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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Ministry of Defence approved procurement of 26 defence items to boost “Make in India” initiative.
  - This was done through the amendment of Public Procurement Order 2017.
- ❖ The Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami on May 19th laid the foundation stone for the construction of a government medical college at Perumbakkam in Tiruvallur district.
  - While 60% of the funds for this would be borne by the Centre, the remaining by the State government.
- ❖ The Tamilnadu health Department launched an intensive 'micro-plan' to control and contain the Covid virus infection in 34 most affected wards spread over three municipal zones in Chennai.
- ❖ The European country Slovakia has recorded the lowest number of deaths per capita from the coronavirus.

## NATIONAL

### **Konark sun temple - Mission Surya Nagari**

- ❖ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has taken up the Complete Solarisation of Konark sun temple and Konark town in Odisha.
- ❖ It was built by King Narasimhadeva I, the great ruler of Ganga dynasty in the 13th century.
- ❖ This temple was also known as ‘Black Pagoda’ due to its dark color.
- ❖ Similarly, the Jagannath Temple in Puri was called the “White Pagoda”.
- ❖ The Konark is the third link of Odisha’s Golden Triangle.
- ❖ The first link is Jagannath Puri and the second link is Bhubaneswar (Capital city of Odisha).
- ❖ The temple is included in UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984.
- ❖ The temple is perfect blend of Kalinga architecture and its heritage.
- ❖ The Chandrabhaga Mela is conducted here annually.



## **ECONOMY**

### **FME**

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has given its approval to a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme – “Scheme for Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises (FME)” for the Unorganized Sector on All India basis.
- ❖ It envisages increased access to credit by existing micro food processing entrepreneurs, women entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs in the Aspirational Districts.
- ❖ It will have Cluster approach and will focus on perishables commodities.
- ❖ It will be implemented over a 5-year period from 2020-21 to 2024-25.
- ❖ It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS).
- ❖ Expenditure for this is to be shared by Government of India and States at 60:40.

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**CABINET DECISIONS**

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### **Making Food Processing Units Globally Competitive**

Scheme for formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (FME) Approved (2/2)

-  **Nearly 8 lakh micro-enterprises to benefit** through access to information, better exposure & formalization
-  **To generate 9 lakh skilled & semi-skilled job;** create more off-farm jobs & aid in doubling of farmers income
-  Micro enterprises to get a credit linked subsidy at **35% of project cost with ceiling of ₹10 lakh**
-  **Grant to FPOs for backward/forward linkages,** common infrastructure, packaging, marketing & branding
-  Enhanced compliance with **food quality & safety standards;** encourage waste to wealth activities

