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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ The World Bank will provide a USD 21.7 million loan for strengthening the public financial management in Rajasthan to improve budget execution and greater revenue efficiency.
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Women and Child and Development (WCD) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Uttar Pradesh Government for management of Home of Widows at Sunrakh Bangar, Vrindavan.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Prime Minister's Visit to South East Asia**

- ❖ Prime Minister kicked off his three-nation tour to boost India's ties with the southeastern nations - Indonesia, Singapore, and Malaysia.
- ❖ India and Indonesia have signed 15 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) during Prime Minister's visit to Jakarta with Indonesia's President Joko Widodo.
- ❖ Both countries also agreed to celebrate 70 years of their diplomatic relations in 2019-20.
- ❖ Under Business to Business (B2B) and Government to Business (G2B), the agreements were signed between Kite Museum of Ahmedabad and Layang Layang to promote and popularise the art of kite designing.
- ❖ Archaeological Survey of India and Indonesia's PT Taman Wisata Candi Borobudur, Prambanan and Ratu Boko (National Authority Agency responsible for the protection and conservation of the Borobudur and Prambanan) have decided to work together on beautifying world cultural heritage of the Prambanan Temple and the Taj Mahal.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Meeting of Director Generals of Military Operations**

- ❖ The Director Generals of Military Operations or DGMOs of India and Pakistan agreed to fully implement the ceasefire pact of 2003 in "letter and spirit" forthwith to stop cross-border firings in Jammu and Kashmir.

- ❖ The two military commanders reviewed the prevailing situation along the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border (IB) in J&K
- ❖ The special hotline contact was initiated by the Pakistani DGMO.

### **The 108th session of UNWTO Executive council**

- ❖ The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism, Mr. K. J. Alphons attended the 108th session of UNWTO Executive Council held in San Sebastian, Spain.
- ❖ The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) is the United Nations agency responsible for the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.
- ❖ The Council meets at least twice a year, the next to be held in Bahrain.
- ❖ The council consists of 30 Full Members elected by the assembly in the proportion of one member for every Five Full Members.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **PRAAPTI App**

- ❖ The Ministry of Power has launched a web portal and an app called PRAAPTI (Payment Ratification and Analysis in Power procurement for bringing Transparency in Invoicing of generators).



- ❖ It is an effort to bring in greater transparency in power purchase transactions between generators and distribution companies (DISCOMs).

- ❖ The app will allow people to know the tariffs at which the power was procured by the Discoms.

### **World first 3d printed human corneas**

- ❖ Scientists from Newcastle University, UK have created world's first 3D printed human corneas (3D printed thin protective film over eye)
- ❖ It could solve the problem of shortage of available eye donors and help millions of blind people gain sight again.
- ❖ The 3D printed human corneas were produced using bio-ink solution consisting of healthy corneal stem mixed together with alginate and collagen.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

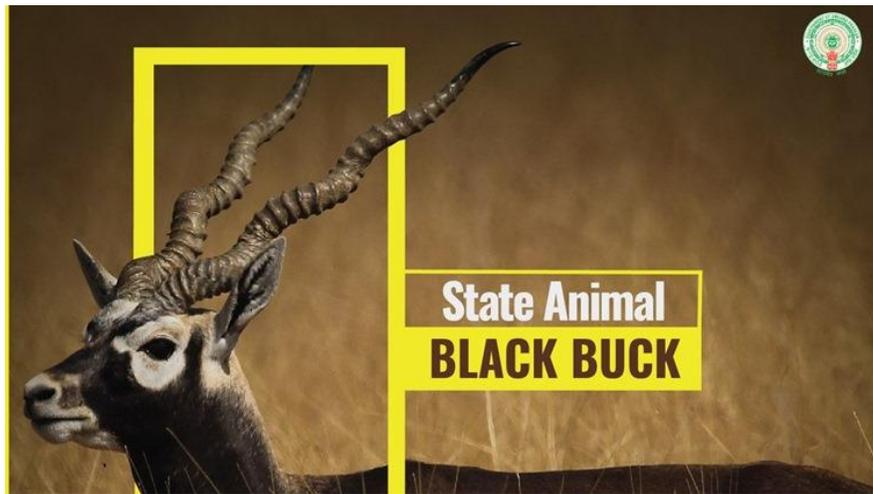
### **Adventure Tourism**

- ❖ The Government is for the first time issuing guidelines for Adventure Tourism in India.
- ❖ The guidelines on Safety and Quality Norms for Adventure Tourism in India have been formulated along with the Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI).
- ❖ These guidelines cover land, air and water-based adventure activities which include mountaineering, bungee jumping, trekking, paragliding, kayaking, scuba diving, snorkeling, river rafting and many other sports.

