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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Union Home Minister Amit Shah released the book 'Karmayoddha Granth' on the life of Prime Minister Modi.
- ❖ Ladakh won the 7<sup>th</sup> National Ice Hockey Championship Women trophy held at in Ladakh.
- ❖ Lokpal Member and the Former Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, Justice Dilip Babasaheb Bhosale has resigned from his post.
- ❖ The Competition Commission of India released a report titled "Market Study on E-commerce in India: Key Findings and Observations".
- ❖ The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the National GST Conference of the Commissioners of State Tax and Chief Commissioners of Central Tax was held in New Delhi.

## NATIONAL

### **NCRB report on Crime**

- ❖ National Crime Record Bureau's (NCRB) report on Crime in India for the year 2018 was released.
- ❖ The report finds that over 50 lakh crimes have been registered in 2018 which is 1.3% more than that of 2017.

### findings of the report

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh accounted for the maximum number of economic offences in 2018.
- ❖ It was followed by Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Telangana and Bihar in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> rank respectively.
- ❖ Kidnapping and Abduction accounting for 13.8% and 10.2% respectively.
- ❖ Kidnapping and abduction in children in 2018 were 44.2% and cases under the POCSO Act-2012 were 34.7% that also included child rape.
- ❖ In the year 2017, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh accounted for the highest share of reported economic offences.

### **IP based Video Surveillance System**

- ❖ Face recognition technology developed using Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been installed in Bengaluru, Manmad and Bhusawal railway stations as trial basis.



- ❖ The objective of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) is to link the facial recognition system with existing databases and identify the criminals.
- ❖ Indian Railways is also in the process of installing Internet Protocol (IP) based Video Surveillance System (VSS) at railway stations.

### **Revised guidelines for mutual legal assistance treaties**

- ❖ The Home Ministry has issued revised guidelines to expedite the delivery of mutual legal assistance and justice in criminal matters with other countries under the government's policy of zero tolerance for crime at all.
- ❖ In this regard, India has signed Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) with 42 countries in November 2019 for cooperation in criminal matters.
- ❖ The MHA is also designated 'Central Authority of India' for it.

### **Madhavpur Mela festival**

- ❖ The annual festival Madhavpur Mela of Gujarat will be held at Madhavpur Ghed in Porbandar district of Gujarat on 2nd April 2020.
- ❖ The seven days festival celebrates the immortal journey of Lord Krishna and Rukmini from Arunachal Pradesh to Gujarat.
- ❖ The eight North-Eastern states will participate in this festival.
- ❖ This festival shares its connection to the Mishmi Tribe, an ancestry to the legendary King Bhishmak, of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ This will mark the cultural integration of Gujarat with the North-East under the Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Global Economic Prospect report**

- ❖ The World Bank has released the Global Economic Prospects report 2020.
- ❖ According to its forecast, the world is expected to grow economically at the rate of 2.5%.
- ❖ The emerging markets in the developing economies are to witness acceleration in their growth according to the report but not all.
- ❖ Growth in South Asia is expected to rise by 5.5% in 2020.
- ❖ The report predicts India's growth rate at 5% and also see a growth rate of 5.5% in the subsequent year.

- ❖ The United States is expected to grow at 1.8% and European Union is projected to slip its growth by 1% in 2020.

## ECONOMY

### New RBBG scheme by SBI

- ❖ the State Bank of India (SBI) has announced a new scheme named Residential Builder Finance with Buyer Guarantee (RBBG).
- ❖ This new scheme's purpose is to safeguard home buyers financially by issuing guarantee for completion of projects to customers availing SBI Home Loans.
- ❖ The ongoing home projects of SBI customers will be financed by the bank itself.



## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center

- ❖ Gujarat is going to set its Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center (VSCIC).
- ❖ It aims to identify, nurture and promote innovation of children up to 18 years in the state.
- ❖ This innovation centre will come up in Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Extension Research and Innovation at Gujarat University.
- ❖ It is a joint partnership between the Gujarat University and United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

### New communication experiment satellite - TJSW-5

- ❖ China has successfully launched a new communication technology experiment satellite, Tongxin Jishu Shiyan Weixing -5 (TJSW-5) by its Long March-3B carrier rocket.
- ❖ It was the 324th mission for the Long March series of carrier rockets.

- ❖ This will be used in communication, radio, television and data transmission, as well as high throughput technology test.
- ❖ Recently China also launched its heaviest and most advanced communications satellite, Shijian-20 with its largest new carrier rocket Long March-5.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **UK Costa Children's award - 2019**

- ❖ Indian born UK author Jasbinder Bilan's named as the winner of 2019 UK children's book award named Costa Children's Award.
- ❖ This is for her debut novel 'Asha and the Spirit Bird', which focusing on the readers of age range 9 years and above.
- ❖ The award will be presented annually across 5 categories of "First Novel, Novel, Biography, Poetry and Children's Book".



