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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Japan and Gujarat have signed agreements to promote bilateral cooperation in culture, business, and interaction between the academia.
- ❖ First state assembly of Telangana has been dissolved nine months before the term of the House expires based on the recommendation of Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao and his Cabinet. It paves the way for early polls in the state.
- ❖ Dr.Poonam Singh re-elected for 2nd term as Regional Director WHO South-East Asia.
 - She was the first woman to have been elected to the position of Regional Director for WHO South-East Asia Region.
- ❖ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has sanctioned an amount of Rs 335 crore under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to West Bengal.
 - It would be used for 158 minor irrigation projects and 23 flood protection projects.
- ❖ India will host the FIBA 3x3 (International Basketball Federation) World Tour Masters, one of the most prestigious basketball tournaments in the world.
- ❖ President of India and Bulgarian President jointly unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi at South Park, Sofia.
- ❖ International Camel Derby 2018 edition was held at Maralal town in Kenya. It is Kenya's best known and most prestigious camel race that attracts both local and international competitors.
- ❖ BSNL appointed, Indian boxer MC Mary Kom as its brand ambassador for two years.
- ❖ India and Bulgaria signed four MoUs on Investment, Tourism, Civil Nuclear Cooperation and Establishment of Hindi Chair at Sofia University.
- ❖ A Conference on "E-Mobility in Indian Railways", organized by Ministry of Railways through Institution of Railways Electrical Engineers (IREE) in association with NITI Aayog, was held in Delhi.
- ❖ Software major Adobe signed a MoU with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to launch an "Adobe Digital Disha" programme across vocational institutes in India.

- ❖ State-run Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has bagged order worth Rs. 9,200 crores for the supply of seven Long Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM) systems to Indian Navy.
- ❖ India will buy 18 bullet train sets worth Rs 7,000 crore from Japan. The deal will include a pledge to transfer technology for local production.
 - It is part of the government's plan to launch country's first high-speed rail corridor by 2022.
- ❖ Union government has decided to make the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) an open-ended scheme and added more incentives to encourage people to open bank accounts.
 - Government doubles up overdraft facility from Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000.

NATIONAL

New Ganga clean-up law

- ❖ Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation has prepared a draft Bill which proposes setting up armed Ganga Protection Corps (GPC).
- ❖ This force will have the power to arrest any person who has committed the offence of polluting River Ganga punishable under this law.
- ❖ This Bill calls for National Ganga Council and National Ganga Rejuvenation Authority to enforce the law and protect Ganga River.

IPC Section 377 Verdict

- ❖ Five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court decriminalised homosexuality by partially striking down the colonial era provisions of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).
- ❖ As per the verdict, Section 377 would not apply to consensual same-sex acts between homosexuals, heterosexuals, lesbians and other sexual minorities.
- ❖ But it would apply to bestiality and sexual acts without consent by one of them.



- ❖ India becomes the 125th country to decriminalize homosexuality.

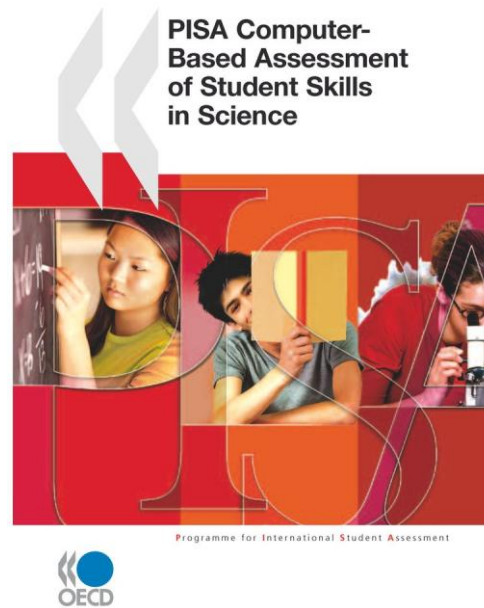
INTERNATIONAL

SLINEX-2018

- ❖ Sri Lanka Navy and Indian Navy Joint exercise SLINEX-2018 held at Trincomalee from September 7 to 13.
- ❖ This exercise, which was previously held once in two years, has been converted into an annual event this year onwards.
- ❖ It aims to enhance cooperation in the maritime domain and to further strengthen mutual trust and interoperability between the two navies.
- ❖ It will be conducted in two phases, namely the Harbour and Sea Phase.

PISA 2021

- ❖ Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry has officially decided to participate in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), after a gap of nine years.



- ❖ PISA is an assessment test for 15-year-olds, organized every three years by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation Development (OECD), Paris, France.

ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Conference

- ❖ 3rd ASEM Conference on “Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons” was held at Seoul, South Korea.
- ❖ The Indian delegation was led by Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment. International Institutions including the United Nations, regional Institutions such as UNESCAP (UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific), UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe), European Union, ASEAN, GANHRI (Global Alliance for National Human Rights Institutions) and other International NGOs also attended this Conference.
- ❖ It was jointly organized by South Korea and National Human Rights Commission of Korea.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

First mid-air refueling of combat jet

- ❖ Indian Air Force has successfully carried out the first ever mid-air refueling of the indigenously developed Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA).

- ❖ Russian-built IL-78 MKI tanker transferred fuel to a Tejas MK I aircraft.



- ❖ This test involved dry linkup, meaning no fuel was actually transferred between IAF IL-78 tanker and Tejas fighter jet through its air-to-air refueling probe.

First Overseas Ground Base

- ❖ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has planned to set up first overseas ground station at the north pole
- ❖ It would strengthen the Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) operations that are crucial needs like disaster management and also to armed forces operations.
- ❖ This ground station will provide an opportunity to download complete data within the same orbit and enable the use of onboard resources in every orbit.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

46th Chief Justice of India (CJI)

- ❖ Ranjan Gogoi will on 3rd October succeed Dipak Misra as the 46th Chief Justice of India.
- ❖ Present Chief Justice of India recommended Justice Ranjan Gogoi, the most senior judge as his successor.
- ❖ It is a convention that an outgoing CJI recommends the name of his successor a month before retirement.



- ❖ Gogoi becomes the 1st CJI from the North East region.
- ❖ He will serve as CJI till his retirement on November 17, 2019.

SPORTS

RSL Kharkiv International challenge - Badminton

- ❖ Young Indian shuttlers Anoushka Parikh and Saurabh Sharma won the title in the mixed doubles event at the RSL Kharkiv International challenge in Kharkiv, Ukraine.
 - ❖ Also, Krishna Prasad Garaga and Dhruv Kapila clinched the men's doubles titles.
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