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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Indian goalkeeper PR Sreejesh will lead the 18-member Indian men's hockey squad while Chinglensana Singh Kangujam will serve as his deputy in the 18th Asian Games, which will begin in Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia in August 2018.
- ❖ India's latest frontline warship INS Trikand has reached Sri Lanka in a goodwill visit. INS Trikand is a state-of-the-art warship of the Indian Navy equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors capable of addressing threats in all three dimensions - air, surface, and subsurface.
- ❖ South Korean technology giant Samsung inaugurated the world's largest mobile manufacturing unit in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
  - Last year, India overtook the US to become the world's second-largest smartphone market after China.
- ❖ Rohit Sharma has become the first Indian and second player overall after Colin Munro to score three 100s in T20Is. Incidentally, Rohit Sharma also becomes the first player to score three 100s across each format – Test, ODI, and T20I.
- ❖ The Himachal Pradesh government has banned the use and sale of thermocol cutlery including cups, plates, glasses, spoons or any other item in the state. Those violating the order will be fined according to the quantity of the thermocol.
  - The state government has set a deadline of three months for manufacturers to dispose of their stocks.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of Alwar Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., Alwar, Rajasthan to carry on banking business, with effect from from the close of business on July 05, 2018.
- ❖ The 67th plenary meeting of North Eastern Council (NEC) chaired by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh was recently held in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- ❖ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is going to launch Global Housing Construction Technology Challenge as part of technology sub-mission of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U).
- ❖ Squash player Dipika Pallikal has been appointed as Asia's representative in the prestigious Athletes Advisory Commission of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF). The appointment was made by the CGF.

## NATIONAL

### 17th World Sanskrit Conference

- ❖ The 17th World Sanskrit Conference was held at Vancouver, Canada.
- ❖ It was inaugurated by Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar.
- ❖ The purpose of this conference was to promote, preserve and practice Sanskrit language all over world by the people.
- ❖ The World Sanskrit Conference is being held in various countries across the globe once in every three years under the auspices of the International Association of Sanskrit Studies.
- ❖ So far it has been held thrice in India.

#### Vancouver

Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar will inaugurate the 17th World Sanskrit Conference in Vancouver, Canada.

More than 500 scholars and delegates from over 40 countries are participating in the five-day event.

They will present papers on various subjects.

There will be a special panel discussion on over a dozen topics like - History and Education of Women in Vedic Literature, Sanskrit Buddhist Manus, introducing Bhagavata Purana Commentaries and research on the Garqiyajyotisa.

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### Union Government launches ISCF & ISCI Program

- ❖ Ministry of State for Housing and Urban Affairs has launched several new initiatives under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and the Smart Cities Mission.
- ❖ These included the

- India Smart Cities Fellowship (ISCF) Program;
  - India Smart Cities Internship (ISCI) Program;
  - Smart Cities Digital Payments Awards 2018; and
  - ‘CITIIS’ Challenge under the Smart Cities Mission.
- ❖ The Ministry also announced the implementation of the Local Area Plan (LAP) or Town Planning Scheme (TPS) in 25 cities on pilot basis under the AMRUT.
  - ❖ The Local Area Plan (LAP) and Town Planning Scheme (TPS) have been formulated under the AMRUT to enable planning for developing infrastructure in the Brownfield areas and Greenfield areas.
  - ❖ The Brownfield areas are those parts of the city that are already developed but not able to sustain the pressure on the existing infrastructure.
  - ❖ On the other hand, the Greenfield areas are located at the periphery of the city which is prone to haphazard growth and development.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **World Cities Summit**

- ❖ The sixth edition of biennial World Cities Summit was held in Singapore.
- ❖ Its theme was “Liveable & Sustainable Cities: Embracing the Future through Innovation and Collaboration”.
- ❖ The summit was held together with Singapore International Water Week and CleanEnviro Summit Singapore.
- ❖ The summit explored ways for making cities more liveable and resilient through better governance and planning, technology and social innovations
- ❖ It is biennial international conference series on public governance and sustainable development of cities.
- ❖ The first summit, was held in Singapore in June 2008 and focused on the theme of “Liveable and Vibrant Cities”.



