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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Mukesh Ambani has resigned from Reliance Jio.
  - His son Akash Ambani is announced as the Chairman of Reliance's telecom.

## NATIONAL

### Pallonji Mistry

- ❖ Pallonji Mistry, Shapoorji Pallonji Group Chairman, passes away at 93 in Mumbai.
- ❖ Mistry's family controls the Shapoorji Pallonji Group, an Indian construction and real estate empire.
- ❖ It was established more than 150 years ago.
- ❖ And it employs more than 50,000 people in over 50 countries today.
- ❖ Some of the company's landmark projects include the Reserve Bank of India and the blue-and-gold Al Alam palace for the Sultan of Oman.
- ❖ Pallonji Mistry's son Cyrus Mistry was ousted as Tata Sons Chairman in 2016.



### New Labour Codes in India

- ❖ A set of 4 New Labour codes in India will be introduced by the Central Government.
- ❖ They come into effect from July 1, 2022.
- ❖ The rules under the Four Labour Codes have been finalized by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

- ❖ The four broad rules of new labour code are on wages, industrial relations, social security and occupational safety, health and working conditions.
- ❖ The regular working hours can become 12 hours in a day from 9 hours at present.
- ❖ The working days will have to be capped at 4 days a week with 3 mandatory offs.
- ❖ This means that the week's total working hours will remain unchanged at 48 hours.
- ❖ The take-home salary of the employees will go down as the PF contributions of the employees and employers will increase.
- ❖ The Provident Fund contribution is required to be a proportion of 50 per cent of gross pay
- ❖ Earlier, the law required to have worked for a minimum of 240 working days in a year to ask for leave.
- ❖ It has now been reduced to 180 working days

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**HISTORIC REFORMS IN LABOUR LAW**

**EMPOWERING WORKERS**




 29 labour laws now amalgamated into 4 labour codes

 Wage security, social security & health security ensured for 50 crore workers

Name of the Code	Number of amalgamated laws
Wage Code	4
Industrial Relation Code	3
Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code	13
Social Security Code	9
Total	29

### **Baal Swaraj Portal**

- ❖ The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has launched a “CiSS application” under the Baal Swaraj portal.

- ❖ It is to help in the rehabilitation process of Children in Street Situations (CiSS).
- ❖ It has been developed under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.



### **Bengaluru One Health Pilot Project**

- ❖ The Ministry of dairying and animal husbandry launched 'One Health' pilot project in Bengaluru.
- ❖ It will be in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as implementation partners.
- ❖ It will bring stakeholders from human, animal, and environment health on single platform.
- ❖ It aims to formulate solutions for preventing outbreak of zoonotic disease like covid-19 pandemic in future.
- ❖ The department of animal husbandry & dairying is implementing the pilot projects in Uttarakhand, besides Karnataka.
- ❖ The department of animal husbandry and dairying would develop a national One Health roadmap.
- ❖ This will help in preventing future zoonotic disease outbreaks.

### **NITI Aayog on gig workforce**

- ❖ NITI Aayog has recommended steps to provide social security for the country's gig workforce.
- ❖ It is expected to grow to 2.35 crore by 2029-30.

- ❖ According to a study released by NITI Aayog, the number of gig workers is estimated to be 77 lakhs in 2020-21.
- ❖ The report broadly classified gig workers into Platform workers and non-platform gig workers.
- ❖ Platform workers are those whose work is based on online software applications or digital platforms.
- ❖ Non-platform gig workers are generally casual wage workers and own-account workers in the conventional sectors, working part-time or full-time.
- ❖ NITI Aayog recommended introducing a 'Platform India initiative' on the lines of the 'Startup India Initiative'.
- ❖ It proposed to provide incentives for companies having one-third of their workforce people with disabilities and women.

## INTERNATIONAL

### New countries – BRICS

- ❖ Iran has submitted an application to become a member in the group of emerging economies known as the BRICS.
- ❖ Russia also said separately that Argentina had also applied to join the group.



### Law to Restore Nature

- ❖ The European Commission's proposal for a Nature Restoration Law is the first continent-wide, comprehensive law and part of the Biodiversity Strategy.
- ❖ It calls for binding targets to restore degraded ecosystems.

- ❖ It includes reducing chemical pesticide use by 50% (by 2030), increasing tree canopy (by at least 10%) and allowing free-flow of rivers.



## Living Lands Charter



- ❖ All 54 Commonwealth members have agreed to voluntarily dedicate a 'living land' in their respective countries to future generations.
- ❖ It is in line with the strategy set for the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030).
- ❖ It is non-binding in nature

- ❖ It mandates that member countries will safeguard global land resources and arrest land degradation while acting against climate change, biodiversity loss and sustainable management.
- ❖ It recognizes the “critical guardianship” provided by indigenous peoples and local communities in protecting land and vital ecosystem services.

### NATO forces

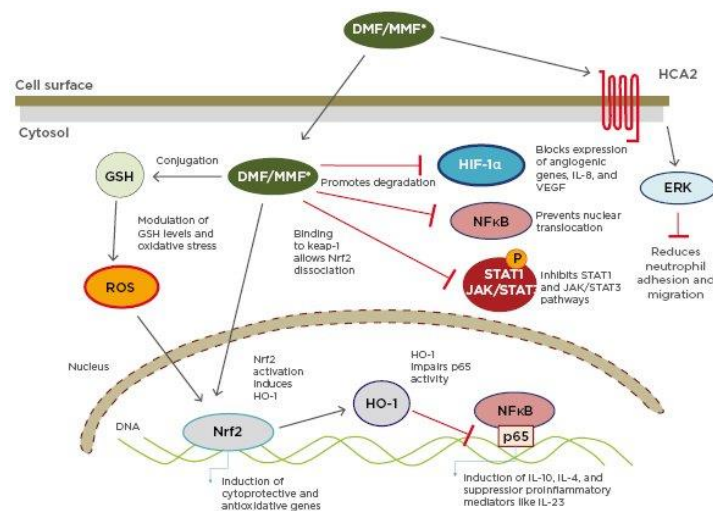
- ❖ The NATO will increase the strength of its rapid reaction force (RRF) nearly eight fold to 3,00,000 troops.
- ❖ The NATO reaction force currently numbers around 40,000.
- ❖ The alliance is also expected to address for the first time the security challenges posed by China.

### Partners in the Blue Pacific

- ❖ The US and its allies - Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the United Kingdom - have launched this new initiative.
- ❖ It is for “effective and efficient cooperation” with the region’s small island nations.
- ❖ It is a five-nation “informal mechanism” to support Pacific islands and to boost diplomatic, economic ties in the Pacific region.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Estradiol to Treat Psoriasis



- ❖ Researchers have found that the female hormone estradiol suppresses psoriasis.

- ❖ It is a skin condition that causes rashes and leads to itchiness.
- ❖ The presence of this hormone in women is the reason why compared to men, women have a significantly lower incidence of severe psoriasis.
- ❖ Estradiol or oestradiol is a form of the female sex hormone estrogen.
- ❖ Also called 17-beta-estradiol, estradiol is an estrogen steroid hormone.

## SPORTS

### Qosanov Memorial Athletics

- ❖ Dhanalakshmi becomes 3rd fastest Indian woman in 200 meters.
- ❖ She ran her personal best time to win 200m gold at the Qosanov Memorial Athletics in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- ❖ She is only the third Indian woman to run in 23 second after national record holder Saraswati Saha (22.82s) and Hima Das (22.88s).
- ❖ Dhanalakshmi Sekar is an Indian athlete from Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Indian women's discus thrower, Navjeet Dhillon from Punjab won the gold medal.

