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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Lok Sabha has passed Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018 that aims to curb practice of evading criminal prosecution by economic offenders fleeing from country to evade clutches Indian law by remaining outside jurisdiction of Indian courts.
 - The bill will replace an ordinance promulgated by President in April 2018.
- ❖ Parliament has passed State Banks (Repeal and Amendment) Bill, 2017 to merge six subsidiary banks with State Bank of India after it was approved by Rajya Sabha.
 - The bill already has been passed in Lok Sabha in 2017 Monsoon session of Parliament.
- ❖ Myanmar joined the India-initiated International Solar Alliance (ISA), thus, becoming the 68th signatory to the Framework Agreement of the ISA that aims for optimum utilisation of solar energy.
- ❖ India and Japan held the fourth round of Maritime Affairs Dialogue in New Delhi.
- ❖ Jana Small Finance Bank has announced the commercial launch of its banking operations, the last microfinance company to convert itself into a small finance bank (SFB), 3 years after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) gave its in-principle approval.
- ❖ The 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup, the women's tournament will be held in France. The quadrennial international men's football championship - 2022 FIFA World Cup is scheduled to take place in Qatar.
- ❖ The Goa government has announced a 15-day ban on import of Goa's staple diet from all states, nearly a week after the food and drug administration of USA (FDA) found formalin in fish imported from other states at Goa's only wholesale fish market in Margao.
 - Formalin, a carcinogen, is used as a preservative in storing fish is considered to be toxic.

NATIONAL

Delhi Dialogue (DD X)

- ❖ The 10th edition of Delhi Dialogue (DD X) was held in New Delhi and was hosted by Union External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.
- ❖ The theme for this edition was “Strengthening India-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation”.
- ❖ DD X was organised by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in partnership with the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS).
- ❖ This was the first major event organised after ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit, which was held in New Delhi in January 2018.
- ❖ Delhi Dialogue is premier annual event to discuss politico-security, economic and socio-cultural engagement between India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).
- ❖ It has been held annually since 2009.
- ❖ The theme of ninth edition of dialogue was “ASEAN-India Relations: Charting the Course for the Next 25 Years”.
- ❖ It had marked the 25th anniversary of ASEAN-India Partnership.

Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013

- ❖ Rajya Sabha has passed Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013 to amend various provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA), 1988.
- ❖ The amendment to PCA, 1988 was necessitated to its review existing provisions to bring it in line with United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) as agreed by India.



WHAT'S NEW AND HOW IT'S DIFFERENT

Changes to the Prevention of Corruption Act, which have been cleared by the Union cabinet

Change 1: Fresh provisions under Section 7(2) differentiates between honest errors and corrupt motives

Existing: Law criminalises a public servant's act even in the absence of any *mens rea* (a criminal state of mind)

Change 2: Extend protection of prior sanction for prosecution to public servants who cease to hold office because of retirement, resignation etc

Existing: No such protection to retired public servants

Change 3: Prior sanction has to be taken from the Lokpal or Lokayukta for inquiring into and investigating "offences relating to recommendations made or decision taken by a public servant in discharge of official functions or duties"

Existing: No sanction needed

Change 4: Longer prison term from minimum 3 years to maximum 7 years in corruption case for both bribe giver and bribe taker. The seven-year imprisonment brings corruption under the heinous crime category

Existing: Minimum six months. Maximum five years

Change 5: Attachment powers for trial court (special judge) instead of the district court

Existing: Attachment requires permission from district judges, which is often time-consuming

Change 6: Finish trial within two years

Existing: No timeframe. Four-year average is above 8 years

Change 7: Ambit expanded from individual bribe-givers to commercial entities

Existing: Action against only private individuals, not entities he or she is associated with

Change 8: Guidelines for commercial organisations to prevent persons associated with them from bribing a public servant. This essentially makes corporate bribery punishable

Existing: No mention of this

Change 9: Intentional enriching by public servants will be construed as criminal misconduct and possession of disproportionate assets as proof of such illicit enrichment

