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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The first commercial flight (42-seater ATR aircraft of the Alliance Airlines) of Arunachal Pradesh under UDAN scheme landed at Pasighat airport or Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) in East Siang district.
- ❖ Barcelona forward Lionel Messi was crowned Europe's top-goalscorer for the fifth time after scoring on 34 occasions in the La Liga for the Catalan side. Messi's rival Cristiano Ronaldo, who has won the award four times in the past, ended up with 26 goals in the La Liga. Liverpool's Mohamed Salah was second in the list with 32 goals.
- ❖ NITI Aayog has signed Statement of Intent (SoI) with noted media personality and entrepreneur Sushant Singh Rajput to collaborate and support its flagship Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) initiative. He will also support NITI Aayog in promoting Women Transforming India Awards 2018 with the theme 'Women and Entrepreneurship'.

ECONOMY

India's first copper options contracts

- ❖ India's largest commodities exchange platform, Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) launched country's first copper options contracts.
- ❖ The option contract will provide a physical market participants additional instrument to hedge their price risk.
- ❖ Options are an instrument that gives buyer right to buy or sell an underlined at present price at a future date.
- ❖ MCX operates within the regulatory framework of Forward Contracts Regulation Act, 1952 (FCRA, 1952) under SEBI.
- ❖ MCX offers futures trading in bullion, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, energy, and a number of agricultural commodities.

ENVIRONMENT

India's freshwater stocks

- ❖ According to first of its kind study of NASA, India is among hotspots where overuse of water resources has caused a sharp decline in availability of freshwater.
- ❖ Scientists had used 14 years of observations from Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) spacecraft mission, a joint project of NASA and German Aerospace Centre, to track global trends in freshwater in 34 regions around the world.
- ❖ This is for the first time scientists had used observations from multiple satellites for assessment of how freshwater availability is changing everywhere on Earth.

Gaj Yatra

- ❖ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) rolled out the 'Gaj Yatra' from Tura, the principal town of Garo Hills of Meghalaya.



- ❖ It was organized by the Wildlife Trust of India in collaboration with the State Forest Department.
- ❖ 'Gaj Yatra', a "journey celebrating India's national heritage animal", aims at securing 100 elephant corridors across India.
- ❖ Four of these are in Meghalaya, including the Siju-Rewak corridor that some 1,000 elephants use to travel between the Balpakram and Nokrek National Parks in the State.

- ❖ It is an 18-month-long national campaign aimed to protect elephants in 12 elephant range states.
- ❖ It was launched in August 2017 by Environment and Forest Minister Harsh Vardhan on the occasion of World Elephant Day 2017 of August 12.
- ❖ The event involves taking an elephant mascot across districts frequented by jumbo herds for generating awareness among the people.
- ❖ The aim of this project is to rehabilitate people affected by man-elephant conflict in corridor areas while ensuring uninterrupted movement of elephants between key habitats.

STATES

Chief Minister of Karnataka

- ❖ JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy sworn-in as the 24th chief minister of Karnataka along with his deputy G Parameshwara, the Karnataka Congress chief on the steps of the Vidhana Soudha.



- ❖ Kumaraswamy, aka 'Kumaranna', was administered the oath of office and secrecy by governor Vajubhai Vala
- ❖ This will be Kumaraswamy's second term as the chief minister of Karnataka since 2007 when he last held the post for 20 months.

- ❖ In the recent election of Karnataka Assembly held for 222 out of 224 seats, BJP captured 104 seats and emerged as the single largest party with only nine seats short of a simple majority mark of 112.
- ❖ The Congress with 78 seats and JD(S) with 37 seats, and two Independent candidates formed a post-poll alliance with a total of 117 MLAs
- ❖ Six-time Congress MLA Ramesh Kumar has been unanimously elected as the Speaker of the Karnataka Assembly after the BJP withdrew nomination for its candidate Suresh Kumar

SPORTS

IPL 2018

- ❖ The current 2018 season of the Indian Premier League, also known as IPL 11, is the eleventh season of the IPL.
- ❖ It is a professional Twenty20 cricket league established by the BCCI in 2007.



- ❖ The season saw the return of the Chennai Super Kings and the Rajasthan Royals after serving two years of suspension for the involvement of their respective owners in the 2013 IPL betting case.
- ❖ Chennai Super Kings won by 8 wickets against Sunrisers Hyderabad in the final at Mumbai Wankhede stadium to win their third title.
- ❖ Shane Watson of Chennai won the player of the match award for his innings of 117 not out off 57 balls.

