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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Natasha Peri, an 11-year-old Indian-American girl has been judged as one of the brightest students in the world by a top US university for her exceptional performance in the SAT and ACT standardised tests.
 - Both the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and American College Testing (ACT) are standardised tests that many colleges use to determine whether to accept a student for admission.

TAMIL NADU

7.5% reservation for government school students

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has decided to introduce 7.5% horizontal reservation for students of government schools in admissions to professional courses from the coming academic year.
- ❖ The courses will include engineering, agriculture, veterinary and fisheries courses.
- ❖ A similar reservation policy is already being implemented in medical admissions since the 2020-21 academic year.

Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Aug 5th launched a healthcare scheme, "Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam", to provide healthcare services at the doorstep in Krishnagiri district's Hosur.
- ❖ The government plans to extend this service across the state by the year-end.
- ❖ The scheme was also simultaneously launched in Chennai by Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Minister PK Sekar Babu and Greater Chennai Corporation commissioner Gagan Singh Bedi.

NATIONAL

Agro-Automatic Weather Stations

- ❖ The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has undertaken installation of Agro-Automatic Weather Stations (AWS).



- ❖ This is to provide exact weather forecast to people with special focus on farmers.
- ❖ Installation was done at District Agromet Units (DAMUs) located in Krishi Vigyan Kendras under Indian Council of Agriculture Research network.
- ❖ Agro-AWS is being installed at 200 DAMUs to provide block level Agromet Advisory Services (AAS) under the scheme called Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS).

Fast Track Special Courts

- ❖ Recently, the Union Government approved the continuation of more than 1023 Fast Track Special Court (FTSCs) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for two years (April 2021-March 2023).
- ❖ It includes 389 exclusive POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Courts.
- ❖ The Central share will be provided from the Nirbhaya Fund.
- ❖ Fast track courts (FTCs) were first recommended by the Eleventh Finance Commission in 2000.

National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017

- ❖ The Government has notified National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017 (NPMF, 2017) to encourage marine fishing in the Indian waters.
- ❖ The NPMF provides guidance for promoting 'Blue Growth Initiative', which focuses on ushering 'Blue Revolution'.
- ❖ It aims to ensure the health and ecological integrity of marine living resources of India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) through sustainable harvests for the benefit of present and future generations of the nation.
- ❖ The Strategy of NPMF is based on 7 pillars.
- ❖ They are Sustainable development, socio-economic upliftment of fishers, principle of subsidiarity, partnership, inter-generational equity, gender justice and precautionary approach.

INS Vikrant

- ❖ India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, conducted its maiden sea trails.
- ❖ This encourages making of military equipment within India.

- ❖ It will be fully operational by 2022.
- ❖ The Navy will accept this warship and then conduct aviation trials.
- ❖ Under the aviation trials, take-off and landing of Russian MiG 29K fighter jets would take place.
- ❖ INS Vikrant is a 44000-tonne carrier.
- ❖ It has been built at state-owned Cochin Shipyard in Kochi, Kerala.

INS Khanjar

- ❖ The Indian Naval Ship Khanjar becomes the first Indian Navy ship to call at the heritage coastal port of Gopalpur in Odisha.
- ❖ The two-day visit was organised as part of Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav as well as Swarnim Vijay Varsh celebrations.
- ❖ This is to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Independence and the 50th anniversary of the 1971 War respectively.

World's highest road in Ladakh



- ❖ The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has constructed and black-topped the highest road in the world at Umlingla Pass in Eastern Ladakh.
- ❖ The highest motorable road in the world is situated at an altitude of 19,300 feet.
- ❖ The road is a 52-km long stretch.
- ❖ It passes through Umlingla Pass, connecting important towns in the Chumar sector of Eastern Ladakh.

INTERNATIONAL

International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement - Germany

- ❖ Germany became the 5th country to sign the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement.
- ❖ This was made possible after amendments entered into force, opening the Membership of international solar alliance to all Member States of the United Nations.

Note

- ❖ The Membership to the ISA was earlier limited to 121 countries.
- ❖ The countries were partially or entirely located within the tropics.
- ❖ This didn't allow major solar energy economies such as Germany to join the alliance.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Prof. C.R. Rao Centenary Gold Medal award



**Indian Economists Dr.
Jagdish Bhagwati and
Dr. C Rangarajan gets
Prof CR Rao Centenary
Gold Medal**

- ❖ The Indian Econometric Society (TIES) Trust has selected two renowned economic scholars for the Prof. C.R. Rao Centenary Gold Medal award.
- ❖ The Renowned economists Jagdish Bhagwati and C Rangarajan have been conferred with the inaugural Prof CR Rao Centenary Gold Medal (CGM).
- ❖ Bhagwati is a professor of economics, law and international relations at the Columbia University.
- ❖ C Rangarajan is the former chairman of the Economic Advisory Council of the Prime Minister and former governor of the Reserve Bank of India.
- ❖ The medal is presented once in two years to an Indian or Indian-origin scholar for lifetime contributions to the fields of theoretical and applied aspects of quantitative economics and official statistics.

SPORTS

Ravi Kumar Dahiya wins silver

- ❖ Indian wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya bagged the silver medal after losing in the final of men's 57kg freestyle category to Russian Olympic Committee's (ROC) Zaur Uguev.
- ❖ This is India's fifth medal at the Tokyo Olympics.
- ❖ This is also the second silver of this campaign.
- ❖ Ravi Kumar is the fifth Indian wrestler after KD Jadhav, Sushil Kumar, Yogeshwar Dutt, and Sakshi Malik to finish on the Olympic podium.



Indian Men's Hockey - Bronze medal

- ❖ In a historic, men's hockey bronze-medal match, India beat the German team 5-4.
- ❖ This is the Indian hockey team's first podium finish in 41 years since 1980 Moscow Games, when India won its 8th gold medal in the Olympic Games.
- ❖ It is India's third hockey bronze medal in the history of the Olympics.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Hiroshima day - August 06

- ❖ The day marks the anniversary of the atomic bombing in Hiroshima during World War II.



- ❖ The horrific incident took place on August 6, 1945, when the United States dropped an atomic bomb named “Little Boy”, on the town of Hiroshima in Japan.
- ❖ This bomb attack was done with the motive to end the Second World War in 1945.
- ❖ This day is remembered to promote peace and spread awareness about the danger of nuclear energy and nuclear weapons.

