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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The SpaceX launched shipments of ants, avocados, human-sized robotic arm toward the International Space Station.
  - It will be SpaceX's 23rd mission for NASA in a decade.
- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to change the name of Lok Sabha MP Maneka Gandhi's constituency Sultanpur after the name of Lord Ram's son (Kush Bhavanpur).

## TAMIL NADU

### Kavimani Award for Children's Writers

- ❖ The 'Kavimani Award' will be given by Tamilnadu to the 3 best writers under the age of 18 to promote children's writing.
- ❖ This includes Rs 25,000 in cash, a certificate and a shield.

## NATIONAL

### Universal Postal Union – India



- ❖ India has won the elections for membership of two key bodies of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), during the 27th UPU Congress in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
- ❖ India got elected to the Council of Administration (CA).
- ❖ The country received the highest votes in CA elections from South Asia and the Oceania region.

- ❖ Apart from this, India has also been elected to the Postal Operations Council (POC).
- ❖ India will now work with all to strengthen cooperation in the Universal Postal Union.

### **Ashok and 7 other ITDC hotels**

- ❖ Under the government's target of monetising "under-utilized public sector assets", 'The Ashok' 5-star hotel will be leased out to private operators in four years.
- ❖ The Ashok and the Hotel Samrat are among eight India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) properties that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman listed in the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP).

### **The Ashok group of hotels**

- ❖ These are the flagship hotel chain under ITDC, having a brand value developed in last 40-50 years.
- ❖ These hotels been the centre stage for all government events that are organised by various ministries and public sector entities.

### **POSHAN Maah**

**POSHAN**  
**Abhiyaan**  
PM's Overarching  
Scheme for Holistic  
Nourishment



**सही पोषण - देश रोशन**

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development has planned to organise and celebrate Thematic POSHAN Maah in September 2021.

- ❖ Under the Poshan Abhiyaan, the month of September is observed as Poshan Maah i.e., Nutrition month every year, since 2018.
- ❖ POSHAN Maah is celebrated to ensure community mobilization and bolster people's participation.

### **Neeraj Chopra Stadium**

- ❖ The Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh visited the Army Sports Institute, Pune and named the Army Sports Institute stadium as “Neeraj Chopra Stadium”.
- ❖ The focus of the Indian Army (in the field of sports) is to identify and train promising sportspersons in 11 disciplines.
- ❖ The Indian Army's “Mission Olympics” programme was launched in 2001.
- ❖ It was launched with the intent to deliver medal-winning performances in the Olympics and other international events.

#### **Note**

- ❖ The Athletics Federation of India has decided that javelin throw day will be on 7th August every year in honour of Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra.



### **BH-series**

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways launched the BH-series to facilitate seamless transfer of vehicles.
- ❖ The Vehicle with this registration mark will not require assignment of any new registration mark when owner of the vehicle shifts from one state to other.
- ❖ The Vehicle registration facility under this series will be available on voluntary basis to Defense personnel, employees of Central or State Government, Central

or State Public Sector Undertakings and private sector companies or organizations, having their offices across four or more States or Union territories.

- ❖ Section 47 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 provides that a person cannot keep the vehicle for more than 12 months in any state other than the state where vehicle is registered.
- ❖ Instead, a new registration can be made with the new state- registering authority within 12 months.
- ❖ Considering this difficulty, new BH-series were launched.



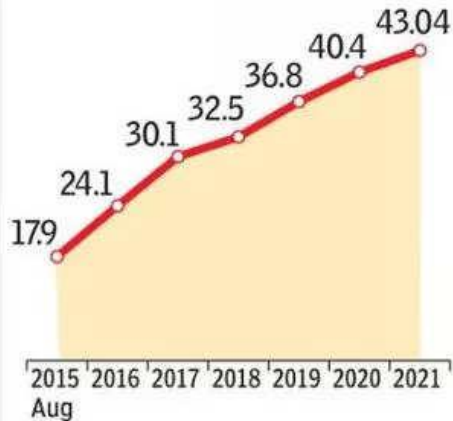
### **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana**

- ❖ Under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) the number of bank accounts have increased to 43 crores with total deposits of Rs 1.46 lakh crore.
- ❖ The flagship financial inclusion scheme, PMJDY, has completed seven years of implementation.
- ❖ This scheme was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Independence Day address on August 15, 2014.
- ❖ It was launched on August 28 with the objective of bringing financial inclusion.
- ❖ It was launched to ensure that people have access to financial services, like banking, credit, insurance, remittance and pension in an affordable manner.

