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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Civil Aviation Ministry declared Shirdi airport of Maharashtra as a major airport under the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority Act, 2008.
  - With this declaration, the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) will now determine tariff for aeronautical services at this airport.
- ❖ Fumio Kishida, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) has been re-elected as the Prime Minister (PM) of Japan.
  - Fumio Kishida succeeded Yoshihide Suga who resigned as PM of Japan in September 2021.
- ❖ India will face Australia in the opening match when women's cricket makes its debut at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games (England).
  - Women's cricket is making its debut at the Commonwealth Games with the T20 format.

## NATIONAL

### Technopreneurship Series

- ❖ Kerala Start-up Mission and Cisco LaunchPad Accelerator Program (CLAP) are set to jointly host the pioneering Technopreneurship Series.
- ❖ India Technopreneurship series will be organised for innovators and start-ups in Kerala.
- ❖ It is from November 15 and will conclude on November 19.
- ❖ This initiative will provide a platform for innovation and collaboration in order to enable nascent companies to solve new-age challenges.

### Parliament Friendship Association

- ❖ India and Sri Lanka have revived their "Parliamentary Friendship Association".
- ❖ The Minister Chamal Rajapaksa has been selected as its president.
- ❖ Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister G.L. Peiris noted the "close civilizational ties" between India & Sri Lanka.
- ❖ He observed that the greatest gift of India to Sri Lanka was Buddhism.
- ❖ This association will help in "reinvigorating" Parliamentary exchanges and strengthening bilateral ties between both countries.

- ❖ Sri Lanka formed the India-Sri Lanka Parliamentary Friendship Group, after deciding to buy fertilizer from India.



### **Idol of Goddess Annapurna**



- ❖ An idol of Goddess Annapurna found in Canada recently is all set to be back at the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi.
- ❖ The idol was stolen from Varanasi about 100 years ago.
- ❖ It is 17 cm in height, 9 cm in breadth and 4 cm in thickness.

## **Shakti 2021**

- ❖ The Indian Army conducts its sixth edition of the biennial training exercise with the French Army.
- ❖ India has already conducted joint Naval exercises and Air Force exercises with France earlier in 2021.
- ❖ Shakti 2021 is conducted from November 15 to November 26 in Frejus, France.
- ❖ In the exercise, platoon strength of a Gorkha Rifles Infantry Battalion will participate, representing India.

## **New Secretary General for Rajya Sabha**

- ❖ Pramod Chandra Mody was appointed new Secretary General Rajya Sabha, replacing P.P.K. Ramacharyulu.
- ❖ Ramacharyulu meanwhile has been reassigned as an advisor for one-year term.
- ❖ Ramacharyulu has now been appointed as an advisor in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.
- ❖ Pramod Chandra Mody is a 1982-batch retired IRS officer and former chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes.

## **Habibganj railway station renamed**



- ❖ The "most modern" Habibganj railway station in Bhopal of Madhya Pradesh has been renamed after the Gond queen Rani Kamlapati



- ❖ Rani Kamlapati is the pride of the Gond community and the last Hindu queen of Bhopal.
- ❖ Her kingdom was usurped by Afghan commander Dost Mohammed by deceit.

### **Indo-Thai CORPAT**

- ❖ The 32nd edition of the India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy was conducted in the Indian Ocean Region.
- ❖ The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette and His Majesty's Thailand Ship (HTMS) Tayanchon, a Khamrosin Class Anti-Sub Marine Patrol Craft, along with Maritime Patrol Aircraft from both navies are participating in the CORPAT.
- ❖ CORPAT builds up understanding and interoperability between navies.
- ❖ It also facilitates the institution of measures to prevent and suppress unlawful activities like Illegal Unreported Unregulated (IUU) fishing, drug trafficking, maritime terrorism, armed robbery, and piracy.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **COP27 and COP28**



- ❖ Egypt will host COP27 United Nations Climate Change Conference in 2022.
- ❖ This was decided during COP26 conference in Glasgow, Scotland.
- ❖ Egypt will host the conference in Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh.

- ❖ Apart from that, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was selected to host COP28 international climate conference in the year 2023.

## ECONOMY

### Customer-centric initiatives



**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**

**New steps towards inclusiveness**

**Reserve Bank of India**  
introduces two innovative and customer centric schemes

**RBI Retail Direct Scheme**

- New avenue for retail investment in government securities
- Retail investors can easily open and maintain their government securities account online with the RBI, free of cost
- Buying and selling of government securities by retail investors on the digital platform

**Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme**

- 'One Nation-One Ombudsman' with one portal, one email and one address
- Single reference point for customers to file complaints, submit documents, track status and provide feedback
- Integrated scheme for customer complaints against RBI regulated entities
- Toll-free number for assistance in filing complaints and obtaining information on grievance redress.

