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TAMIL NADU

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi – to inaugurate the last leg of Chennai Metro Rail's Phase I, connecting 10-km long AG-DMS and Washermenpet, through video conference from Tirupur on February 10**

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- ✓ With this, the 45km phase I becomes fully operational after a period of 6 years, when the construction began at Vadapalani for the elevated corridor in 2009
- ✓ The 118.9km phase II is also planned to connect the suburbs with the core city in the next few years
- ✓ The Prime Minister will also lay foundation for a terminal building in Trichy airport, modernization of Chennai airport and ESIC hospital in Tirupur

- ➢ **Tamil Nadu Government – to unveil the draft rules of the 'State Urban Housing and Habitat Policy' within the next two weeks**
- ✓ With the objective of 'Homes for all', it aims to ensure the poorest of poor living across the state have access to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic amenities
- ✓ The policy advocates minimum standards of housing and prescribe directions to all the other departments, where they can coordinate and provide basic civil and social amenities to under-privileged beneficiaries
- ✓ The National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy, 2007 too mandates every state government to prepare the policy in consultation with urban local bodies and other stakeholders to create suitable living environments for people

- ➢ **UK-based 'Laureti Automotive Corporation' – has proposed to invest Rs 2,800 crore in the Union Territory of Puducherry – to set up an electric vehicle manufacturing plant**
- ✓ The British Government is expected to produce 10,000 sports utility vehicles (SUVs) by 2021 initially and expected to be scaled up to 20,000 units per year by 2023
- ✓ The company has also proposed to manufacture and assemble electric SUV 'DionX' in Puducherry, which costs Rs 40 lakh in the market

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- ✓ The government has suggested a 350-acre site in Karaikal with adequate port connectivity for exporting the vehicles
- ✓ The project is part of a series of initiatives taken up by the Government under the smart city plan

NATIONAL

- ➢ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi – dedicated projects worth more than Rs 20000 crore to Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura, when he visited the northeast on a two-day tour**
- ✓ PM In Arunchal Pradesh
- ✓ The Prime Minister laid the foundation of the all-weather tunnel under Se La, a critical mountain pass connecting Tawang to the rest of Arunachal Pradesh
- ✓ The proposed tunnel, allowing faster troop mobility along the border, will be constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) within a period of 3 years at a cost of Rs 687 crore

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- ✓ The Prime Minister also inaugurated DD Arun Prabha, a new 24-hour Doordarshan channel for Arunachal Pradesh, and dedicated the 110-MW Pare hydroelectric plant to the nation
- ✓ He also laid the foundation for a permanent campus of Film and Television institute of India at Jote in Arunachal Pradesh and also claimed 100% household electrification in the state under the Saubhagya scheme
- ✓ PM in Assam
- ✓ In Assam, he launched projects worth Rs 18,000 crore for boosting infrastructure, connectivity and economic growth of the region
- ✓ He laid the foundation of the North East Gas Grid project that will ensure uninterrupted natural gas supply across the region
- ✓ The PM launched a 729km gas pipeline from Barauni to Guwahati pasing through Bihar, West Bengal, Sikkim and Assam, which is expected to feed the network in the region
- ✓ The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Hollong Modular Gas processing project, which is proposed to deliver 15% of the total gas produced in Assam

- ✓ He laid the foundation of NRL Bio Refinery at Numaligarh, which will be the biggest of 12 such refineries being set up in the country

- ➢ **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**, **Union Environment Minister - announced the Great Indian Bustard as the mascot - for the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) to be held in Gandhinagar**, **Gujarat during February 2020**

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- ✓ CMS-COP 13 is a global platform for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species and their habitats
- ✓ It has over 120 participating countries

DEFENCE

- ➢ **6th Multinational Maritime Exercise 'Aman-19' – commenced in Karachi, Pakistan**

- ✓ The 5-day exercise will witness the participation of around 46 nations from all over the world
- ✓ Motto of the exercise – 'Together for Peace'
- ✓ The exercise will have 2 phase – Harbour phase and sea phase

AWARDS

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- **Tarun Vijay, former MP hailing from Uttarakhand and speaks Hindi – becomes the first North Indian after Independence to be honoured with 'Thirukuralin Porwal' award – for taking up the cause of Tamil language and culture**

- ✓ The award is conferred to eminent personalities who spread the message and teachings of Thiruvalluvar's great classics in all parts of India and world
- ✓ He was presented the award at Muscat, in the presence of several dignitaries and tamil organizations, by Director general of Thirukkural sciences, Thangamani

- **Yes Bank – wins the 'Aegis Graham Bell Award 2018' at Panaji, Goa**
- ✓ It has received the award in the 'Innovation in Data science' category for their industry-friendly project 'Yes EEE (Engage Enrich Excel)'
- ✓ The award promotes innovations and entrepreneurship in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) domain
- ✓ It was hosted by the Government of Goa

- **Deepa Mehta, acclaimed Indo-Canadian filmmaker – conferred with 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by the Academy of Canadian cinema and television**

- ✓ Deepa Mehta is best known for her trilogy- “Fire”, “Earth” and “Water”
- ✓ She was born in India and later moved to Canada in 1973 after her marriage
- ✓ She is working currently on Netflix series ‘Leila’

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