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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Hospital, Madurai will be inaugurated in the month of September in the year 2022.
- ❖ The Lok Sabha passed Mineral Laws (Amendment) bill, 2020. The bill aims to amend Mines and Minerals act 1957 and also Coal Mines Act, 2015.
- ❖ An International Conference and Exhibition on Smart Energy and Water for Smarter Cities India is being organised in New Delhi from March 3-7, 2020.
  - New Delhi based Smart Grid Forum (ISGF) is organizing the India Smart Utility Week 2020 (ISUW).

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Sarabanga lift irrigation project**

- ❖ The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu laid the foundation stone Sarabanga lift irrigation project on March 4th.
- ❖ The project aims to divert surplus floodwater from Mettur Dam to the Sarabanga River in Salem, through lift irrigation technique.
- ❖ Over 100 tanks in Edappadi, Sankagiri, Mettur, and Omalur will benefit from this move.
- ❖ This would in turn improve groundwater level in that area.

### **New projects inaugurated in TamilNadu**

- ❖ Mr. Palaniswami laid the foundation stone for restoring the infrastructure of the Kattalai High Level Canal in the Cauvery basin.
- ❖ The Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for a law college to be built at Theni.
- ❖ He also flagged off 41 vehicles, including motorcycles, vans and buses for police personnel.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Integrated Local Energy Systems**

- ❖ India-European Union Flagship program on Integrated Local Energy Systems was announced at India Smart Utility Week 2020.

- ❖ This partnership between Indian and European Union will help in Clean Energy and Climate.
- ❖ This will enhance cooperation in energy research and innovation, mainly in renewable energy and its integration in the energy system.
- ❖ The collaboration can make energy supply cleaner, more efficient and affordable to all.

#### India-Sweden Collaboration

- ❖ Sweden and India have announced the India-Sweden Collaborative Industrial Research & Development Programme at India Smart Utilities Week.
- ❖ The joint Programme, will bring together world class expertise of Sweden and India to address challenges in the area of Smart Grids.

#### **Census 2021**

- ❖ The Home Ministry announced that the exercise of Census 2021 and National Population Register update will begin from April 1.
- ❖ The New Delhi Municipal Corporation area will be the first to conduct the update, and the first person to be registered will be the President of India.

#### **Jammu Airport comes under CISF**

- ❖ The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) took over the security of the Jammu Airport.
- ❖ With this there are 63 airports under CISF at present.
- ❖ CISF was set up in 1969 and it was made an armed force in 1983.

#### **Goa's Khola Chilli Gets GI Tag**

- ❖ The famous Khola Chilli or Kholchi Mirchi that's being grown on the hills of Khola village of Goa has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.





- ❖ GI tags are issued by the Geographical Indications Registry of India.
- ❖ Khola Chilli is the first agriculture produce of the state to get the GI tag.
- ❖ A Geographical Indication is a form of Intellectual Property Rights which is used for indicating and preserving the originality of the product of the particular territory.

### **Agreement for e-marketing of products**

- ❖ Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs signed a MoU with Amazon.
- ❖ The agreement is signed for e-marketing of products made by Self Help Groups (SHGs) across the country in the urban areas.
- ❖ The collaboration aims,
  - to provide access to wider customer base for products made by SHGs and
  - to strengthen the mission of creating sustainable livelihoods in urban areas.

#### About DAY-NULM

- ❖ It is a Flagship programme of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to reduce poverty and vulnerability of the urban poor households.
- ❖ It efforts to make an appreciable improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis, through building strong grassroots level institutions of the poor.