- ❖ Sunrisers Hyderabad captain Kane Williamson won the Orange Cap for the leading run-scorer of the tournament with 735 runs.
- ❖ Andrew Tye of Kings XI Punjab was awarded the Purple Cap for finishing as the leading wicket-taker of the tournament with 24 wickets.
- ❖ Sunil Narine of Kolkata Knight Riders was named Most Valuable Player, also known as Man of the Series, while Rishabh Pant of Delhi Daredevils was named the Emerging Player of the Tournament.
- ❖ In this edition of the IPL, Chennai Super Kings skipper MS Dhoni had the highest average and strike rate among batsmen.
- ❖ Indian spinner Karn Sharma has become the first player to win three consecutive IPL titles after Chennai Super Kings latest IPL triumph.
- ❖ On the previous two occasions, Karn Sharma was a part of Sunrisers Hyderabad and Mumbai Indians title-winning seasons in 2016 and 2017 respectively.

Asian Women Hockey Champions Trophy 2018

- ❖ Host country South Korea defeated the defending Champions Indian Women's Hockey Team in the Final match of the 5th Women's Asian Champions Trophy at Donghae City, South Korea.



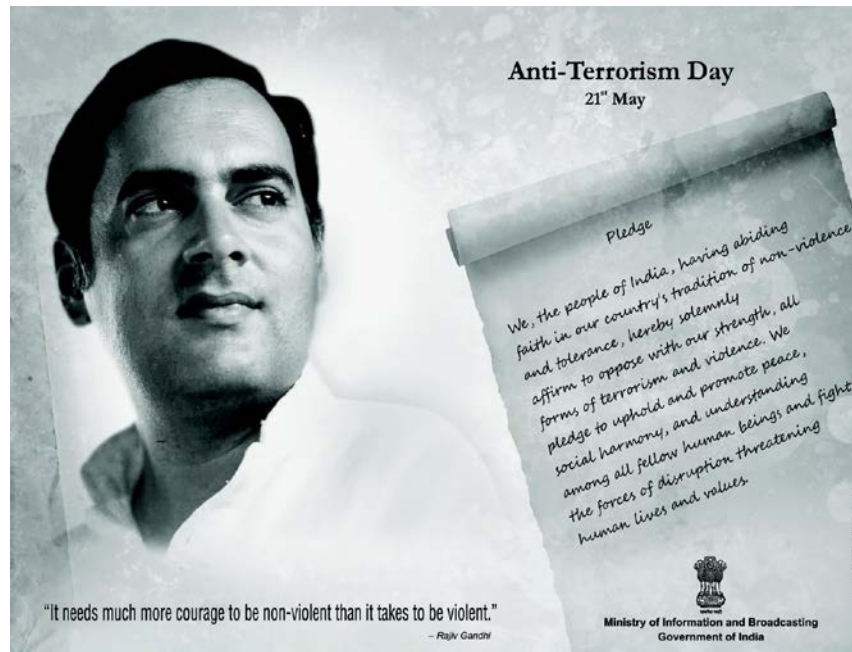
- ❖ The final was India's first defeat of the tournament. South Korea has lifted the title for the third time after having won it in 2010 and 2011.
- ❖ India, on the other hand, finished second best for the second time after having lost to Japan in the final of the 2013 edition.

- ❖ Indian striker Vandana Katariya was declared player of the tournament while youngster Lalrem siami was named as the upcoming player of the tournament.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Anti-Terrorism Day – May 21

- ❖ The Anti-Terrorism Day is observed on 21 May every year in our country to make the people aware of the anti-social act of terrorism and its impact on human suffering and lives.



- ❖ The official announcement of National Anti-Terrorism Day was made after the assassination of India's seventh Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on 21 May 1991.
- ❖ Then, under V.P. Singh government, the center has decided to observe 21st May as Anti-Terrorism Day.

World Turtle Day - May 23

- ❖ World Turtle Day is an annual event on May 23 that has been taking place since 2000.



- ❖ It was founded by American Tortoise Rescue a non-profit organization that sponsors this holiday annually.
- ❖ The purpose of World Turtle Day is to educate people about the things that they can do to protect the habitats of turtle and tortoises.

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World Menstrual Hygiene Day – May 28

- ❖ The World Menstrual Hygiene Day is celebrated on May 28th every year to educate women across the world about the need and importance of menstrual hygiene.



28 May
**MENSTRUAL
HYGIENE DAY**

- ❖ The hashtag for the 2018 social media campaign was #nomorelimits
- ❖ It was initiated by the German-based NGO WASH United in 2014 and aims to benefit women and girls worldwide.
- ❖ The 28th was selected to acknowledge that 28 days is the average length of the menstrual cycle.

International Day of UN Peacekeepers – May 29

- ❖ The General Assembly, in its resolution 57/129, designated 29 May as the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers.
- ❖ This is the date when in 1948 the first UN peacekeeping mission named the "United Nations Truce Supervision Organization", or UNTSO began operations in Palestine.



29 MAY

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
UNITED NATIONS
PEACEKEEPERS

- ❖ It was established to monitor the ceasefire after the Arab-Israeli War of 1948.
- ❖ The day was designated on official request of the Ukrainian Peacekeepers Association and Government of Ukraine to the UNGA.
- ❖ It was first celebrated in 2003.
- ❖ The theme for the 2018 International Day of UN Peacekeepers is “70 Years of Service and Sacrifice.”
