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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Union HRD Ministry has introduced Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARRIA) to rank educational institutions for innovation output based on all major indicators and parameters used globally.
- ❖ Union HRD Ministry has launched 'Innovation cell' at AICTE premises to systematically foster the culture of Innovation in all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across the country.
- ❖ The 6th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Trade Ministers Meeting held in Singapore. The Indian delegation was led by Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu
  - This meeting is consisting of 10 ASEAN countries and six ASEAN FTA partners namely, India, China, Japan, Korea, Australia and New Zealand.
- ❖ Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change released 'National REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation) Strategy. It aims to achieve climate change mitigation by incentivizing forest conservation.
- ❖ Germany will provide a loan of 120 million euros (approx. Rs 990 crore) to India as part of its contribution to the ongoing river Ganga cleaning programme.
  - It will be used in Uttarakhand for various activities including construction of sewerage network, sewage treatment plants, and rehabilitation of existing wastewater systems.
- ❖ Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved USD 346 million loan to finance Karnataka state high ways Improvement III Project (KSHIP-III) in Karnataka that will enhance connectivity and access to economic centers across 12 districts in Karnataka
- ❖ India has opened an immigration check-post in Mizoram along with the border with Myanmar, a reflection of its growing closeness with the eastern neighbor. It has designated Zokhawthar land check-post in Mizoram as an authorized immigration center for entry into and exit from India with valid travel documents for all passengers to or from Myanmar.
- ❖ Akshay Kumar starred 'Gold' has become the first Bollywood film ever to release in Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ Presidency Girls Higher Secondary School in Egmore become the first of 32 schools in the state where KG classes will be held under PPP mode. It aims to

boost student enrolments amid struggles to attract interest in state-sponsored education.

## **NATIONAL**

### **NITI Aayog 's Mobility Week**

- ❖ Niti aayog released a series of events to take place in the 'Mobility Week' from 31 August to 6 September 2018.
- ❖ During this week 17 events will facilitate interactions with various stakeholders across the mobility domain.

### **Indian Railways sign MoU with GAIL**

- ❖ GAIL (India) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Railways to create infrastructure for supplying natural gas to the transporter's workshops, production units, depots and residential colonies.
- ❖ It aims to the creation of infrastructure and supply of compressed natural gas (CNG), piped natural gas (PNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) for both industrial and domestic purposes.
- ❖ It would also help replace industrial gases like dissolved acetylene, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), Bharat Metal Cutting Gas (BMCG), furnace oil and High-Speed Diesel (HSD) with natural gas.

### **National Mission on Government e-Marketplace**

- ❖ National Mission on Government e Marketplace (GeM) will be launched on 5th September 2018 to accelerate the adoption and use of GeM by major central Ministries, State Governments, and their agencies.
- ❖ The aim of the National Mission is to promote inclusiveness, transparency, and efficiency in public procurement and achieve cashless, contactless and paperless transaction.

## ICAR's Two-Day Conference

- ❖ Director General of ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) inaugurated a two-day conference at NASC, New Delhi on Motivating and Attracting Youth in Agriculture (MAYA).
- ❖ This two-day conference provides an opportunity to all stakeholders to interact and discuss various options and avenues for motivating them towards entrepreneurship in agriculture and allied fields

## INTERNATIONAL

### 4th BIMSTEC Summit Declaration

- ❖ The fourth Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) summit was held in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal
- ❖ The theme of the summit was ‘Towards a Peaceful Prosperous, and Sustainable Bay of Bengal Region’.



- ❖ In this summit, 18-point Kathmandu declaration was unanimously adopted by the all member states presented by the Prime Minister of Nepal K.P. Sharma Oli.
- ❖ Sri Lanka will be conducting the 5th BIMSTEC summit with Chairmanship of Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena.

## STATES

### Krishna Kutir

- ❖ Women & Child Development Minister Maneka Sanjay Gandhi and UP CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the 'Krishna Kutir', a special home for 1000 widows at Vrindavan in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh
- ❖ It is created by the Ministry of Women & Child Development (MoWCD) under Swadhar Greh scheme.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### 1st Kashmiri Muslim woman pilot

- ❖ Thirty-year-old Iram Habib has become the first Kashmiri Muslim woman to become a pilot.



- ❖ Iram succeeds Tanvi Raina, a Kashmiri Pandit, who joined Air India as the Valley's first woman pilot in 2016. In April last year, 21-year-old Ayesha Aziz, also from Kashmir, became India's youngest student pilot.

### B.C. Roy Award - 2017

- ❖ Dr. V. S. Negi, Department of Clinical Immunology at Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (Jipmer), has been conferred the prestigious Dr. B C. Roy Award for 2017.

- ❖ He was given the award “to recognize the best talents in encouraging the development of specialties in different branches of medicine.”

### **B.C Roy Award**

- ❖ This award was instituted by the Medical Council of India (MCI) in 1976 in memory of renowned physician and former West Bengal Chief Minister Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy
  - ❖ The BC Roy Award is the highest recognition for medical practitioners in India.
  - ❖ The award is conferred annually 6 categories viz. statesmanship of the Highest Order in India, eminent medical person, medical man-cum-statesman, an eminent person in philosophy, an eminent person in arts and the eminent person in Science.
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