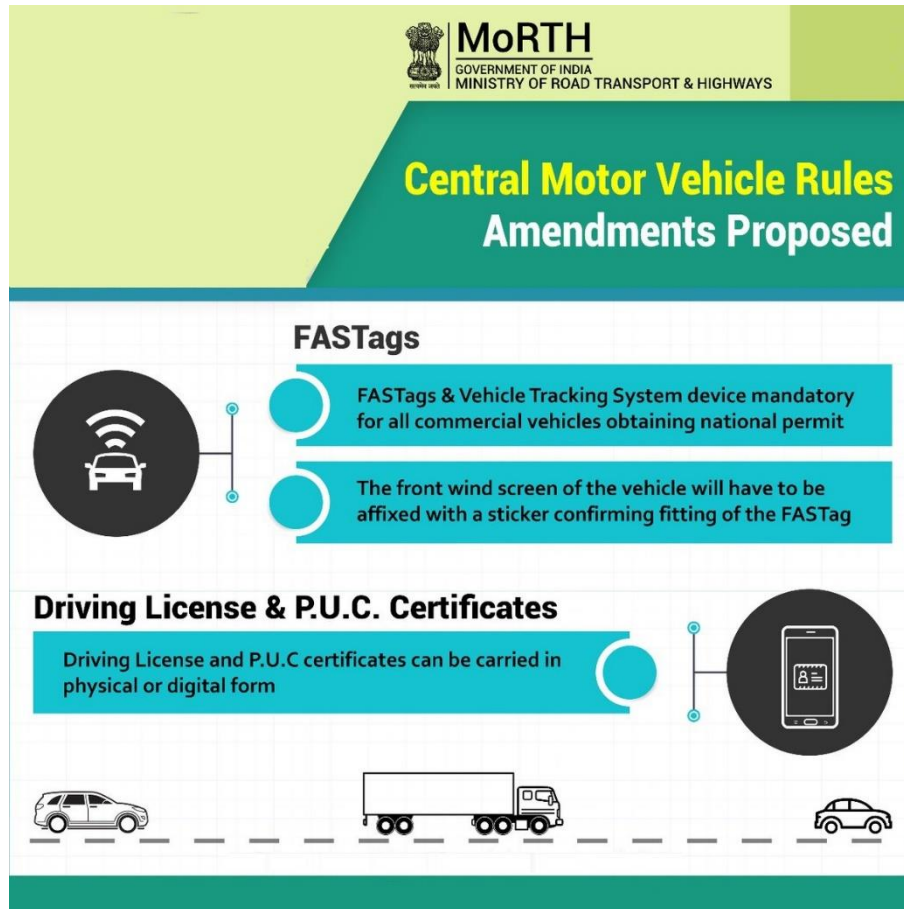
Existing: No such definition

Change 10: Non-monetary gratification included in ambit of gratification

Existing: Non-monetary gratification not specified

Amendments to Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989

- ❖ Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has issued draft amendments to Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
- ❖ It made Vehicle Tracking System device and FASTags mandatory for all commercial vehicles obtaining national permit.



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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

Central Motor Vehicle Rules Amendments Proposed

FASTags

- FASTags & Vehicle Tracking System device mandatory for all commercial vehicles obtaining national permit
- The front wind screen of the vehicle will have to be affixed with a sticker confirming fitting of the FASTag

Driving License & P.U.C. Certificates

- Driving License and P.U.C certificates can be carried in physical or digital form

Icons: Car, Truck, Car

No confidence motion against NDA Government

- ❖ On July 18, 2018, Kesineni Srinivas, an MP from the BJP's former ally Telugu Desam Party moved a no-confidence motion against the NDA government.
- ❖ Speaker of the Lok Sabha Sumitra Mahajan accepted the motion and set the date for debate and voting as July 20, 2018.
- ❖ So far, 26 no-confidence motions have been moved in Lok Sabha since Independence.
- ❖ Acharya Kripalani moved the first no-confidence motion in August 1963, immediately after the India-China war.
- ❖ Indira Gandhi as Prime Minister faced the most number of no-confidence motions – 15.
- ❖ All the no-confidence motions have been defeated except when Prime Minister Morarji Desai resigned during the discussions in July 1979.



- ❖ No-confidence motion, the 27th in Parliamentary history, is the first to be admitted in 15 years.
- ❖ The last was in 2003 when the Congress party moved a no-confidence motion against prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ First-ever no-confidence motion was moved in 1963 ➤ Total 26 so far (the one on July 20 will be 27th) ➤ Indira Gandhi govt had faced maximum number of no-confidence motion 15 	Three in last 25 years
	July 1993 Against the Narasimha Rao govt after Babri Masjid demolition (Govt won confidence vote)
	April 1999 Against the Vajpayee govt (Govt lost by one vote)
	August 2003 Against the Vajpayee govt (Govt won confidence vote)
	July 2008 It was a trust vote after CPM-led Left Front withdrew support from the Manmohan Singh govt over the Indo-US nuclear deal. Govt proved its majority

INTERNATIONAL

BRICS Media Forum

- ❖ The BRICS Media Forum has opened in Cape Town, South Africa to discuss media's role and responsibility in strengthening the BRICS narrative and measures to enhance new media cooperation in BRICS countries.
- ❖ The 3rd BRICS Media forum is being held under the theme of "BRICS Media Cooperation - Fostering an Inclusive, Just World Order,"
- ❖ The forum is co-hosted by South Africa's Independent Media and China's Xinhua News Agency.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

'Aabhar-Aapki seva ka'

- ❖ Chhattisgarh CM Raman Singh launched an online portal and mobile app called '**Aabhaar-Aapki seva ka**' for the online pensioners of the state.
- ❖ This would be implemented by **Online Pension Management System**.

