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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The World Animal Day is celebrated on 4 October every year to raise awareness about improving the welfare standards of the animals around the world.
- ❖ Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah became the new ruling emir.

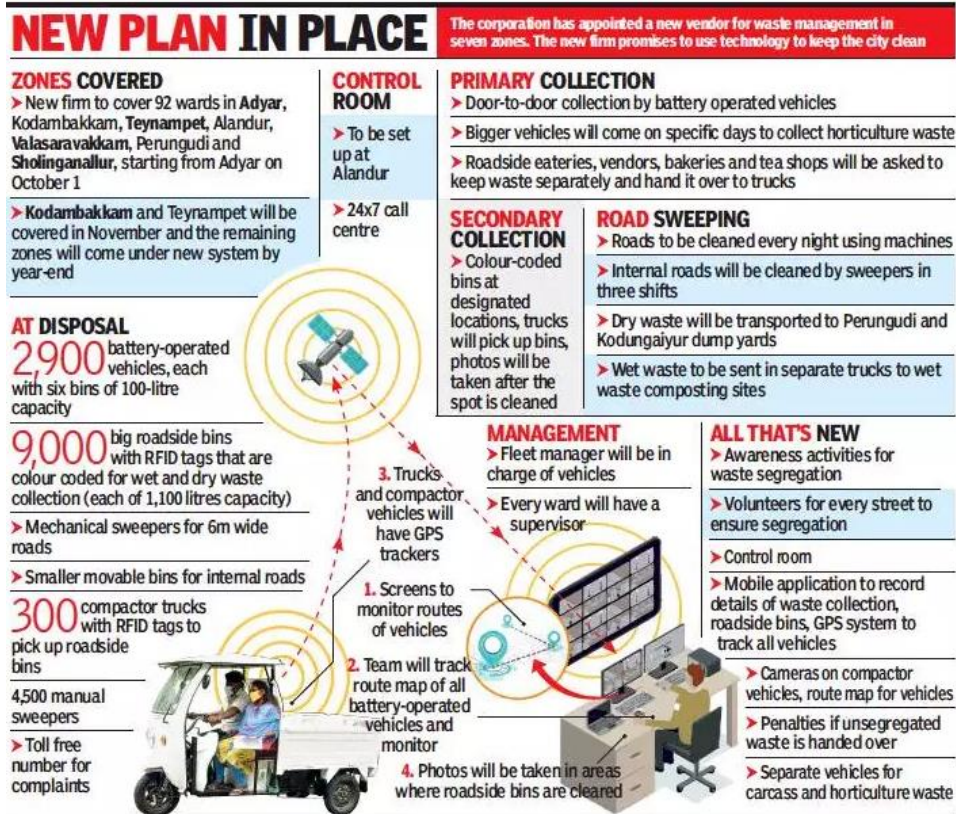
TAMIL NADU

One Nation, One Ration Card scheme launch

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister launched the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme in 32 districts of Tamil Nadu on October 01.
- ❖ It will be implemented in Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi, Tiruvannamalai and Virudhunagar districts from October 16.
- ❖ Under this scheme, families having Priority Household (PHH) ration cards and Antodaya Anna Yojana (PHH-AAY) ration cards from Tamil Nadu can receive their monthly entitlements through biometric authentication under the National Food Security Act, 2013 while migrating to other States.
- ❖ Also, Families migrating to Tamil Nadu from other States with these cards can receive their entitlements at the Central-issue price at the shops near their residence after biometric authentication.
- ❖ The elderly and those with illnesses, who cannot go to receive their monthly entitlements, can nominate a person to receive them.

Chennai Solid waste management

- ❖ Tamil Nadu CM inaugurated new solid waste management of the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC).
- ❖ The new solid waste management system will be carried out by a Spain-India joint venture, Urbaser SA and Sumeet Facilities Limited.
- ❖ It will collect and dispose of waste for eight years.
- ❖ It will be paid based on 34 key performance indicators under primary collection, secondary collection and transport, street sweeping and collection, compliance, complaint redressal and IEC (information, education, and communication).



NATIONAL

Restoration of degraded & deforested land

- ❖ The 14th Conference of Parties (COP14) of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was held in 2019 at Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ India aims to restore 26 million hectares of degraded and deforested land, and achieve land-degradation neutrality by 2030.

First plane for the exclusive use of VVIPs

- ❖ The country's first-ever VVIP plane, a Boeing 777-300 ER, landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport of Delhi.
- ❖ The two Boeing aircrafts, purchased for the President, Vice President and the Prime Minister of India, are called Air India One.
- ❖ It is equipped with an advanced and secured communication system that allows availing audio and video communication functions mid-air without any worries of hacking or being tapped.



INTERNATIONAL

UNGA's 75th assembly

- ❖ The 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) held on 15-30 September 2020 virtually.
- ❖ It was hosted by the United States of America (USA) from New York and under the Presidency of Volkan Bozkir of Turkey.
- ❖ The theme of the session was “The future we want, the United Nations we need, reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism – confronting the COVID-19 through effective multilateral action”.
- ❖ During the session, a special event was organized on September 21, 2020 marking the 75th anniversary of UN.
- ❖ The event was held under the theme “The Future We Want, the UN We Need: Reaffirming our Collective Commitment to Multilateralism”.
- ❖ A “Declaration on the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations” was adopted at the high-level meeting for strengthening mechanism to combat terrorism, reformed multilateralism, inclusive development and better preparedness to deal with challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic.



Armenia-Azerbaijan Conflict

- ❖ The Territorial dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the Nagorno-Karabakh region has re-erupted with heavy clashes.
- ❖ Armenia and Azerbaijan are part of Transcaucasia or South Caucasia.
- ❖ They have been locked in a territorial dispute over Nagorno Karabakh region for almost four decades.
- ❖ Nagorno-Karabakh region has 95% of the population as ethnically Armenian.
- ❖ It is controlled by them but it is internationally recognised as part of Azerbaijan.
- ❖ The dispute first started in 1988 and over the years it has caused massive human rights violations, a severe refugee crisis.
- ❖ Following this, a provisional ceasefire agreement called the Bishkek Protocol was signed in 1994 by the representatives of Armenia, unrecognized Nagorno-Karabakh Republic but not effective.
- ❖ The Bishkek Protocol was signed on May 5, 1994 in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan.
- ❖ Though Nagorno-Karabakh region is internationally recognised as a part of Azerbaijan, it remains disputed because it is controlled by ethnic Armenians.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

World's First Asteroid Mining Robot

- ❖ The Chinese private firm, Origin Space is all ready to send out the world's first asteroid mining robot into space in November 2020.
- ❖ The robot is named as 'asteroid mining robot' by the space start-up in China.



- ❖ A Chinese Long March series rocket will launch the asteroid mining robot into space.
- ❖ The mission will be a milestone for the space resources industry.
- ❖ It is a small, around 30 kilograms, satellite that intends to enter a 500-kilometer-altitude sun-synchronous orbit.
- ❖ The robot will not be engaging in any mining work but it will only be testing the technologies.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Teachers' Day - October 05

- ❖ World Teachers' Day commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.
- ❖ The day is observed annually on 5 October since 1994.
- ❖ The World Teachers' Day is co-convened in partnership with UNICEF, the International Labour Organization and Education International.

World Architecture Day - October 05

- ❖ The World Architecture Day is celebrated on the first Monday of October in parallel with UN World Habitat Day.
- ❖ This day was created in 1985 by the Union International des Architectes.
- ❖ This year's theme is "Toward a better urban future".

