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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Javier Olivan will be the new chief operating officer at Meta (formerly Facebook).
- ❖ Tata Projects has bagged the contract to construct the upcoming Noida International Airport at Greater Noida's Jewar in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Thakur has launched a nationwide 'Fit India Freedom Rider Cycle rally' on World Bicycle Day.
- ❖ Shreya Lenka, an 18-year-old girl from Odisha's Rourkela, has been selected as the fifth member of popular South Korean pop band Blackswan.
- ❖ A Special Health Care Abhiyan 'Anchal' has been launched in the Karauli district of Rajasthan for pregnant women.
 - More than 13 thousand women have benefited from this Abhiyan.
- ❖ Rafael Nadal clinched his 14th French Open Tennis title and a record-extending 22nd Grand Slam trophy.

NATIONAL

Farewell to two ships



- ❖ The Indian Navy will bid farewell to its two ships INS Nishank and INS Akshay.
- ❖ Both the ships will be decommissioned at Naval Dockyard after 32 years.
- ❖ All the seafarers bear the names of their ships as their own identity.
- ❖ INS Nishank is the fourth of the Veer Class Missile Corvette
- ❖ It has been an integral part of the Killer Squadron renowned for its heroics in the 1971 War.

- ❖ INS Akshay is a part of the 23rd Patrol Vessel Squadron.
- ❖ Its primary role is Anti-Submarine warfare and coastal patrol.

First Liquid Mirror Telescope

- ❖ The first liquid mirror telescope in the country and the largest in Asia was commissioned atop Devasthal, a hill in Uttarakhand.
- ❖ This will now keep a watch on the overhead sky to identify transient or variable objects such as supernovae, gravitational lenses, space debris, and asteroids.
- ❖ The Indian Liquid Mirror Telescope (ILMT) will help in surveying the sky.
- ❖ It makes it possible to observe several galaxies and other astronomical sources.



IIM-A Agriculture Land Price Index



- ❖ IIM-Ahmedabad (IIM-A) has collaborated with SFarms India, an e-marketplace for agricultural land, to develop a farm land price index.
- ❖ It is based on the purchases and sales done on the platform.
- ❖ This index has been designed with the aim of recording and presenting quality-controlled data on the prices of agricultural land in India.
- ❖ This index will be tracking the price movements in the marketplace (Sfarms India) and will be coming up with a composite pricing mechanism on a monthly basis.
- ❖ This will be updated twice a year.
- ❖ It will be named IIM-Ahmedabad SFarms India Land Price Index (ISALPI).
- ❖ It has been started on a pilot basis on Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana

Integration of eSanjeevani with ABDM



- ❖ National Health Authority (NHA) announced that government's 'eSanjeevani' telemedicine service has been integrated with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.
- ❖ This integration will help existing eSanjeevani users to easily create their Ayushman Bharat Health Account.
- ❖ The Users would also be able to use it to link and manage their existing health records.
- ❖ The Users can further share their health records with doctors on eSanjeevani.
- ❖ In turn it will help in better clinical decision making and ensuring the continuum of care.

- ❖ The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission aims to build digital highways, in a bid to bridge the gaps in existing digital health solutions and stakeholders in India.

IAF heritage center

- ❖ A heritage centre to showcase the role of the Indian Air Force in various wars and its overall functioning will come up at Chandigarh.
- ❖ The 'IAF Heritage Centre' will be set up jointly by the force and the Chandigarh administration
- ❖ This heritage centre will have artefact, simulators and interactive boards to highlight various facets of IAF.



Puneet Sagar Abhiyan



- ❖ The National Cadet Corps (NCC) has launched the latest phase of its nationwide flagship campaign 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan'.
- ❖ It aims to clean Sea Shores/Beaches and other water bodies including rivers & lakes, of plastic & other waste.

- ❖ It also, aims to increase an awareness amongst the local population about importance of keeping the beaches and river fronts clean.

INTERNATIONAL

Renaming of Turkey

- ❖ Hereafter, Turkey will be known as Türkiye at the United Nations.
- ❖ Domestically, citizens refer to the land as *Turkiye*.
- ❖ But its anglicised version 'Turkey' was adopted internationally.
- ❖ 'Turkey' was adopted following the country's independence in 1923.

Other renamed countries

- ❖ The Netherlands name was changed its name from Holland.
- ❖ Macedonia changed its name to North Macedonia due to political disputes with Greece
- ❖ Iran changed its name from Persia in 1935.
- ❖ Siam changed its name to Thailand.
- ❖ Rhodesia was changed to Zimbabwe to drop its colonial legacy.



Queen Elizabeth II's 70-year reign

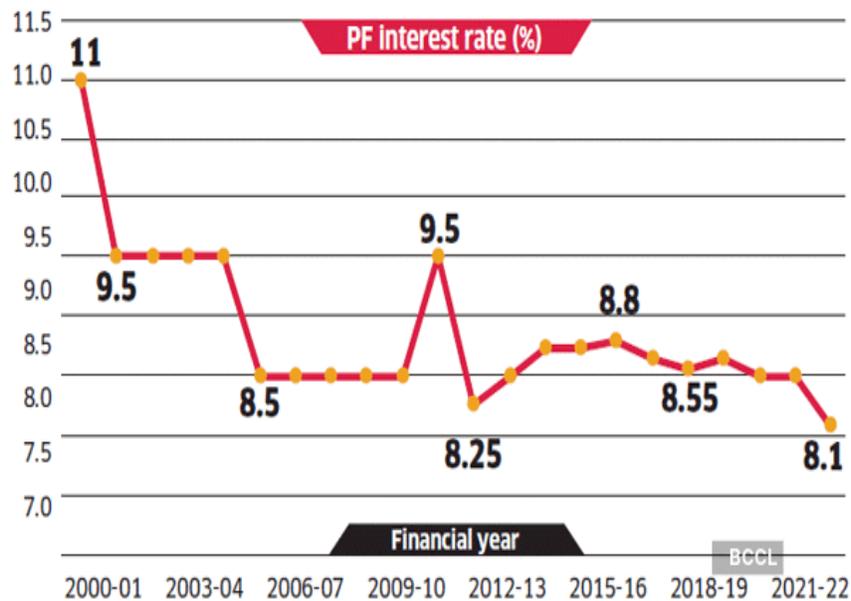
- ❖ The Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II is being celebrated in 2022 in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Nations.
- ❖ It marks the 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen.

- ❖ Elizabeth II became the queen on February 6, 1952, on the death of her father King George VI.
- ❖ Elizabeth's formal coronation took place on June 2, 1953.
- ❖ Queen Elizabeth II is the first to reach this milestone.



ECONOMY

EPF interest rate



- ❖ The government has approved 8.1 per cent rate of interest on employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2021-22.



- ❖ It is four-decades low for about five crore subscribers of retirement fund body Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- ❖ Earlier in March this year, EPFO had decided to lower the interest on provident fund deposits for 2021-22 to 8.1 per cent from 8.5 per cent provided in 2020-21.

STATES

Faceless RTO Offices

- ❖ The government of Maharashtra launched the faceless Regional Transport Offices (RTOs).
- ❖ It aims to help the citizens of the state avail facilities such as driving licences, etc, without the need of being physically present at the RTOs.
- ❖ At present, the transport department of Maharashtra is providing 118 different services.
- ❖ Out of which 80 are online with 6 more services having been included under the new initiative.