## **STATES**

### **New State Symbols of Andhra Pradesh**

- ❖ Four years after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh in 2014, the government of Andhra Pradesh has announced its state symbols.
- ❖ The state symbols were notified by the department of environment, forest, science, and technology.
- ❖ The notable change is the state bird. The state bird of undivided Andhra Pradesh was Indian Roller or Palapitta. This has been changed to Rama Chiluka or rose-ringed parakeet.



- ❖ Palapitta is now the state bird of Telangana, Odisha, and Karnataka.
- ❖ The government of Andhra Pradesh has retained blackbuck or Krishna Jinka as the state animal.
- ❖ After the bifurcation, Telangana adopted Jinka or spotted deer as its state animal.
- ❖ Neem or Vepa Chettu has been retained in the divided state.
- ❖ The Telangana government had dropped vepa and adopted Jammi Chettu.
- ❖ Though undivided AP had water lilly or Kaluva as the state flower, both divided AP and Telangana have dropped it.
- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh government has opted for jasmine as the state flower, though it does not have cultural significance.
- ❖ The motive appears to promote jasmine, which is grown commercially in Guntur, Prakasam, Kurnool, Kadapa, Anantapur and Chittoor districts.
- ❖ After dropping Kavula, the Telangana government has adopted native Tangidi Puvvu as the state flower as it is widely used in the state's famous Bathukamma festival.

### State symbols of Andhra Pradesh

- ❖ State bird: Rose-ringed parakeet - Locally known as Rama Chiluka.
- ❖ State tree: Neem - Locally known as Vepa Chettu.
- ❖ State animal: Black-buck - Locally known as Krishna Jinka.
- ❖ State flower: Jasmine.

### State symbols of Telangana

- ❖ State bird: Indian Roller or Palapitta.

- ❖ State tree: Jammi Chettu.
- ❖ State animal: Jinka or spotted deer.
- ❖ State flower: Tangidi Puvvu.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### Chief of the Defence Research and Development Organization

- ❖ Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra has been given additional charge as Chief of the Defence Research and Development Organisation for a period of three months with effect from May 29, 2018.



- ❖ He will take over from current chief Dr. S. Christopher whose term ended recently.
- ❖ Christopher was given one year's extension beyond the prescribed age last year.
- ❖ Christopher took over as the head of DRDO in May 2015 for a two-year term.

### Barron's list of Top 30 Global CEO

- ❖ For the third consecutive year, HDFC Bank managing director Aditya Puri has been included in the list of worlds' 30 best CEOs by premier financial magazine Barron's.
- ❖ Puri is the only Indian CEO to feature in the list.
- ❖ In its fourteenth edition, the list also includes Jeff Bezos of Amazon, Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway, Jamie Dimon of JP Morgan Chase, Larry Page of

Alphabet, Reed Hastings of Netflix, Satya Nadella of Microsoft, Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook.

- ❖ Out of the three categories divided by the magazine for CEOs, Aditya Puri has been featured in the 'Growth Leaders' category.
- ❖ The other two categories are Visionary Founders and Turnaround Experts.
- ❖ The 67-year old Aditya Puri has been the Managing Director of HDFC Bank since its inception in 1994.

### **PM of Italy**

- ❖ Italy's president Sergio Mattarella appointed former International Monetary Fund official Carlo Cottarelli as interim prime minister on May 28.
- ❖ The euro zone's third-largest economy has been seeking a new government since inconclusive March elections.
- ❖ However, after few days, the Five Star Movement and the League reached an agreement and a new government, led by Giuseppe Conte, was formed.
- ❖ He has replaced Paolo Gentiloni, the founding member of the Democratic Party.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **Telangana formation day**

- ❖ On March 4 2014, the Government of India declared June 2 2014 as the Telangana Formation Day.
- ❖ In February 2014, Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 bill was passed by the Parliament of India for the formation of Telangana state comprising ten districts from north-western Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ As per the Act, Hyderabad would be the capital of Telangana, while the city would also remain the capital of the residual state of Andhra Pradesh for not more than ten years.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM)**

- ❖ United States has renamed its oldest and largest strategically important military command US Pacific Command (PACOM) to Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM).
  - ❖ The decision was taken in recognition of growing importance of Indian Ocean in US strategic thinking.
  - ❖ The Trump administration already has renamed the Asia Pacific as Indo-Pacific and identified India as one bookend of the region.
  - ❖ Now renamed INDOPACOM will now extend its reach from the Pacific Ocean to Indian Ocean Region.
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