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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Priyanca Radhakrishnan was appointed as the first-ever Indian-origin minister of New Zealand by the country's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.
- ❖ India's Rutuja Bhosale won the women's singles title at the ITF women's tennis tournament.
  - The tournament was held at Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt.
- ❖ National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Chairman Dilip Rath has been unanimously elected to the board of the International Dairy Federation.
- ❖ The Union Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan recently released the report prepared by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) titled "Estimating the Economic Benefits of Investment in Monsoon Mission and High-Performance Computing Facilities".
- ❖ The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved acquisition of General Insurance Business of Bharti AXA General Insurance Company Limited (Bharti AXA) by ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited.
- ❖ The incumbent President of Ivory Coast, Alassane Ouattara, has won a third 5-year term in a landslide victory.

## NATIONAL

### Committee to review Television Rating System

- ❖ The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is to set up a committee to review the existing guidelines of Television Rating Agencies.
- ❖ The committee has been formed with four members under the chairmanship of CEO of Prasar Bharti, Sashi Shekar Vempati.
- ❖ The other three members of the committee include
  - Rajkumar Upadhyaya (Executive Director of C-Dot),
  - Dr Shalabh, Professor of Statistics from IIT Kanpur and
  - Professor Pulak Ghosh of Decision Sciences Centre for Public Policy.
- ❖ TRP is Television Rating Point.
- ❖ It is the data that shows how many people are watching a channel.



## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **India sponsored UN resolution**

- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly, UNGA's First Committee adopted the two India sponsored Nuclear disarmament resolutions.
- ❖ These resolutions are 'Convention on Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons' and 'Reducing Nuclear Danger'.
- ❖ The first committee of the UN General Assembly deals with the issue of disarmament.
- ❖ It works in close cooperation with the Geneva-based Conference on Disarmament and UN Disarmament Commission.
- ❖ The resolution on the Convention on Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons was tabled by India since 1982.

### **CARAT: Joint Naval Exercise**

- ❖ Bangladesh and United States held a joint Naval Exercise CARAT.
- ❖ CARAT is Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training.
- ❖ The exercise was held at Chittagong.
- ❖ It is a series of annual bilateral military exercise
- ❖ It is conducted by the US Pacific fleet with countries such as Bangladesh, Cambodia, Brunei, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Thailand.
- ❖ Due to COVID-19, the exercise was held virtually.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Pinaka rocket system**

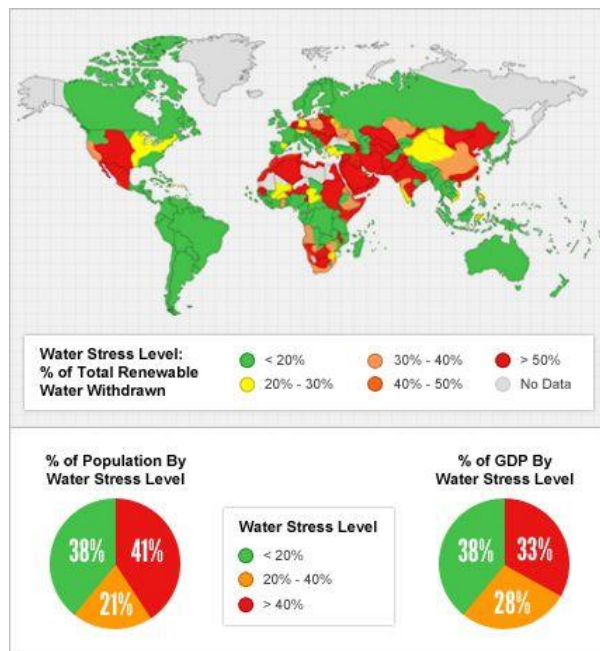
- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test-fired advanced version of the Pinaka rocket system.
- ❖ The rocket was flight tested from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.
- ❖ Pinaka rockets are named after the bow of Lord Shiva.
- ❖ They are part of the multi-barrel rocket launcher systems which are already in the Indian Army.



## ENVIRONMENT

### ‘Severe Water Risk’ by 2050

- ❖ A hundred cities worldwide, including 30 in India, face the risk of ‘severe water scarcity’ by 2050.
- ❖ It was according to a recent report by the World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).
- ❖ More than half of the identified cities are from China and India.
- ❖ Indian Cities such as: Jaipur, Indore, Thane, Srinagar, Rajkot, Bengaluru etc.
- ❖ Currently, the global population at the risk of high-water risk is 17%.





## **STATES**

### **Luhri Stage-I Hydro Power Project**

- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved 210 MW Luhri Stage-I Hydro Electric Project.
- ❖ It is situated in Shimla and Kullu districts of Himachal Pradesh on Sutlej river.

### **Go Electric Campaign - Andhra Pradesh**

- ❖ The “Go Electric” campaign was launched by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in coordination with the Andhra Pradesh State Energy Conservation Mission.
- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh Government is to set up 400 Electric Vehicle charging vehicles all over the state to promote the usage of electric vehicles.
- ❖ This is to be achieved in coordination with the “Go Electric” campaign of BEE.
- ❖ The main of the step is to attract investment in the EV sector by setting up charging stations and electric vehicle infrastructure.

### **Tourist Facilitation Centre**

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Tourism inaugurated the “Tourist Facilitation Centre” at Guruvayur, Kerala.
- ❖ The centre was constructed under the PRASAD Scheme of Ministry of Tourism.
- ❖ The PRASAD scheme aims at infrastructure development such as last mile connectivity, entry points, eco-friendly modes of transport, interpretation centres, ATM/Money exchanges, and other basic tourism facilities.

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

### **14th Asian Film Awards 2020**

- ❖ Oscar Best Picture winner "Parasite" was the biggest winner at the 14th Asian Film Awards in Busan, South Korea.
- ❖ Indian Movie Gully Boy has received the award for the Best Original Score at 14th Asian Film Awards.
- ❖ It has been directed by Zoya Akhtar.



### **Honorary General of Nepal Army**

- ❖ The Chief of Army Staff General, MM Naravane was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army by President Bidya Devi Bhandari.
- ❖ He was honoured at a special ceremony at the President's official residence 'Shital Niwas' in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- ❖ Commander-in-Chief General KM Cariappa was the first Indian Army Chief to be decorated with the title in 1950.
- ❖ In January last year, Chief of Nepali Army, General Purna Chandra Thapa, was also made the honorary General of the Indian Army.



## SPORTS

### Shane Watson retirement

- ❖ The Chennai Super Kings' (CSK) Australian import Shane Watson announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- ❖ He was in the National Team of Australia which won the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2007 and 2015.
- ❖ In IPL, Watson has represented Rajasthan Royals (RR), Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) and CSK.

