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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Aavin has launched the sale of its products in Hongkong. Aavin products are already available in Malaysia and Singapore.
- ❖ Union Home Ministry has issued a directive that no ATM will be refilled with cash after 9 pm in cities, 6 pm in rural areas and 4 pm in Naxal-affected areas from February 8, 2019

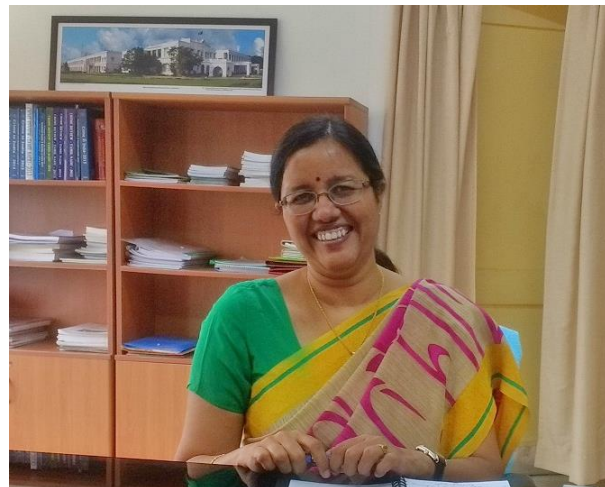
TAMIL NADU

Enrollment of Suganya Samriddhi Yojana

- ❖ Tamil Nadu ranks First in the overall enrollment of Suganya Samriddhi Yojana, a flagship savings scheme of the Central Government for the Girl children
- ❖ It has grossed Rs 2,940 crores in the last 3 years from 15.95 lakhs account holders.
- ❖ This is based on the figures available up to June 2018.

Vishaka panel

- ❖ For the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu police, the Vishaka committee has been formed to probe the complaints of sexual harassment at the workplace.
- ❖ The committee had been formed in compliance with the Vishaka guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court.
- ❖ The panel will be headed by Seema Agarwal, ADGP
- ❖ Members of the Committee
 - Seema Agarwal, ADGP (Head)
 - S Arunachalam, ADGP



- Thenmozhi, DIG
- Saraswati, SP (Retd)
- Ramesh, Serving Member of DGP Office

NATIONAL

Barak 8 missile defense system

- ❖ Israeli Navy has announced to procure multi-purpose Barak 8 missile defense system, jointly developed by India and Israel.
- ❖ It will be used by Israeli Navy's Sa'ar-6 corvettes to expand its operational capabilities of the Israeli navy.
- ❖ Barak-8 (Lightning 8 in Hebrew), also known as also known as LR-SAM or as MR-SAM is an operational air and missile defense system.



- ❖ It has a maximum speed of Mach 2 with a maximum operational range of 70 km (which has been increased to 100 km)
- ❖ The missile provides broad aerial and point defense against a wide range of threats to the marine arena from the air, sea or land.



INTERNATIONAL

Egypt passes New law to tackle Fake News

- ❖ Egypt's parliament has passed a law giving the state powers to block social media accounts and penalize journalists held to be publishing fake news.
- ❖ The Supreme Council for the Administration of the Media, headed by an official appointed by President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, will supervise the law and take action against violations.
- ❖ The bill prohibits the establishment of websites without obtaining a license from the Supreme Council and allows it to suspend or block existing websites.
- ❖ Recently, Egypt was ranked 161 out of 180 countries in the 2017 Press Freedom Index

