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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Malaysia's king has approved the appointment of an ethnic Indian lawyer as the new attorney general, the first minority to hold the post in 55 years.
- ❖ Veteran producer Pippa Harris has been appointed as the new chair of British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA). Her tenure will last for two years.
- ❖ The Telangana government and Life Insurance Corporation of India signed a memorandum of understanding on Rythu Bandhu Life Insurance Scheme to give a life cover of 5 lakh to pattadar farmers.
- ❖ Rashid Khan became the fastest to reach 50 T20I wickets in terms of time taken during Afghanistan's first match versus Bangladesh in Dehradun.
 - He took two years and 220 days since his debut to take 50 wickets in T20 Internationals

INTERNATIONAL

President of UN General Assembly

- ❖ Ecuadorean Foreign Minister Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces was elected as the President of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- ❖ She will be succeeding Miroslav Lajcak, the current Assembly President.
- ❖ Poet and politician, Espinosa secured 128 votes against 62 votes obtained by UN Ambassador Mary Elizabeth Flores Flake of Honduras, the only other candidate.
- ❖ With this, Espinosa Garces became the fourth woman to head the UNGA.
- ❖ The previous women leaders of the Assembly were
 - India's Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit in 1953
 - Liberia's Angie Elisabeth Brooks in 1969 and
 - Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa of Bahrain in 2006.
- ❖ Espinosa is also the first woman ever from Latin America and the Caribbean to preside over the Assembly.



'World Peace' medallion

- ❖ Singapore has unveiled a 'World Peace' medallion to commemorate the upcoming summit between US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un.



- ❖ The medal is accompanied by the dove and olive branch motif, a biblical symbol of peace, as well as a rose and a magnolia, the national flowers of the two countries.

- ❖ The meeting between Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un will be the first ever between a sitting US President and a North Korean leader.
- ❖ In 2015, Singapore hosted a historic meeting of the leaders of Taiwan and China, for the first time since the 1949 civil war between Communists and Nationalist.

ECONOMY

Financial Literacy Week

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India, RBI, is organizing Financial Literacy Week from 4th June - 8th June across the nation.
- ❖ This year the theme is Customer Protection.
- ❖ The aim is to create financial awareness among bank customers about financial products and services, good financial practices and digitization.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Gaofen-6 satellite

- ❖ China has successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite which will be mainly used in agricultural resources research and disaster monitoring.
- ❖ The Gaofen-6 satellite was launched on a Long March-2D rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China.
- ❖ Gaofen-6 is the latest of a series of China High-resolution Earth Observation System (CHEOS) satellites.
- ❖ The satellite was developed by the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST), a subordinate to China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC).
- ❖ A scientific experiment satellite named Luojia-1 was sent into space at the same time.

ENVIRONMENT

Blue Flag Certification

- ❖ Odisha's Chandra bhaga Beach on the coast of Konark is set to become Asia's first to get the Blue Flag certification for maintaining cleanliness and environment standards.
- ❖ The blue flag certification is awarded to clean and environment-friendly beaches that strictly comply with 33 environment and tourism-related conditions.
- ❖ The standards were established by the Copenhagen-based Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) in 1985.
- ❖ As part of the 'Blue Flag Project' initiated by the Union Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) last year, 13 beaches across the country were selected by their respective State Governments.
- ❖ The Society of Integrated Coastal Management (SICoM) is facilitating the blue flag certification process by way of developing required infrastructure on the beaches.



STATES

First-Ever Global Investor Meet

- ❖ In a bid to boost the Jammu and Kashmir economy, the Mehbooba Mufti-led government is all set to host in July-end its first ever "global investors meet", aimed at harnessing hydro power potential of 20,000 megawatts in the state.
- ❖ According to the state economic survey 2017, J&K has exploited only about 16 % of the estimated 20,000 MW of hydro-power potential even as the energy demand has been growing gradually creating a wider demand-supply gap.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

World's highest-paid athlete –Forbes

- ❖ Boxing champion Floyd Mayweather has been named the world's highest-paid athlete by Forbes for the fourth time in seven years with \$285 million in earnings.
- ❖ Cristiano Ronaldo, who stood first the last two years, slipped to third with Lionel Messi grabbing the second spot.
- ❖ Kohli, the only sportsperson from India to be featured in the list, is ranked 83rd with earnings of USD 24 million.
- ❖ Others on the list are American basketball player LeBron James (6), Tennis star Roger Federer (7), golfer Tiger Woods (16), tennis player Rafael Nadal (20).



Youngest Author of India

- ❖ Four-year-old Ayan Gogoi Gohain of North Lakhimpur district, Assam was honoured with the 'Youngest Author of India' by The India Book of Records.
- ❖ Ayan Gogoi Gohain has been honoured with this title for his book 'Honeycomb'. The book was published in January 2018.



Apple design award

- ❖ A Chennai-based developer has won a design award for his app “Calzy 3” at the Apple’s Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) 2018.
- ❖ Developed by Raja Vijayaraman, “Calzy 3” is a highly customisable calculator that uses iOS technologies to offer features like Multitasking, Face ID and Touch ID.
- ❖ The Apple Design Awards recognise the creative artistry and technical achievements of developers who reflect the best in design, innovation and technology on Apple platforms.

SPORTS

ITTF Oman Open

- ❖ India's Suhana Saini claimed the gold medal in the Oman Junior and Cadet Open, an International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Premium Circuit event.
- ❖ The 12-year-old from Haryana beat Egypt’s Hana Goda in the Hopes Girls singles final 3-1 to annex the coveted title.

Maharashtra's youngest International Master

- ❖ Raunak Sadhwani of Nagpur has secured the title of International Master (IM) at a young age of 12.

- ❖ Raunak is the youngest International Master (IM) from Maharashtra and the second IM from Nagpur.
- ❖ The title of International Master is awarded to strong chess players. It is a lifetime title
- ❖ To get an International Master title, a player requires to clear three norms and maintain an international rating of 2400 'Elo' points.


