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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Kerala became the fifth state after Maharashtra, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh to withdraw the general consent accorded to the CBI.
- ❖ Adani Gas has acquired the city gas distribution (CGD) network in three Geographical Areas (GA) namely Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Kutch (East).

## **NATIONAL**

### **Global Investor Roundtable Conference**

- ❖ PM Narendra Modi chaired this conference.
- ❖ It is being organised by the Ministry of Finance along with the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund.
- ❖ The main focus of discussion at the conference was about the vision of Government of India in becoming a 5 trillion USD economy.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Urban Mobility India Conference 2020**

- ❖ Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri is to inaugurate 13th Urban Mobility India Conference 2020.
- ❖ The theme of the '13th Urban Mobility India Conference 2020' conference is 'Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility'.
- ❖ The annual Urban Mobility Indian Conference is a flagship event which is organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, India.
- ❖ The genesis of the Urban Mobility Conference is from the National Urban Transport Policy of the Indian government, 2006.

### **Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge**

- ❖ The Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri launched this.
- ❖ It is conducted with the support of the Bernard van Leer Foundation, Netherlands.
- ❖ The technical support for the challenge is provided by WRI India.

## **COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge**

- ❖ It was organized by MyGov in collaboration with UN women organisation in April 2020.
- ❖ Six startups under the leadership of women have won the COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge.
- ❖ Its objective is to involve and encourage women-led startups to come up with innovative ideas and solutions that will be able to help in the fight against COVID-19.



## **Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020**

- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent to this ordinance.
- ❖ It was to further amend Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996.
- ❖ Under the ordinance, all stakeholders will get an opportunity to seek an unconditional stay on enforcement of arbitral awards where the underlying arbitration agreement may be induced by fraud or corruption.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Likelihood of Future Pandemics Report**

- ❖ Recently IPBES has released a report on future pandemics.
- ❖ COVID-19 is at least the sixth pandemic to have taken place in the last century since the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918.
- ❖ Three of the pandemics were caused by influenza viruses, one by HIV followed by SARS and COVID-19.
- ❖ Almost all the pandemics so far, have been zoonoses.

- ❖ Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem (IPBES) is an intergovernmental organization established to improve the interface between science and policy on issues of biodiversity and ecosystem services.
- ❖ In 2012, IPBES was established by the United Nations.
- ❖ But it functions independently.
- ❖ Its headquarters is at Bonn, Germany.

### **Special features in US Election 2020**

- ❖ Sarah McBride from the Democratic party is to become the first transgender state senator in the US.
- ❖ She won her race in Delaware.
- ❖ She beat Republican candidate Steve Washington.
- ❖ Vermont's Taylor Small was elected to the House of Representatives, while Stephanie Byers made history in Kansas as the first trans person of colour to ever be elected to a state legislature.
- ❖ In Oklahoma, Mauree Turner became the first ever non-binary candidate to win a seat in a state legislature.
- ❖ All the four Indian-American Democratic lawmakers — Dr Ami Bera, Pramila Jayapal, Ro Khanna and Raja Krishnamoorthi — have been re-elected to the US House of Representatives.



### **Foreign workers freedom – Saudi Arabia**

- ❖ Saudi Arabia will allow foreign workers the right to change jobs by transferring their sponsorship from one employer to another, leave and re-enter the country and secure final exit visas without the consent of their employer.



- ❖ These reforms will abolish the restrictions tying migrant workers to their employers.

### **Qatar's first national election**

- ❖ The ruler of Qatar Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani announced that a vote to review the policy of the country will be held.
- ❖ This is the first of its kind in the region.
- ❖ Laws in Qatar can be overruled by a simple decree.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **India CEO Forum on Climate Change**

- ❖ The Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar chaired this.
- ❖ Javadekar also underlined India's ambitious target of achieving the production of 450 gigawatts of renewable energy by 2030.
- ❖ India's per capita carbon emission is very low/
- ❖ The country has contributed very less in comparison to developed nations.
- ❖ India has announced Nationally Determined Contribution under Paris Agreement for reducing the carbon emission.
- ❖ India will be reducing its emission intensity by 35%.
- ❖ It will have 100 GW Solar Power and 175 GW renewable energy by 2022.

### **Katakey Panel**

- ❖ On May 27, 2020, a major or fire broke out at Baghjan oil well of Oil India Limited.
- ❖ The fire couldn't be put off till date.
- ❖ A Snubbing Unit from Canada is being brought to put off the fire.
- ❖ The Katakey Panel was set up by National Green Tribunal to provide a report about the accident.

## **SPORTS**

### **Rafael Nadal wins his 1,000th title**

- ❖ Rafael Nadal recorded his 1,000th tour-level match win on November 4, 2020 defeating Feliciano Lopez in the Rolex Paris Masters.

- ❖ With this, the Spaniard has become the fourth player to reach the milestone in the Open Era, joining Jimmy Connors (1,274-283), Roger Federer (1,242-271) and Ivan Lendl (1,068-242).

