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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on the eve of Raksha Bandhan launched 'E-Raksha Bandhan', an online training programme on cybersecurity.

NATIONAL

Bharat Air Fibre Services

- ❖ These are introduced by BSNL as part of digital India initiatives by the Government of India.
- ❖ It aims of providing Wireless Connectivity in the range of 20 KMs from the BSNL Locations.

Chinese Language

- ❖ The National Education Policy (NEP) has dropped Mandarin or 'Chinese' from its list of examples of foreign languages that can be taught in schools.
- ❖ In addition to high quality offerings in Indian languages and English, foreign languages, such as Korean, Japanese, Thai, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian, will also be offered at the secondary level.

100th Death Anniversary - Tilak

- ❖ Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak's 100th death anniversary was observed on August 1st.
- ❖ He was a part of the Lal-Bal-Pal (Lala Lajpat Rai, Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Bipin Chandra Pal) troika.
- ❖ He was called 'father of the Indian unrest' by British colonial rulers.
- ❖ Jawaharlal Nehru called him the 'father of Indian revolution'.
- ❖ Mahatma Gandhi described Tilak as 'the maker of modern India'.
- ❖ He was the strongest proponent of 'purna swaraj' or 'total self-rule'.
- ❖ His famous slogan was 'Swaraj is my birth right and I shall have it'.

Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2020

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon-SIH (Software) 2020 and interacted with the participants through video conference.
- ❖ The Hackathon has been organized by the Ministry of HRD (MHRD), Government of India; All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Persistent Systems and i4c.
- ❖ The SIH is a nationwide initiative to provide students with a platform to solve some of the complex issues faced in our daily lives.
- ❖ It aims to inculcate a product innovation culture and a problem-solving mindset.
- ❖ The first edition of Smart India Hackathon was held in 2017.



Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan

- ❖ The Union Minister for Ministry of Science and Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan.
- ❖ It is a national level programme for popularizing pure science among school students of Class 6th to 11th.
- ❖ It is India's largest Science talent search examination for New India using Digital Devices.
- ❖ It is an initiative of Vijnana Bharathi (VIBHA) in collaboration with Vigyan Prasar, Government of India and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).
- ❖ Vijnana Bharathi (VIBHA) is a national movement for propagation and popularization of Science & Technology among the students and masses.

Pradip Shah Committee

- ❖ The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) announced the establishment of an expert committee headed by Pradip Shah.

- ❖ It works to suggest on how to develop the international retail businesses in International Financial Services Centres (IFSC).

INTERNATIONAL

1947 pact on Gorkha soldiers

- ❖ Recently, Foreign Minister of Nepal said that the 1947 agreement among India, Nepal and the United Kingdom that deals with the military service of Gorkha soldiers has become redundant.
- ❖ Following the Anglo-Nepalese War of 1814-16, the British decided to recruit Gorkha soldiers in 1815.
- ❖ After India's Independence in 1947, the question of Gorkha soldiers was settled by the Britain-India-Nepal Tripartite Agreement.
- ❖ Currently, the Gorkhas comprise up to 3% of the British Army, and in 2015 completed 200 years of service there.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

NASA Astronauts

- ❖ Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley two US astronauts return to the planet Earth safely following a 21-hour journey from the International Space Station.
- ❖ The astronaut were sent by NASA in collaboration with Elon Musk's company Space-X from NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida at USA.
- ❖ With this successful landing, the Elon Musk's Space-X has become the first-ever private company to achieve this success.



Yellow Fever

- ❖ Yellow fever is caused by a virus that is spread by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito.
- ❖ According to new study the disease is projected to shift to Central and East Africa from West Africa by 2050.
- ❖ It is endemic in 34 countries in the sub-Saharan African region.

ENVIRONMENT

Dhole

- ❖ A research paper on conserving the endangered dhole was published in Mammal Review.
- ❖ Dhole is also known as Asian wild dog, Asiatic wild dog, Indian wild dog, whistling dog, red dog, and mountain wolf.
- ❖ Besides the tiger, the dhole is the only large carnivore in India that is under the IUCN's 'endangered' category.
- ❖ India has the highest number of dholes in the world.
- ❖ Karnataka, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh rank high in the conservation of the endangered dhole in India.



STATES

Indira Rasoi Yojana

- ❖ Rajasthan State Government plans to start Indira Rasoi Yojana.
- ❖ It's motto is 'No Hunger No Sleep'.

- ❖ The scheme was inspired by Chennai's "Amma Ki Rasoi".

SPORTS

Lewis Hamilton

- ❖ Formula One Champion Mercedes Lewis Hamilton (British) won British Grand Prix 2020 (officially known as the Formula 1 Pirelli British Grand Prix 2020) held at the Silverstone Circuit in Silverstone, United Kingdom (UK).
- ❖ This is his 7th time to win this title.
- ❖ He is the only racer to win most in British GP.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Sanskrit Day - August 3

- ❖ The Government of India declared to celebrate the world Sanskrit day on the Sharvana poornima, in 1969.
- ❖ All India Radio (AIR) broadcast its first ever special program titled, 'Bahujan Bhasha-Sanskrit Bhasha' on this day
- ❖ The New Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) with an aim to multilingualism, promotes Sanskrit language in school and higher educational level.

