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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Supreme Court of India has stayed annual Rath Yatra at Puri's Jagannath Temple in Odisha which was scheduled from June 23.
 - The apex court said that 'Lord Jagannath won't forgive us if we allow this year's Rath Yatra'.
- ❖ In rupee term, the Mumbai based Indian Multinational company, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) was valued at USD 150 billion.
 - RIL is the first-ever Indian company to achieve a market value of above Rs 11 lakh crore.
- ❖ Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) is the usage and licensing fee that telecom operators are charged by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
- ❖ The CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) of Lucknow has received permission to carry out the Phase III trial of antiviral drug Umifenovir.
 - The Umifenovir drug prevents the entry of the virus into human cells and also acts by priming the immune system.

TAMIL NADU

Excavations in Kodumanal

- ❖ Recently, the State Department of Archaeology, Chennai has identified 250 cairn-circles from the Kodumanal excavation site in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ This is for the first time that 10 pots and bowls were discovered from the site.
- ❖ Findings from the site also include an animal skull, beads, and copper smelting units, the mud walls of a workshop, potteries, and Tamil Brahmi script.
- ❖ This has thrown light on burial rituals and the concept of afterlife in megalithic culture.
- ❖ A megalith is a large prehistoric stone that has been used to construct a structure or monument, either alone or together with other stones.
- ❖ Kodumanal is a village located in the Erode district in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ It is located on the northern banks of Noyyal River, a tributary of the Cauvery.
- ❖ It was once a flourishing ancient trade city known as Kodumanam, as inscribed in Patittrupathu of Sangam Literature.

- ❖ It served as a trade-cum-industrial centre from 5th century BCE to 1st century BCE.



NATIONAL

Civil Services Board

- ❖ The Punjab government, last week, constituted a three-member civil services board to decide on IAS transfers and postings in the state.
- ❖ The Supreme Court had in 2013 directed the Centre and the states to set up a civil services board.
- ❖ It is to insulate the bureaucracy from political interference and to put an end to frequent transfers of civil servants by political bosses.
- ❖ The civil services board is headed by chief secretary of a state.

INTERNATIONAL

Xinjiang region

- ❖ U.S. President Donald Trump has signed legislation calling for sanctions over the repression of China's Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang region.
- ❖ Uighurs are a Muslim minority community concentrated in the country's northwestern Xinjiang province.
- ❖ Xinjiang is technically an autonomous region within China — its largest region,
- ❖ It is rich in minerals, and sharing borders with eight countries, including India, Pakistan, Russia and Afghanistan.



Asian Development Outlook (ADO)

- ❖ It is a report released by Asian Development Bank.
- ❖ The ADO analyses economic and development issues in developing countries in Asia.
- ❖ ADB is a regional development bank established in 1966.
- ❖ It is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.
- ❖ Japan holds the largest proportion of shares in ADB followed by the USA.
- ❖ It aims to promote social and economic development in Asia and the Pacific.
- ❖ India is a founding member.

ECONOMY

SATYABHAMA

- ❖ A portal named 'Science and Technology Yojana for Atma Nirbhar Bharat in Mining Advancement (SATYABHAMA)' was launched by Union Ministry of Mines and Coal, Pralhad Joshi.
- ❖ It is also being integrated with the NITI Aayog portal - NGO Darpan.
- ❖ The portal has been designed and developed by emphasizing the need for promoting the role of digital technology in the mineral and mining sector of the country.
- ❖ The Mines Informatics Division of the National Informatics Centre (NIC) is the implementing agency of the portal.

Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan

- ❖ Through this scheme, Union Government plans to provide employment to migrant workers and create rural infrastructure
- ❖ The scheme will be launched from village Telihar in Khagaria district of Bihar.
- ❖ This campaign will work in mission mode for 125 days with an outlay of Rs. 50,000 crore.
- ❖ A total of 116 districts across six states, namely Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Odisha (where maximum migrant workers have returned) have been chosen for the campaign.



To empower & provide livelihood opportunities
to returnee migrant workers and rural citizens



Focused campaign of **125 days across 116 districts**
in **6 states** to work in mission mode



Public works worth ₹50,000 crore to be carried
out under the scheme



Focused implementation of 25 different types of
works to provide employment & to create durable
infrastructure

Coal Mining in India

- ❖ The PM of India launched the auction of 41 coal mines for commercial mining.
- ❖ Despite having the world's fourth-largest coal-reserves and being the second-largest producer India still does not export coal
- ❖ But India is the world's second-largest coal-importer.
- ❖ The government has set the target to gasify around 100 million tonnes of coal by 2030.

ENVIRONMENT

Arctic Sea Ice

- ❖ Recently, National Centre of Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) has observed the largest decline in the Arctic Sea ice in the last 41 years.
- ❖ Sea ice covers about 7% of the Earth's surface and about 12% of the world's oceans.



- ❖ NCPOR was established as an autonomous Research and Development Institution of the Ministry of Earth Sciences in 1998.
- ❖ It is located in Goa.
- ❖ NCPOR is India's premier R&D institution responsible for the country's research activities in the Polar and Southern Ocean regions.
- ❖ The Arctic Sea is located in the Arctic North Polar Region in the middle of the Northern Hemisphere.
- ❖ The Arctic Ocean is the smallest and shallowest of the world's five major oceans and it is also known as the coldest of all the oceans.

