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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The 8th meeting of India-Kenya Joint Trade Committee was held in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ❖ "Atal Ji Ne Kaha", is the latest of the books on the BJP patriarch and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee launched by Indian PM. The book was Authored and compiled by Brijendra Rehi. He was a noted Doordarshan producer and a senior journalist.
- ❖ Ganga Prasad was sworn in as the 16th Governor of Sikkim at a function held at Raj Bhawan in Gangtok. Acting Chief Justice of High Court of Sikkim, Justice Meenakshi M Rai, administered the oath of office to Prasad.
 - Ganga Prasad succeeds Shriniwas Patil as the 16th Governor of Sikkim.
- ❖ Baby Rani Maurya was on Saturday sworn in as the seventh Governor of Uttarakhand. Uttarakhand High Court Chief Justice, Rajiv Sharma administered the oath of office to Maurya at Raj Bhavan in Dehradun. Maurya succeeded Krishan Kant Paul.
 - Maurya is the 2nd woman to become the Governor of the Uttarakhand, after Margaret (August 2009 to May 2012).

INTERNATIONAL

4th Asian electoral stakeholders' forum

- ❖ In Sri Lanka, the fourth Asian electoral stakeholders' forum (AESF-IV) begins in Colombo to discuss the state of elections and democracy in the region.
- ❖ The theme is, 'Advancing Election Transparency and Integrity: Promoting and Defending Democracy Together'.
- ❖ India is being represented by Chief Electoral Officer of Maharashtra Ashwini Kumar and an NGO.
- ❖ The two-day forum is being held for the first time in South Asia with support from the Election Commission of Sri Lanka and the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL).



ECONOMY

International Arbitration Award

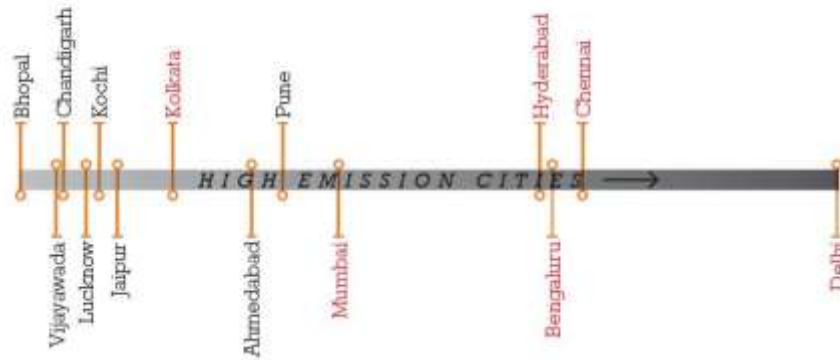
- ❖ Reliance Power has announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary Reliance Power Netherlands BV has won an international arbitration award of \$56 million against Prestige Capital Holdings (a Seychelles-based company) and Kokos Jiang.
- ❖ The arbitration was related to a contractual dispute in the context of the company's coal mines in Indonesia.
- ❖ Kokos Jiang is the owner of Sugico Group in Indonesia, from whom Reliance Power had acquired the entire economic interest in three coal mining concessions in Indonesia in 2010.
- ❖ The Arbitration Tribunal was constituted under Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) rules in Singapore.

ENVIRONMENT

Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) Survey

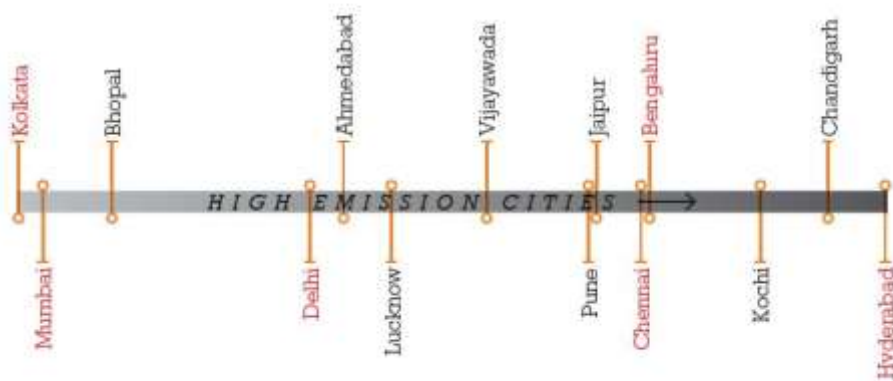
- ❖ According to the analysis titled The Urban Commute, by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), Bhopal tops for lowest overall emissions and energy use from the urban commute.
- ❖ Kolkata emits least among six megacities due to high usage of public transport and walking.
- ❖ Delhi ranks to the bottom as overall emissions and fuel use are highest.
- ❖ The study ranks the 14 cities on the basis of
 - Emissions of heat-trapping carbon dioxide and
 - Toxic pollutants like particulate matter and nitrogen oxides, as well as
 - Energy-guzzling from urban commuting.
- ❖ Top 3 in Overall emissions and energy consumption,
 - Bhopal
 - Vijayawada
 - Chandigarh.

Graph 29: Based on overall emissions and energy consumption



- ❖ Top 3 in Per-travel trip emissions and energy consumption,
 - Kolkata
 - Mumbai
 - Bhopal.

Graph 30: Based on per travel trip emissions and energy consumption





PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Asia Game Changer award

- ❖ PepsiCo's India-born Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi will be honored with the 2018 Asia Game Changer of the Year award by global cultural organization Asia Society.
- ❖ Nooyi has been selected in "recognition of her pioneering business achievements, humanitarian record, and advocacy for women and girls".



- ❖ She recently announced that she would be stepping down as PepsiCo's CEO after 12 years.
- ❖ The 2018 Asia Game Changer Awards will be given in October to individuals and institutions who have broken barriers, defined courage, worked miracles, and in turn inspired their fellow citizens of the world.

SPORTS

FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup France 2018

- ❖ Japan defeated Spain in the final of the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup France 2018, taking down the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup title for the first time in Japanese football history.
- ❖ Takarada Saori was named as the Player of the match with her goal and an assist.

- ❖ Takarada was also awarded the Adidas Bronze Boot as well as the Adidas Silver Ball, while Minami was awarded the Bronze Ball.



- ❖ Japan received the Fair-play award as a team and the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup France 2018 has closed its curtains.
- ❖ England secured third place and it is their highest-ever finish at this tournament.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Sanskrit Diwas 2018 – August 29

- ❖ Sanskrit Diwas is celebrated every year on Shravana Purnima (full moon day in the month of Shravana according to the Hindu calendar).
- ❖ This year, it falls on 26th August 2018. The previous year, it was celebrated on 6th and 7th August.
- ❖ Sanskrit Diwas was first celebrated in 1969 and comprises various events which talk about the impact and importance of Sanskrit.
