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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched India's First Pan-India helpline for Senior Citizens, called "Elder Line".
  - The Toll-Free Number for this line is 14567.
- ❖ Sojat Mehndi (Henna) from Rajasthan, has been awarded the geographical indication (GI) tag.
  - Sojat Mehendi, originating from Mehendi leaves grown in Sojat, is naturally cultivated using the rainwater.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu police museum is set up in the old commissioner's office, Egmore, Chennai.
  - The building was the headquarters of the first Police Commissioner of Madras, Lieutenant-Colonel John Carne Boulderson in 1856.
- ❖ The NASA probe (InSight) has detected an earthquake on Mars measuring a magnitude 4.2 that shook the ground for nearly an hour and a half.
  - This is the biggest and longest-lasting quake on Mars.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **TN MSME gets Boeing contract**



- ❖ For the first time, a Tamil Nadu-based Micro Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) has clinched a deal with the largest aerospace firm Boeing.
- ❖ Aerospace Engineers Private Limited, located in Salem, won a long-term contract from Boeing.

- ❖ Now it will manufacture and supply critical aviation components and parts for the global aerospace company's products.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Press Trust of India - Election**

- ❖ Aweek Sarkar, the Editor Emeritus and Vice Chairman of the Ananda Bazar Group of Publications, was re-elected Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI),
- ❖ It is the country's largest premier news agency.
- ❖ K N Shanth Kumar was elected as the Vice-Chairman.
- ❖ He is the Director of The Printers (Mysore) Pvt. Ltd. which brings out Deccan Herald and Kannada language daily Prajavani.

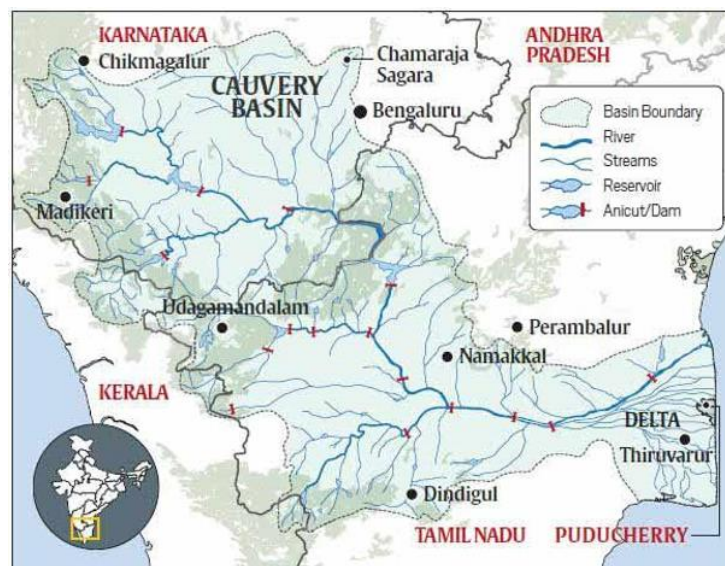


### **Parshuram Kund**

- ❖ The government of India has started work for the development of 'Parshuram Kund'.
- ❖ It is a Hindu pilgrimage site on the Brahmaputra plateau in the lower reaches of the Lohit river in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The project was sanctioned under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism.



### **Chairman of the Cauvery Water Management Authority**

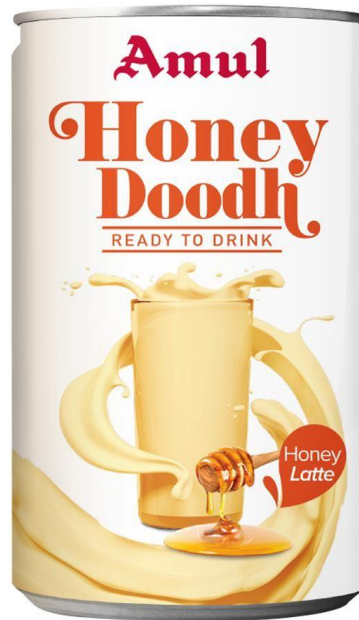


- ❖ The Centre has appointed Saumitra Kumar Haldar as the full-time chairman of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA).
- ❖ The government has appointed a full-time chairman, more than three years after the establishment of the CWMA.
- ❖ Presently, Haldar is serving as the chairman of the Central Water Commission.

### **Amul Honey**

- ❖ The Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched 'Amul Honey'.
- ❖ Amul Honey is a product of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd.

- ❖ This product was launched under cooperation with the 'National Bee Board (NBB)'.



