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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India extended a financial aid of Rs 99 million to Nepal for the construction of 2,700 shallow tube well irrigation systems in 12 districts of the country's southern Terai region to boost agricultural productivity.
 - The assistance has been extended as part of the final payment for the Nepal-Bharat Maitri Irrigation Project, which was launched in January 2017.
- ❖ The Haryana government has raised the upper age limit of entry into government service from 40 to 42 years.

NATIONAL

Swachh Iconic Places

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation has selected 10 more iconic sites under Phase III of Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) of Swachh Bharat Mission.
- ❖ The third phase of SIP was launched at Mana village which is situated close to Badrinath temple in Uttarakhand.
- ❖ 10 new iconic sites are

Raghavendra Swamy Temple (Andhra Pradesh)	Hazarduari Palace (West Bengal),
Brahma Sarovar Temple (Haryana),	Vidur Kuti (Uttar Pradesh),
Mana village (Uttarakhand),	Pangong Lake (J&K),
Nagvasuki Temple (UP),	Ima Keithal market (Manipur),
Sabarimala Temple (Kerala) and	Kanvashram (Uttarakhand).

- ❖ SIP is an initiative of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation under Swachh Bharat Mission and was launched in 2016.



Hazarduari Palace (West Bengal)

- ❖ It is a collaborative project of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation with three other central Ministries: Ministry of (M/o) Housing and Urban Affairs, M/o Culture, and M/o Tourism.

3rd Meeting of National Council of Senior Citizens

- ❖ Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment chaired the “3rd Meeting of National Council of Senior Citizens (NCSrC)” conducted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in New Delhi.
- ❖ The NCSrC advises Central and State Governments on issues related to the welfare of senior citizens and improvement of their quality of life.



- ❖ The NCSrC meets at least two times a year. Its first meeting was held on 30th August 2016. The second meeting was held on 19th June 2017.

INTERNATIONAL

International Conference on ICT

- ❖ International Conference on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) will be held in Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal from June 17-18, 2018.
- ❖ The Theme of the two-day conference is “Sustainable Development Goals for Smart Society”.
- ❖ The conference is organized by Federation of Computer Association Nepal (CAN).
- ❖ It aims to bring government and private sector together for developing a plan of action using sustainable ICT applications.
- ❖ It also seeks to unleash prospects of SMART Nepal by 2030.

ECONOMY

Expert Committee for startups - SEBI

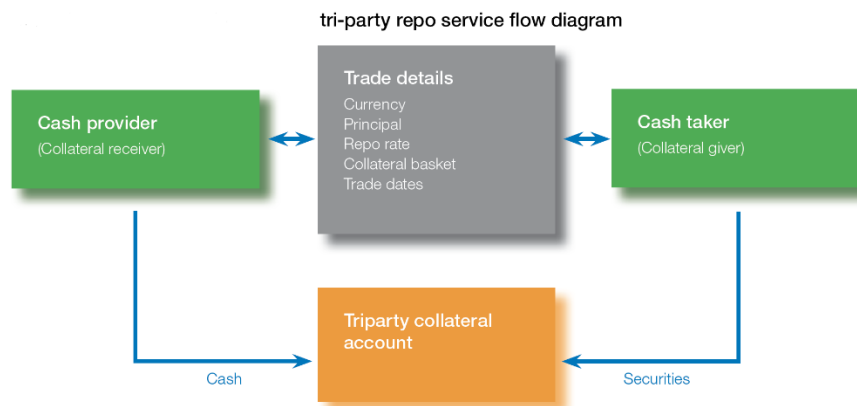
- ❖ The market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has constituted an expert committee to make listings of startups attractive.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADR & GDR	
ADR	GDR
American depository receipt (ADR) is compulsory for non –us companies to trade in stock market of USA.	Global depository receipt (GDR) is compulsory for foreign company to access in any other country's share market for dealing in stock.
ADRs can get from level 1 to level III.	GDRs are already equal to high preference receipt of level II and level III.
ADRs up to level –I need to accept only general condition of SEC of USA.	GDRs can only be issued under rule 144 A after accepting strict rules of SEC of USA .
ADR is only negotiable in USA .	GDR is negotiable instrument all over the world
Investors of USA can buy ADRs from New york stock exchange (NYSE) or NASDAQ	Investors of UK can buy GDRs from London stock exchange and luxemberg stock exchange and invest in Indian companies without any extra responsibilities .

- ❖ It will recommend a suitable framework to allow direct listing of Indian companies' overseas bourses while also allowing overseas companies to list directly on Indian bourses.
- ❖ Currently, Indian companies can only use the depository receipts route – Global Depository Receipts (GDR) or American Depository Receipts (ADR) – to list on the overseas exchanges.
- ❖ Similarly, foreign companies can access Indian capital markets only through Indian Depository Receipts (IDRP) for a listing of equities.