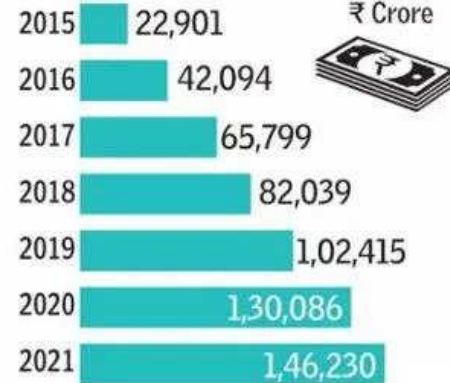
## STEADY RISE

How Jan Dhan accounts have grown since launch 7 years ago

Number of accounts (in cr)



...deposits have also grown sharply



## INTERNATIONAL

### Talibans against co-education

- ❖ Taliban has banned co-education in Afghanistan by their first fatwa.
- ❖ Men are not allowed to teach girls.
- ❖ They call co-education as the root of all evil in society.

### G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment

- ❖ The First-ever G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment was held at Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy.
- ❖ It was held in mixed format i.e., people participated in physical form and via video conference also.
- ❖ The Union Minister of Women & Child Development, Smriti Irani addressed the meet on behalf of India.

### Hurricane Ida

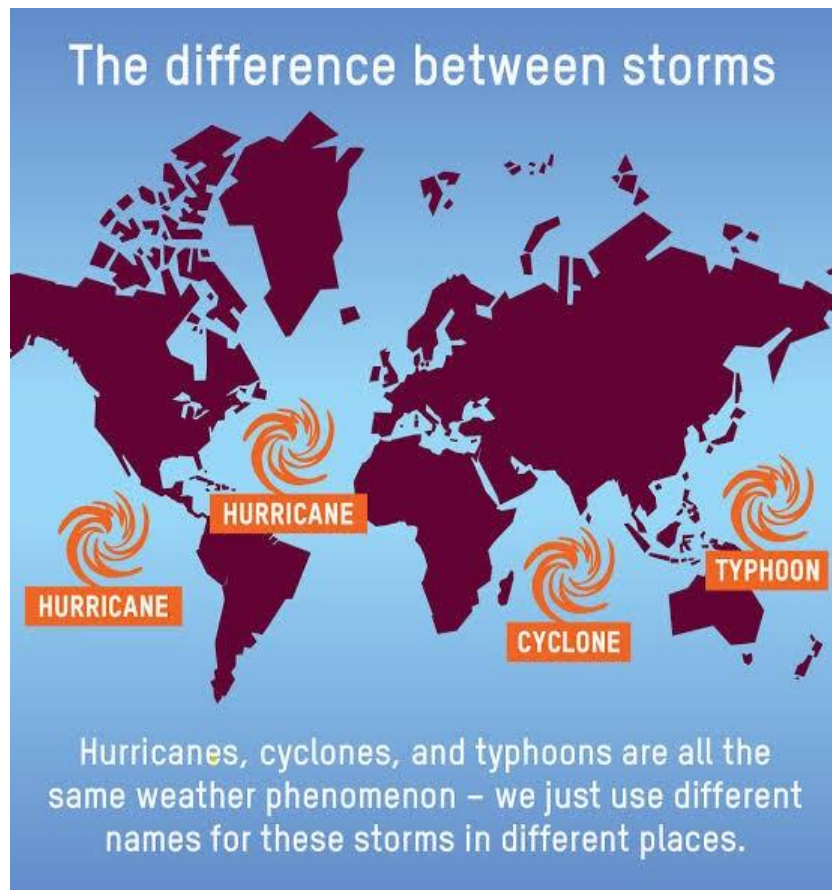
- ❖ Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana recently.
- ❖ It is the Category 4 storm that has hit on the same date as the Hurricane Katrina that ravaged Louisiana and Mississippi of America in 2005.



- ❖ Hurricane Ida will most definitely be stronger than Katrina, the costliest storm in American history.

#### **Note**

- ❖ Hurricanes are categorized on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.
- ❖ It rates them on a scale of 1 to 5 based on wind speed.
- ❖ Hurricanes that reach category three or higher are called ‘major hurricanes’.



