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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ The Union HRD Ministry has released University Grants Commission's guide on student induction program called 'Deeksharambh'.
  - It is to engage with the new students as soon as they come into the institution, before regular classes start.
- ❖ ICC has inducted India's batting icon Sachin Tendulkar, South African pacer Allan Donald and two-times World Cup-winning Australian woman cricketer Cathryn Fitzpatrick into the ICC's Hall of Fame.
  - Other Indians on the list are Bishan Singh Bedi, Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev, Anil Kumble and Rahul Dravid.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Supreme Court Judgement in Tamil**

- ❖ The Supreme Court has released the first set of the copies of its judgments in vernacular languages, including Tamil, Kannada and Telugu.
- ❖ Now the Judgements are available in nine vernacular languages – Urdu, Telugu, Assamese, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Odia, Bengali and Tamil.
- ❖ This is a part of the court's initiative to make available the copies of judgments in the regional languages of India.
- ❖ The first 2 translated Tamil judgements were uploaded on Supreme Court's website on 18.07.19. They are
  - Rajagopal (Founder of Saravana Bhavan) and others etc. Vs the State of Tamil Nadu
  - Joseph Easwaran Wapshare Vs Shirley Kathleen Wheeler

## **NATIONAL**

### **Motihari – Amlekhgunj Petroleum Pipeline**

- ❖ Indian Ambassador to Nepal announced that Motihari- Amlekhgunj petroleum pipeline has been successfully completed by India.

- ❖ The project will start commercial operation by August following virtual inauguration by executive heads of the two countries.
- ❖ The 69-kilometre long petroleum pipeline from Motihari in Bihar to Amlekhgunj in Nepal has been constructed by India.
- ❖ It will help in tackling the oil storage problem in Nepal and doing away with transportation of petroleum products through tankers.

### **Solar Charkha Mission**

- ❖ The Ministry of MSME has launched the Mission Solar Charkha for implementation of 50 Solar Charkha Clusters across the country with a budget of Rs. 550 crores.



- ❖ Solar Charkha units have been classified as Village Industries.
- ❖ It will function under administrative control of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Mumbai.
- ❖ To generate direct employment for nearly one lakh persons.

### **Paramarsh Scheme of UGC**

- ❖ The Union HRD Minister launched the Paramarsh scheme of University Grants Commission (UGC).
- ❖ Under this program, a specific higher education will be chosen as a mentor.
- ❖ Institutions which aim to get National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) and deliver quality education will be mentored.
- ❖ The scheme will target 1000 Higher Education Institutions for mentoring.

### **Sagar Maitri Mission – 2**

- ❖ INS Sagardhwani has embarked on a two-month long SAGAR MAITRI Mission-2 from the Southern Naval Command in Kochi.
- ❖ It has been designed and developed by DRDO'S Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), Kochi.
- ❖ The prime objectives of the Sagar Maitri Mission are
  - Data collection from the entire North Indian Ocean
  - Focussing on the Andaman Sea and adjoining seas
  - Establishing long-term collaboration with eight Indian Ocean Rim (IOR) countries in the field of ocean research and development.
- ❖ It commemorates the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of India's lone 'research ship' INS Kistna which conducted International Indian Ocean Expeditions during 1962-65.



### **Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana**

- ❖ The Minister for Labour and Employment Santosh Kumar Gangwar informed Rajya Sabha about the 'Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana.
- ❖ The scheme will be implemented by Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) for Insured Persons (IP) covered under the ESI Insurance Act, 1948.
- ❖ It is implemented on pilot basis for a period of two years initially.
- ❖ It aims to financially support those who lost their jobs or rendered jobless for whatsoever reasons due to changing employment pattern.
- ❖ The relief will be payable in cash directly to bank account of insured persons in case of unemployment.
- ❖ They will also be able to draw 47% of their total contributions towards ESIC after remaining unemployed for at least three months from date of leaving their previous jobs.

#### About

- ❖ ESI is a self-financing social security and health insurance scheme for Indian workers.
- ❖ It is an autonomous corporation by statutory creation under Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.
- ❖ It is managed by Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) according to rules and regulations stipulated there in the ESI Act 1948.

### **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)**

- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs has rolled out a scheme 'Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)' for the period 2018-2020.
- ❖ It is a 7-Pronged Scheme to combat cyber-crime in the country, in a coordinated and effective manner.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Ebola Outbreak in Congo: Global Emergency**

- ❖ The World Health Organisation has declared the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

- ❖ WHO defines a global emergency as an “extraordinary event” which constitutes a risk to other countries and requires a coordinated international response.
- ❖ Such a declaration brings greater international attention and aid.
- ❖ This is only the fifth such declaration in history.
- ❖ Previous emergencies were: the emergence of Zika in the Americas, the swine flu pandemic, polio eradication and 2014-16 Ebola outbreak in West Africa.