### **Boeing-777 VVIP Planes to be upgraded**

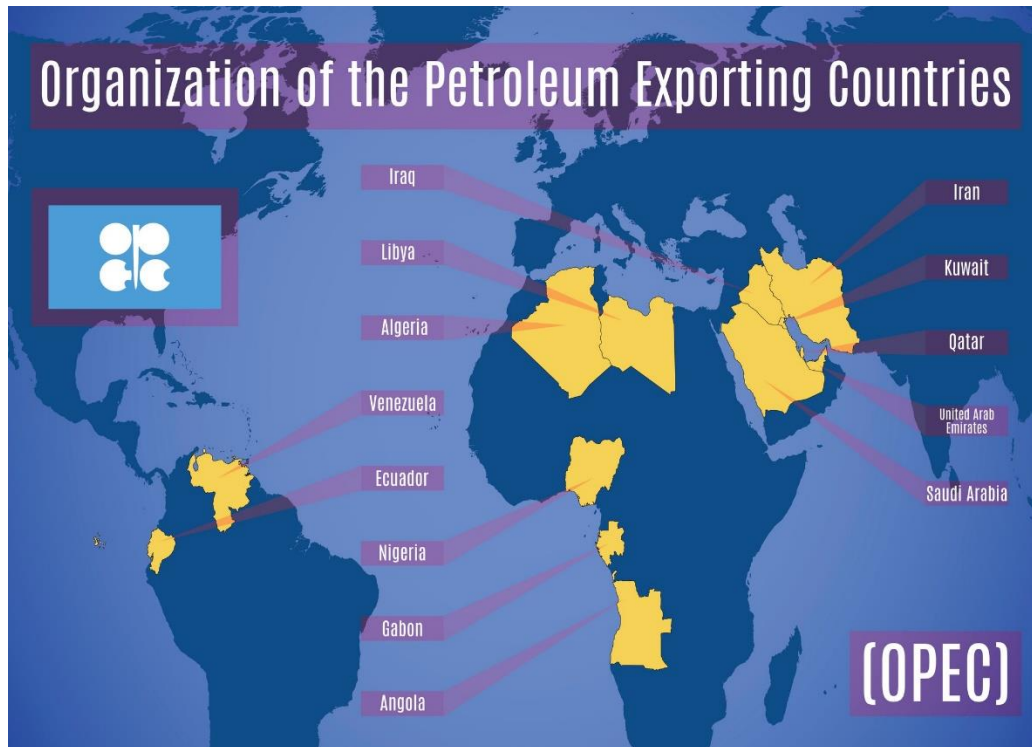
- ❖ India has signed a deal with the US to buy new anti-missile protection system for VVIP Boeing 777 planes that will be used to ferry the Prime minister and the President of India.
- ❖ India currently uses four Air India Boeing 747s as VVIP planes to ferry the Prime minister and the President of India.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **OPEC to cut oil production**

- ❖ The world's largest oil production nations of OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) have planned to cut oil production.

- ❖ The major member of OPEC, Saudi Arabia has planned to cut production by 1.5 million barrel a day from April 2020.
- ❖ The cuts are being made to avoid oil prices from collapsing.
- ❖ OPEC has taken this decision predicting decline in demand of oil due to Corona Virus and its impact all over the world.
- ❖ OPEC was founded in Baghdad, Iraq with 5 member countries.
- ❖ Currently, the Organization has a total of 14 Member Countries.



## **ECONOMY**

### **YES BANK CRISIS**

- ❖ On March 5, 2020, the Reserve Bank of India imposed a month-long moratorium on YES bank.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank has imposed withdrawal restrictions of Rs 50,000.
- ❖ RBI has selected SBI (The State Bank of India) to inject capital into Yes Bank
- ❖ Moratorium has been imposed on the bank by Government of India under recommendation of RBI.
- ❖ Rana Kapoor is the founder and CEO of Yes Bank.



## **National Conference on Economics of Competition Law**

- ❖ The Competition Commission of India (CCI) organised the 5th National Conference on Economics of Competition Law at New Delhi.
- ❖ The conference highlighted the importance of market studies for facilitating an evidence-based approach to antitrust policy.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Genome India Project**

- ❖ Recently, the Ministry of Science and Technology has approved a gene-mapping project called the Genome India Project (GIP).
- ❖ The Genome India Project is a collaboration of 20 institutions that will enable new efficiencies in medicine, agriculture and the life sciences.
- ❖ Its aim is to ultimately build a grid of the Indian “reference genome”, to fully understand the type and nature of diseases and traits that comprise the diverse Indian population.

#### Genome

- ❖ A genome is all the genetic matter in an organism.
- ❖ It is defined as an organism’s complete set of DNA, including all of its genes.
- ❖ Each genome contains all of the information needed to build and maintain that organism.

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

### **Greatest leader in World history**

- ❖ Maharaja Ranjit Singh is named as the 'greatest leader ever' in the world in a survey conducted by BBC World History Magazine.
- ❖ Maharaja Ranjit Singh was the Indian ruler of the Sikh Empire of 19th century.
- ❖ He also prohibited *Jiziya* from the Hindus and Sikhs.





### Indira Gandhi and Amrit Kaur

- ❖ TIME Magazine has named India's former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and freedom fighter Amrit Kaur among 100 greatest women of the year.
- ❖ TIME has created 100 covers for 100 women from 1920 to 2020.
- ❖ TIME has named Amrit Kaur as the women of the year for 1947 and Indira Gandhi for 1976.

