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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation of India, Suresh Prabhu co-chaired the 15th Session of the India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission with the Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism, and Investment, Steven Ciobo, in Canberra.
- ❖ National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) is organizing a National Seminar on “Conservation of Particularly Vulnerable Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands: The Way Forward” on 27th and 28th June 2018 at Kamaladevi Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi.
  - This Seminar is being organized in collaboration with Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) and Directors of 18 Tribal Research Institutes in different States.
- ❖ China has launched bird-shaped drones fitted with a camera, GPS antenna, and satellite communication capability, to monitor citizens living in different parts of the country.
  - The program reportedly codenamed "Dove", is run by Song Bifeng, a professor at Northwestern Polytechnical University.
- ❖ Iran announced a list of imported goods to be banned in a move to protect domestic products and manage the outflow of currency.
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development has announced to organize a day-long Seminar on Technology Partnerships ‘TECH-THON’ for steering POSHAN Abhiyaan on June 28, 2018 at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in New Delhi.
  - The POSHAN Abhiyaan or the National Nutrition Mission is PM Narendra Modi’s initiative for holistic nourishment.

## **NATIONAL**

### **‘Women in Prisons’**

- ❖ The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) has come up with its report titled ‘Women in Prisons’.
- ❖ It aims to build an understanding of the various entitlements of women in prisons, the various issues faced by them and possible methods for resolution of the same.

- ❖ The report contains a comprehensive list of 134 recommendations for improving the lives of women under incarceration, addresses a wide range of issues pertaining to pregnancy and childbirth in prison, their mental health, legal aid and reintegration in society.

### **India - world's most dangerous country for women**

- ❖ According to a survey conducted by the Thomson Reuters Foundation, India is the world's most dangerous country for women due to the high risk of sexual violence and being forced into slave labour.



- ❖ The same poll conducted in 2011 had placed India at the fourth place. This time Pakistan, in sixth place, was considered safer than India for women.
- ❖ War-torn Afghanistan and Syria ranked second and third followed by Somalia and Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ The only Western nation in the top 10 was the United States, which ranked 10th overall and joint third for sexual violence and harassment.
- ❖ Government data shows reported cases of crime against women rose by 83% between 2007 and 2016.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Anti-doping sports conference

- ❖ An anti-doping sports conference titled 'Clean Sport=Fair Outcome?' was held today at Oslo to address the issue of doping menace.
- ❖ The conference is a joint initiative of the World Forum for Ethics in Business (WFEB), Anti-Doping Norway and Fair Sport to propose a substantial agenda for action
- ❖ The Anti-Doping in Sports conference is a continuation of WFEB's conference series on 'Ethics in Sports'.
- ❖ Earlier editions were held at the FIFA headquarters (2014, 2016) and at the stadium of Germany's soccer club, Union Berlin (2015).

### Erdogan Re-elected as president

- ❖ Turkey's long-standing leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been re-elected to a new five-year term after securing outright victory in the presidential poll.
- ❖ Erdogan was re-elected with 53 % of the vote, avoiding a runoff.
- ❖ His closest challenger, Muharrem Ince of the Republican People's Party (CHP), won 30% of the vote.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Aldabra Giant Tortoise

- ❖ Seychelles has gifted a pair of Giant Aldabra tortoise to India as a goodwill gesture.
- ❖ They were brought to India as a gift from the President of Seychelles Danny Faure during his five-day visit to India.
- ❖ The pair was handed over to Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad after Central Zoo Authority (CZA) in New Delhi gave permission to house them.
- ❖ Aldabra Giant Tortoise (*Aldabrachelys gigantea*) is endemic to Aldabra Atoll in Seychelles.



