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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India's seafood exports crossed \$7-billion mark for the first time in 2017-18, with frozen shrimp and fish continuing to be the flagship export items. The US and South East Asia retained their positions as major import markets of India's seafood products, with a share of 32.76% and 31.59% respectively.
- ❖ The Election Commission (EC) has launched a Voter Identity cards with Braille signage features to ensure greater participation of persons with visual impairment in the electoral process.
 - The Commission also unveiled a strategic framework on 'Accessible Elections'.

NATIONAL

International Union Of Food Science And Technology 2018

- ❖ The International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST), announced the 19th edition of its prestigious global event to be held in Navi Mumbai, India in October 2018.
- ❖ IUFoST, the global voice of food science and technology in association with Indian National Science Academy (INSA) as adhering body is organising the event.
- ❖ The focal theme for this edition of the prestigious congress is 25 Billion Meals a Day by 2025 with Healthy, Nutritious, Safe and Diverse Foods.



INTERNATIONAL

Colombia's Chiribiquete park declared World Heritage Site

- ❖ The United Nations has placed Colombia's Chiribiquete national park on its list of world heritage sites.
- ❖ The park, which straddles the southern provinces of Caquetá and Guaviare, is the country's largest and has one of the highest rates of plant diversity in the northern Amazon.
- ❖ It is also famous for its table-top rock formations known as tepuis, which rise out of the forest.
- ❖ It is the ninth site in Colombia to be given world heritage status.
- ❖ Chiribiquete was first declared a national park in 1989. It is located on one of the world's oldest rock formations.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

'Khan Prahari' App launched

- ❖ Union Minister of Coal, Railways, Finance & Corporate Affairs, Piyush Goyal launched the Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) and Mobile Application 'Khan Prahari'.

- ❖ The app has been developed by CMPDI, Ranchi, a Subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Bhaskarcharya Institute of Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG).
- ❖ The CMSMS is a web based GIS application through which location of sites for unauthorised mining can be detected.
- ❖ The basic platform used in the system is of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology's (MeiTY) map which provides village level information.
- ❖ Khan Prahari is a tool for reporting any activity taking place related to illegal coal mining like rat hole mining, pilferage etc.

KHAN PRAHARI
A Tool For Reporting Illegal Coal Mining Incidents

- **Transparency** : Public will be provided an access to the system
- **Bias-free and Independent** : The system is based on satellite data
- **Deterrence Effect** : Surveillance system using space technology
- **Quicker Response**: The coal mining areas will be monitored regularly
- **Effective Follow-up**: Actions taken on triggers will be followed up at various levels

STATES

Annapurna Milk Distribution Scheme

- ❖ Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje launched the ambitious Annapurna Milk Scheme with an aim to improve health of school children.

- ❖ Under the 'Annapurna milk distribution scheme', nearly 62 lakh students studying in government schools and madrassas will be benefitted with fresh and pure milk thrice in a week.
- ❖ About 150 ml milk will be served to students of class 1 to 5 and 200 ml milk will be given to students of class 6 to 8.

SPORTS

Commonwealth Chess Championship 2018

- ❖ The Commonwealth Chess Championship 2018 were held at New Delhi, India from 25th June to 4th July 2018 organized by Delhi Chess Association.
- ❖ They were held in Open section, and from under 8 to under 20 for boys and girls.
- ❖ IM P. Karthikeyan of India was the surprising winner of the 2018 Commonwealth Chess Championship while Indian WGM and IM Tania Sachdev won the Commonwealth women's title.
- ❖ Shriyana Mallya, an 8-year-old chess prodigy from Mangaluru won the U-8 Girls' Commonwealth Chess Championship 2018.



MISCELLANEOUS

MAIDS Ranked ' Best Dental College ' In India

- ❖ The Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences (MAIDS) under the Government of NCT of Delhi has been ranked the "Best Dental College in India" for the seventh year in a row.
 - ❖ The MAIDS is the first and only dental hospital in India to be accredited by the National Accreditation of Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH).
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