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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Cisco, a U.S.-based firm, that makes networking telecommunications equipment, has signed two agreements with the NITI Aayog and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to speed up its Country Digital Acceleration programme in India.

NATIONAL

Jaipur Literature festival

- ❖ Jaipur Literature festival was held in Houston, Texas, United States on 14th and 15th September 2018.
- ❖ This is the 1st time the festival is held outside Jaipur, ever since its inception in 2006.
- ❖ It is hailed as the World's largest free literary festival.
- ❖ After Houston, it will be held in New York from September 19 to 20 and in Boulder, Colorado from September 21 to 23.
- ❖ It will also be held in Australia and England later.

ECONOMY

Credit Suisse Research Institute (CSRI) Report

- ❖ India ranks third globally in terms of number of family-owned businesses with 111 companies having a total market capitalisation of \$839 billion.
- ❖ The study was published by the Credit Suisse Research Institute (CSRI).
- ❖ India closely follows China with 159 firms and the US with 121 firms, according to the 'Credit Suisse Family 1000 in 2018'.
- ❖ As per the report, in terms of number of family-owned businesses within the non-Japan Asian region, the list is dominated by China, India and Hong Kong.
- ❖ These three jurisdictions together account for around 65% of the non-Japan Asian section of CSRI's database.



ENVIRONMENT

Typhoon Mangkhut

- ❖ Typhoon Mangkhut made landfall on the northeastern tip of Luzon island in the Philippines with the top of the scale Category 5 winds of 165 mph.
- ❖ The name Mangkhut is a Thai word for the fruit mangosteen. In the Philippines, the typhoon is locally known as Ompong.
- ❖ The Hong Kong Observatory reported Mangkhut was the most powerful cyclone to hit the city since 1979.
- ❖ The deadliest storm on record in the Philippines was Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013.
- ❖ Hurricanes and typhoons are the same type of storm. Both are tropical cyclones. But those that occur in the Pacific west of the International Date Line are called typhoons.

STATES

Swayangsiddha

- ❖ In an attempt to combat human trafficking, the West Bengal government has rolled out a scheme, Swayangsiddha, in different districts of the State.
- ❖ Swayangsiddha, which means self-reliance, will be executed by the West Bengal Police.
- ❖ The scheme aims to empower young boys and girls to make informed choices so that they are less vulnerable to trafficking and child marriage.
- ❖ As per the NCRB data, West Bengal has highest recorded case of trafficking among the States.

YuvaNestam scheme

- ❖ Andhra Pradesh is going to launch 'YuvaNestam scheme' for providing 'unemployment allowance' to the state's youth from October 2018
- ❖ For this purpose, the CM launched website "yuvanestham.ap.gov.in", where candidates have to register
- ❖ The scheme provides an allowance of RS 1000 for the unemployed youth in the age group of 25 years to 35 years.

1st Ever Dedicated Dog Park

- ❖ For the first time in India, a dedicated dog park has been set up at Hyderabad the park at an area of 1.3 acres.



- ❖ It was developed by “Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation” at a cost of Rs 1.1 crore and certified by Kennel Club of India.

'Swachh Dhara'

- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu flagged off the 'Swachh Dhara' programme at Amravati in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ It was launched with the main objective of providing clean drinking water across the state.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Hindi Implementation Award

- ❖ State-run Punjab National Bank (PNB) bagged the "Rajbhasha Kirti" award for outstanding performance in implementing the Official Language Policy during 2017-18.
- ❖ The award was given on the occasion of Hindi Diwas (15th September).

- ❖ The award, under the category of 'Nationalised Banks and Financial Institutions in Region A', was presented by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu.

Anna Rajam Malhotra passed away

- ❖ Anna Rajam Malhotra, first Indian woman IAS officer after Independence, died in Mumbai on 17th September.
- ❖ The officer served in the Madras State under then Chief Minister C. Rajagopalachari.



- ❖ During her tenure, the construction of India's first computerised port Nhava Sheva (Jawaharlal Nehru Port) in Mumbai was completed.
- ❖ Anna Rajam was honored with the Padma Bhushan award in 1989 for her exemplary service.

SPORTS

Ahmet Comert Tournament

- ❖ Simranjit Kaur (64kg), Monika (48kg) and Bhagyabati Kachari (81kg) claimed gold medals at Ahmet Comert Tournament in Istanbul, Turkey.
- ❖ Simranjit, a former national medallist, defeated Turkey's Sema Caliskan to win the Gold.
- ❖ Bhagyabati was declared the most scientific boxer of the tournament.

New marathon world record

- ❖ Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge set a new marathon world record in Berlin (Germany), smashing the previous best as he clocked 2 hours 1 minute 39 second.



- ❖ The 33-year-old Olympic champion took 1 minute 17 second off the previous best set four years ago by Dennis Kimetto.
- ❖ Ethiopian Ruti Aga finished second and her compatriot Tirunesh Dibaba third.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mountaineers climbed Asia's highest volcanic peak Mount

- ❖ Mountaineers Satyarup Siddhanta and Mousumi Khatua have created history by climbing Asia's highest volcanic peak Mount Damavand in Iran.
- ❖ At the elevation of 5,609 metres, Mount Damavand is a potentially active volcano.
- ❖ The expedition team comprised of three members, Siddhanta, Mousumi and Bhaswati Chatterjee.

Dow Jones Sustainability Index 2018

- ❖ Tata Steel has bagged the 'Steel Industry Leader' Award in 'Dow Jones Sustainability Index 2018' (DJSI 2018).
- ❖ Tata Steel is the only India-based company to win among 60 sectors evaluated for DJSI 2018

- ❖ It has been named the “Industry Leader” amongst 24 steel companies globally, for the second time in the last 3 years.