'Tri-Party Repo Market platform'

- ❖ National Stock Exchange (NSE) has launched a 'Tri-party Repo Market Platform' in its debt segment for the repurchase of the corporate debt security.
- ❖ It is a repo contract where a third entity, apart from the borrower and lender, called tri-party agent acts as an intermediary to facilitate services like collateral selection, payment, and settlement, custody, and management during the life of the transaction.
- ❖ It provides an opportunity to borrow against the securities and provides short-term liquidity to participants.



- ❖ This would increase demand for corporate bonds and may provide a boost to much-needed liquidity in the corporate bond market.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Lumiere Award

- ❖ American activist Jane Fonda will receive this year's Lumiere Award in Lyon, France.



- ❖ She is also a two-time Academy Award winner, two-time BAFTA Award winner, and four-time Golden Globe Award winner.
- ❖ The Lumières Award is a French film award presented by the Académie des Lumières to honor the best in the French-speaking cinema of the previous year.
- ❖ The awards ceremony is organized by the Académie des Lumières which consists of over 200 representatives of the international press based in Paris.

SPORTS

Umakhanov Memorial Boxing Tournament

- ❖ Indian boxers bagged one Gold and two Silver medals at the Umakhanov Memorial Tournament in the Russian city of Kaspiysk.
- ❖ Saweety Boora won the coveted yellow metal in the Women's 75 kg category after beating Anna Anfinogenova (Russia) in the Final.



- ❖ In the Men's section, Brijesh Yadav in the 81 kg division and Virender Kumar in 91 kgs lost their Final bouts to settle for Silver medals.
- ❖ Earlier, India had claimed four Bronze medals in the Tournament.

Bid to host 2026 Football World Cup

- ❖ FIFA's congress voted USA, Canada, and Mexico to host 2026 Football World Cup.
- ❖ The 2026 tournament will be the first expanded tournament featuring 48 teams, up from the current 32-team tournament, which begins in Russia
- ❖ The U.S hosted the World Cup previously in 1994 while Mexico hosted it in 1970 and 1986. Canada has never hosted a men's World Cup but held the women's tournament in 2015.
- ❖ The 2022 tournament will be hosted by Qatar while the 2018 edition kicks off in Moscow.

Historic India-Afghanistan Test

- ❖ India hosts Afghanistan's maiden one-off Test contest, which has been named as the Indo-Afghanistan Friendship Series, in Bengaluru
- ❖ Afghanistan earned their Test status alongside Ireland in June last year.
- ❖ Their respective boards were made full members of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in June, becoming the sport's 11th and 12th Test-playing nations.

IMPORTANT DAYS

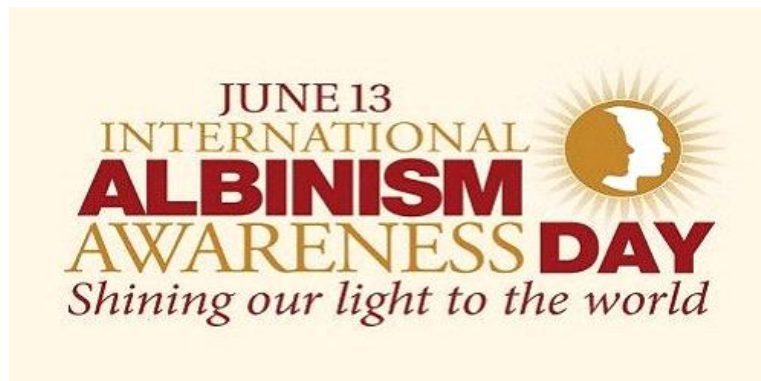
World Blood Donor day - 14 June

- ❖ The World Blood Donor Day is being observed across the world on 14 June to raise the public awareness about the need for safe blood donation.
- ❖ The theme for Blood Donation Day in 2018 is 'Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life'
- ❖ World Blood Donor Day is being celebrated annually since 2004. It is one of eight official global public health campaigns marked by the WHO.



International Albinism Awareness Day – 13 June

- ❖ International Albinism Awareness Day was observed on 13th June all over the world.
- ❖ The theme for International Albinism Awareness Day 2018 is: “shining our light to the world”.



- ❖ The International Albinism Awareness Day is observed to preserve the rights of persons with albinism and take efforts to ensure equal access for them in employment, education, justice, and good health.
- ❖ Albinism is a genetic condition that causes very little or no pigmentation in the skin, hair, and eyes.
- ❖ In 2014, the UN General Assembly declared 13 June as International Albinism Awareness Day with effect from 2015.