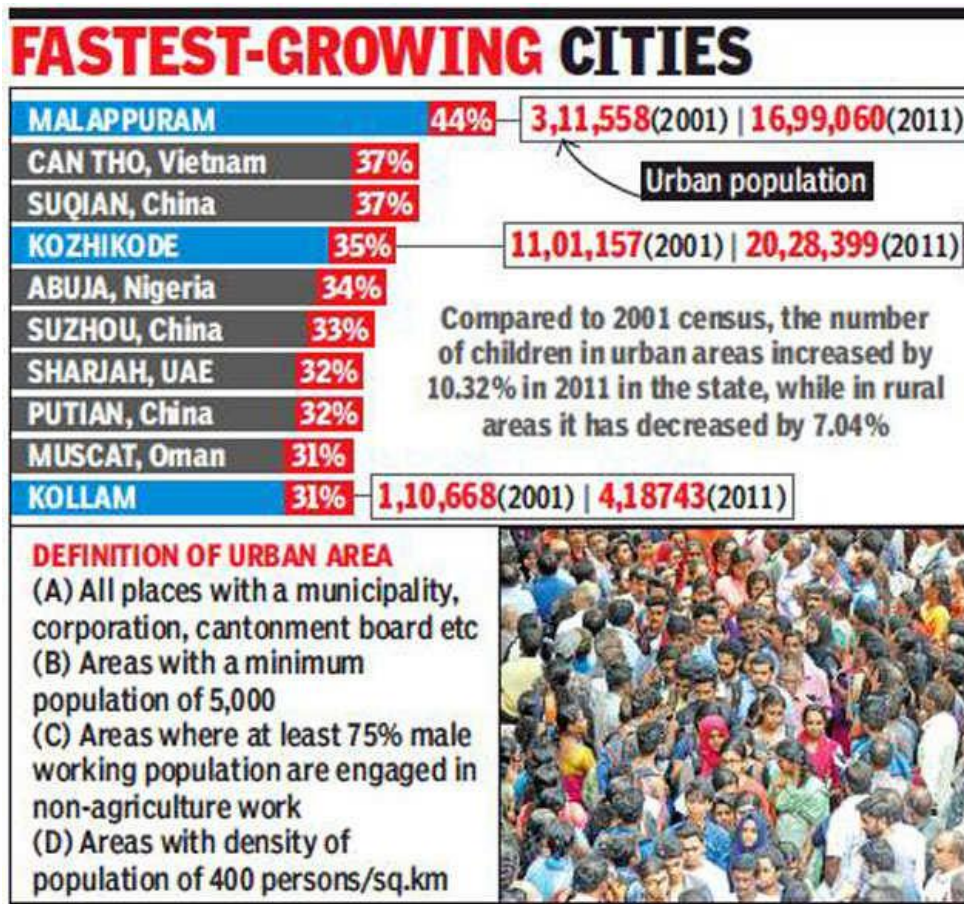
## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Fastest growing urban regions/cities**

- ❖ The Economist Intelligence Unit released the latest ranking based on fastest growing urban regions/ fastest growing cities in the world.
- ❖ As per the report 3 of the cities in Kerala were ranked in the top 10 places.
- ❖ Malappuram city of Kerala was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the list, while Kerala's Kozhikode and Kollam cities were ranked in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place respectively.



- ❖ Can Tho region in Vietnam at 2<sup>nd</sup> spot and Suqian in China in the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot.
- ❖ The list was compiled on the basis of the data provided by the United Nations Population Division.



### Forbes India's 20 people

- ❖ Forbes India's list of '20 people to watch in the 2020' released with 7 Persons from India in the list.
- ❖ US based Indian origin, Hasan Minhaj, topped in the list, while Kenya's Marathon runner Eliud Kipchoge in on the 20th place.
- ❖ The following 7 Indians occupied in various places

Name	Position	Profession
<b>Aditya Mittal</b>	2	CFO and CEO, ArcelorMittal Europe
<b>Godrej family</b>	6	Adi Godrej
<b>Dushyant Chautala</b>	7	Deputy chief minister, Haryana
<b>Mahua Moitra</b>	9	Lok Sabha MP, Trinamool Congress

<b>Prashant Kishor</b>	12	Poll strategist and JD(U) national vice-president
<b>Garima Arora</b>	14	Chef, the first Indian woman to receive a Michelin star
<b>Kanhaiya Kumar</b>	16	Former JNU Students' Union president

## Henley Passport Index 2020

- ❖ As per the index based on the data obtained from International Air Transport Association, the Henley passport Index 2020 was released by Henley & Partners.
- ❖ Indian passport ranked at the 84<sup>th</sup> spot among the world's most powerful passports list.
- ❖ India faced a drop by 2 places as it ranked 82<sup>nd</sup> in 2019.
- ❖ India provides visa free access to 58 countries.
- ❖ The list was topped by Japan while Afghanistan's passport in the bottom.

