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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for leasing out Jaipur, Guwahati and Thiruvananthapuram airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) through Public Private Partnership (PPP).
- ❖ According to Forbes, “The Highest-Paid Actors Of 2020” list, Bollywood actor, Akshay Kumar (6th) is the only Indian star to be listed among the top 10.
 - The list has been topped by Wrestler-turned-movie star Dwayne Johnson.
- ❖ The Union Home Ministry has approved the renaming of Manduadih railway station in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi district as 'Banaras'.
- ❖ The Punjab Government on Thursday announced that the state achieved first rank in operationalisation of Health and Welfare Centres (HWCs) as per the latest rankings released by the Centre.
- ❖ The sports platform, Dream 11 won the bid of official sponsor for the upcoming edition of the Indian Premier League.
- ❖ Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare inaugurated “India Healthcare Week” with the theme “Redefining Healthcare Ecosystem” from 17th – 21st August 2020.
- ❖ Chandrayaan-2 marked one year of completion of launch by GSLV MkIII –M1.
 - The Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft was inserted into lunar orbit on August 20, 2019.

NATIONAL

National Teachers Award 2020

- ❖ Forty-Seven teachers from across the country will be conferred the National Teachers Award for the year 2020.
- ❖ Among them the following two Teachers are selected from Tamil Nadu.
 - R C Saraswathi, headmistress of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Ashok Nagar in Chennai and
 - S Dhilip, an English teacher from Government Higher Secondary School in Sathyamangalam in Villupuram.

INTERNATIONAL

Repeal of 19th amendment

- ❖ Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has declared his intention to repeal the landmark 19th Amendment to the Constitution.
- ❖ It introduced in 2015 and has some important provision as:
 - The reduction in the terms of President and Parliament from six years to five years.
 - Re-introduction of a two-term limit that a person can have as President.
 - The power of President to dissolve Parliament only after four and a half years.
 - The President remains the head of Cabinet and he can appoint Ministers on the advice of Prime Minister.

Digital Quality of Life Index 2020

- ❖ The index is prepared by Surfshark, a virtual private network (VPN) provider based in the British Virgin Islands.
- ❖ Top 3 countries are Denmark and Sweden (topped the index), with Canada rounding up the top three.
- ❖ Israel offered the cheapest internet.
- ❖ Singapore, the UK and the US performed the best on the e-government indicator.
- ❖ The UK, France and Lithuania offer the most security.
- ❖ Best Internet Quality is provided by Singapore, Sweden and the Netherlands.

India's Position

- ❖ Overall, India is ranked 57th.
- ❖ India ranked 9th on the internet affordability indicator, and 15th on e-government.
- ❖ India secured 15th position in e-government indicator.
- ❖ India performed poorly in Security, and got 57th position.
- ❖ In Internet quality with a rank of 78, it fell behind countries such as Bangladesh, Nepal, Nigeria and the Philippines.
- ❖ On electronic infrastructure, India ranked 79th, behind neighbours Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal.

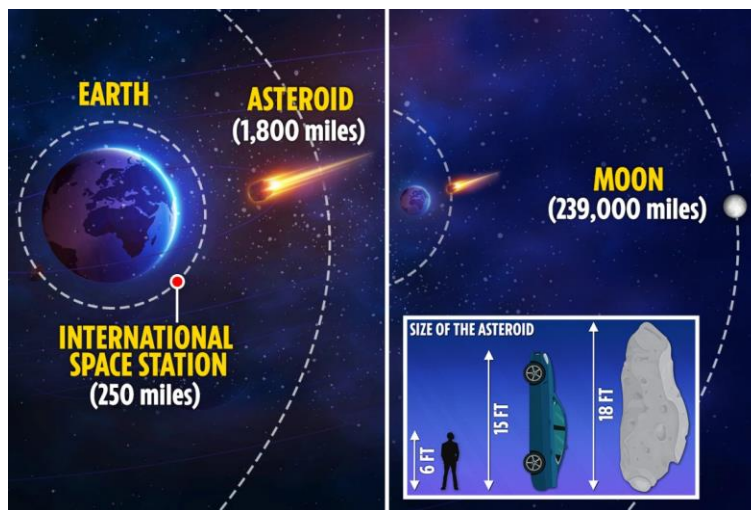
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

South Atlantic Anomaly

- ❖ The NASA Scientists have discovered a small but an evolving dent in the earth's magnetic field.
- ❖ The dent has been found over South America and South Atlantic Ocean.
- ❖ It is an unusually weak spot and is called South Atlantic Anomaly.
- ❖ The South Atlantic Anomaly allows the charged particles to dip closer to the earth's surface than normal.
- ❖ This knocks out onboard computers and is capable of interfering with data collection from satellites.

Asteroid closest fly-by earth

- ❖ Three to six meters long Asteroid has made a record for coming closer to Earth than any other known Near-Earth Asteroids (NEA) without impacting it.
- ❖ As per the reports, it has passed 1,830 miles (2,950 km) above the Southern Indian Ocean.
- ❖ It Dubbed as '2020 QG' and has entered the record books as the closest known non-impacting asteroid.



STATES

Jharkhand GOVT New Logo

- ❖ Jharkhand unveiled its new logo for the state.

- ❖ The Ashok pillar has been boiled in its central part.
- ❖ This reflects India's best cooperative federalism and Jharkhand's participation in it.



Dhanwantari Rath

- ❖ Under the initiative the health services are to be provided at the door steps of Delhi Police families.
- ❖ The mobile unit that is to provide the services are named “Dhanwantari Rath”.
- ❖ The Dhanwantari Rath launched is a continuation of the “Ayuraksha”.
- ❖ The Ayuraksha is a joint venture of All India Institute of Ayurveda and Delhi Police.
- ❖ It aims to maintain health of frontline COVID-19 warriors.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tackling the Covid-19 youth employment crisis in Asia and the Pacific

- ❖ According to the report, around 6.1 million youth in the 15-24 age group are likely to lose their jobs in 2020 if India takes six months ending September.
- ❖ This will be around 40% of the total job losses the Asia-Pacific region is expected to witness.
- ❖ India will be followed by Pakistan where around 2.3 million youth may lose their jobs and Indonesia may see 1.9 million youth out of work.
- ❖ Youth unemployment rate in India may touch 32.5%, third highest unemployment rate predicted among the 13 countries in the region.



- ❖ Only Sri Lanka (37.8%) and Fiji (36.85) will have a higher youth unemployment rate than India.
- ❖ The report jointly released by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and International Labour Organization (ILO).

