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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Authority (TNSDMA) started 'Real-time flood forecasting and spatial decision support system'. It will provide advanced flood forecasting and the likelihood of inundation in their respective areas for city residents.
- ❖ Binoy Kumar, IAS has appointed as a Secretary to Ministry of Steel, Government of India.
- ❖ The Kerala government has decided to appoint KPMG, largest professional service companies in the world, as project consultant partner for rebuilding the state ravaged by massive floods.
- ❖ Sunil Mehta, MD, and CEO of Punjab National Bank has been elected as the new Chairman of Indian Bank's Association (IBA) for 2018-19.
- ❖ Odisha government signed MoU with 'Malaria Elimination Trust' and US-based 'Malaria No More' to prepare a concrete roadmap and to create greater awareness about Malaria.
- ❖ Vodafone M-Pesa Ltd's Former MD, Suresh Sethi, has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB). He succeeded A.P. Singh who had been the interim MD & CEO of IPPB since January 2017.
- ❖ India & Nepal prime ministers jointly inaugurated a 400-bed Nepal-Bharat Maitri Pashupati Dharamshala, a rest house for pilgrims which is built with the Indian assistance in Kathmandu.
- ❖ Union Home Ministry has announced that Census 2021 for the first time in independent India will collect data on Other Backwards Castes (OBCs).
 - This comes more than 25 years after implementation of 27% reservation for OBCs based on Mandal Commission's recommendations the basis of last caste data collected in 1931 census.
- ❖ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the re-appointment of managing director and chief executive officer Rana Kapoor till further notice. Kapoor's tenure was supposed to end on 1 September.
- ❖ Seventh meeting of National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) of Ministry of AYUSH was held under the chairpersonship of Minister of AYUSH at New Delhi
- ❖ Congress MP Kapil Sibal will be releasing a new book titled "Shades of Truth: A Journey Derailed" which is authored by him.

- ❖ Indian poet Abhay K. has become the first Indian poet invited to record his poems at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. in 'The Poet and the Poem' series conducted by poet Grace Cavalieri.
- ❖ R Madhavan took over as Chairman and Managing Director of defense PSU- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) from T Suvarna Raju.
- ❖ Justice Ranjan Gogoi will take over as the new Chief Justice of India on October 3, 2018. His name has been recommended by CJI Dipak Misra to the government.
- ❖ The first International Kho Kho Championships is being held in England from September 1 to 4.
- ❖ Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport has been renamed as Chhatrapati Shivaji 'Maharaj' International Airport.

NATIONAL

India post payments bank

- ❖ Prime Minister launched the India post payments bank (IPPB) on September 01, 2018
- ❖ Through the India Post Payments Bank, banking services will conveniently reach the remotest places in the country, and the people living there.
- ❖ It will provide services through the post offices and 'Grameen Dak Sewaks'.
- ❖ IPPB is one more step to achieve Jan Dhan Yojana's objective.

National Nutrition Week – September 1 to 7

- ❖ The National Nutrition Week will be observed throughout the country from 1st to 7th September.
- ❖ Food and Nutrition Board of the Ministry of Women & Child Development was organizing the event.
- ❖ The basic objective of this annual event is to intensify awareness generation on the importance of nutrition for health which has an impact on development, productivity, economic growth and ultimately National development.



- ❖ The theme for National Nutrition Week 2018 is 'Go Further with Food' and in 2017 it was 'Optimal Infant & Young Child Feeding Practices: Better Child Health'.

