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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Border Roads Organisation will build the world's highest tunnel at Shinku La Pass in Himachal Pradesh.
  - It will be constructed at 16,580 feet, to connect Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh.
- ❖ Young Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh of Chennai emerged victorious in the 48th La Roda International Open Chess tournament held at Spain.
  - R Praggnanandhaa took the third spot.
- ❖ The government has granted an extension of one year to Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas.
  - This is the second extension for Vyas, who was first appointed to the post in September 2018.

## NATIONAL

### Hoverport - Okha

- ❖ Director-General of Indian Coast Guard (ICG) VS Pathania inaugurated the hoverport at Okha.
- ❖ He also laid the foundation stone for a Coast Guard jetty at Vadinar.
- ❖ Both are located in Gujarat's coastal Devbhumi Dwarka district.
- ❖ A hoverport is a terminal for hovercraft, having passenger facilities where needed and infrastructure to allow the hovercraft to come on land.

### Vidya Samiksha Kendra



- ❖ The Command and Control Centre or Vidya Samiksha Kendra are set up by the Gujarat Education Department in Gandhinagar.
- ❖ It tracks enrolment, attendance, learning outcomes, drop-outs, and school accreditation and monitors schools, teachers and block and cluster resource centre coordinators.
- ❖ The centre is aimed at leveraging data and technology to improve learning outcomes.

### Centre for traditional medicine

## WHO GLOBAL CENTRE FOR TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

**The first and only global outpost centre for traditional medicine will come up in Jamnagar, Gujarat.**

- ◆ To position AYUSH systems across the globe
- ◆ To provide leadership on global health matters pertaining to traditional medicine
- ◆ To ensure quality, safety and efficacy, accessibility and rational use of traditional medicine
- ◆ To develop norms, standards, and guidelines in relevant technical areas
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- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate WHO Global Centre for traditional medicine at Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- ❖ It is the first of its kind in the world.
- ❖ The Centre aims to channel the potential of traditional medicine, by integrating it with technological advancements and evidence-based research.

### Changes in Environmental Clearance process



## PARIVESH

A Single Window Integrated System for Environment,  
Forest, Wildlife and CRZ Clearances

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change has introduced a number of changes to the environmental clearance process for projects development projects.
- ❖ While it is proposing to exempt others entirely from its jurisdiction.
- ❖ Due to this the environmentalists are showing concern.
- ❖ For 39 types of developmental projects, the environmental clearance (EC) is mandatory.
- ❖ The developmental projects include hydropower, mining, thermal power, etc.
- ❖ The clearance process is outlined by the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) notification that was issued in 2006.

### **Integrated Command - Control Centre in All Smart Cities**

- ❖ Out of the 100 cities in the country that are being developed under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), in 80 of them, the Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCCs) have already been set up.
- ❖ By 15th August 2022, the rest of them will also have the Integrated Command and Control Centres.
- ❖ The Integrated Command and Control Centres or ICCCs are a key part of the Smart Cities project.
- ❖ This project has the aim of developing 100 self-sustainable, citizen-friendly urban settlements.
- ❖ The home ministry has the aim of finalizing the ICCC model and implementing a pilot project across the states of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Rajasthan.

### **Actinimenes koyas**





- ❖ A new species of shrimp has been discovered by scientists from the ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources.
- ❖ The newly discovered species has been named *Actinimenes koyas*.
- ❖ The newly-discovered shrimp species were collected from Agatti Island's coral atoll.
- ❖ Agatti Island forms a part of the Lakshadweep islands.
- ❖ The discovery was done by a team comprising A. Dhinakaran, Purushothaman Paramasivam, Kuldeep K. Lal, and T.T. Ajith Kumar.

### **e-DAR Portal**

- ❖ The Supreme Court has recently received a demonstration of a web-based portal e-DAR to streamline data on Motor Vehicle Accidents and Claims sought under the Act.
- ❖ e-DAR (e-Detailed Accident Report) is a web portal developed by the Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways in consultation with insurance companies.
- ❖ It will provide instant information on road accidents with a few clicks and help accelerate accident compensation claims, bringing relief to victims' families.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Tropical Storm Megi**

- ❖ Tropical Storm Megi wreaked havoc on the Philippines, killing at least 167 people in landslides and floods.
- ❖ According to the national disaster organization, another 110 persons are missing, and 1.9 million people have been impacted.
- ❖ It's the third tropical depression and the second tropical storm of the typhoon season in the Pacific for 2022.

## **STATES**

### **African Swine Fever**

- ❖ African Swine Fever cases have been detected on a government breeding farm in Tripura.
- ❖ A total of 63 mature pigs had died.
- ❖ The farm is located in Devipur, Sepahijala district.

- ❖ It is run by the state's Animal Resources Development Department.

### African swine fever (ASF)



### L-root server

- ❖ The first state in the country to get the L-root server is Rajasthan.
- ❖ With seamless internet connectivity, this server will assist the State government in providing its flagship digital services and enforcing e-governance.
- ❖ This new server has been installed at Rajasthan's Bhamashah State Data Centre, Jaipur in collaboration with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).
- ❖ Currently, there are three J-root servers deployed in Mumbai, New Delhi, and Gorakhpur, and two L-root servers deployed in Kolkata and Mumbai.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Chief of the Indian Army

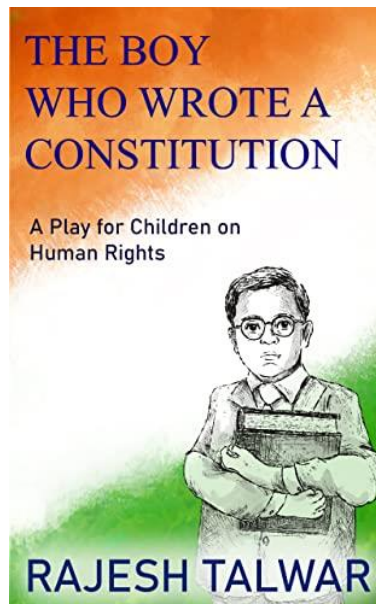


- ❖ Lieutenant General Manoj Pande has become the 29th Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) succeeding General Manoj Mukund Naravane.

- ❖ Lt Gen Manoj Pande has also become the first engineer to become the Chief of the Indian Army
- ❖ The Chief of the Army Staff is also known as the Army Chief.
- ❖ He is the head of the Indian Army Headquarters and is also the highest-ranking officer in the Indian Army.

### **Book by Rajesh Talwar**

- ❖ A new book titled “The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution: A play for Children on Human Rights” authored by Rajesh Talwar has been released.
- ❖ It is a fact-based drama on Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar’s own recollections of his childhood.
- ❖ It was released on the occasion of Dr. BR Ambedkar’s 131st birth anniversary.
- ❖ It is published by Ponytale Books.
- ❖ Talwar’s also authored books include “The Vanishing of Subhash Bose”, “Gandhi, Ambedkar, and the Four-Legged Scorpion”, and “Aurangzeb”.



## **SPORTS**

### **Senior Men’s National Hockey Championship**

- ❖ Haryana has emerged as the champion of the 12th Senior Men’s National Hockey Championship.
- ❖ Haryana achieved this feat by defeating Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ The tournament was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Haryana has won the trophy for the first time since 2011.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### UN Chinese Language Day - April 20



- ❖ The day has been chosen to pay tribute to Cangjie.
- ❖ Cangjie is a mythical figure who is presumed to have invented Chinese characters about 5,000 years ago.