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## **UK launched new visas**

- ❖ The UK has launched new visas that will be open to overseas scientists and researchers, including Indians, to encourage growth of the country's research sector.
- ❖ The new UKRI Science, Research and Academia scheme opened for researchers, scientists and academics from outside the European Union (EU) to come to the UK for up to two years.
- ❖ The scheme will be operated by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).
- ❖ This Scheme is being added to the already existing Tier 5 (Temporary Worker – Government Authorised Exchange) visa route.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS**

### **Broadcasting Content Complaints Council**

- ❖ Uday Kumar Varma, the former Information and Broadcasting secretary, has been appointed as new member of the Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC).
- ❖ Varma, who is former IAS officer of 1976 batch from the Madhya Pradesh cadre, succeeded Wajahat Habibullah.
- ❖ The BCCC is an independent self-regulatory body set up by the Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) in June 2011 to look into complaints pertaining to all non-news general entertainment channels in India.

- ❖ It is a 13-member council, chaired by former Supreme Court Judge Justice Vikramajit Sen.

### **Second Indian to climb world's highest volcano**

- ❖ Satyarup Siddhanta has become second Indian mountaineer after Malli Mastan Babu to climb Mt Ojos del Salado (6893 m), the highest volcano in the world on Argentina-Chile border.
- ❖ He has skied last degree to South Pole by covering distance of 111 km.
- ❖ In December 2017 he summited Vinson Massif, becoming only fifth Indian civilian to complete the seven summits (Messner's List).

#### **Mt Ojos del Salado**

- ❖ Mt Ojos del Salado is a stratovolcano (volcano built up of alternate layers of lava and ash) in Andes Mountain range on Argentina–Chile border.
- ❖ It is the highest active volcano in the world, situated at altitude of 6,893 m.
- ❖ It is also the second highest mountain in Western Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere and highest in Chile.
- ❖ Its name means “Eyes of the Salty One” in Spanish and comes from enormous deposits of salt that in the form of lagoons or “eyes”, appear in its glaciers.
- ❖ Despite the generally dry conditions, there is permanent crater lake about 100 m in diameter at elevation of 6,390 m on eastern side of mountain.
- ❖ It is highest lake of any kind in the world.



## **Golden Man Booker International Prize 2018**

- ❖ Sri Lanka-born Canadian literary icon Michael Ondaatje's 'The English Patient' has won the special one-off Golden Man Booker Prize at the Southbank Centre in London.
- ❖ The prize was instituted as part of celebrations to mark the Booker's having completed 50 years and the one-off award was voted by the public.
- ❖ The shortlist of five novels was selected by a panel of judges from the 51 previous winners of the Man Booker.
- ❖ 'The English Patient' is a tale of love and conflict during World War II.
- ❖ Previously, 'The English Patient' had shared the 1992 Booker Prize with Barry Unsworth's 18th century slave tale 'Sacred Hunger'.
- ❖ In 2008, the Booker Prize held a similar competition for its 40th anniversary, when the public voted for Salman Rushdie's 'Midnight's Children', which originally won in 1981.
- ❖ The Booker Prize for Fiction was first awarded in 1969 and has been sponsored by Man Group since 2002.





## SPORTS

### **IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships 2018**

- ❖ Indian lifter Jhilli Dalabehera has bagged the bronze medal in the 2018 IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships at Tashkent.
- ❖ She lifted 167 kg in the 48 kg category to finish third on the podium.
- ❖ She is the second woman lifter after Saikhom Mirabai Chanu (in 2013) to win a medal in the Junior World Championships.

### **Tbilisi Grand Prix**

- ❖ Bajrang Punia emerged champion at the Tbilisi Grand Prix in the 65kg category after outplaying Iranian wrestler Mehran Nasiri in the final in Georgia.
- ❖ Meanwhile, in the 86kg category, Deepak Punia clinched a bronze with a 5-3 win over Osman Gosen of Turkey.

### **British Grand Prix**

- ❖ Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel (German) defeated second-placed Hamilton to win the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, England.
- ❖ The four-time champion registered his second win at Silverstone and the 51st of his career matching Alain Prost.
- ❖ It was Ferrari's first win in Britain since 2011.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **Chartered Accountants Day – 01 July**

- ❖ Chartered Accountants Day is celebrated every year on July 1 to mark the foundation day of ICAI
- ❖ ICAI (Institute of Chartered Accountants of India) was formed in India as a result of an act that was passed on July 1st, 1949.
- ❖ Chartered Accountant is an internationally acknowledged profession and is considered to be the first accountants to create the accounting body, and it was initially established in Scotland in 1854.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **International Mango Festival**

- ❖ The 30th International Mango Festival was held in New Delhi at the Dilli Haat, Janakpuri, from July 6 to July 8.
  - ❖ The event is organized by the Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTDC) in collaboration with
    - The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority,
    - The National Horticultural Board and
    - The New Delhi Municipal Council
  - ❖ The International Mango Festival, held annually in Delhi, India during early summer, is a two-day festival showcasing mangoes. It has been held since 1987.
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