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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ A human rights expert from United Nations has described Iran's Death penalty as "an arbitrary deprivation of life".
 - The UN asked Iran to reform laws and abolish the death penalty.
- ❖ The State government appointed A Udhayan as the new chairman of Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.
- ❖ The Private sector lender ICICI Bank has crossed the market capitalisation of Hindustan Unilever to become the fifth-largest company by market value.
 - ICICI Bank becomes the second lender after HDFC Bank to break into the top five companies on the BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) in terms of m-cap.
- ❖ The Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the first direct international flight between Srinagar and Sharjah and the United Arab Emirates.
 - The low-cost airline of India GO FIRST became the first airline to launch direct flights from Srinagar to Sharjah.
- ❖ National Tribal Dance Festival will be held in Raipur of Chhattisgarh from October 28 to October 30.
 - The National Tribal Dance Festival will feature multiple artists belonging to diverse tribal communities from different parts of India.

NATIONAL

UDAN 4.1



- ❖ The Union Civil Aviation Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia, inaugurated the first direct flight on Shillong–Dibrugarh sector.
- ❖ This flight was made operational under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN).

- ❖ In September 2021, Shillong airport witnessed more than 5000 passengers.
- ❖ UDAN 4.1 scheme was launched in 2020.

Offshore Sailing Regatta

- ❖ The Indian Navy has organised an Offshore Sailing Regatta from Kochi to Goa.
- ❖ This was done as a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.
- ❖ The event was organised under the aegis of the Indian Naval Sailing Association (INSA).

IPL - Two new teams



- ❖ Ahmedabad and Lucknow are the two new teams that will be part of the Indian Premier League (IPL) from 2022.
- ❖ Hence the total number of teams in the competition became ten.
- ❖ RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group (RPSG) is the owner of the Lucknow team.
- ❖ CVC Capital Partners is the owner of the Ahmedabad team.
- ❖ The IPL's first season was played in 2008.
- ❖ The 15th season will see 10 teams competing for the IPL title.

INTERNATIONAL

New Border Law

- ❖ For the first time, China has enacted a national law on “protection and exploitation” of the country's land border areas.

- ❖ The Chinese law has been enacted in the backdrop of regional tensions across its border with India.
- ❖ India shares a 3,488 km border with China, extending from Arunachal Pradesh to Jammu & Kashmir.
- ❖ The border with India is not fully demarcated.
- ❖ However, the process of clarifying & confirming the LAC is in progress.

Border intent | A look at what the new Chinese border law entails



- According to observers, the law would formalise some of China's recent actions in disputed regions with India and Bhutan
- This includes the People's Liberation Army stationing troops in areas along the India border and multiple transgressions across the LAC
- China has also constructed new "frontier villages" along its border with Bhutan at the disputed Doklam plateau
- The law will come into force from January 1, 2022

IRIS initiative at COP26



IRIS
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RESILIENT ISLAND STATES

Launch of
Infrastructure for Resilient Island States (IRIS)
2 November 2021 | 8:30 a.m. (UTC+1) | 2 p.m. IST

Supporting Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in achieving sustainable development through a systematic approach to resilient, sustainable, and inclusive infrastructure.



- ❖ India, Australia, and the UK in collaboration with small island developing states have planned to launch a new initiative.
- ❖ It is called the "Infrastructure for Resilient Island States (IRIS)".
- ❖ It is to be launched on the sidelines of the Conference of Parties (COP26).

- ❖ The IRIS platform aims at creating an infrastructure that can withstand disasters and lessen economic losses in island nations.

"Innovations for You" Digi-Book

- ❖ The Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog has launched a Digi-book named "Innovations for You".
- ❖ The sector in focus in this Digi-book is Healthcare.
- ❖ "Innovation for you" is an initiative of Niti Aayog to share success stories of Atal Innovation Mission's Start-ups in different domains.

STATES

Faizabad Junction

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to rename the Faizabad Junction to Ayodhya Cantt railways station.
- ❖ Opened in 1874, the Faizabad railway station comes under the Northern Railway zone.
- ❖ The BJP government also changed the name of Allahabad to Prayagraj and Mughalsarai railway junction as Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay junction.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

67th National Film Awards for 2019



- ❖ Manoj Bajpayee, Kangana Ranaut and Dhanush were conferred with acting honours.

