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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ GST collection dipped below Rs 1 lakh crore in June.
  - It stayed above that mark for eight consecutive months before.
- ❖ Korean Air has been announced the winner of Air Transport World's '2021 Airline of the Year'.
- ❖ Amazon founder Jeff Bezos handed over his chief executive title to Andy Jassy.
  - He wanted to spend more time on his other ventures, including the Washington Post, space company Blue Origin and philanthropy.
- ❖ World Chocolate Day or International Chocolate Day is observed on 7th July every year.
  - The day celebrates the existence of chocolate in our lives.

## TAMIL NADU

### Tamil Nadu Athletes to Tokyo Olympics



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- ❖ For the first time, five athletes from the Tamil Nadu Athletic Association finds berths in the Indian Olympic team.
- ❖ The five athletes are Arokiya Rajiv, Nagananthan Pandi (Men 4x400 relay), Dhanalakshmi Sekhar, Revathi Veeramani, and Subha Venkatesan (Mixed 4x400 relay).

## NATIONAL

### Matsya Setu app

- ❖ The union minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Giriraj Singh has launched the Online Course Mobile App “Matsya Setu”.
- ❖ The app was developed by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar.
- ❖ The funding support was from the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad.
- ❖ The online course app aims to disseminate the latest freshwater aquaculture technologies to the aqua farmers of the country.

**ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture**  
Kausalyaganga, Bhubaneswar  
&  
**National Fisheries Development Board**  
Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India

**VIRTUAL LAUNCHING CEREMONY**

**MATSYA SETU**  
The Virtual Learning App

**Shri Giriraj Singh**  
Honble Union Minister  
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal  
Husbandry & Dairying

**Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi**  
Honble Minister of State  
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal  
Husbandry & Dairying

**Shri J.N. Swain, IAS**  
Secretary  
DoF, MoFAHD

**Dr C. Suvarna, IFS**  
Chief Executive  
NFDB

**Dr J.K. Jena**  
DDG (Fy. Science)  
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Jt. Secretary (Marine)  
DoF, MoFAHD

**Shri Sagar Mehra**  
Jt. Secretary (Inland)  
DoF, MoFAHD

**Dr S.K. Swain**  
Director  
ICAR-CIFA

**Dr I. Sivaraman**  
Scientist  
PI, Digital Outreach Center, ICAR-CIFA

6<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 4.30 pm.

Event will be live-streamed in DoF, ICAR-CIFA and NFDB [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels

### The Cabinet reshuffle

- ❖ The reshuffle and expansion of the union council of ministers has seen the record induction of members from OBC and SC communities.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi oversaw the swearing-in of 43 Ministers.

- ❖ Earlier, 12 Ministers (seven Cabinet and five Ministers of State) were dropped.
- ❖ Ravi Shankar Prasad, Prakash Javadekar, Harsh Vardhan, Ramesh Pokhriyal and Santosh Gangwar were among the heavyweights dropped.
- ❖ The government now has a record 12 Ministers belonging to the Scheduled Castes and 27 belonging to Other Backward Classes.
- ❖ Also Eight Ministers belonging to the Scheduled Tribes and five Ministers belonging to minority communities, including one Muslim, one Christian, one Sikh and two Buddhists.
- ❖ Women Ministers are numbered at 11 with two Cabinet Ministers and others being Ministers of State.