INTERNATIONAL

MoU between India and Nepal

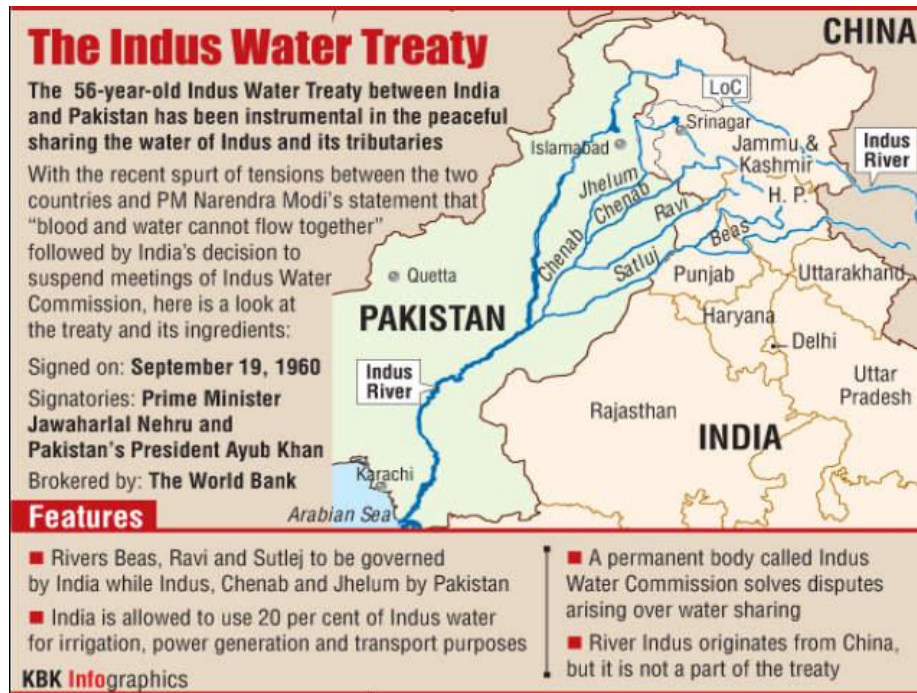
- ❖ India and Nepal signed a MoU to build a strategic railway line connecting Bihar's Raxual city to Kathmandu on side-lines of 4th BIMSTEC Summit held in Nepal.
- ❖ This rail line is expected to expand connectivity by enhancing people-to-people linkages between the two countries and promoting economic growth and development
- ❖ There are three other railway projects in the pipeline — New Jalpaiguri-Kakarbhitta, Nautanwa-Bhairahawa and Nepalgunj Road-Nepalgunj.

International Ayurveda Congress (IAvC)

- ❖ Minister of AYUSH inaugurated the Fourth International Ayurveda Congress (IAvC) at the Netherlands.
- ❖ It would focus on promotion and propagation of Ayurveda in the Netherlands and its neighboring countries of Europe.
- ❖ The Congress jointly organized by International Maharishi Ayurveda Foundation, Netherlands; All India Ayurvedic Congress, New Delhi and the International Academy of Ayurveda, Pune in association with the Indian Embassy in the Netherlands.

Indus Waters Treaty - 115th meeting

- ❖ 115th meeting of the India-Pakistan Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) held in Lahore, Pakistan.
- ❖ In this meeting, technical discussions were held on implementation of various hydroelectric projects under the provisions of Indus Waters Treaty including Pakal Dul (1000 MW) and Lower Kalnai (48 MW) in Jammu and Kashmir.



- ❖ Both the countries agreed to undertake the Treaty-mandated tours of both the Indus Commissioners in the Indus basin on both sides.

China-Maldives Friendship Bridge

- ❖ The China-Maldives Friendship Bridge, the first cross-sea bridge in the Maldives, opened to traffic. It connects Maldives capital city Male and neighboring Hulhule island.
- ❖ It is an iconic project of the Maldives and China in co-building the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road.



STATES

Punjab launched PUDA 360

- ❖ Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh launched PUDA 360, an e-properties module to facilitate online property transactions
- ❖ It will bring greater efficiency and transparency in the functioning of Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA).
- ❖ The online process would also make the e-auction more convenient and give a common platform to the promoters/builders/individuals for advertising their projects/properties online.
- ❖ It would also help to check delays in sanction of Building Plans, issuance of No Objection Certificate, issuance of Conveyance Deed and Transfer of Property etc.

'Mil Banchey Madhya Pradesh'

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh government organized a day-long mass teaching programme, 'Mil Banchey Madhya Pradesh' (Let's read together, Madhya Pradesh).
- ❖ The objective of this Programme is to raise awareness about the importance of education.
- ❖ In this program, people from various sections of society (people' representative, motivators etc..) can participate as volunteers and read knowledgeable books of curriculum to motivate students.

SPORTS

Most Valuable Player (MVP)

- ❖ Japanese swimmer Rikako Ikee became the first female athlete to be named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) at an Asian Games.



- ❖ She won six gold and two silver medals. She received \$50,000 in prize money.
- ❖ Prior to her North Korean shooter So Gin-man only set a record with seven golds and a silver at New Delhi in 1982.

Second Fastest Indian to Reach 6000 Test Runs

- ❖ Virat Kohli becomes the second fastest Indian to reach 6000 Test runs.
- ❖ Kohli reached the milestone in 119 innings which is quicker than Sachin Tendulkar (120) and Sir Vivian Richards (120).



- ❖ However, Sunil Gavaskar is the fastest after he did so in 117 innings.
