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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC) has partnered with the online learning platform CoursEra to train 50,000 unemployed youth.
- ❖ A 17-year-old girl Khushi Chindaliya from Gujarat's Surat has been appointed as Regional Ambassador for India by the United Nations Environment Programme – Tunza Eco-Generation.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh government approved to change the name of an under-construction museum dedicated to the Mughal empire in Agra after Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.
- ❖ India's largest film city is to be set up in Gautam Buddh Nagar (Noida), Uttar Pradesh.

## TAMIL NADU

### Amma mobile Ration shop expansion

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government expanded the Amma mobile fair price shop scheme across the state.
- ❖ Presently, 48 such mobile units were serving people in remote and hilly areas in Nilgiris, Namakkal, and Salem among others.
- ❖ The scheme was launched by the late Chief Minister Jayalalithaa in 2014.
- ❖ Now, the government expanded the scheme by adding another 3501 mobile fair price shops in all 37 districts of the state.



**அம்மா நகரும்  
நியாயவிலைக் கடைகள்**

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3,501 நகரும் நியாயவிலைக் கடைகள்  
துவக்கம்

இல்லங்கள் தேடி வரும் ரேசன் பொருட்கள்  
இத்திட்டத்தால் 5,37,315 குடும்ப அட்டைதாரர்கள்  
பயன்பெறுவர்

## **NATIONAL**

### **Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020**

- ❖ The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020 passed by the parliament to replaces an ordinance to the same effect promulgated on June 26.
- ❖ The Bill proposes amendments to the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- ❖ This new Bill aims to bring cooperative banks under the supervision of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

#### **Highlights**

- ❖ All the Provisions applicable to banking companies will also be applicable to cooperative banks.
- ❖ It will help the central bank to develop a scheme to ensure the interest of the public, banking system, account holders in the bank and banking company's proper management, without disrupting any banking functionalities.
- ❖ The amendments also allow cooperative banks to raise money via public issues and private placements of equity or preference shares as well as unsecured debentures.

#### **Exceptions**

- ❖ It will not affect the existing powers of the state registrars of co-operative societies under state laws.
- ❖ It will not apply to Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) or co-operative societies whose primary object and principal business is long-term finance for agricultural development, and which do not use the words "bank", "banker" or "banking".

### **IIIT Laws Amendment Bill 2020**

- ❖ The Parliament on September 22, 2020 passed the Indian Institutes of Information Technology Laws (Amendment) Bill 2020.
- ❖ This Amendment Bill 2020 will amend the principal Acts of 2014 and 2017.
- ❖ It seeks to declare five IIITs in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode - IIIT Bhopal, IIIT Agartala, IIIT Surat, IIIT Bhagalpur and IIIT Raichur as Institutions of National importance.
- ❖ The institutes are already functioning as societies, registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860.
- ❖ With this, the total number of IIITs that have been declared as Institutions of National Importance will go up to 25.



### **PASSEX - India and Australia Naval exercise**

- ❖ The Indian Navy has commenced a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in the East Indian Ocean Region.
- ❖ The exercise would involve participation of HMAS Hobart from the Australian side and Indian Naval Ships Sahyadri and Karmuk.
- ❖ The Passage Exercise is aimed at enhancing interoperability, improving understanding and imbibing best practices from each other.
- ❖ This is the fourth major Naval Drill conducted by Indian Navy in the Indian Ocean Region since June 2020.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Mandate of climate risk reporting**

- ❖ New Zealand will be the first country in the World to require the financial sector to report on climate risks.
- ❖ This means that about 200 of the country's biggest companies and banks would have to report on the impact that extreme weather events or climate policies will have on their business.
- ❖ The changes build on the huge progress this Government has made to tackle the climate crisis.
- ❖ If the proposal passes in the parliament, then the climate reporting would begin in 2023.

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

### **TIME's 100 most influential people list 2020**

- ❖ The TIME magazine has released a list of 100 pioneers, leaders, titans, artists, and icons who marked their impact on people this year.
- ❖ The list includes Prime Minister Narendra Modi, actor Ayushman Khurrana and Bilkis, who emerged as the face of the Shaheen Bagh protests.
- ❖ Actor Ayushmann Khurana was the only actor from India who made it to the list.
- ❖ The others included in the list are Sundar Pichai, the CEO of Google's parent Alphabet and clinical microbiology professor Ravindra Gupta.



### **‘Snow leopard’ Ang Rita Sherpa Passed Away**

- ❖ Ang Rita Sherpa, popularly known as 'Snow Leopard', had won several awards as an extremely successful mountaineer.
- ❖ He also worked on a number of projects with The Mountain Institute on conservation of the alpine Himalayan zone.
- ❖ He received the Sir Edmund Hillary Mountain Legacy Medal in 2011 for his efforts towards conservation of the fragile Himalayan ecology.
- ❖ He won a Guinness World Record certificate for climbing Mount Everest the maximum number of times without using supplementary oxygen.



## Global Architecture Award

- ❖ Bhubaneswar-based Krushi Bhawan building was selected as the "People's Choice Winner" at the AZ Awards 2020 in Social Good Category.
- ❖ The Krushi Bhawan was the only project from India at the globally recognised prestigious award.
- ❖ It had also become India's first government building and Odisha's first-ever building to feature in Dezeen, a prestigious international journal on architecture.
- ❖ The building features the glorious Sambalpuri saree and its designs.