### **Ordnance Factory Board dissolved**

- ❖ The Defence Ministry has issued an order to dissolve the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) in effect from October 1, 2021.
- ❖ This order will abolish OFB, an establishment which was accepted by the British in 1775.
- ❖ After October 1, its assets, employees and management will be transferred to seven newly constituted Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs).



**ORDNANCE FACTORY BOARD**

## INTERNATIONAL

### Japan's Prime minister

- ❖ Japan's former Foreign Minister, Fumio Kishida has won the ruling party's leadership election, virtually ensuring that he will become the country's next prime minister.
- ❖ Kishida won 257 votes in a runoff to defeat Taro Kono.
- ❖ Fumio Kishida replaces outgoing party leader Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga.



### UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023



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- ❖ The Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, has named Accra (Ghana) as UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023.
- ❖ After Guadalajara (Mexico) in 2022, the city of Accra was selected for its strong focus on young people and their potential to contribute to the culture and wealth of Ghana.
- ❖ The Cities designated as UNESCO World Book Capital undertake to promote books and reading for all ages and population groups.

## Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

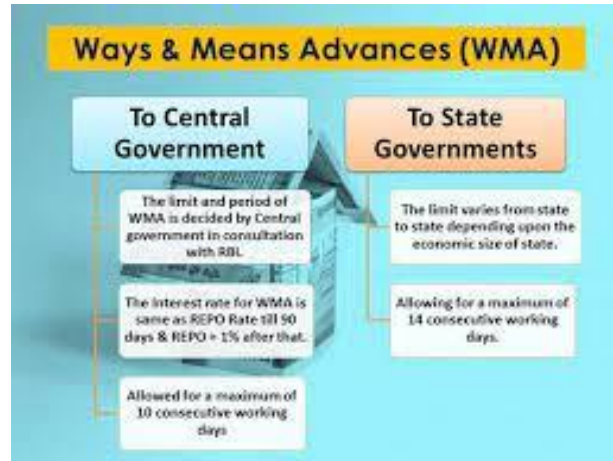


- ❖ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission on September 27, 2021.
- ❖ This mission was launched under the pilot project National Digital Health Mission.
- ❖ The flagship digital initiative involves,
  - Creation of a unique health ID for every citizen, and
  - Creation of a digital healthcare professionals and facilities registry.
- ❖ The nationwide rollout of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission coincides with the third anniversary of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).

## ECONOMY

### Ways and Means Advances

- ❖ The Reserve bank of India has set the limit for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the second half of the financial year 2021-22 i.e. October 2021 to March 2022.
- ❖ It is Rs. 50,000 crores.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank may trigger fresh floatation of market loans when the Government of India utilises 75 per cent of the WMA limit.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank retains the flexibility to revise the limit at any time, in consultation with the Government of India, taking into consideration the prevailing circumstances.



## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### 2021 IHA Blue Planet Prize for excellence

- ❖ The 2021 IHA Blue Planet Prize for excellence in sustainable hydropower development has been awarded to the 510-MW Teesta-V hydropower project in India.
- ❖ The project is operated by NHPC Limited.
- ❖ The prize was awarded by the International Hydropower Association (IHA) at the biennial World Hydropower Congress.
- ❖ The Teesta-V project is located on the Teesta River in Sikkim.



### Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for science and technology 2021

- ❖ It was announced during the 80th foundation day of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

- ❖ Every year, CSIR presents this award to scientists below 45 years of age for their contributions in biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, medicine, engineering and earth, atmosphere, ocean and planetary sciences.
- ❖ The award comprises a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh.



### Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize

For Science and Technology



### Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh

- ❖ He has taken charge as the 34th Director-General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC).
- ❖ He succeeds Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Aich.
- ❖ He was commissioned into the PARACHUTE REGIMENT in 1987.



## SPORTS

### T20 World Cup Anthem

- ❖ The International Cricket Council has launched the official anthem of the upcoming T20 World Cup.
- ❖ It was launched along with a campaign film featuring 'avatars' of Indian batting maestro Virat Kohli and West Indies skipper Kieron Pollard.



- ❖ The song is composed by Bollywood music director Amit Trivedi.
- ❖ The tournament will begin on October 17 in Oman and UAE, with the final to be played in Dubai on November 14.



### **10,000 runs in T20 cricket - Virat Kohli**



- ❖ Virat Kohli became the first Indian batsman to notch up 10,000 runs in Twenty20 cricket.
- ❖ This was achieved during his side Royal Challengers Bangalore's (RCB) game against the Mumbai Indians in Dubai.
- ❖ He is also the second man after West Indies' Chris Gayle to reach the landmark in both T20 and one-day international cricket.