- ❖ It is said to be one of the largest species of tortoises on the planet and also one of the world's longest living animals (can live above 200 years).
- ❖ The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has classified this species of tortoises as Vulnerable in its Red List of Threatened Species.
- ❖ Gifting or giving Aldabra tortoise on loan to friendly countries is a part of the Seychellois diplomacy.
- ❖ Earlier, in 2010, Seychelles had loaned two giant tortoises to Shanghai Zoo in China, while another pair was presented to Guangzhou Zoo in 2014.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS**

### **India's first 'Tribal Queen'**

- ❖ Pallavi Durua of Odisha's Koraput district was crowned as the first 'Tribal Queen' at the Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition held in Bhubaneswar.
- ❖ Panchami Majhi of Titlagarh and Rashmirekha Hansdah of Mayurbhanj were declared as the first and second runners-up, respectively.
- ❖ The trio will star in a short movie on tribal culture, produced by a Mumbai-based producer.

## **SPORTS**

### **French Grand Prix**

- ❖ Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton won the French Grand Prix from pole position to retake the lead of the Formula One title race in Le Castellet, southern France.
- ❖ It was Hamilton's 65th career win. Only Michael Schumacher has more victories with 91.

### **Ulaanbaatar Cup for Boxing**

- ❖ The Indian contingent amassed a total of nine medals - one gold, four silver and four bronze medals - at the Ulaanbaatar Cup in Mongolia.
- ❖ Mandeep Jangra (69kg) was the lone Indian boxer to claim a gold medal among the five finalists



- ❖ The silver medals went to both the women finalists Sonia Lather (57kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) and Himanshu Sharma (49kg) and Etash Khan (56kg).
- ❖ Shiva Thapa (60kg), debutant Vanhmlimpua (75kg), Ashish (64kg), and Bina Devi Kojiam (48kg) ended the tournament with bronze medals.

### **World Para Athletics Grand Prix**

- ❖ India's Amit Kumar Saroha has clinched the gold medal in the men's club throw F51 event at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Tunisia.
- ❖ The Haryana para-athlete, a world silver medallist, produced the season's best performance of 29.42m to bag the gold.
- ❖ At the 2014 Asian Para Games, Amit won two medals -- a gold in club throw and a silver in the discus throw.

### **Chemistry World Cup of Olympic Boxing 2018**

- ❖ The fast-rising Gaurav Solanki (52kg) notched up his second successive international gold medal, along with Mohammed Hussamuddin (56kg) as India ended a strong campaign with six medals at the Chemistry Cup in Halle, Germany
- ❖ The Indian contingent picked up two gold, a silver and three bronze medals in all.
- ❖ The bronze medals were claimed by Commonwealth Games silver-winner Amit Panghal (49kg), another Army man, Dheeraj Rangi (64kg), and Narender (+91kg).

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **UN MSME Day – 27 June**

- ❖ The Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), will organize a National Conclave (UdyamSangam) on 27th June 2018 on the occasion of UN MSME Day.
- ❖ The purpose of the Conclave is to encourage dialogue and partnership among various stakeholders of the MSME ecosystem and for promoting innovation and knowledge sharing on MSME related issues.

- ❖ The UN General Assembly in its 74th Plenary held on the 6th April 2017 declared 27th June as Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day, recognizing the importance of Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.

### **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking – 26 June**

- ❖ The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed every year on June 26 across the world to raise awareness of a major problem that illicit drugs.
- ❖ The day was officially instituted by UN after UN General Assembly (UNGA) by adopting a resolution in December 1987.
- ❖ The date was chosen to commemorate Lin Zexu's (Chinese scholar and official of the Qing dynasty) dismantling of the opium trade in Humen, Guangdong, just before the First Opium War in China (1839–42).

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **'World's first space nation'**

- ❖ Russian billionaire and scientist Igor Ashurbeyli officially declared himself as the leader of the world's first space nation 'Asgardia'.
  - ❖ Ashurbeyli's brainchild Asgardia aims to be an independent space nation, with its own government, currency, justice system and calendar.
  - ❖ Focused towards establishing a permanent settlement on the moon in 25 years, Asgardia already has 2 lakh citizens.
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