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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Bandhan Bank has appointed H R Khan, a former RBI deputy governor, as non-executive chairman. Khan's appointment will be for a period of three years with effect from June 5, 2018, or till the expiry of his term as an independent director whichever is earlier.
- ❖ The Lal Bahadur Shastri (LBS) International Airport in Babatpur — about 26km from Varanasi is set to become the first Indian airport to have a national highway underneath its runway.
- ❖ Corporation Bank has bagged “Investor Relations Awards 2018” under the category — Best Expectation Management (Mid Cap) — for the financial year 2017-18.
- ❖ In Uttarakhand, Polythene will be completely prohibited from 31st July in the state.
- ❖ MK Jain, the MD & CEO of IDBI Bank, was appointed as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The seat was filled after former Deputy Governor SS Mundra ended his three-year term in July 2017.
- ❖ India would be hosting the third Asia Cup International Bridge Championship in Goa.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Smoking Cessation Campaign**

- ❖ At a World Health Organisation event held recently, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India launched a national media campaign to encourage smoking cessation.
- ❖ Titled 'What Damage Will This Cigarette/Bidi Do,' the public service announcement (PSA) prompts smokers to think about each cigarette or bidi as the path to one of many potentially harmful events: heart attacks, cancer, lung disease, and more.
- ❖ By highlighting tobacco's links to stroke and heart disease, the leading cause of death among tobacco users globally, the campaign amplifies the theme of this year's World No Tobacco Day, which is 'Tobacco Breaks Hearts.'

- ❖ The campaign will achieve pan India reach by being broadcast in 17 languages on all major national government and private TV and radio channels.

### **Dhanush artillery gun**

- ❖ India's first indigenous, long-range artillery gun "Dhanush" has passed its final test at Pokhran, paving the way for its induction into the Army.



- ❖ Dhanush is a 155mm x 45mm calibre artillery gun and is also called the "desi Bofors".
- ❖ It has a strike range of 38 kilometres and 81 percent of its components are indigenously sourced.
- ❖ The gun has been developed by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), Kolkata based on the documents given to India as part of the first phase of "Transfer of Technology" (ToT) under the Bofors gun deal inked in the late 1980s.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Stressed assets ARC**

- ❖ The finance ministry has set up a committee to examine the possibility of setting up an asset reconstruction company or an asset management company to fast-track resolution of stressed assets.



- ❖ Punjab National Bank's non-executive chairman Sunil Mehta will be heading the panel.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Fastest Supercomputer

- ❖ IBM and the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory have revealed the world's most powerful and smartest scientific supercomputer - Summit supercomputing machine.



- ❖ Summit supercomputing machine can deliver a peak performance of 200 quadrillion calculations per second (that's 200 followed by 15 zeros) using a standard measure used to rate supercomputers or 200 petaflops.
- ❖ The speed of Summit is nearly twice the peak performance of China's top-ranking Sunway TaihuLight

- ❖ For the first time in five years, the world's fastest computer is no longer in China

## STATES

### Arunachal Rising Campaign

- ❖ Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu recently launched the Arunachal Rising Campaign.
- ❖ The campaign was launched with the objective to reach out to the people throughout the state targeting remote areas and make them aware of the government initiatives, policies, and programmes.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### Home Fire

- ❖ Renowned British Pakistani author Kamila Shamsie's book "Home Fire" has won the Women's Prize for Fiction, 2018.
- ❖ The book was also longlisted for last year's Man Booker Prize.



- ❖ The novel is about love, radicalism and conflicting loyalties in the post-9/11 era.
- ❖ Founded in 1996, the annual British award recognizes and celebrates the excellence, originality, and accessibility in writing by women across the world.

### **Kamila Shamsie**

- ❖ Kamila Shamsie is a fellow of the London-based Royal Society of Literature and was named a Granta Best of Young British Novelist in 2013.
- ❖ Her previous work "God in Every Stone" (2014), was shortlisted for the Baileys Prize, the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction and the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature.

### **EPS- Independent Director**

- ❖ Electronic Payment Services (EPS) has announced the appointment of Rama Subramaniam Gandhi as Independent Director to its Board of Directors.



- ❖ He was a Deputy Governor at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for three years from 2014 to 2017.

## **SPORTS**

### **Rohan Bopanna - IOC's icon**

- ❖ Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) felicitated sportspersons associated with it during Sports Conclave 2018.
- ❖ Rohan Bopanna received the "Sports Icon of Year" award.



## Most valuable player - FIFA World Cup 2018

- ❖ The lead striker from the English National Team, Harry Kane is named as the most valuable player for the upcoming FIFA World Cup



- ❖ Kane managed to beat global icons like Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi, and Neymar to top this list.
- ❖ In the list, Kane is followed by Brazilian ace player Neymar and French Kylian Mbappé of France.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Bicycle Day – June 03

- ❖ On June 3, 2018, the first official World Bicycle Day was celebrated.
- ❖ World Bicycle Days encourage a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transportation.
- ❖ The declaration invited all Member States and



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relevant stakeholders to celebrate and promote awareness of the bicycle.

- ❖ The campaign to create a World Bicycle Day was a goal of the World Cycling Alliance and the European Cyclists' Federation.

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