**EYE ON POLLS** A look at the new Cabinet of the Central government which was sworn in on Wednesday

 <b>Narayan Tota</b> , 69 Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	 <b>Sarbananda Sonowal</b> , 58 Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways	 <b>Virendra Kumar</b> , 67 Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment	<b>Kiren Rijju</b> , 49   Cabinet Minister, Lok Sabha MP from Ananchal West, Ananchal Pradesh	<b>I.P. Singh Baghel</b> , 61   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Agra, U.P.	<b>Devasish Chaudhary</b> , 56   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Kheda, Gujarat
 <b>Jyotiraditya Scindia</b> , 50 Minister of Civil Aviation	 <b>Ramesh Chandra Prasad Singh</b> , 63 Minister of Steel	 <b>Ashwini Vaishnaw</b> , 50 Minister of Railways; Minister of Communications	<b>Raj Kumar Singh</b> , 68   Cabinet Minister, Lok Sabha MP from Arnaol, Bihar	<b>Rajeev Chandrasekhar</b> , 57   MoS, Rajya Sabha MP from Karnataka	<b>Bhagwant Khubra</b> , 52   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Bidar, Karnataka
 <b>Peshupati Kumar Paras</b> , 68 Minister of Food Processing Industries	 <b>Prashant Kumar</b> , 66 Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	 <b>L. Narasim</b> , 45 Minister of State, Tamil Nadu BJP President	<b>Hardip Singh Patel</b> , 69   Cabinet Minister, Rajya Sabha MP from I.L.P.	<b>Shobha Karandlaje</b> , 54   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Udipi Chikmagalur, Karnataka	<b>Kapil Mohanwar Patel</b> , 60   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Bhiwandi, Maharashtra
			<b>Minesh Mondoliya</b> , 49   Cabinet Minister, Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat	<b>Bhishu Pratap Singh Verma</b> , 63   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Jalau, U.P.	<b>Preetna Bhaurai</b> , 52   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Tripura West, Tripura
			<b>Bhupendra Patel</b> , 52   Cabinet Minister, Rajya Sabha MP from Rajasthan	<b>Darshana Vikram Jadhav</b> , 60   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Surat, Gujarat	<b>Sudha Barik</b> , 67   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Bantura, West Bengal
			<b>G. Kishan Reddy</b> , 61   Cabinet Minister, Lok Sabha MP from Secunderabad, Telangana	<b>Meerabati Lakhi</b> , 54   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from New Delhi	<b>Bhagwat Karad</b> , 64   MoS, Rajya Sabha MP from Maharashtra
			<b>Anant Singh Thakur</b> , 46   Cabinet Minister, Lok Sabha MP from Haryana, H.P.	<b>Anupama Devi</b> , 51   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Kodarma, Jharkhand	<b>Rajkumar Ranjan Singh</b> , 69   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Inuar Manpur, Manipur
			<b>Prakash Chaudhary</b> , 56   Minister of State, Lok Sabha MP from Mahasarak, U.P.	<b>A. Narayanaswamy</b> , 54   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Chitradurga, Karnataka	<b>Bhazrat Pravin Pawa</b> , 42   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Dindori, Maharashtra
			<b>Anupriya Singh Patel</b> , 40   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Mizoram, U.P.	<b>Kaushal Kishore</b> , 61   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Mahatmagar, U.P.	<b>Bhawanwar Tuli</b> , 56   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Mayurbhanj, Odisha
				<b>Ajay Bhatt</b> , 60   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Narmad-Udhamasingh Nagar, Uttarakhand	<b>Shantana Thakur</b> , 58   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Bangaon, West Bengal
				<b>B. L. Verma</b> , 59   MoS, Rajya Sabha MP from I.L.P.	<b>Mahendra Manjappa</b> , 52   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Surendranagar, Gujarat
				<b>Ajay Kumar</b> , 60   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Kheri, U.P.	<b>John Baria</b> , 45   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Alipurdia, West Bengal
					<b>Naitik Pramanik</b> , 36   MoS, Lok Sabha MP from Coochbehar, West Bengal

**CABINET COMPOSITION**

- 12 SC Ministers
- 27 OBC Ministers
- 4 Former CMs
- 8 ST Ministers
- 11 Women Ministers
- 25 Ministers from 25 States/UTs

Out of the 43 ministers sworn in, 36 are new faces

## UPI based parking facility



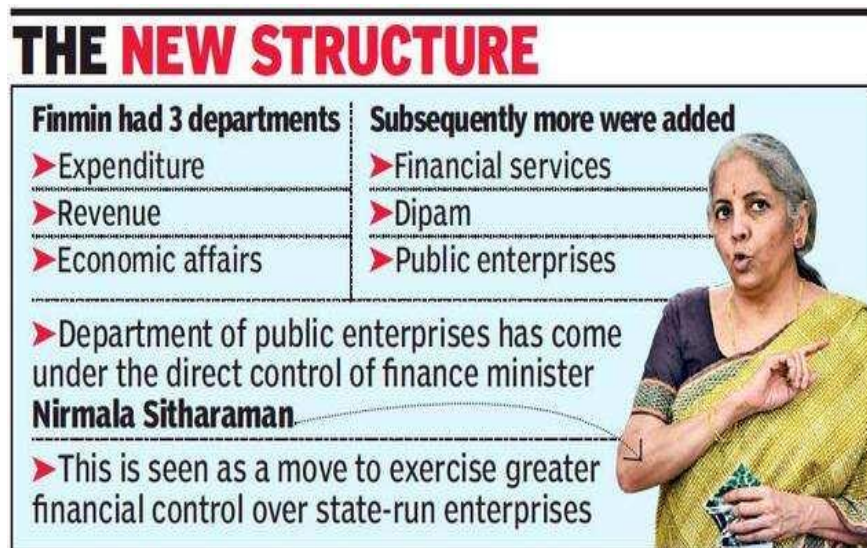
- ❖ Delhi Metro Rail Corporation launched India's first FASTag or Unified Payments Interface based parking facility.
- ❖ This facility was launched to reduce time for entry and payment.



- ❖ This facility was launched at Kashmiri Gate metro station.

### **The Department of Public Enterprises under Finance Ministry**

- ❖ The government split the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises and brought the Department of Public Enterprises under the administrative control of the Finance Ministry.
- ❖ This move is aimed at ensuring that the Centre's privatisation, asset monetisation and capital expenditure plans for state-owned companies are aligned and coordinated.
- ❖ Department of Public Enterprises becomes the sixth department in the Finance Ministry.