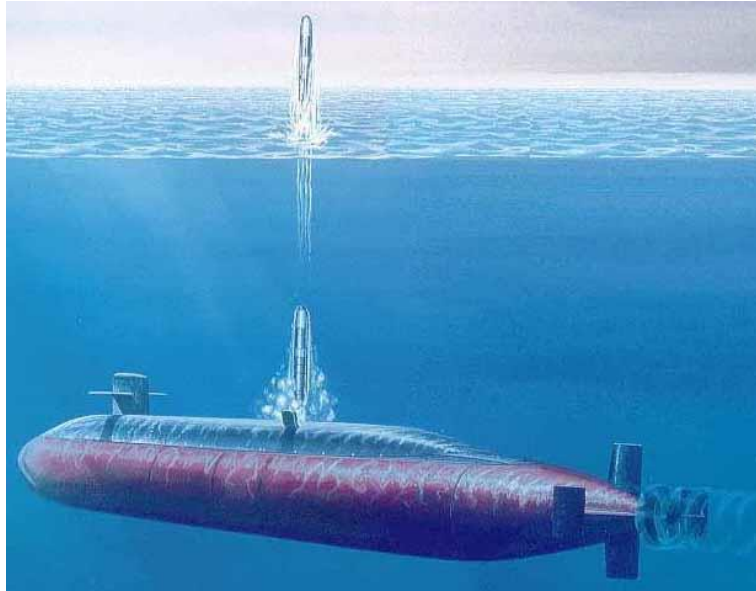
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Most wear-resistant metal alloy in the world

- ❖ US Scientists from Sandia National Laboratories have developed a platinum-gold alloy, which is 100 times more durable than High strength Steel
- ❖ It is in the same class of Sapphire and Diamond
- ❖ It has been claimed that if a set of tires been made from this alloy, it has to go around the Earth 500 times before wearing out

Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM)

- ❖ India has operationalized its 1st indigenous Nuclear capable, Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) after 2 decades of development.
- ❖ It was secretly test fired back-to-back from an indigenously built nuclear-powered submarine, INS Arihant, off Visakhapatnam coast.
- ❖ It was code-named, B-05 and was inducted in the Navy. It is 10m in length and has a strike range of about 750 km weighing 10 tonnes.



- ❖ The successful mission has made India a member of the very exclusive club of six nations which is capable of firing nuclear-tipped missiles from land, air and undersea.
- ❖ Others being Russia, USA, France, UK, and China.

STATES

Telangana launches Disaster Response Force

- ❖ Telangana Government for the first time has launched Disaster Response Force (DRF) vehicles in the capital city of Hyderabad.
- ❖ The main aim to start this DRF is that state should have its own Disaster force to swiftly deal with emergency situations.
- ❖ DRF vehicles provided to this force will be parked at 24 locations with Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

1st ever workshop to prevent Cybercrime threats

- ❖ Punjab Police have organized the 1st ever workshop to prevent Cybercrime threats on a real-time basis.
- ❖ It was organized in collaboration with National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre, New Delhi.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

3 awards to be named after Vajpayee

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that the state government will name 3 awards after former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.



- ❖ 1st Award is for the Poets
- ❖ 2nd Award is for the outstanding contribution in the field of Journalism
- ❖ 3rd Award is for the good work in Administration

United States 'Legion of Merit' (Degree of Commander) Award

- ❖ General Dalbir Singh Suhag, Retired chief of the Army staff, Indian Army – Conferred with United States 'Legion of Merit' (Degree of Commander) Award 2018 in Pentagon, Washington DC.
- ❖ The award was given to Gen Dalbir for his following contributions to the Indian Army and for his contribution in India-US Army bilateral engagements
- ❖ This is the 2nd time that an Indian military officer has been awarded this award. Earlier, General Rajendrasinghji Jadeja was awarded this in 1946
- ❖ The Legion of Merit Award is conferred in 4 different categories –
 - Degree of Chief Commander



- Degree of Commander
- Degree of Officer and
- Degree of Legionnaire.

MISCELLANEOUS

Raj Bhavan of Karnataka Governor

- ❖ Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala has opened his official residence, Raj Bhavan, for public viewing from August 16 to August 31
 - ❖ It was formerly known as “Bangalore Residency”, built by Sir Mark Cubbon, who was the commissioner of Mysuru territory of the British empire between 1840 and 1842
 - ❖ It has to be noted that the 19 bedrooms in the Bhavan were named after famous Indian rivers and mountains
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