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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Uttarakhand high court declared that all religious bodies and any other groups of people are banned from issuing fatwas.
  - A fatwa is an Islamic pronouncement, issued by an expert in religious law (mufti), pertaining to a specific issue.
- ❖ The World Bank has approved in principle a financial assistance of Rs. 929.89 crore for a water supply and sewerage project for Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Trichy Corporation has launched a QR code-enabled door-to-door waste collection monitoring system.
- ❖ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the re-appointment of managing director and chief executive officer Rana Kapoor till further notice. Kapoor's tenure was supposed to end on 1 September.
- ❖ Mauritius remained the top source of foreign direct investment (FDI) into India in 2017-18 followed by Singapore, whereas total FDI stood at \$37.36 billion in the financial year.
- ❖ National Green Tribunal has appointed former Meghalaya high court chief justice Tarun Agrawal as head of a three-member committee to decide Vedanta company plea challenging closure of Sterlite plant at Tuticorin.
- ❖ Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt has appointed as 'Brand ambassador to lead an anti-drug campaign to six northern states.
  - Six states are Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, and Rajasthan also the Union Territory of Chandigarh

## **NATIONAL**

### **NITI Aayog's MOVE Cyclathon**

- ❖ NITI Aayog flagged off MOVE Cyclathon, a cycle rally to promote cleaner, accessible modes of transport.
- ❖ It was organized as part of 'Mobility Week' which will see 17 events in seven days from 31 August to 6 September 2018.

- ❖ This event aimed to encourage Cycling for a healthier life & a less polluting city and spread the message of a shared, connected, and zero-emission mobility in the country.

## INTERNATIONAL

### India – signs MoU with Cambodia

- ❖ India signs MoU with Cambodia to help the country on restoration and preservation of an ancient Lord Shiva temple in Preah Vihear, a world heritage site.
- ❖ The 'Temple of Preah Vihear' dates back to the first half of the 11th century AD.
- ❖ Second MoU is on cooperation between India's Foreign Service Institute (FSI) and Cambodia's National Institute of Diplomacy and International Relations (NIDIR).

### India, Cyprus sign key agreements

- ❖ India and Cyprus on signed key agreements in various areas to strengthen bilateral ties between both the countries.
- ❖ One of MoUs was signed between Financial Intelligence Unit of India and Unit for Combating Money Laundering of Cyprus on combating money laundering.
- ❖ Another MoU was signed for cooperation in the field of environment.

## ECONOMY

### ITI Limited partners with startups

- ❖ ITI Limited signed agreements with leading startups and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) covering the manufacturing of a wide range of ICT-IOT (Information and communications technology- Internet of Things) based solutions.
- ❖ These include civil and military advanced radar systems, advanced edge router systems, next-generation 5G technology products, data storage and networking solutions, digital security solutions, advanced metering solutions, and wi-fi products and solutions.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Offshore Patrol Vessel ICGS Vijaya

- ❖ The Offshore Patrol Vessel ICGS Vijaya (OPV-2) has delivered to the Indian Coast Guard on 30 August 2018.



- ❖ This vessel was the second in the series of seven OPVs.
- ❖ The first vessel of the series ICGS Vikram was handed over on April 11 this year, before DEFEXPO-2018.

### Method to predict inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)

- ❖ Chandra Mohan and Subra Kugathasan, 2 Indian-American Scientists identified a method for predicting and monitoring inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).
- ❖ Identifying at least 50 protein biomarkers that can non-invasively detect IBD, which is a gut disorder that leads to diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and weight loss, and it occurs when the body's immune system fights its intestinal cells.

### NASA's Icesat-2

- ❖ NASA is set to launch the most advanced laser instrument (ICESat-2) to measure the changes in the heights of Earth's polar ice in unprecedented detail.
- ❖ The Ice, Cloud, and land Elevation Satellite-2 (ICESat-2) will measure the average annual elevation change of land ice covering Greenland and Antarctica.

- ❖ It is equipped with Advanced Topographic Laser Altimeter System (ATLAS) to measure height by timing.

### **Rollable tablet**

- ❖ Scientists have developed a first rollable touch-screen tablet, taking inspiration from ancient scrolls to create a modern-day device.
- ❖ The device called MagicScroll is comprised of a high-resolution flexible display that can be rolled or unrolled around a central, 3D-printed cylindrical body containing the device's computerized inner-workings.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS**

### **Bharatiya Manavata Vikas Puraskar**

- ❖ This event was organized by private media company Daily Indian Media, to honor eminent personalities from politics, business, academics, and entertainment.
- ❖ Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh, Actors Shabana Azmi and Nandita Das and 10 others also received the honor.

### **Praful Bidwai Memorial Award**

- ❖ The Praful Bidwai Memorial Award for 2018 was given to Ulka Mahajan, co-founder of Sarvahara Jan Andolan.



**Praful Bidwai**  
Memorial Award

- ❖ This Award was instituted in the memory of journalist and social activist Bidwai, who died in Amsterdam in 2015.

## SPORTS

### World Youth Boxing Championships

- ❖ Nitu defeated Thailand's Nillada Meekoon and claimed her second successive gold at the world youth boxing championships in 48kg.
- ❖ She had won her previous world championship gold last year event, held in Guwahati.



- ❖ Former junior world champion boxer Sakshi Choudhary won the gold medal in 57kg.
- ❖ Also, Asian champions Manisha (64kg) and Anamika (51kg) got silver medals.

### UEFA club football awards 2018

- ❖ The award recognizes the best player, irrespective of his nationality, playing for a football club within the territory of a UEFA member association during the previous season.
- ❖ This year awards are given as follows,

- Player of the UEFA Champions League Season 2017-18 - Luka Modric (Real Madrid)
- Goalkeeper of the UEFA Champions League Season 2017-18 - Keylor Navas (Real Madrid)
- Women's Player of the Year - Pernille Harder (VFL Wolfsburg).



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Coconut Day- September 02

- ❖ Every year 2nd September is celebrated as World Coconut Day to commemorate the formation day of Asian Pacific Coconut Community (APCC) headquartered at Jakarta, Indonesia.



- ❖ APCC is an inter-governmental organization of 18 member countries. It is mandated to promote, coordinate and harmonize the coconut developmental activities of the Asian Pacific region to achieve maximum economic development.
- ❖ India is one of the founding members of APCC.



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