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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh, flagged off the first-ever Mobile Science Exhibition buses for the entire Ladakh Region in Leh.
 - He also launched 25 new Mobile Science Exhibition buses for Aspirational Districts of India.

TAMIL NADU

Digital Accelerator Scheme

- ❖ In connection with the promised investments from USA, the Tamilnadu government has launched a facility called Digital Accelerator.
- ❖ This is to extend assistance to all who wishes to invest in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The facility will be executed with aid of American Tamil Entrepreneurs Association.
- ❖ Tamil investors from the US who use this will get financial aid for new ventures.

NATIONAL

Defence Minister Visits S. Korea

- ❖ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh paid an official visit to South Korea.
- ❖ A military logistics agreement was signed.
- ❖ It assures logistic support to India when it operates in the Indo-Pacific in the ports of South Korea.
- ❖ South Korean industry was invited to manufacture the components used in main weapon systems under Make in India.
- ❖ He stressed that South Korea's 'New Southern Policy' and India's 'Act East Policy' will help to form a Special Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

Conference on Military Medicines: SCO Members

- ❖ The conference on Military Medicine for Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) Member States will be held in New Delhi on 12 – 13 September, 2019.
- ❖ It will be the “first Military co-operation event” hosted by India, under the SCO Defence Co-operation Plan 2019-2020.

- ❖ The SCO Member States will be represented by senior military medical practitioners.
- ❖ India became a SCO Member State in 2017.
- ❖ Conference was hosted by Indian Armed Forces under the aegis of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff.



SLINEX 2019: Sri Lanka and Indian Navy Exercise

- ❖ Sri Lankan Navy is sending two ships to India to participate in the SLINEX 2019.
- ❖ SLINEX 2019 is a bi-lateral maritime fleet exercise between Navies of India and Sri Lanka.
- ❖ Since 2005, six successful SLINEX series of maritime exercises have been conducted.
- ❖ This has helped the two Navies in understanding each other's procedures and to contribute towards maritime security in the region.

INTERNATIONAL

Controlling Fake News

- ❖ BBC and other major publishers, Google, Twitter and Facebook have come together and announced a series of measures to tackle "fake news".
- ❖ Fake news are “news stories that have no factual basis but are presented as news”.
- ❖ Under this collaboration, news and technology majors will work together to protect their audiences and users from disinformation, particularly around crucial events such as elections.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Odisha Craniopagus Twins Separated

- ❖ India's only successfully separated craniopagus twins from Odisha — Jagga and Balia have been successfully rehabilitated under the care of AIIMS, Delhi.
- ❖ The two toddlers were born with fused brain and skull, a condition known as craniopagus.
- ❖ They were operated and kept under observation since 2017.
- ❖ Worldwide only 10-15 children have survived after surgical separation of this condition in the last 50 years.



ENVIRONMENT

Mid-Monsoon 2019 Lightning Report

- ❖ Climate Resilient Observing Systems Promotion Council, a non-profit organisation that works closely with India Meteorological Department (IMD) has released the “Mid-Monsoon 2019 Lightning Report”.
- ❖ Odisha recorded the maximum incidents of lightning and Uttar Pradesh recorded maximum deaths due to lightning during April – July 2019.
- ❖ This is for the first time in India a report has mapped lightning strikes across the country and the lives they have claimed.
- ❖ Such a database will be used to develop an early warning system for lightning, spread awareness, and prevent deaths.

STATES

Telangana – Mega Food Park

- ❖ Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Badal inaugurated the First Mega Food Park of Telangana in Lakkampally, Nizamabad District.
- ❖ The project aims to give a major boost to the food processing sector.
- ❖ Such parks add value and reduce food wastage at each stage of the supply chain with particular focus on perishables.
- ❖ They connect modern food processing units with agricultural /horticultural zone.



Indigenous Metro Coach – Mumbai Metro

- ❖ PM Modi launched Mumbai's first 'Make in India' metro coach, manufactured by the state-run BEML.
- ❖ It was built in under 75 days at Bengaluru facility of BEML.
- ❖ 500 more such indigenously built coaches will be produced.

About

- ❖ BEML Limited (formerly Bharat Earth Movers Limited) was established in 1964.
- ❖ It is a 'Miniratna-Category-1' Public Sector Undertaking of Government of India.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Kausalacharya Awards

- ❖ The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has announced the Kaushalacharya Awards 2019.
- ❖ The award is to felicitate trainers from different sectors for exceptional contribution towards creating a future-ready and skilled workforce.
- ❖ It recognizes the contribution made by skill trainers in the vocational training ecosystem.
- ❖ WorldSkills Competition winners, trainers from National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs), Industrial Training Centres (ITI), Jan Sikshan Sansthan and trainers from Corporate houses were awarded.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Charity - September 5

