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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Elon Musk's aerospace company, SpaceX, launched 60 Starlink Broadband Satellites with Falcon 9 first stage booster into the orbit.
 - Satellites were launched from Space Launch Complex 40 in Florida of USA.
- ❖ Andy Jassy will officially become the CEO of Amazon.
 - Amazon announced that Jassy, the current CEO of Amazon Web Services, would replace Jeff Bezos as CEO of the entire company in February.
- ❖ Art historian and curator Laurence des Cars has become the first woman to be appointed the president of Louvre in its 228-year history.
 - Louvre museum is the world's largest art museum, based in Paris, France.

NATIONAL

Dharavi model

- ❖ Dharavi is a slum in Mumbai that reported some 99 COVID-19 cases every day in April 2021.
- ❖ But, in last some days, number of cases is declining gradually.
- ❖ According to officials, 'Dharavi model' of COVID-19 management and vaccination drive have helped in containing second wave in the slum.
- ❖ The Dharavi model involves 4Ts which stands for "tracing, tracking, testing and treating".
- ❖ This strategy was also praised by World Health Organisation (WHO) during first wave of COVID-19.
- ❖ Under the model, Door-to-door screening of people is conducted with symptoms, aggressive testing and regular screening.

DBT for Mid-Day-Meal Scheme

- ❖ Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', has approved proposal to provide monetary assistance through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to students under Mid-Day meal scheme.
- ❖ The Central government will provide additional funds of Rs 1200 crore to State Governments and UT Administrations to implement the monetary assistance programme.



- ❖ It will be a one-time special welfare measure to benefit children studying in class I to VIII across 11.20 lakh Government and Government aided schools in India.

Panel to examine online gaming for GST

- ❖ The Government has constituted a panel of state ministers to examine valuation of services by online gaming to levy goods and services tax (GST).
- ❖ They will also examine services by casinos and race courses.
- ❖ In India, online gaming is currently in nascent stages which thus lead to issues revolving around taxation and valuation.
- ❖ Thus, the panel has been set up to understand, examine and resolve uncertainty on valuation of services by these companies.
- ❖ Panel will submit its report, in six months, to GST Council headed by Union Finance Minister and comprising state Finance Ministers.

Issues in Lakshadweep

- ❖ Administrator of Lakshadweep, Praful Khoda Patel, is being opposed by people of the union territory and politicians over policies he drafted in recent time.
- ❖ Lakshadweep Development Authority (LDA) was recently created with extensive powers such as eviction of land owners.
- ❖ The legislation provides extensive powers to that authority to prepare comprehensive development plans for any area and to remove or relocate people living in Lakshadweep from their property for the purpose of town planning or any developmental activity.
- ❖ This is being criticised as they think LDA was pushed by real estate lobby against the will of islanders.
- ❖ Also, the Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act (PASA) was introduced in January 2021.
- ❖ According to it, person can be detained without any public disclosure for a period of up to one year.

Note

- ❖ Praful Khoda Patel, an Indian politician, is currently holding the post as Administrator of Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep.
- ❖ He is the 1st administrator of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.



- ❖ He was made administrator of Lakshadweep in December 2020 by unfollowing the earlier practice of appointing only IAS officers as administrator.
- ❖ Administrator is appointed by the President of India.

INTERNATIONAL

US and Open Skies Treaty

- ❖ US administration led by Biden, does not seek to re-join Open Skies Treaty with Russia.
- ❖ The treaty is a key arms control agreement.
- ❖ It allows US and Russia to fly surveillance aircraft over their military facilities.
- ❖ According to US administration, US does not seek to rejoin the pact because of Russia's failure to comply with it.
- ❖ Now, "New START treaty" is the only major arms control pact between both the countries.
- ❖ It was extended for five years recently by US.

ENVIRONMENT

Global Annual to Decadal Climate Update

- ❖ It was released by United Kingdom's Met Office led by World Meteorological Organisation.
- ❖ According to the release, the world will temporarily breach 1.5-Celsius warming mark within 2021-2025.
- ❖ There is 40 percent chance of annual average global temperature will surpass 1.5C above pre-industrial temperatures.
- ❖ 1.5C is the warming limit of Paris climate accord.
- ❖ There is a 90 percent chance of one year in period of 2021-2025 being hottest on record.
- ❖ Annual average global temperature will be at least 1C warmer than pre-industrial levels between 2021-2025.

STATES

Blackbuck - Odisha

- ❖ Odisha's blackbuck population has doubled in the last six years.
- ❖ It was according to figures from the latest population census released recently by the chief conservator of forest (wildlife).
- ❖ Blackbucks are found only in the Ganjam district in the southern part of the Odisha state.
- ❖ Blackbuck is considered as 'Vulnerable' according to the Red Data Book.
- ❖ The blackbuck is known in Odisha and Ganjam as Krushnasara Mruga.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

First woman flight test engineer



- ❖ Squadron Leader, Aashritha V Olety is the first and only woman in the IAF qualified for the role, and as a flight test engineer.

- ❖ She will be responsible for evaluating aircraft and airborne systems before their induction into the armed forces.
- ❖ Aashritha V Olety, a native of Karnataka, has graduated as part of the 43rd Flight Test Course.

SPORTS

Tsang Yin-hung

- ❖ Hong Kong mountaineer, Tsang Yin-hung, recorded “world’s fastest ascent of Everest by a woman” in just 26 hours.
- ❖ Tsang climbed 8,848.86-metre mountain in a record time of 25 hours and 50 minutes in her third attempt.
- ❖ Earlier in 2017, Tsang became first Hong Kong woman to climbed the top.
- ❖ She broke the earlier record of Nepali women Phunjo Jhangmu Lama completed the climb in 39 hours 6 minutes.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Goa Statehood Day - May 30th

- ❖ It was on this day in 1987 Goa became the 25th state of the Indian Union.
- ❖ Before this, Goa, along with Daman and Diu, was a union territory.



- ❖ On 19 December 1961, the Indian Army invaded with Operation Vijay on Portuguese resulting in the annexation of Goa, and of Daman and Diu islands into the Indian union.