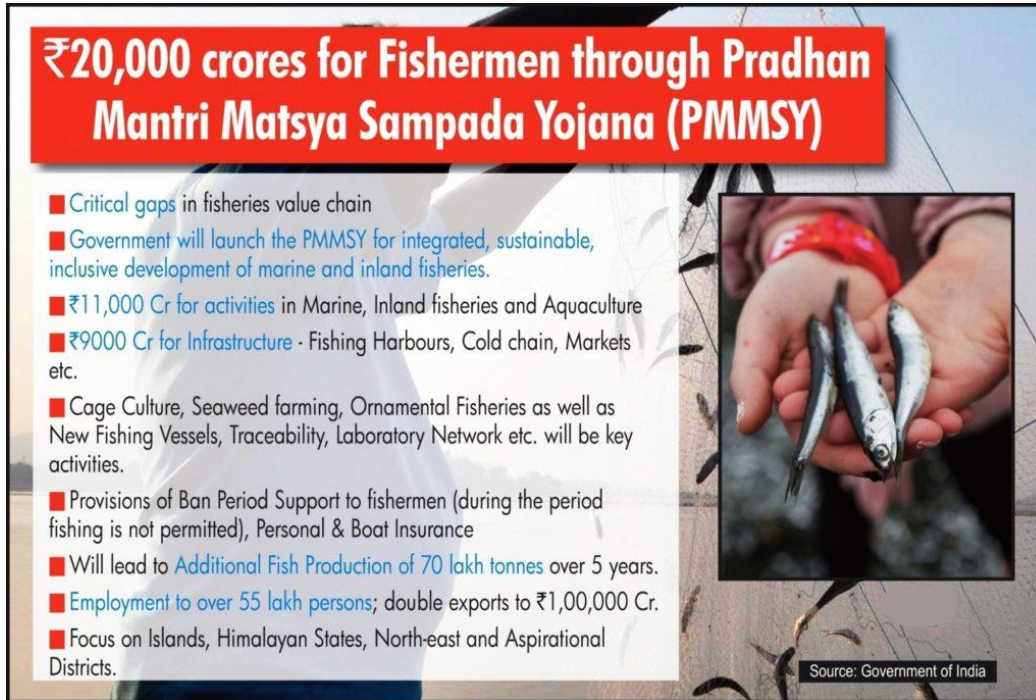
### **ECLGS**

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has given its approval for the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for MSMEs and MUDRA borrowers.
- ❖ Under the Scheme, 100% guarantee coverage is to be provided by National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC) for additional funding of up to Rs. 3 lakh crore to eligible MSMEs and interested MUDRA borrowers.

### **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has given its approval for implementation of this scheme.
- ❖ It is a scheme to bring about Blue Revolution.
- ❖ It will be implemented during a period of 5 years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25.

- ❖ The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is the implementation agency.



**₹20,000 crores for Fishermen through Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**

- Critical gaps in fisheries value chain
- Government will launch the PMMSY for integrated, sustainable, inclusive development of marine and inland fisheries.
- ₹11,000 Cr for activities in Marine, Inland fisheries and Aquaculture
- ₹9000 Cr for Infrastructure - Fishing Harbours, Cold chain, Markets etc.
- Cage Culture, Seaweed farming, Ornamental Fisheries as well as New Fishing Vessels, Traceability, Laboratory Network etc. will be key activities.
- Provisions of Ban Period Support to fishermen (during the period fishing is not permitted), Personal & Boat Insurance
- Will lead to Additional Fish Production of 70 lakh tonnes over 5 years.
- Employment to over 55 lakh persons; double exports to ₹1,00,000 Cr.
- Focus on Islands, Himalayan States, North-east and Aspirational Districts.

Source: Government of India

- ❖ It will be implemented through two components namely, Central Sector Scheme (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS).
- ❖ Central Sector Scheme (CS) - The entire project cost will be borne by the Central government (i.e. 100% central funding).
- ❖ The Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) Component is divided into non-beneficiary oriented and Beneficiary orientated sub components/activities.
- ❖ Under this, the entire project cost will be shared between Centre and State as detailed below for the non-beneficiary orientated sub-components/activities.
  - North Eastern & Himalayan States - 90% Central share and 10% State share.
  - Other States - 60% Central share and 40% State share.
  - Union Territories (with legislature and without legislature) - 100% Central share.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Agappe Chitra Magna**

- ❖ It is a magnetic nanoparticle-based RNA extraction kit for use during testing for the detection of COVID-19.





- ❖ It was developed by Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) of Trivandrum along with Agappe Diagnostics Ltd of Cochin.
- ❖ The kit can be used for RNA extraction for RT-LAMP, RT-qPCR, RT-PCR and other isothermal and PCR based protocols for the detection of SARS-COV-2.

## **STATES**

### **Noise at Bengaluru**

- ❖ A sonic boom is said to occur when an object travels through the air faster than the speed of sound and creates shock waves.
- ❖ If the aircraft is flying at a low altitude, the sonic boom may also lead to tremors similar to earthquakes and shattering of glass.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development - May 21**

- ❖ It is a United Nations–sanctioned international holiday for the promotion of diversity issues.
- ❖ This day was created as a result of the destruction of the Buddha statues of Bamiyan in Afghanistan in 2001.

### **1<sup>st</sup> International Tea Day - May 21**

- ❖ Due to the continued efforts of India, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on 19 December 2019 designating 21st May as 'International Tea Day'.
- ❖ It was adopted in 2019 by the United Nations food and Agriculture Organization.
- ❖ India is the second largest tea producing country after China.
- ❖ India accounts for 23% of the total tea production of the world.
- ❖ Also India is the world's largest producer and consumer of black tea in the world.



### **National Anti-Terrorism Day - May 21**

- ❖ It is observed on May 21 across India to commemorate the death anniversary of former Prime Minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi who was assassinated on this day in 1991.
- ❖ It is also recognized to make people aware of ongoing terrorist activities so that ordinary people can prevent these acts of terrorism.