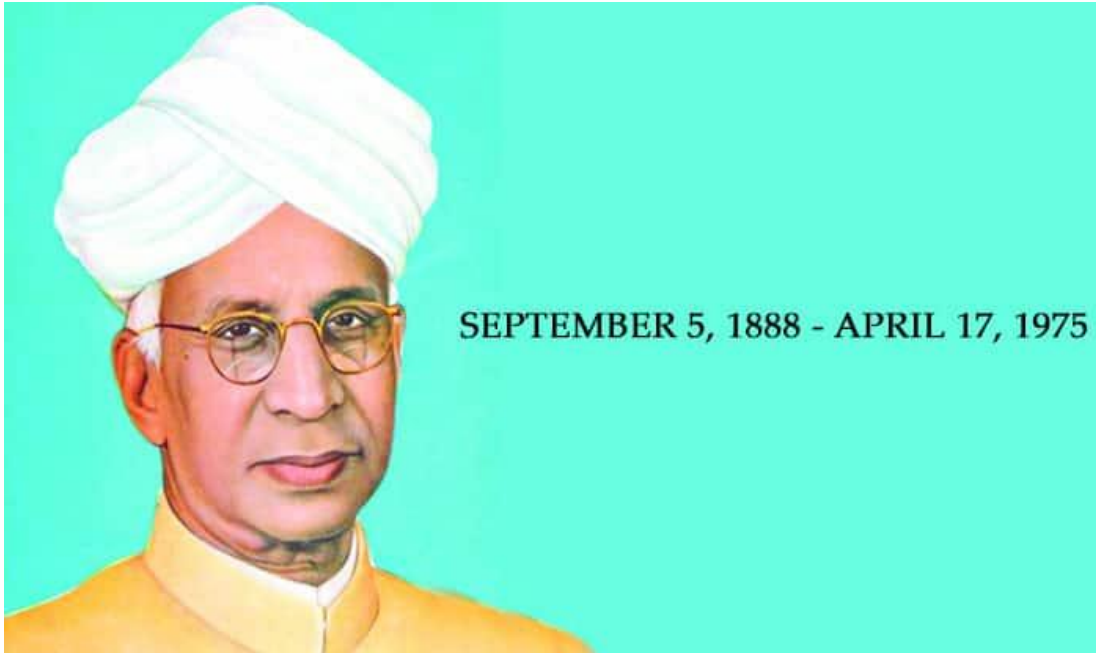
- ❖ It is an international day observed annually on 5 September.
- ❖ It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.
- ❖ September 5 was chosen in order to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.
- ❖ 5 September 2013 was the first commemoration of this Day.



International
Day of **Charity**
Homage to Mother Teresa

Teachers Day – September 5

- ❖ Teachers' Day in India is celebrated on 5 September every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan - First as well as Second Vice President of India (1952–1962) and the Second President of India (1962–1967).
- ❖ Dr. Radhakrishnan in his book, “Political Thinkers of Modern India” indicated the significance of teachers and education in a democratic country like India.
- ❖ In 1954, he received the Bharat Ratna Award.
- ❖ He was also one of the founders of Helpage India, a nonprofit organization for elderly underprivileged in India.
- ❖ While globally, Teachers’ Day is celebrated on 5th October, in India, we celebrate it on 5th September from 1962 onwards.



World Physical Therapy Day - September 8

- ❖ The day is an opportunity for physiotherapists from all over the world to raise awareness about the crucial contribution the profession makes to keeping people well, mobile and independent.
- ❖ In 1996, the World Confederation of Physical Therapy (WCPT) designated 8th September as World Physical Therapy Day.
- ❖ This is the date WCPT was founded in 1951.
- ❖ This year the theme for the day is chronic pain.

Facts about pain

Acute pain alarms us about potential tissue damage. It can happen after surgery or injury, but sometimes it can happen without a specific reason.

Most **chronic pain** is not associated with tissue damage and can continue for many years.

CHRONIC PAIN



Chronic pain is a significant **global health** burden



Exercise therapy is included in all guidelines for the treatment of chronic pain - ask your physical therapist, the exercise expert



#worldptday

International Literacy Day – September 8

- ❖ The issue of literacy is a key component of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- ❖ Sustainable Development Goal 4 has as one of its targets ensuring all young people achieve literacy and numeracy and that adults who lack these skills are given the opportunity to acquire them.
- ❖ International Literacy Day 2019 is an opportunity to express solidarity with the celebrations of the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages
- ❖ The 25th anniversary of the World Conference on Special Needs Education, at which the Salamanca Statement on Inclusive Education was adopted.
- ❖ International Literacy Day 2019 will focus on 'Literacy and Multilingualism.
- ❖ 8 September was declared international literacy day by UNESCO on 26 October 1966 at 14th session of UNESCO's General conference.
- ❖ It was celebrated for the first time in 1967.

