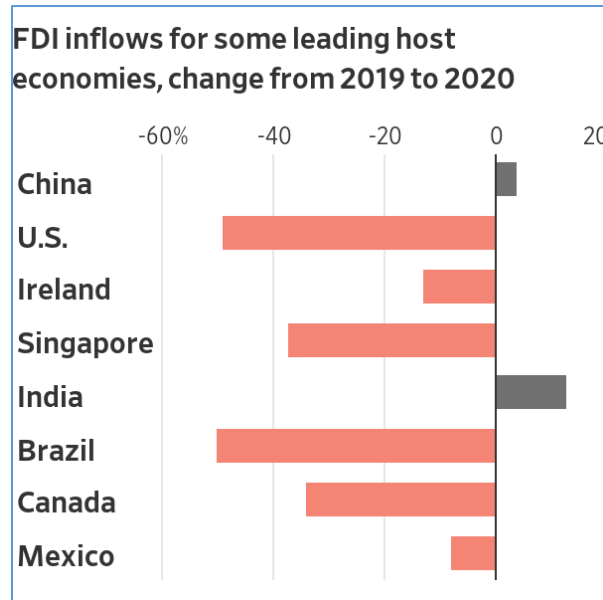
- ❖ The Finance Minister of India has launched the “Union Budget Mobile App” ahead of the presentation of the Union Budget.
- ❖ The mobile app was launched for hassle-free access of Budget-related documents by Members of Parliament (MPs) and the public.
- ❖ The budget will completely be paperless for the first time after.

**No Budget Documents printing
- Government launched the 'Union
Budget mobile app' for hassle-free
access of Budget documents**



FDI in 2020

- ❖ China has surpassed the United States as the world's top destination for the foreign direct investment (FDI) in the year 2020.
- ❖ It was the recent figures by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Blue Jet Lightning



- ❖ The Scientists from the International Space Station (ISS) have observed a bright-blue lightning bolt that is shooting upward from the thunderclouds.
- ❖ Such blue jets are hard to observe from the ground because the electrical discharges emerge from the tops of thunderclouds.
- ❖ But from space, one can easily observe the phenomenon.
- ❖ Blue jets are initiated as “normal” lightning discharges.
- ❖ It emerges between the upper positive charge region in a thundercloud and a negative screening layer above the charge region.

ENVIRONMENT

New Ant species

- ❖ Two new species of a rare ant genus have been discovered in Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ They differ from others of the same genus on the basis of the number of antennal segments.
- ❖ *Ooceraea Joshii* was found in the Periyar Tiger Reserve of Kerala.
- ❖ *Ooceraea decamera* was discovered from Alagarkoil in Madurai.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Leprosy Day – January 31

- ❖ It is observed internationally every year on the last Sunday of January.
- ❖ It aims to increase the public awareness of Leprosy.
- ❖ Leprosy is also known as Hansen’s disease.
- ❖ India has the highest burden of the disease.



- World Leprosy Day focuses on the target of zero cases of leprosy-related disabilities
- Early detection is important to treat leprosy and prevent its transmission
- WHO developed a multidrug therapy in 1995 to cure all types of leprosy which is available free of charge worldwide

Symptoms

- Discolored patches of skin, usually flat, that may be numb and look faded
- Painless swelling or lumps on the face or earlobes
- Loss of eyebrows or eyelashes

If Left Untreated

- Paralysis and crippling of hands and feet
- Chronic non-healing ulcers on the bottoms of the feet
- Blindness
- Muscle weakness and loss of hair
- Kidney failure
- Nose disfigurement