- ❖ Best Feature Film award was given to Priyadarshan's Malayalam period epic named 'Marakkar: Lion of the Arabian Sea'.
- ❖ Best Hindi Film Award was presented to Chhichhore movie, starring the late Sushant Singh Rajput.
- ❖ Vijay Sethupathi and Pallavi Joshi won the supporting actor awards.

2022 Joseph A. Cushman Award

- ❖ Dr Rajiv Nigam has been selected for the 2022 Joseph A. Cushman Award for Excellence in Foraminiferal Research.
- ❖ He is the Former Chief Scientist at CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography.
- ❖ Dr Nigam is the first Indian Citizen to be selected for the prestigious award.
- ❖ He has been chosen for his outstanding lifetime contributions to the field of foraminifera (microfossil) research.



SPORTS

World's biggest cricket bat

- ❖ Former Indian captain and now Hyderabad Cricket Association president Mohd Azharuddin has unveiled the biggest cricket bat.
- ❖ It is designed by Pernod Ricard India (P) Ltd.
- ❖ The bat measures 56.10 feet, weighs 9-tonnes and is made of poplar wood.



- ❖ This was to convey best wishes to the Indian cricket team and bring back the T-20 World Cup in Dubai.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Artists' Day – 25 October



- ❖ 25th October marks the celebration of International Artists' Day around the globe.
- ❖ This is to honor artists and their contribution to society.
- ❖ The day also pays homage to Pablo Picasso.

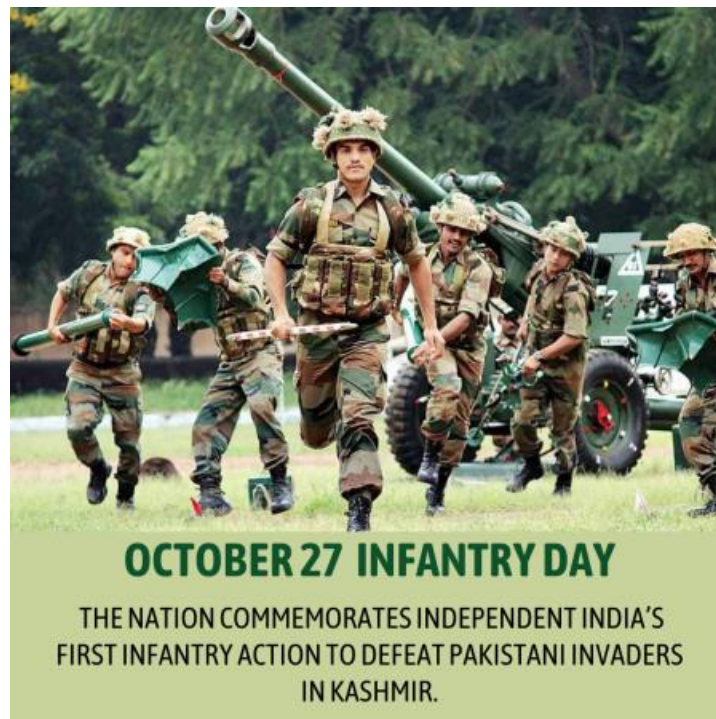
The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage – 27 October

- ❖ The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is a key initiative for both UNESCO and the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual Archives Associations.
- ❖ This is to honour audio-visual preservation professionals and institutions that safeguard our heritage for future generations.

- ❖ The day was chosen to raise awareness of the significance and preservation risks of recorded sound and audiovisual documents.
- ❖ The theme of the World Day for Audiovisual Heritage 2021: “Your Window to the World”.



Indian Army 75th Infantry Day – 27 October



- ❖ This year nation celebrates its 75th Infantry Day.
- ❖ Infantry Day is celebrated as a remembrance of the first military event of independent India.

- ❖ It was when the First Battalion of the Sikh Regiment of Indian Army fought battle to accomplish victory over the first attack on the Indian soil by the Pakistan Army and Lashkar invader on October 27, 1947.
- ❖ The battle was in the Kashmir valley.
- ❖ The infantry is the largest fighting arm of the Indian Army.
- ❖ It is popularly known as the “Queen of the Battle”.

Disarmament Week 2021 - October 24 to 30

- ❖ Disarmament Week is observed annually to promote awareness and understanding of the issues of disarmament in several countries.
- ❖ The week aims to reduce the use of weapons, specifically nuclear weapons, to bring peace to society.