- ❖ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched two innovative customer-centric initiatives of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ❖ These initiatives are the RBI Retail Direct Scheme and the Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme.
- ❖ The RBI Retail Direct Scheme is aimed at enhancing access to the government securities market for retail investors.
- ❖ It offers them a new avenue for directly investing in securities issued by the Government of India and the state governments.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank- Integrated Ombudsman Scheme aims to further improve the grievance redress mechanism for resolving customer complaints against entities regulated by RBI.
- ❖ The central theme of the scheme is based on 'One Nation-One Ombudsman' with one portal, one email and one address for the customers to lodge their complaints.



## STATES

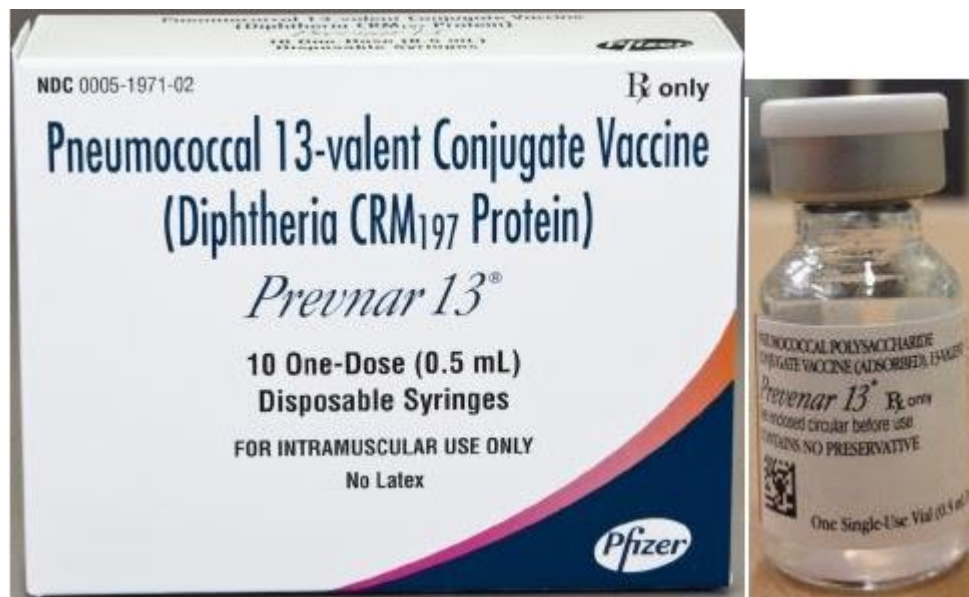
### Resolution against Farm laws - Punjab Assembly

- ❖ Punjab Assembly adopted a resolution against the Centre's three contentious farm laws on November 11, 2021.
- ❖ This resolution was passed after claiming those farm laws had unlawfully ventured into the state government's domain.
- ❖ This is the second resolution adopted by Vidhan Sabha against three agriculture laws.
- ❖ The first resolution was passed in October 2020.
- ❖ The new resolution was moved by state Agriculture Minister Randeep Singh Nabha.

### Punjabi made compulsory in Punjab schools

- ❖ The Chief Minister of Punjab, Charanjit Singh Channi, announced that Punjabi will now be a compulsory subject for all students in the state of Punjab.
- ❖ The Punjabi language will be made compulsory from classes 1-10.
- ❖ Apart from that, it will be made mandatory in offices as well.

### Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) programme – Karnataka



- ❖ PCV programme was launched under the universal immunisation programme on the occasion of World Pneumonia Day.

- ❖ It was launched with the aim of spreading awareness and reducing pneumonia induced mortality & morbidity among children.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Earth's First Landmass

- ❖ A new study suggests that the Earth's first continents, known as the cratons, emerged from the ocean between 3.3 billion and 3.2 billion years ago.
- ❖ This new study has challenged the widely accepted view that the continents rose from the oceans about 2.5 billion years ago.
- ❖ It has also found that the earliest continental landmass to emerge may have been Jharkhand's Singhbhum region.
- ❖ The study found sandstones in Singhbhum with geological signatures of ancient river channels, tidal plains and beaches over 3.2 billion years old, representing the earliest crust exposed to air.
- ❖ The granites that form the continental crust of the Singhbhum region are 3.5 to 3.1 billion years old.
- ❖ The sandstones tell us 'when the first landmasses were formed' and the granite tells us 'how the first landmasses were formed'.

