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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The retired IAS officer Sanjay Kothari was sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
 - He was sworn in by President Ram Nath Kovind.
- ❖ NASA has developed new ventilator tailored specifically to treat COVID-19 patients.
 - The device is called VITAL - Ventilator Intervention Technology Accessible Locally.

NATIONAL

Swamitva Yojana (Ownership Scheme)

- ❖ On the occasion of Panchayat Raj Day in April 24th, the PM of India launched this scheme.
- ❖ It was launched to map residential land ownership in the villages
- ❖ These will be measured using drones to create a non-disputable record.
- ❖ Property card for every property in the village will be prepared by states.
- ❖ The scheme aims to revolutionize property record maintenance in India.
- ❖ It helps to map rural inhabited lands using drones and latest survey methods.
- ❖ The scheme is developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- ❖ The scheme was launched in 6 states namely Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh.

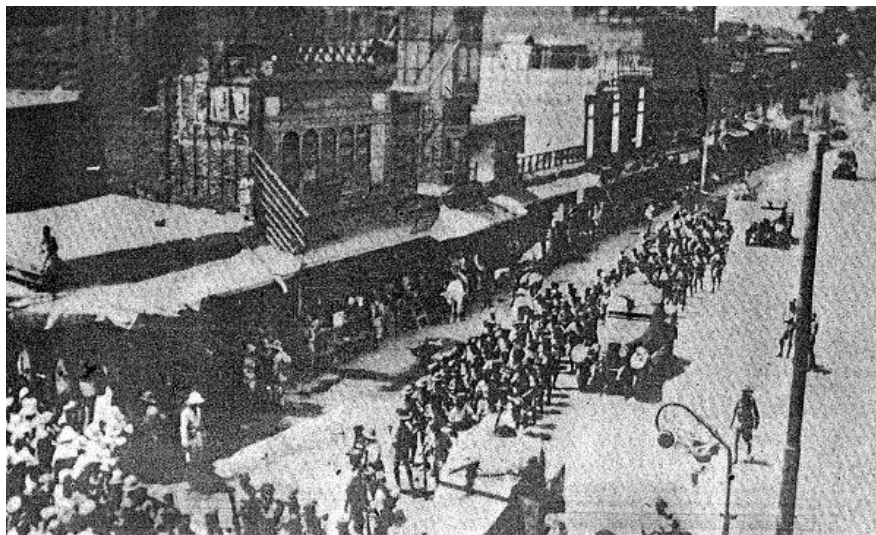
e-Gram Swaraj Portal and Mobile App

- ❖ It was launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- ❖ It will provide the Gram Panchayats with a single interface to prepare and implement their Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP).

INTERNATIONAL

Peshawar's Qissa Khwani Bazaar massacre

- ❖ The massacre was perpetrated by British soldiers against non-violent protesters of the Khudai Khidmatgar movement on April 23, 1930.
- ❖ It is the 90th year anniversary for this massacre.
- ❖ The Khudai Khidmatgar was a non-violent movement against British occupation of the Indian subcontinent.
- ❖ It was led by Abdul Ghaffar Khan, a Pashtun freedom fighter, in the North-West Frontier Province.



ECONOMY

Banking Industry

- ❖ The Government of India has declared banking industry as public utility service till October 21.
- ❖ The order has been issued under the provisions of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.
- ❖ The main objective of the Act is to secure harmony and peace in the work culture of Indian Industries.
- ❖ The Act applies only to organized sector.
- ❖ The order was initiated by Ministry of Finance and has then gone to Reserve Bank of India for clarification.
- ❖ The order was passed and implemented by the Ministry of Labour.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Pooled testing restriction

- ❖ The Indian Council of Medical Research announced that pooled testing can be done only in areas where the COVID-19 prevalence is less than 5%.
- ❖ Also, the ICMR has instructed that not more than 5 samples shall be pooled.
- ❖ So far in India, Pooled testing has been adopted in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.
- ❖ Though Andaman was the first Union Territory to adopt pool testing, UP was the first state to adopt the methodology.
- ❖ Pooled Testing has been successful in Israel and Germany as well.

ENVIRONMENT

Anthurium

- ❖ D Vasini Bai, a women innovator from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, has developed 10 varieties of Anthurium.
- ❖ Anthurium is one of the best domestic flowering plants in the world.
- ❖ NASA has placed it in the list of air purifier plants.





STATES

Namma Oru

- ❖ The operators of Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru have started a plantation drive in the region as part of their flagship CSR Programme 'Namma Ooru'.
- ❖ It aims to revive and conserve 'Devanahalli Pomelo', an endangered citrus fruit.
- ❖ Devanahalli Pomelo has a Geographical Indication (GI) tag as it is known for its sweet taste.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

I am Badminton

- ❖ The World champion P V Sindhu was named the ambassador of the campaign "I am Badminton".
- ❖ The campaign was launched by Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- ❖ Apart from P V Sindhu, there are other ambassadors.
- ❖ Sindhu is the first Indian to become Badminton World Champion.
- ❖ They are Michelle Li of Canada, Huang Ya Qiong and Zheng Si Wei of China, Valeska Knoblauch of Germany, Chan Ho Yuen of Hong Kong.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Malaria Day - April 25

- ❖ It is being celebrated by the World Health Organisation.
- ❖ This year's theme is 'Zero malaria starts with me'.
- ❖ It was established on April 25 in 2007 by the 60th session of the World Health Assembly.
- ❖ Malaria is a leading cause of human morbidity and mortality.
- ❖ Most cases (80%) and deaths (90%) were in sub-Saharan African.
- ❖ At the East Asia Summit in 2015, India pledged to eliminate the disease by 2030.
- ❖ India launched the five-year National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination.

World Immunization Week

- ❖ Every year, last week of April is marked as the World Immunization Week.
- ❖ Theme of this year is Vaccines work for All.
- ❖ The first vaccine developed to immunize against diseases was the small pox vaccine.
- ❖ It was developed by an English Physician Edward Jenner in 1796.



International Delegate's Day - April 25

- ❖ For the first time, the United Nations marked the International Delegate's Day.
- ❖ The Day is being marked to celebrate the 75th anniversary of San Francisco Conference of USA, an event that laid the foundations of the United Nations.
- ❖ On April 25, 1945, delegates from 50 countries came together in San Francisco for the first time.
- ❖ It is also known as the United Nations Conference on International Organization.
- ❖ The main aim of the conference was to come together to restore world peace and impose rules post world war.
- ❖ The Charter of United Nations was framed after two months of the conference (June 25, 1945).



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World Intellectual Property Day - April 26

- ❖ It was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000.
- ❖ The Date coincides with the date on which the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization entered into force in 1970.
- ❖ It is to "raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life" and "to celebrate creativity, and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of societies across the globe".
- ❖ Theme of 2020 – Innovate for a Green Future.

International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day - April 26

- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness of the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and the risks of nuclear energy in general.
- ❖ On December 2016 the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution to observe this.
- ❖ An explosion took place at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in 1986 at the city of Pripyat in Ukraine.
- ❖ It spread a radioactive cloud over large parts of the Soviet Union, now the territories of Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

