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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ In a first for local body polls, the Tamilnadu state government will allow people with disabilities, especially those who are deaf, mute and people with leprosy to contest.
 - The amendments were made in Chennai City Municipal Corporation Act and Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act in July 2019.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government will allocate space to construct a memorial for Guru Nanak at Rameswaram.
 - Gurudwara Guru Nanak Dham is a gurudwara situated in the town of Rameswaram.
 - It will be constructed to commemorate the visit of the first Sikh guru, Guru Nanak to Rameswaram in about 1511.
- ❖ The deputy Chief Minister of Tamilnadu O. Panner Selvam received the 'MAFS Gandhi Sesquicentennial Medallion of Excellence' award given by the Metropolitan Asia Family Services. He was also given Thanga Tamil Magan award at the congratulatory meeting for the World Tamil Conference.
- ❖ The Shooter from Madhya Pradesh Chinki Yadav Bags India's 11th 2020 Tokyo Olympics Quota. But She could not win a medal at the 14th Asian Championship held at Doha of Qatar.

NATIONAL

5th Global exhibition on services 2019

- ❖ Union Minister of Commerce and Industry & Railways, Piyush Goyal, launched the curtain raiser of 5th Global Exhibition on Services (GES) in New Delhi.
- ❖ The exhibition will be held in Bengaluru.
- ❖ The event is organised by Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry in partnership with Services Export Promotion Council and the Confederation of Indian Industry.

Def Connect 2019

- ❖ The Ministry of Defence had organised the inaugural session of 'Def Connect 2019'.



- ❖ It is to showcase the accomplishments of the Innovation for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative in New Delhi.
- ❖ iDEX, launched in 2018, is an ecosystem to foster innovation & technology development in Defence and Aerospace by engaging innovators & entrepreneurs to deliver technologically advanced solutions for modernizing Indian Military.
- ❖ iDEX is funded and managed by “Defence Innovation Organisation” (DIO).
- ❖ DIO is a not for profit organisation formed under the Companies Act 2013.
- ❖ It is funded by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).

INTERNATIONAL

Israel election 2019

- ❖ The legislative elections were held in Israel in September to elect the 120 members of the twenty-second Knesset (Israel Parliament).
- ❖ After the election the incumbent Prime Minister took charge to form the government in Israel.
- ❖ However, he has to prove his majority in the Knesset.
- ❖ Following the previous elections in April, incumbent Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu failed to form a governing coalition, the first such failure in Israeli history.
- ❖ This election marked the first time that the Knesset voted to dissolve itself before a government had been formed.

ADIPEC 2019

- ❖ Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan attended Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (ADIPEC).
- ❖ The Abu Dhabi Petroleum Fair Adipecc is the meeting point of international oil and gas industry.
- ❖ Oil and Gas 4.0 is the theme for this year’s Adipecc.

ECONOMY



NCAER Survey

- ❖ According to National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), the Business Confidence of India dipped to lowest in six years.
- ❖ The National Council of Applied Economic Research is a Delhi based think tank that was established in 1956.
- ❖ The aim of the body is to give support to both government and private sector economic researches.

ENVIRONMENT

Ethanol production

- ❖ The Central Government has declared that no separate environmental clearance is required to produce additional ethanol from B-heavy molasses in place of using C-heavy Molasses.
- ❖ All such proposals are intended to undertake additional production of ethanol from B-heavy Molasses, sugar cane juice, sugar syrup or sugar.
- ❖ It does not contribute to the pollution load in the existing distilleries or sugar mills to which environmental clearance have already been granted.
- ❖ It will give benefits to farmers and sugar industry.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Infosys Prizes 2019

- ❖ The winners of the Infosys Prize 2019 in six categories including Humanities, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, Engineering and Computer Sciences were announced by Infosys Science Foundation (ISF).

About Infosys Prize

- ❖ It is an annual award given by the Infosys Science Foundation.
- ❖ It is conferred to scientists, researchers, engineers and social scientists of Indian Origin (not necessarily born in India).
- ❖ The prize was awarded in 2008 and is ranked among the highest monetary awards in India to recognize research.



Aadi Mahotsav

- ❖ TRIFED an organisation of Ministry of Tribal Affairs has started a new concept of organising “Aadi Mahotsav – National Tribal Festival”.
- ❖ The theme of the festival is “a Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Crafts, Culture and Commerce”, which represents the basic ethos of tribal life.

Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Award

- ❖ Rajasthan Patrika group chairman Gulab Kothari has been chosen for the prestigious Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award, presented by the Press Council of India, for his outstanding contribution towards journalism.
- ❖ The award was presented on November 16 on the occasion of the National Press Day.
- ❖ The Press Council of India (PCI) also announced other winners of the National Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2019.

George Schaller Lifetime Award in Wildlife Conservation Science

- ❖ Wildlife biologist K. Ullas Karanth was awarded the Wildlife Conservation Society’s (WCS) George Schaller Lifetime Award in Wildlife Conservation Science
- ❖ He is currently the Director of Centre for Wildlife Studies, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ❖ He is the first recipient of WCS’s award.
- ❖ It is named after WCS’s Dr. George Schaller, considered to be one of the greatest wildlife scientists and conservationists globally.

SPORTS

2023 Men's Hockey World Cup

- ❖ India will host the 15th Men's Hockey World Cup in January, 2023.
- ❖ The 2023 Men's World Cup will follow the same format as the 2018 edition which was played in Bhubaneswar of Odisha.
- ❖ The International Hockey Federation (FIH) announced Netherlands, Spain as co-hosts for the Women's World Cup event in July, 2022.
- ❖ This is the fourth time that India have been picked to host a World Cup since its start in 1971.
- ❖ The previous editions were 1982 (Mumbai), 2010 (New Delhi) and 2018 (Bhubaneswar) where Belgium triumphed.



- ❖ India, however, have not won the quadrennial tournament since 1975.

Deepak Chahar

- ❖ Deepak Chahar from Uttar Pradesh became the first Indian male cricketer to take a hat-trick in a Twenty20 International.
- ❖ He became only the second Indian bowler after Ekta Bisht of Indian female cricketer to make this record.
- ❖ He achieved this feat against the match with Bangladesh.

MISCELLANEOUS

ICGS Annie Besant

- ❖ Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) delivered Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) ICGS Annie Besant to Indian Coast Guard (ICGS) in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ❖ This is second in the series of five such FPVs being built by GRSE for Indian Coast Guard and the 101st warship to be delivered by shipyard.
- ❖ It is a medium-range vessel which is designed for a maximum speed of 34 knots.

