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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Minister of Commerce, Piyush Goyal addressed the Asia Health 2020 summit.
  - The summit was organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- ❖ In a first, the Army has accorded project sanction order to OshoCorp Global for development and supply of specialised ammunition for its T-72 and T-90 main battle tanks.
  - This is the first time the Indian Army has made a contract with the private sector.
- ❖ Dr Bish Agrawal, a Founding member of Alto Partners and Founding Chairman of Accord India, has just been awarded the AESC Lifetime Achievement Award 2020.
  - It is the first time this award is given to an Indian as well as an Asian.
- ❖ Adam Yao Liu was declared the winner of Export-Import Bank of India's (India Exim Bank's) BRICS Economic Research Award 2020.
- ❖ The chief minister Shivaraj Singh Chouhan of Madhya Pradesh unveiled the blueprint for Atma nirbhar Madhya Pradesh by 2023.
  - Madhya Pradesh is the first state to release a roadmap for self-reliance on the strategy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Atma nirbhar Bharat.
- ❖ India's first moss garden was developed in Nainital of Uttarakhand.
  - The garden was developed to conserve the various species of moss and other bryophytes.

## NATIONAL

### Study on Radicalization

- ❖ Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has, for the first time, approved a research study on "status of radicalisation in India."
- ❖ The study would attempt to legally define "radicalisation" and suggest amendments to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).



### **Inner Line Permit (ILP) – Meghalaya**

- ❖ It is a document required by non- natives to visit or stay in a state that is protected under the ILP system.
- ❖ At present, four North eastern states are covered, namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur and Nagaland.
- ❖ It is issued by the concerned state government
- ❖ The Inner Line Permit is an extension of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation Act 1873.
- ❖ Now Meghalaya also demands the ILP system and the scrapping of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Vishnu Temple in Pakistan**

- ❖ Recently a Hindu temple, believed to have been constructed 1,300 years ago, has been discovered by Pakistani and Italian archaeological experts.
- ❖ The discovery was made during an excavation at Barikot Ghundai, a mountain in northwest Pakistan's Swat district.
- ❖ The temple discovered is of Lord Vishnu, which was built by the Hindus during the Hindu Shahi period (850-1026 CE).

### **Parliament-in-Exile for Tibet**

- ❖ The Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile (TPiE) has its headquarters in Dharamsala, in the Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Tibetans living in exile and settled across India and other parts of the globe shall be electing their next Parliament-in-Exile in May 2021.
- ❖ However, it is not recognised officially by any country, including India.

### **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit**

- ❖ The Putrajaya Vision 2040, a new 20-year growth vision to replace the Bogor Goals was adopted during the summit.
- ❖ After the virtual summit the APEC leaders issued the Kuala Lumpur Declaration.
- ❖ The 2020 summit was hosted by Malaysia.



- ❖ The official theme of the APEC Malaysia 2020 is "Optimising Human Potential Towards a Resilient Future of Shared Prosperity: Pivot. Prioritise. Progress".
- ❖ APEC is an inter-governmental forum for 21 member economies in the Pacific Rim that promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region.
- ❖ APEC started in 1989 with headquarters at Singapore.



## **ECONOMY**

### **Private sector banks reforms**

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had constituted an Internal Working Group (IWG) to review the extant ownership guidelines and corporate structure for private sector banks in India.
- ❖ It was headed by Prasanna Kumar Mohanty, Director, Central Board of RBI.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **World-Wide Radio Navigation System**

- ❖ The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) has been accepted as a component of the World-Wide Radio Navigation System by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) for its operation in the Indian Ocean Region.
- ❖ This will enable the vessels to use IRNSS to obtain position information similar to GLONASS and GPS.
- ❖ The navigation system up to 1,500 km in the Indian Ocean waters can now replace GPS.
- ❖ The operational name of IRNSS is NavIC.
- ❖ It has eight constellations in its orbit.



- ❖ However, IRNSS is only a regional navigational system and not a global navigational system.
- ❖ India has now become the fourth country in the world to have independent regional satellite navigation system after US, Russia and China.
- ❖ The IMO is an organization of the United Nations.

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

### **Edinburgh Medal**

- ❖ Sunita Narain, director-general of a think tank Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), has won this year's Edinburgh Medal 2020.
- ❖ Edinburgh medal is instituted by the City of Edinburgh Council, the capital of Scotland.
- ❖ Narain has also been named the 'national climate leader' from India for 2019 in the first National Climate Leader Awards published in the Global Spotlight Report.
- ❖ It is an award given each year to women and men who have made significant contributions to science and technology.



## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **National Newborn Week - November 15/21**

- ❖ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare celebrated this week.



- ❖ Theme of this week is 'Quality, Equity, Dignity for every new born at every health facility and everywhere'.
- ❖ The main objective is to create awareness about the importance of new born child survival and development.
- ❖ The first 28 days are considered crucial for child survival.
- ❖ India has set a goal of reducing the under-five mortality to 20 per 1000 live births by 2035.