**THE NEW STRUCTURE**

Finmin had 3 departments	Subsequently more were added
➤ Expenditure	➤ Financial services
➤ Revenue	➤ Dipam
➤ Economic affairs	➤ Public enterprises

➤ Department of public enterprises has come under the direct control of finance minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**

➤ This is seen as a move to exercise greater financial control over state-run enterprises

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Tiger corridor - Rajasthan**

- ❖ The Rajasthan government has planned to develop a tiger corridor connecting three tiger reserves of the state.
- ❖ They are Ranthambore tiger reserve, Ramgarh Vishdhari tiger reserve and Mukundra tiger reserve.
- ❖ A tiger corridor will be developed by relocating eight villages.
- ❖ It will be a functional corridor to deal with issue of overpopulation of tigers which Ranthambore tiger reserve is facing currently.



## STATES

### Financial assistance scheme - Delhi Government

- ❖ The Chief Minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal launched a social security scheme 'Mukhyamantri COVID-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana'.
- ❖ He also launched a portal to provide financial assistance to the families who lost their loved ones to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Under the scheme, Rs. 50,000 ex-gratia will be given to every family that lost a member to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ An additional amount of Rs. 2,500 per month will also be given if the deceased was the sole breadwinner of the family.

### Legislative Council - West Bengal

- ❖ The West Bengal Assembly has passed a resolution to set up a Legislative Council.
- ❖ Under Article 169 of the constitution, Parliament may by law create or abolish the second chamber in a state.
- ❖ For this the Legislative Assembly of that state passes a resolution to that effect by a special majority.
- ❖ As per article 171 of the Indian Constitution, the total number of members in the legislative council of a state shall not exceed one third of the total number of the members in the legislative Assembly of that state.
- ❖ Also the total number of members in the legislative council of a state shall in no case be less than 40.

### STATES WITH TWO HOUSES

State	MLA seats*	MLC seats
Andhra	176	58
Bihar	243	58
Karnataka	225	75
Maharashtra	289	78
Telangana	119	40
UP	404	100

\* Including nominated members



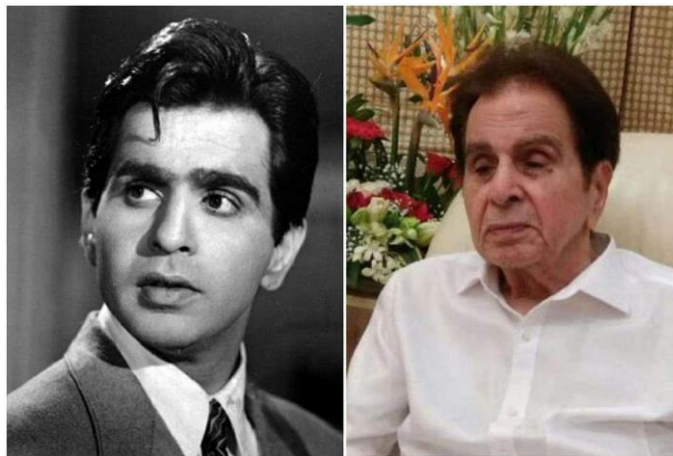
### **Green India Challenge sets world record**

- ❖ Green India Challenge organized a plantation in Adilabad in Telangana.
- ❖ One million saplings were planted in one hour on the occasion of local MLA Jogu Ramanna's birthday.
- ❖ With this Green India Challenge is all to break the record of planting 3 lakh, 3 thousand saplings in Turkey in 2019.
- ❖ Joginipally Santosh Kumar (Rajya Sabha MP) is the founder of Green India Challenge.

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

### **Actor Dilip Kumar passes away**

- ❖ Legendary Bollywood actor Mohammed Yusuf Khan passed away at 98.
- ❖ He was known professionally as Dilip Kumar.
- ❖ He was popularly known as the tragedy king of Bollywood.
- ❖ He was last seen in the 1998 film Qila.
- ❖ He was the first actor to win the Filmfare Award for Best Actor in 1954.
- ❖ He has won it a total of 8 times.
- ❖ Dilip Kumar is listed in the Guinness World Records for winning the maximum number of awards by an Indian actor.
- ❖ He is also credited as the first method actor in India.
- ❖ He was honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1994 and Padma Vibhushan in 2015.





### **World's oldest person living**

- ❖ The Guinness World Records officially named Puerto Rico's Emilio Flores Marquez as the world's oldest person (male) living.
- ❖ He is 112 years and 326 days old.
- ❖ Jeanne Calment, a French woman who died at 122 has been the oldest person who's ever lived.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **Global Forgiveness Day - July 07**

- ❖ The day is observed every year to encourage the art of forgiving.
- ❖ It aims to spread awareness about the healing power of forgiveness and its importance for a peaceful life.
- ❖ Studies have proved that people who choose to forgive are healthier and happier.



### **Van Mahotsav 2021 - July 01 to 07**

- ❖ Van Mahotsav 2021 is a week-long celebration across India.
- ❖ The Van Mahotsav is celebrated every year in the first week of July.
- ❖ It is to raise awareness of tree plantation and forest conservation.
- ❖ Van Mahotsav is celebrated in India by planting tens and thousands of saplings.