- ❖ This online management system has been prepared by the Department of Finance for the pensioners by the Directorate of Funds, Accounts and Pension.

ENVIRONMENT

“Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan”

- ❖ National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) organised “Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan” in five main stream Ganga basin states – Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.
- ❖ This week-long afforestation drive was organised during July 9 to July 15, 2018 as ‘**Shubharambh Saptah**’.
- ❖ State Forest Departments of the 5 basin states were made the nodal agencies.
- ❖ Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs) were made the district level Nodal Officers and Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) at the State level for organizing the events.

STATES

World’s Best Cities report

- ❖ According to Travel + Leisure’s World’s Best Cities report, the city of Udaipur has ranked 3rd among the 15 of the world’s best cities.
- ❖ The top 2 cities are both in Mexico: San Miguel de Allende and Oaxaca.
- ❖ The ranks were given based on sights and landmarks, culture, cuisine, friendliness, shopping, and overall value.
- ❖ Earlier in 2009 it has ranked 1st in the list making it ‘best city in the world to visit’. And in 2017 also it has received the 3rd rank.
- ❖ Udaipur is also known as both the City of Lakes and the Venice of the East and it occupies a stunning location on the banks of Lake Pichola in south Rajasthan.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP)

- ❖ Arman Ali was appointed as Executive Director of National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP).
- ❖ He will succeed Javed Abidi and take over his new role in October 2018.
- ❖ Arman has played pivotal role in bringing disability sector together in North East by forming network of organisations from seven states.
- ❖ He has been the head of Shishu Sarothi – Centre for Rehabilitation & Training for Multiple Disability since 2009.
- ❖ NCPEDP is India's only cross-disability advocacy organisation working towards empowerment of persons with disabilities. It is headquartered in New Delhi.

Entrepreneur of the year Award

- ❖ Vivek Srivastava, Co – Founder & CEO, Healthcare at HOME (HCAH) won the prestigious, Entrepreneur of the year Award for healthcare services at 8th Annual Entrepreneur India award.
- ❖ The ceremony was organized by Entrepreneur India Media in association with Franchise India and in media partnership with Zee Business at Hotel J W Marriott, Aerocity, New Delhi.

SPORTS

Junior Asian wrestling Championships

- ❖ India claimed four medals, including two silver and a bronze, on the opening day of the Junior Asian Championships in New Delhi.
- ❖ India's Greco Roman wrestler Sajjan (right) emerged as the champion in the 77kg category and won the gold medal.
- ❖ Vijay and Aryan Pawar settled for silver medals. Kumar Sunil won bronze in the 87kg.

Asian Games 2018

- ❖ Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh was officially appointed as the Chef de Mission (CDM) of the Indian contingent for the upcoming 18th Asian Games.
- ❖ 2018 edition of the Asian Games is going to be held in twin cities of Jakarta and Palembang from August 19 to September 2.
- ❖ Along with the CDM, four Deputy Chef de Missions have also been appointed.
- ❖ The four Deputy Chef de Missions are
 - Raj Kumar Sacheti,
 - Col Satyavrat Sheoran,
 - Balbir Singh Kushwaha and
 - Dev Kumar Singh.

MISCELLANEOUS

RBI to issue new 100-rupee notes

- ❖ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will shortly issue new Rs. 100 denomination banknotes in lavender colour in Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series.
- ❖ The front side of new Rs. 100 note depicts Mahatma Gandhi's face and back side features motif of "RANI KI VAV", highlighting the country's cultural heritage.
- ❖ Rani ki Vav, a UNESCO world heritage stepwell site in Patan, Gujarat built in memory the 11th century king Bhima.

NEW ₹100 CURRENCY NOTE

COLOUR: LAVENDER/VIOLET DIMENSIONS: 142MM WIDTH, 66MM HEIGHT

DESIGN ELEMENTS

- **Rani Ki Vav (Queen's stepwell)** (UNESCO World Heritage Site Located at Gujarat's Patan)
- **Swachh Bharat logo** and slogan
- **Gandhi ji's Portrait**



FEATURES FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

- **Intaglio or raised printing** of Mahatma Gandhi Portrait, Ashoka Pillar emblem.
- **Raised Triangular Identification Mark** with micro-text 100
- **Four Angular Bleed Lines** both on the right and left sides of the note