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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India has crossed the 200-Crore milestone in its cumulative COVID19 vaccination campaign.
- ❖ The nation's first 5G private network was successfully tested by Bharti Airtel at Bosch Automotive Electronics' plant in Bengaluru.
- ❖ Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram has emerged winner in the 41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open in Spain.
- ❖ Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa wins Paracin Open Chess title in Serbia.

NATIONAL

Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2022

- ❖ Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2022 is being held from July 16, 2022 to August 14, 2022 in New Delhi.
- ❖ This year is making the 22nd edition of the Bharat Rang Mahotsav.
- ❖ It aims to showcase incidents and raise awareness about unsung heroes of India's freedom struggle who have not made to India's history.
- ❖ The National School of Drama (NSD) started the Bharat Rang Mahotsav two decade ago.
- ❖ The NSD was established in 1959 by the Sangeet Natak Akademi as one of its constituent units.
- ❖ In 1975, it became as an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture.

SPRINT Challenges



- ❖ The “SPRINT Challenges” were launched for Indian Navy.
- ❖ The seminar was organised by Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation.
- ❖ It aims to increase the usage of indigenous technology in Indian Navy.

Religious, and linguistic Minority status

- ❖ The Supreme Court stated that ‘The minority status of religious and linguistic communities is “State-dependent”’.
- ❖ One can be a minority outside of his/her State.
- ❖ Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jain and Parsis have been notified as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.
- ❖ As per the Census 2011, the percentage of minorities in the country is about 19.3% of the total population of the country.
- ❖ The Parliament has the legislative powers and the Centre has the executive competence to notify a community as a minority.

First E-Waste Eco Park

- ❖ 21 acres would be used to create India’s first e-waste eco-park in Holambi Kalan, Delhi.
- ❖ Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC) will be the project’s implementing agency.

Made In India’ surgical robotic



- ❖ Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre of New Delhi have installed the first-ever Made-in-India Surgical Robotic System.
- ❖ The device named “SSI-Mantra”.
- ❖ It is a brainchild of World-renowned robotic cardiac surgeon Dr Sudhir P Srivastava.

Jagruti mascot

- ❖ Jagruti Mascot was launched by the Department of Consumer Affairs.
- ❖ It aims to empower consumers and generate awareness on their rights.
- ❖ It will help in empowering consumers and generating awareness among them about “consumer rights”.
- ❖ It would be displayed along with tagline “Jago Grahak Jago” across all the media campaigns.
- ❖ Consumer right is defined as the “right to have information regarding quality, quantity, potency, price, purity, and standard of goods or services”.



INTERNATIONAL

First outbreak of Marburg virus

- ❖ Ghana, a country in West Africa, has officially confirmed two cases of the deadly Marburg virus.
- ❖ The two patients, both deceased, were tested positive for the highly infectious virus.

- ❖ The Marburg virus disease is an extremely infectious haemorrhagic fever that belongs to the same family as Ebola virus.



BRICS Anti-Corruption Ministerial Meet 2022

- ❖ The First BRICS Anti-Corruption Ministerial Meet was organised under the chairmanship of China.
- ❖ Member countries signed a communiqué of “BRICS Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Corruption”.



ECONOMY

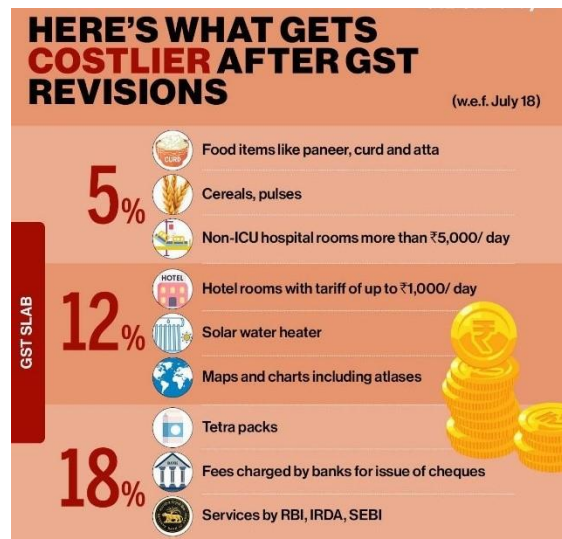
Refinance Dollar-Denominated Bonds

- ❖ ReNew Energy Global plc recently refinanced its bonds worth USD 525 million.
- ❖ It was scheduled to get mature in 2024.

- ❖ These were refinanced with amortising project debt from Indian non-banking financial company.
- ❖ ReNew Energy Global Plc has become the first renewable energy company in India, to refinance the dollar-denominated bonds.



New GST Rates



- ❖ The new GST rates came into effect from July 18, 2022.
- ❖ Several food items have become costlier including products like paneer, rice, wheat, jaggery, curd and lassi that are pre-packaged and labelled.
- ❖ These day-to-day household items will attract 5 percent GST from July 18.

