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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Delhi government has announced to introduce a "happiness curriculum" in Delhi's government schools from the coming academic session. The curriculum will include meditation, moral values, and mental exercises and its core idea is to produce "Sarvagun Sampann" (versatile) professionals and human beings.
- ❖ Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of Vanijya Bhawan, a new office complex for the Union Department of Commerce, in New Delhi. It will be a completely paperless office with state-of-the-art-facilities.
- ❖ The Centre of Excellence in Maritime & Shipbuilding (CEMS), a well-funded start-up in skill development for maritime and shipbuilding sector, has announced setting up of 24 labs -6 in Mumbai and 18 in Vizag campus.
 - This is First-of-Its-Kind Infrastructure in Asia Pacific Region.
- ❖ The Uttarakhand High Court has banned whitewater river rafting, paragliding, and other water sports in the state until a policy on the same is framed by the Trivendra Singh Rawat-led government.
- ❖ Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), under the MSME Ministry has adopted Jagatpur village in Delhi for its Swachhata Abhiyaan or cleanliness drive.
- ❖ A 3-day National Yoga Olympiad was inaugurated at the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in CIET in New Delhi. This is the third consecutive year of National Yoga Olympiad of NCERT. Two books – Joy of Theatre and Sangeet training packages were released on the occasion.
- ❖ T. Armstrong Changsan (IFS: 1997), presently Consul General, Consulate General of India, Osaka-Kobe has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iceland.
- ❖ As strategic partners, India and Australia held the 10th Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism at New Delhi. The next meeting of the Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism shall be held in Australia in 2019.

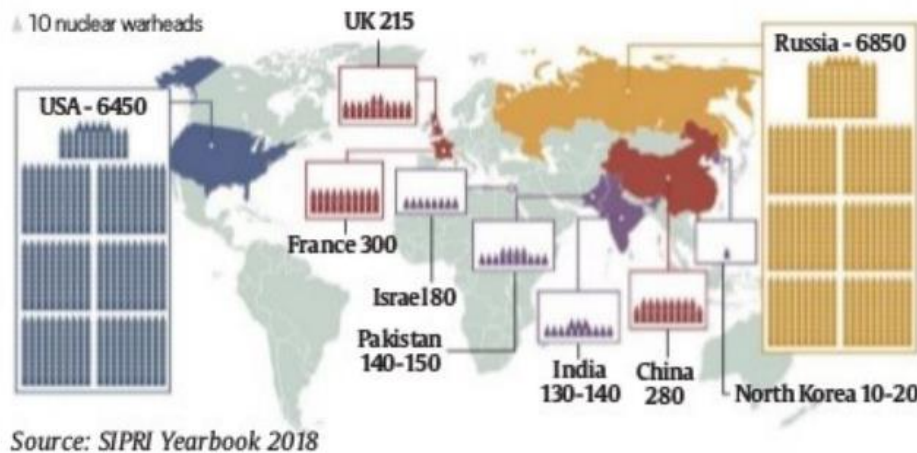
NATIONAL

Governor's Rule imposed in Jammu and Kashmir

- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to the imposition of Governor's rule in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ This is the eighth time in the last four decades J&K was put under Governor's rule and third time under J&K Governor N N Vohra tenure.
- ❖ The state Assembly has been put under suspended animation.
- ❖ The Union Home Ministry has appointed B.B. Vyas along with a super cop and anti-Naxal expert K. Vijay Kumar as advisers to Governor N.N. Vohra.
- ❖ Chhattisgarh-cadre IAS officer B.V.R. Subrahmanyam was on Wednesday appointed as the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir in place of B.B. Vyas.

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

- ❖ According to updated count by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the number of nuclear warheads with nine nuclear countries has reduced from 14,935 at the start of 2017 to 14,465 at the start of 2018.



- ❖ These nine countries are United States, Russia, Britain, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea.
- ❖ SIPRI is an independent think tank that uses open sources to compile such data since 1966.
- ❖ Russia (with 6850 nuclear warheads) and the US (with 6450 warheads) hold 92% of world's total nuclear warheads.

- ❖ The reduction is due to arms control commitments by US and Russia in 2010 Treaty on Measures for Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (New START Treaty).

National Health Mission (NHM) Report

- ❖ According to the 11th report of Common Review Mission of National Health Mission (NHM), women bear the uneven burden in family planning as they account for more than 93% of sterilizations in the country.
- ❖ In 2017-18 (till October) of the total 14,73,418 sterilization procedures 93.1 % were female sterilization (tubectomies) and only 6.8 % were male sterilization (vasectomy).
- ❖ The report was based on latest data from Health Management Information System (HMIS) where states upload data on various parameters of NHM including sterilizations.
- ❖ This is a marginal improvement from earlier years when women accounted for 98% of all sterilization in the country.
- ❖ Common Review Mission (CRM) is an external evaluation of the flagship NHM.

Report by McKinsey Global Institute (MGI) for the Asia-Pacific region

- ❖ According to a recent report by the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI) for the Asia-Pacific region, gender inequality in India is extremely high at the workplace and in terms of legal protection and political voice.
- ❖ India's score was 0.30 in gender equality at work and 0.78 in legal protection and political voice.
- ❖ It is behind Asia-Pacific average in all four categories of GPS, but ahead of Bangladesh and Pakistan.
- ❖ The report had assessed inequality on the basis of Gender Parity Score (GPS) that uses 15 indicators of gender equality in work and society under four broad categories.
- ❖ It ranks countries on a scale of 0 (signifying inequality) to 1 (signifying parity).



E.Sreedharan Committee

- ❖ Prime Minister has approved setting up of the committee to lay down standards for metro rail systems in the country.
- ❖ The committee will be headed by E.Sreedharan (famously known as metro man of India).
- ❖ It will come up with uniform standards for various components that will be followed by metro rail systems across the country.

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