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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Third Home Affairs' Dialogue between India and U.K. was held at New Delhi. The Government of India delegation was led by Shri Rajiv Gauba, Union Home Secretary.
- ❖ S.C. Sharma, has been appointed as a Director of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The tenure of the directorship is five years.

TAMILNADU

Age Relaxation for TNPSC Group I posts

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has announced that the upper age limit for candidates appearing for examinations conducted by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC) for Group I, I-A and I-B posts would be relaxed by two years.
- ❖ The upper age limit for these posts for SC/ST/MBC/BC & DC (denotified classes) candidates has been raised from 35 to 37 years,
- ❖ The limit for general category candidates has been relaxed from 30 to 32 years.

INTERNATIONAL

TRIPS - CBD Linkage

- ❖ The International Conference on TRIPS- CBD Linkage will be held in Geneva on June 7-8, 2018 to revive WTO discussions on issues related to theft of traditional knowledge.
- ❖ International Conference on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) - Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- ❖ The conference will be organised jointly by Indian Government, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade and the South Centre, an inter-governmental organisation based in Geneva.

BACKGROUND

- ❖ In 2008, developing countries garnered the support of the European Union to form a coalition of 109 countries, which included the African and Caribbean and

Pacific Countries, for the TRIPS-CBD Linkage and seeking amendment of the TRIPS Agreement.

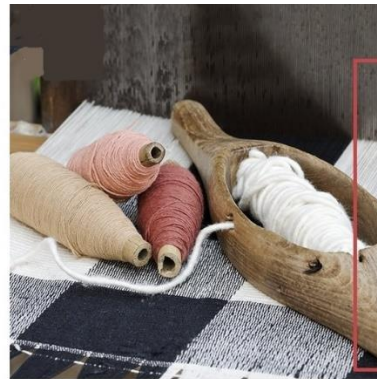
- ❖ TRIPS CBD Linkage is important for India and other developing countries because it seeks to address bio-piracy.
- ❖ The Convention on Biological Diversity is a multilateral agreement on sustainable development that has been ratified by 196 nations.
- ❖ The Convention entered into force on 29 December 1993.
- ❖ The convention calls for
 - Conservation of biological diversity
 - Sustainable use of its components
 - Fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilisation of genetic resources



SaveTraditionalKnowledge

CHECKING THEFT OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

India to host International Conference on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) - Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Linkage in Geneva



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Brazil, Indonesia, South Africa and other countries join hands with India to re-energise negotiations on issue of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) - Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Linkage



NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING (ABS)

Providing legal framework for fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources

International Conference on the TRIPS CBD Linkage

Spain's Prime Minister

- ❖ Socialist leader Pedro Sanchez has been sworn in as Spain's Prime Minister by King Felipe VI.
- ❖ Spain is the eurozone's No. 4 economy and an influential member of the European Union (EU).
- ❖ Mr. Sanchez is Spain's seventh Prime Minister since the return to democracy following the death of dictator Gen. Francisco Franco in 1975.



Prime Minister of Guinea

- ❖ President of the Republic of Guinea Alpha Conde has named Ibrahima Kassory Fofana as the country's new prime minister.
- ❖ Fofana, a Conde loyalist and former minister of investment and public-private partnerships, replaces Mamady Youla, who resigned last week along with his government.
- ❖ Guinea is Africa's top producer of bauxite, which is used to make aluminium. It also has significant reserves of iron ore.



RIMPAC 2018

- ❖ The world's largest international maritime warfare exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC-2018) will see participation of 26 countries, including India.
- ❖ The theme for this year's RIMPAC exercise is "Capable, Adaptive, Partners"
- ❖ The exercise will be held from June 27 to August 2, 2018 in and around Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.
- ❖ Four countries Brazil, Israel, Sri Lanka and Vietnam are participating for first time.
- ❖ New Zealand will be serving as sea combat commander in this edition of exercise, and Chile serving as combined force maritime component commander.
- ❖ This will be for the first time non-founding RIMPAC nation (Chile) will hold component commander leadership position.

About RIMPAC

- ❖ RIMPAC is the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise.
- ❖ It was held for first time in 1971, since the held biennially near Honolulu, Hawaii (US) during June and July of even-numbered years.
- ❖ It is hosted and administered by United States Navy's Pacific Fleet. Its headquarters is located at Pearl Harbour.
- ❖ This exercise is organised with the collaboration of Coast Guard, and Hawaii National Guard forces.



RIMPAC

CAPABLE - ADAPTIVE - PARTNERS



Jordan's new Prime Minister

- ❖ Jordan's King Abdullah II has formally appointed Omar al-Razzaz as the country's prime minister and tasked him with forming a new government.
- ❖ The appointment comes a day after King Abdullah II accepted the resignation of former Prime Minister Hani al-Mulki
- ❖ The appointment comes in a bid to defuse anger amid mass protests over price increases and an income tax reform bill.
- ❖ Al-Razzaz is a former World Bank economist and previously served as Jordan's education minister.



IBSA Ministerial Meet

- ❖ A meeting between external affairs ministers of India, Brazil and South Africa was organized in Pretoria, South Africa.
- ❖ This ministerial summit was chaired by India's External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.
- ❖ The outcome of this meeting was a document titled IBSA Declaration on South-South Cooperation.
- ❖ IBSA was established in 2003 via Brasilia Declaration by external affairs ministers of India, Brazil and South Africa.

STATES

Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya BimaYojana

- ❖ Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana is a new Health Insurance Scheme for the journalists launched by the Odisha state government.
- ❖ This scheme provides Rs. 2 Lakh per annum health insurance cover to all working journalists of the state.
- ❖ The scheme has been named after Gopalbandhu Das a prominent social worker, reformer, political activist, journalist, poet and essayist of Odisha.
- ❖ His contribution to art, culture and society to Odisha earned him the epithet of Utkalmani (jewel of Odisha).
- ❖ In the decade of 1910, he had launched a monthly literary magazine called Satyabadi through which he tried to educate the masses.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Environment Day – 05 June

- ❖ The World Environment Day was observed every year across the world on June 5 with an aim to increase worldwide awareness and encourage actions for the protection of environment.



- ❖ The Day was first celebrated in 1974.



- ❖ The theme of the World Environment Day 2018 was 'Beat Plastic Pollution'.
 - ❖ Every World Environment Day has a different global host country, where the official celebrations take place. In 2018, it is India.
 - ❖ For the year 2017, Canada was the Global Host country for the celebrations of World Environment Day.
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