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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ World Bank Board has endorsed an ambitious five-year Country Partnership Framework (CPF) for India, which aligns with New Delhi's objectives of high, sustainable and inclusive growth.
  - The framework is expected to bring between 25 and 30 billion US Dollars in financial support to India.
- ❖ India has contributed one million US dollars for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the imposing UN building at the world body's headquarters in New York.
- ❖ India and Niger signed an MoU for the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre (MGICC) in Niamey, Niger with the Indian government's grant assistance.
- ❖ In a bid to ensure transparency, the Ministry of Health has introduced 'budget dashboard', an internal web portal comprising information on budget, expenditure and bill payment positions.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Logo, Web Portal launched - 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**

- ❖ President launched the logo and the web portal for commemoration of 150th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.



- ❖ The logo was obtained through “crowd sourcing” and will be displayed in all the Government organizations and entities.
- ❖ The web portal is “<http://gandhi.gov.in>”
- ❖ It is participatory in nature and has a unique feature “Gandhipedia” which will be a repository of Gandhian knowledge.
- ❖ The 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi will be observed in the form of 2 yearlong celebrations from October 2, 2018 to October 2, 2020 across the country.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Tactical Missile ‘Prahar’ Successfully Flight Tested

- ❖ DRDO successfully flight tested the indigenously developed surface-to-surface tactical missile ‘Prahar’, from Balasore, Odisha.



- ❖ It is solid-fuelled surface-to-surface short-range tactical ballistic missile.
- ❖ It can be launched from road mobile system, which can carry six missiles at time. It can also be fired in salvo mode in all directions from launcher.
- ❖ It is comparable to MGM-140 Army Tactical Missile System of United States.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Local Treatment of Urban Sewage Streams for Healthy Reuse

- ❖ Union Science & Technology minister inaugurated a novel holistic Local Treatment of Urban Sewage Streams for Healthy Reuse (LOTUSHR) project at Sun Dial Park in New Delhi.
- ❖ It is a joint initiative of Indian and Dutch scientists, to re-convert waste water to clean water and generate bio-fuel, during the process.

### Health Ministry Partners with Dell and Tata Trusts

- ❖ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, exchanged the MoUs with the **Tata Trusts and Dell** to provide a technological platform for nation-wide prevention, control, screening and management program of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).
- ❖ The Health Ministry is working with Dell as a technology partner and the Tata Trusts as deployment partner.
- ❖ It is aimed at bringing healthcare technology transformation in Comprehensive Primary Health Care NCD program under Ayushman Bharat.

### Sputum sample transportation through Department of Post

- ❖ Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has launched pilot project for transport of sputum specimen for Tuberculosis (TB) Diagnosis.
- ❖ The transportation has been done by utilising services of Department of Post in Karawal Nagar, New Delhi.
- ❖ This will enable appropriate management of the TB patients and reduced disease transmission.
- ❖ Health Ministry also launched web-based application, Nikshay Version 2.0, with better user interface and data structures.
- ❖ NIKSHAY is web-based solution for effectively monitoring of TB patients under Revised National Tuberculosis Programme (RNTCP).
- ❖ It was launched by Health Ministry Government and developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC) in association with Central TB Division (CTD), MoHFW.

## STATES

### First-ever 'dial-FIR' scheme

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh Police are set to launch a **first of its kind dial-FIR scheme** in the country.
- ❖ In this scheme, a common man can register regular crimes without going to a police station, by dialling the emergency number UP 100 and file a FIR, a call-based FIR.
- ❖ To combat crime, an online dossier of over 1-lakh small and big criminals in the state has also been prepared.
- ❖ UP is the **only 2<sup>nd</sup> state** to prepare such a **localised online criminal database** after **Punjab**.
- ❖ A pilot project of the e-FIR has been successfully conducted in Ghaziabad region.

### First ever gender-neutral hostel

- ❖ The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai's Deonar has become the first campus in India to have a gender-neutral hostel.
- ❖ After the Supreme Court scrapped Section 377 of the IPC that criminalised homosexuality, India has become the first-ever country to have a gender-neutral hostel.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### National Sports Awards 2018

- ❖ The National Sports Awards 2018 were announced by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.



- ❖ Cricket captain Virat Kohli and world champion weightlifter Mirabai Chanu will jointly be conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award 2018, India's highest sporting honour.
- ❖ The Guru Nanak Dev University of Amritsar was chosen as the recipient of the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2017-18.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Day of Peace - 21 September

- ❖ Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September.
- ❖ The theme for International Day of Peace 2018 is "The Right to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70".



- ❖ The theme celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
  - ❖ The day was first celebrated in 1982.
  - ❖ Established in 1981, UNGA has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.
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