## **ECONOMY**

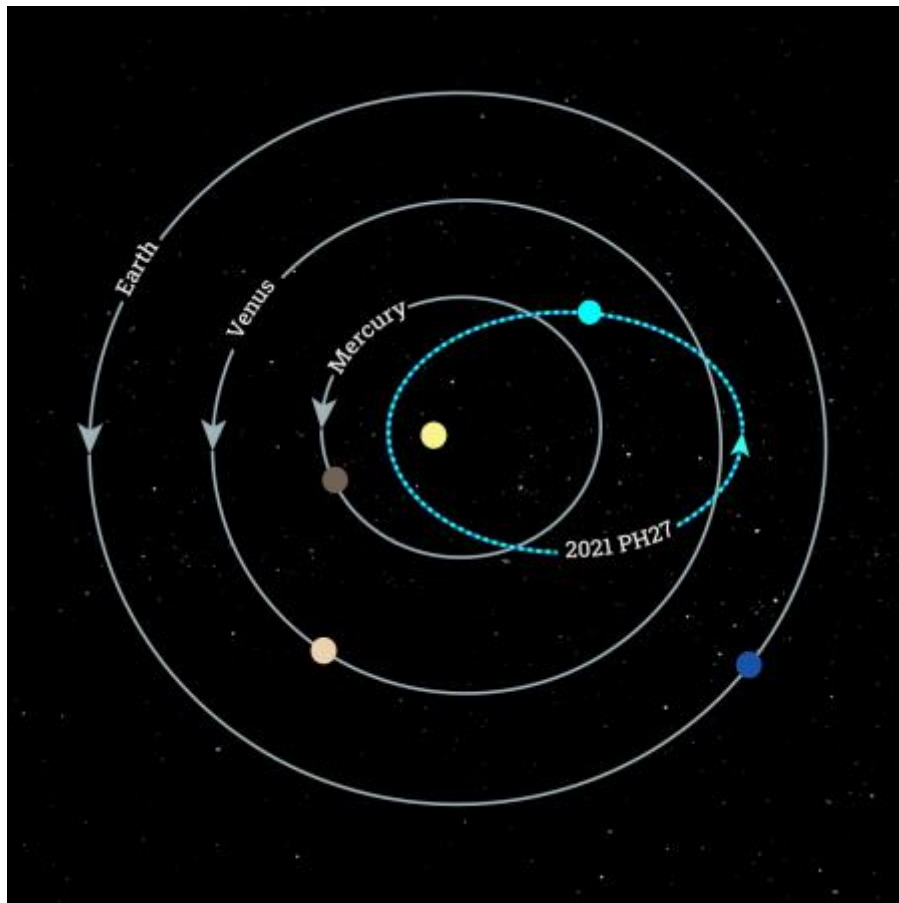
### **Direct Insurance Broker - PhonePe**

- ❖ PhonePe has got an Insurance Broking license issued from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.
- ❖ It will now serve as Direct Insurance Broker.
- ❖ PhonePe entered the Insurtech sector in the year 2020 with a limited insurance ‘corporate agent’ license.



## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Fastest orbiting asteroid





- ❖ The Astronomers at the Carnegie Institution of Science (CIS) of USA announced that they have discovered the fastest orbiting asteroid ever spotted in the solar system.
- ❖ The fastest orbiting asteroid, 2021 PH27, was detected using the Dark Energy Camera (DEC).
- ❖ It is 1 kilometer in diameter and completes its orbit in just 113 Earth days.

## **SPORTS**

### **Noisiel International Open 2021 Chess Tournament**

- ❖ Indian Grandmaster P Iniyam won the Noisiel International Open 2021 Chess Tournament.
- ❖ Iniyam finished half a point ahead of higher rated GM Yuri Solodovnichenko of Ukraine who secured 7.5 points.
- ❖ French International Master Kambrath Yannick took 3rd place.



### **Tokyo Paralympics 2020 updates**

- ❖ The Wrestler-turned-javelin thrower Sumit Antil scripted history by winning the gold.
- ❖ He won the gold with a world record effort of 68.55m in F64.
- ❖ Shooter Avani Lekhara also created history as she became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the Paralympics.





- ❖ She won gold in R-2 women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 event.
- ❖ She finished with a world record equalling total of 249.6, which is also a new Paralympic record.
- ❖ Discus thrower Yogesh Kathuniya clinched a silver medal in the men's F56 event.
- ❖ Devendra Jhajharia won silver as Sundar Singh Gurjar bagged bronze in the Men's Javelin Throw F46 Final.

