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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Maharashtra's first Mega Food Park named as Satara Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd. was inaugurated at Degaon Village in Satara district. This is overall 12th Mega Food Park operationalized in country so far.
- ❖ Phirangi puram is all set to become Andhra Pradesh's first all-women rail station. It will be a big step in addressing gender equality in the biggest public-sector organisation in the country. It will be the third-of-its-kind railway station in the country after Jaipur's Gandhi Nagar and Mumbai's Matunga.

NATIONAL

India's first Aviation Multi Skill Development Centre

- ❖ Union Ministry of Civil Aviation inaugurated the country's first Aviation Multi Skill Development Centre at Chandigarh Airport's old terminal.
- ❖ The centre, which is a CSR initiative of Airports Authority of India (AAI), will initially train 2,360 students free of cost in three years.
- ❖ The Centre was established in collaboration with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and it is supported by Aerospace and Aviation Sector Skill Council (AASSC) of India.
- ❖ The project is implemented by Bird Education Society for Travel and Tourism.
- ❖ The selected students will be trained based on course curriculum and assessments designed by AASSC in accordance with National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF).

INTERNATIONAL

FATF

- ❖ China has been elected as the vice-president of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) at the plenary meeting in Paris.
- ❖ Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is a global body mandated to combat terror financing and money laundering.

- ❖ In its plenary meeting, the FATF placed Pakistan under “grey list” to monitoring in its International Cooperation Review Group until June 2018 for compliance of Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Finance of Terrorism regulations.
- ❖ However, China, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, leading the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) that votes as one bloc, were against Pakistan being put in the grey list.
- ❖ As per FATF rules, three votes from the FATF's 37 members are needed for not putting a country in the grey list.

Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

- ❖ The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 by the Ministers of its Member jurisdictions.
- ❖ FATF Secretariat is housed at the headquarters of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris.
- ❖ Established during the G7 Summit in Paris (France), the organisation aims to establish international standards for combating money laundering and terrorist financing and seeks to combat the growing problem of money laundering.
- ❖ FATF's decision making body is the 'FATF Plenary'. The FATF plenary sessions are held in February, June and October every year.
- ❖ It consists of over 37 member countries including India.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

e-Commerce Portal for Fishers

- ❖ CMFRI has developed a multivendor e-commerce website and mobile app to help fish farmers and fishermen sell their produce and marine catch directly to the customers.
- ❖ The website, www.marinefishsales.com, and mobile app, marine fish sales, were developed under the National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) project of the CMFRI as part of improving income of the coastal community.
- ❖ Fishermen and fish farmers who want to sell their catch and fish online may form Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and register with the platform.
- ❖ The CMFRI will monitor vendor profiles, order status and sales.

SPORTS

IBSF Snooker World Cup

- ❖ India defeated Pakistan in the inaugural IBSF Snooker Team World Cup in Doha.
- ❖ The Indian combine of Pankaj Advani and Manan Chandra came back from 0-2 down in the best-of-five final to clinch it with a margin of 3-2.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Wildlife Day - 03 March

- ❖ World Wildlife Day is celebrated every year on March 03 to raise awareness about our planet's flora and fauna.
- ❖ This year the theme is "Big cats — predators under threat."
- ❖ The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was finalised on March 3 and the day has been celebrated as World Wildlife Day since 2014.



- ❖ CITES is an international agreement between the governments of 183 countries to protect wild plants and animals and ensure their survival.
- ❖ These are facing many and varied threats such as habitat loss, poaching, human-wildlife conflict & climate change, primarily caused by human activities.