- ❖ Dried makhana, puffed rice, meslin flour, labelled meat and fish will also attract 5 percent GST.
- ❖ All these items were exempted from GST tax earlier.
- ❖ Besides this, 12% GST will now be charged on all forms of mango including mango pulp.
- ❖ However, loose, unbranded and unlabelled goods will continue to be remain exempted from GST.
- ❖ The GST rates for hotels and bank services have also been hiked.
- ❖ The new GST rates for Bank services including the fee charged by banks for issuing cheques will now be 18 %.
- ❖ 12 per cent GST will be levied on hotel rooms.
- ❖ Current they have exempted from GST.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Project 17A stealth frigate



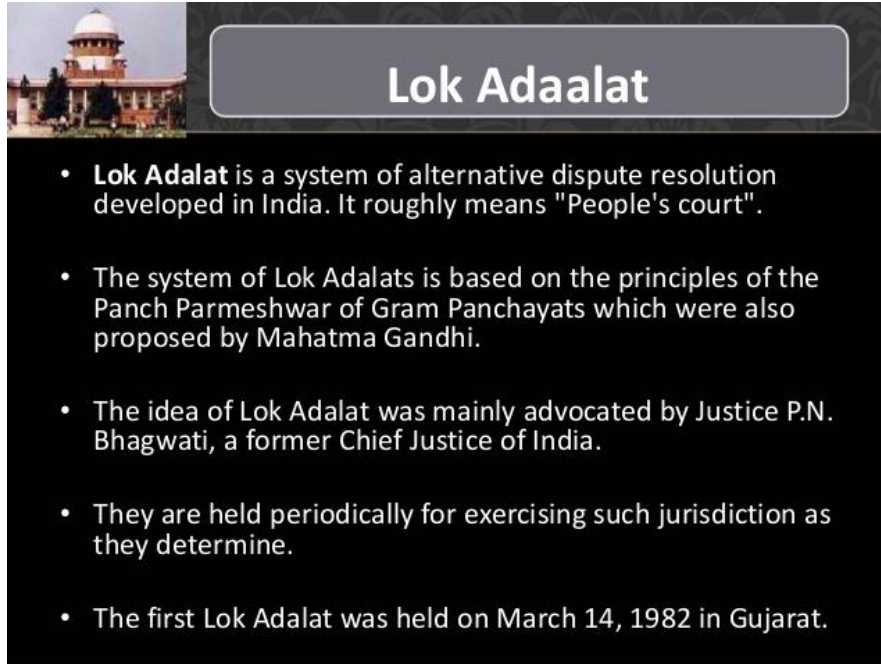
- ❖ The Union Defence Minister launched the fourth P17A stealth frigate 'Dunagiri' recently.
- ❖ The P-17A class is a follow-on of the P-17 Shivalik Class with improved stealth features & advanced weapons.
- ❖ The first two ships of the P17A Project were launched in 2019 and 2020.
- ❖ The third ship-Udaygiri was launched this year.

STATES

Digital Lok Adalat in India

- ❖ The NALSA Chairman Uday Umesh Lalit unveiled the first digital Lok Adalat driven by Artificial Intelligence.

- ❖ Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority's (RSLSA) digital Lok Adalat was created by Jupitice Justice Technologies.



Lok Adalat

- **Lok Adalat** is a system of alternative dispute resolution developed in India. It roughly means "People's court".
- The system of Lok Adalats is based on the principles of the Panch Parmeshwar of Gram Panchayats which were also proposed by Mahatma Gandhi.
- The idea of Lok Adalat was mainly advocated by Justice P.N. Bhagwati, a former Chief Justice of India.
- They are held periodically for exercising such jurisdiction as they determine.
- The first Lok Adalat was held on March 14, 1982 in Gujarat.

PMFBY - Andhra Pradesh

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to rejoin the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).
- ❖ It decided to implement the PMFBY from Kharif-2022 season.
- ❖ PMFBY and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) have been successfully implemented in Andhra Pradesh from Kharif-2016 to Kharif-2019.

SPORTS

ISSF World Cup



- ❖ Veteran Indian shooter Mairaj Ahmed Khan made history by becoming the first person to ever win a men's skeet gold medal at an ISSF World Cup held at Baku, Azerbaijan.
- ❖ Minsu Kim from Korea got second place, and Ben Llewelin from Britain got third place.

Singapore Open title

- ❖ P V Sindhu clinched the women's singles title at the Singapore Open 2022 BWF Super 500 tournament.
- ❖ This is Sindhu's first 500 title, since she won the world championship in 2019.
- ❖ In 2022, she has won two titles of Super 300.
- ❖ Singapore Open badminton event has been held every year from 1929.