## ECONOMY

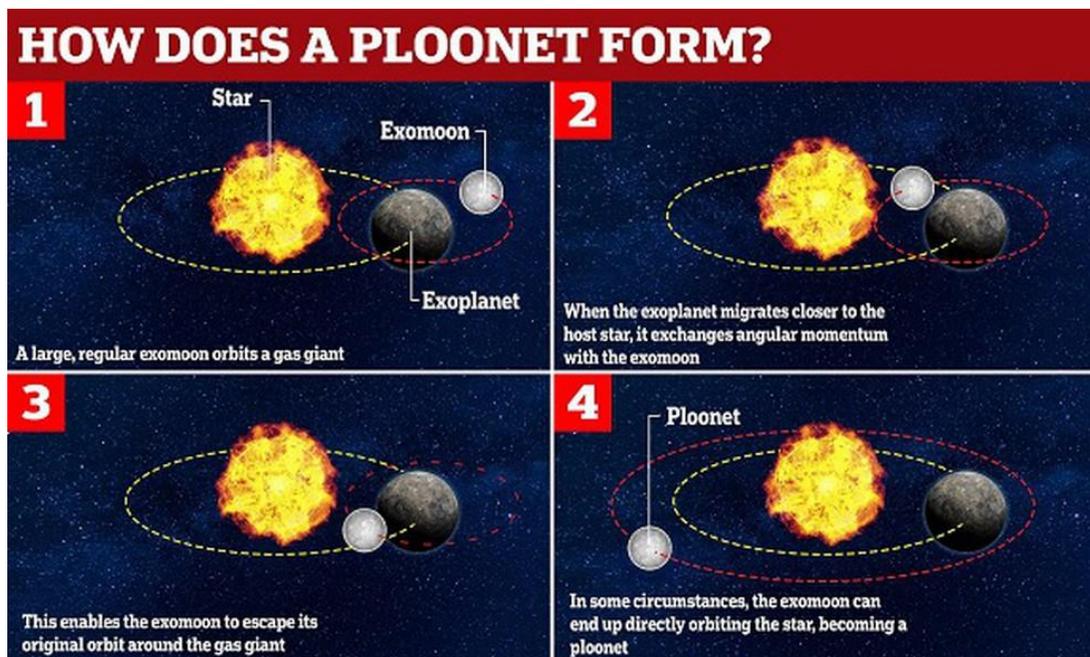
### **Bimal Jalan Panel's surplus transfer**

- ❖ The Bimal Jalan panel has decided to recommend the transfer of RBI's surplus reserves to the government.
- ❖ It will be transferred in a staggered manner over 3-5 years.
- ❖ The transfer of surplus capital may help the government meet its fiscal deficit target.
- ❖ The recommendation for transfer of excess reserves includes both contingency and revaluation funds.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Ploonets

- ❖ Some moons around distant, giant planets can break free of their orbits and end up circling the host star like a planet instead.
- ❖ An international team of astronomers have described these hypothetical moons as ploonets.
- ❖ Researchers reveal that ploonets can form when gas giants like Jupiter are forced to migrate closer to their star, causing a transfer of angular momentum to their moons.



## STATES

### Karnataka Defection

- ❖ The Supreme Court has allowed 15 dissident MLAs to opt out of current assembly session.
- ❖ It implies that they can defy a “party whip” without fear of disqualification for defection under Clause 2 (b) of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution.

### Party Whip

- ❖ A whip is a written order that party members be present for an important vote, or that they vote only in a particular way.
- ❖ Political parties appoint a senior member from among their House contingents to issue 'whips' who is called as Chief Whip.

### **Dibang Multipurpose Project**

- ❖ Union Cabinet has approved the expenditure and various clearances for Dibang Multipurpose Project (MPP) in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The project envisages construction of a 278 m high Concrete Gravity Dam.
- ❖ It will become the highest dam in India once it is completed.
- ❖ It is located on river Dibang, in Lower Dibang Valley District of Arunachal Pradesh.



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**CABINET DECISION**

**DIBANG  
MULTIPURPOSE  
PROJECT**  
Arunachal Pradesh

Will generate **2880 MW** power

₹ **28080 crore**  
Total cost of project

**12% free power**  
to Arunachal Pradesh

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