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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit unveiled the statue of Lakshmana Iyer, a freedom fighter from Gobichettipalayam, who dedicated his life for the welfare of the lesser-privileged.
- ❖ Justice Tahira Safdar become the first woman chief justice of a Balochistan high court, Pakistan.
 - Earlier she became the first woman civil judge in 1982 at Balochistan court.
- ❖ Rajasthan govt has decided to organise special employment camps in all district headquarters of the state to give govt jobs to at least one person from the family of those who were martyred after 1947 but none of their kin was given a job
- ❖ Prime Minister released “Moving on... Moving forward: A year in office”, a book authored by Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu.
- ❖ Chennai port (ChPT) has become the first major port to handle a very large crude carrier (VLCC) inside the port basin. The VLCC New Diamond was the largest ship to be handled by the port till date.
- ❖ CEO of Niti Aayog announced that India will shortly unveil a one-nation-one-card policy for public transport that will bring seamless connectivity between various modes of transport

TAMIL NADU

Coastal Zone Management plan

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government submitted the final draft of ‘Coastal zone management plan’ to the Union ministry of Environment, Forests and climate change.
- ❖ The plan divides 1,076km long coastline into 6 categories (6 CRZs - Coastal Regulation Zone) to preserve its marine ecology, covering 13 TN coastal districts and 28 islands.
- ❖ They are named as CRZ IA, CRZ IB, CRZ II, CRZ III, CRZ IVA and CRZ IVB.
- ❖ The state has 1 Marine National Park, Gulf of Mannar.

NATIONAL

Draft rules on sale of drugs by e-pharmacies

- ❖ Union Health Ministry released draft rules on sale of drugs by e-pharmacies to regulate online sale of medicines across India.
- ❖ It is aimed to provide patients accessibility to genuine drugs from authentic online portals.
- ❖ As per draft rules no person will distribute or sell, stock, exhibit or offer for sale of drugs through e-pharmacy portal unless registered.
- ❖ The new draft rules require e-pharmacies to be registered with the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) and obtain a trade licence through the online portal.

First review meeting of Department of Official Language

- ❖ Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh chaired first review meeting of the Department of Official Language.
- ❖ This meeting aimed to discuss the functioning and issues related to implementation of Hindi language in official work.
- ❖ Also, the department has developed a computer software called “Kanthasth” for translating the all kinds of official files from English to Hindi and vice versa to make the translation work simpler and quicker.
- ❖ An E-learning platform called the “Pravah” also developed by the department for use in 16 Indian languages including English. It will be launched on Hindi Diwas on 14th September, 2018.
- ❖ Anybody can learn Hindi through his mother tongue with the help of this E-learning platform.
- ❖ Previously, ‘Lila’ Mobile App launched for making the learning of Hindi language easier on 2017 Hindi Diwas.

INTERNATIONAL

UN World Tourism Organisation 2017 Report

- ❖ According to the report international arrivals reached 1.323 million last year.
- ❖ India leads the chart of growth in the South Asian region with a total of 15.54 million in 2017 (14.57 million in 2016)
- ❖ Europe and Africa led the regions with increases in arrivals, with growth of 8% and 9%, respectively.
- ❖ Top 7 tourism destinations are China, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Tsunami mock drill 'IOWave18'

- ❖ Indian Ocean Wave Exercise 2018 (IOWave18) began on September 4, 2018 in the Indian Ocean. India along with 23 other nations is participating in this major Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock drill.
- ❖ This warning exercise is being organised by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.
- ❖ The exercise will involve the evacuation of more than 125000 people from the coastal communities of 9 states and UTs
- ❖ In India, IOWave18 is being coordinated by Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) under Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) with support from National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the Coastal States/UTs.

STATES

Vibrant Gujarat' summit

- ❖ Gujarat Government has partnered with a top India-centric American advocacy group for the January 2019 Vibrant Gujarat summit.
- ❖ Vibrant Gujarat 2019 is focused on 'Ideas for a New India'
- ❖ US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum's (USISPF) Chairman John Chambers, will lead a high-level CEO delegation to the summit.

SPORTS

18th Asian Games Concluded

- ❖ 18th edition of Asian Games concluded on September 02,2018.
- ❖ China topped the medal list with 289 medals followed by Japan (205) and Korea (177).
- ❖ India won 15 Gold, 24 Silver and 30 Bronze medals and equalled its previous best medal tally of 69.

ISSF World Shooting Championship

- ❖ 52nd ISSF World Shooting Championships are held in Changwon, South Korea from 2 to 14 September 2018.
 - ❖ In this championship,
 - Arjun Singh Cheema won the gold in individual junior men's 50m pistol
 - Arjun singh cheema, Gaurav rana and Anmol Jain won the Gold in Junior team event
 - Manisha Keer won silver medal in the junior women's trap event
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