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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has drafted fee regulations to put in place uniform fee framework to check frequent and arbitrary increases in school fees by unaided private schools.
 - NCPCR is country's apex child rights body. It will recommend these draft regulations to Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD).
- ❖ The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has adopted Resolution 2428 (2018) to impose an arms embargo on South Sudan, almost five years after ruinous civil war was started in infant country.
 - The resolution was drafted by United States and won minimum nine votes needed in favor to none against with 6 abstentions.
- ❖ President has nominated former MP Ram Shakal, RSS ideologue Rakesh Sinha, classical dancer Sonal Mansingh and stone artist Raghunath Mohapatra as members of Rajya Sabha. They were nominated as per Article 80(1)(a) of the Constitution, based on the recommendation of Council of Ministers.
 - Prior to these four nominations, there were eight nominated members in Rajya Sabha.
- ❖ Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved renewal of appointment of Prof Anil D Sahasrabudhe as the chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) till he attains the age of 65 years.
 - He was joined AICTE as Chairman in July 2015.
- ❖ European Union (EU) and Japan have signed Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). It was signed at EU-Japan summit in Tokyo by EU Presidents Jean-Claude Juncker and Donald Tusk and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.
 - It is biggest ever trade deal negotiated by the EU and creates free trade zone covering nearly third of the world's GDP.
- ❖ In a bid to make public places safer for women, the Kolkata Police launched a special all-women patrolling team called 'The Winners'.
- ❖ Grammy Award-winning Italian singer Laura Pausini has become Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).
- ❖ Former careered diplomat Dr. TCA Raghavan was appointed as the Director General (DG) of Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA). He was selected by

Governing Body and Governing Council of ICWA headed by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu.

- The post of DG is equivalent to the rank of Secretary to Government of India.

NATIONAL

Bansagar canal project Inaugurated

- ❖ Prime Minister inaugurated 171 km long Bansagar canal project in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Bansagar Dam project is a joint venture (JV) between Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar Governments.
- ❖ It is multipurpose river valley project built on Son River situated in Ganges Basin in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The canal network will bring waters from Shahdol district in Madhya Pradesh for Adwa Barrage, Meza Dam and Jirgo reservoir.

INTERNATIONAL

Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

- ❖ United Nations for first time has finalized Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration to better manage international migration.
- ❖ The aim of the compact is to address the challenges of international migration, strengthen migrant rights and contribute to sustainable development.
- ❖ The compact is the first intergovernmental agreement to cover wide-ranging dimensions of international migration in holistic and comprehensive manner.
- ❖ It was agreed upon by all the UN member states minus the United States. It is not legally binding.

Scottish site selected for first spaceport

- ❖ UK Space Agency has selected site at Sutherland on A'Mhoine peninsula on north coast of Scotland for its first spaceport to launch rockets vertically and put satellites in orbit.

- ❖ Rockets can take direct path from tip of Scottish peninsula to above Arctic Circle.

ECONOMY

Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers secures trademark

- ❖ Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has secured image trademark for its iconic building, Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers located on Dalal Street in Mumbai, Maharashtra under Trade Marks Act, 1999.
- ❖ With this, Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers joins elite club of distinguished structures around the world that have secured trademark rights.
- ❖ Mumbai's Taj Mahal Palace hotel was first building in India to acquire image trademark under Trademark Act of 1999 in June 2017.
- ❖ Other iconic structures (buildings) in the world that have received trademarks are
 - Empire State Building, New York, US
 - Eiffel Tower, Paris, France
 - Opera House, Sydney, Australia etc.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

BEL inks MoU with Swedish firm Saab

- ❖ State-owned defence electronics company Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has signed MoU with Saab for jointly marketing L-Band 3D air surveillance radar (RAWL-03).
- ❖ The air surveillance radar RAWL-03 is co-developed by the companies.
- ❖ RAWL-03 is long range air surveillance radar for early detection and tracking of air and surface targets.
- ❖ It can be fitted in both ship-borne and land-based configurations. Its system is based on state-of-the-art GaN TR module technology
- ❖ BEL is state-owned leading defence electronics company. It is one of nine PSUs under the Union Ministry of Defence of India.
- ❖ It has been accorded Navratna status. It is headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

America's richest self-made women

- ❖ Forbes has released its annual ranking of America's richest self-made women.
- ❖ The list measures the wealth of the top 60 richest women in the United States who built their fortunes without the help of an inheritance.
- ❖ The minimum net worth needed to make this year's list is \$320 million, up from \$260 million last year.
- ❖ Diane Hendricks, co-founder and chairman of ABC Supply, the nation's largest roofing distributor, reclaims the top spot, with a net worth of \$4.9 billion.
- ❖ Marian Ilitch, worth \$4.3 billion, falls to the No. 2 spot.
- ❖ 20-yr-old Kylie Jenner youngest among US richest self-made women, with a net worth of \$900 million.
- ❖ Two Indian-origin women featured on this list are
 - Computer networking company Arista Networks CEO, Jayshree Ullal (ranked 18th with a fortune of \$1.3 billion) and
 - IT consulting firm Syntel Co-Founder Neerja Sethi (ranked 21st with \$1-billion).
- ❖ The 60 women on the list have a record combined fortune of \$71 billion.

SPORTS

Winners of 2018 Wimbledon Championships

- ❖ The 2018 Wimbledon Championships tournament was held at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, London, United Kingdom.
- ❖ It was the **132nd edition** of the championships and **51st edition** in the Open Era.
- ❖ Mike Bryan and Jack Sock pair from United States won the **Men's Doubles** by defeating Raven Klaasen (South Africa) and Michael Venus (New Zealand) pair.
- ❖ Barbora Krejčíková and Kateřina Siniaková pair from Czech Republic won the **Women's Doubles title** by defeating Květa Peschke, 6 (Czech Republic) and Nicole Melichar (US).
- ❖ Alexander Peya (Austria) and Nicole Melichar (US) pair won the **Mixed Doubles** won by defeating Jamie Murray (UK) and Victoria Azarenka (Belarus).

Asia Cup Archery

- ❖ India has bagged four medals in the Asia Cup World Archery Ranking Tournament Stage 3 in Taipei, Taiwan.
- ❖ The feat comprised 3 silver medals and a bronze.
- ❖ India also finished joint third with Iran in the championship.
- ❖ India ended their campaign behind toppers Korea and hosts Chinese Taipei.
- ❖ Korea topped the tally with 14 medals, 8 of them being gold. Taipei bagged 5 medals, two of them being gold.

Hima Das

- ❖ Hima Das made history by becoming India's first ever track and field gold medallist at the IAAF World Championships, when she aced the women's 400 m event at the IAAF World U-20 Championships in Tampere, Finland.
- ❖ The 18-year-old from Assam clocked 51.46 seconds, edging out Romania's Andrea Milkos (silver) and America's Taylor Manson (bronze).

IMPORTANT DAYS

NABARD Foundation Day - 12 July

- ❖ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has completed 36 years of service to the nation and celebrated the 37th Foundation Day on 12th July.
 - ❖ A national seminar on 'Collectivisation and Market linkages: Farmers Producers Organizations' was organized in Mumbai.
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