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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Dr G. Satheesh Reddy was given a two-year extension as Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation.
- ❖ South African all-rounder Jacques Kallis, Pakistan's Zaheer Abbas and Pune-born former Australian captain Lisa Sthalekar were inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame.
- ❖ August 24 is a Poet Narmad's birthday and is celebrated as a day dedicated to Gujarati language and literature.

TAMIL NADU

MUDRA loan scheme Rank

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has topped the list of Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) in availing loans to women.
- ❖ It was followed by West Bengal and Karnataka.

PMMY

- ❖ Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana was launched in 2015 to provide loans to non-corporate, small and micro-enterprises.
- ❖ Under the scheme, loans up to Rs 10 lakhs are provided.
- ❖ The loans are given by Regional Rural Banks, Commercial banks, Small Finance Banks, Non-Banking Financial Corporations, Micro-Financial Institutions.

NATIONAL

National Council for Transgender Persons

- ❖ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has constituted the National Council for Transgender Persons.
- ❖ The Social Justice Minister would be the Council's chairperson and its members would include officials from some other Ministries.
- ❖ Five nominated members from the community - Laxmi Narayan Tripathi, Gopi Shankar of Madurai, Meera Parida, Zainab Javid Patel and Kak Chingtabam Shyamcand Sharma are also part of the Council.



- ❖ The council is formed under Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

First state to implement NEP

- ❖ Karnataka is going to be the first state in India to implement the new National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- ❖ Necessary administrative reforms and amendments are reportedly being implemented by the state government to welcome the newly launched National Education Policy.
- ❖ The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 seeks to line up itself with the objective of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education for all in the next 20 years.

INS Viraat to be dismantled in Gujarat

- ❖ INS Viraat that served the Indian Navy for more than 30 years is to be dismantled at Alang, Gujarat.
- ❖ The ship was decommissioned three years back.
- ❖ It was inducted into the Indian Navy in 1987.
- ❖ Previously the ship served the British Navy as HMS Hermes between 1959 and 1984.
- ❖ It was a centaur-class aircraft carrier.
- ❖ Also, it was the flagship of Indian Navy before INS Vikramaditya was commissioned in 2013.
- ❖ Currently, the Indian Navy's only aircraft carrier is INS Vikramaditya.

STATES

India's Longest River Ropeway

- ❖ The Guwahati Passenger Ropeway Project connecting the Northern and Southern banks of the Brahmaputra River was inaugurated.
- ❖ The ropeway service is 1.8 Kilometres long, making it the longest ropeway distance over a river in the entire country.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Swachhta Hi Seva 2019 Award

- ❖ Neyveli Lignite Corporation has bagged the award for making an extremely valuable contribution in the implementation of the “Swachhta Hi Seva Programme”.
- ❖ Award was conferred to the following three units of NLCIL:
 - Township Administration Office: First rank
 - Thermal Power Station-1: Second rank
 - Mines Sub-Stores: Third rank

World's Fastest Human Calculator title

- ❖ Neelakantha Bhanu Prakash Jonnalagadda of Hyderabad has bagged the first ever Gold Medal for India in Mental Calculations (MC) World Cup (MCWC).
- ❖ He holds 4 World Records and 50 Limca records for being the fastest human calculator in the world.
- ❖ Lebanese contender Mohammed El Mir secured the Silver Medal and Asmita Pal from the UAE bagged the Bronze medal.
- ❖ India's Aryan Shukla got fourth place.



SPORTS

1st fast bowler to take 600 Test wickets

- ❖ England pacer James Anderson has become the first fast bowler in history to take 600 Test wickets in the third Test against Pakistan.
- ❖ He is the fourth bowler in the test cricket to join the 600-Plus Club with the three legendary spinners Sri Lankan Muttiah Muralitharan (800), Australian Shane Warne (708) and Indian Anil Kumble (619).



IMPORTANT DAYS

Small Industry Day - August 30

- ❖ National Small Industry Day is observed each year to commemorate as a part of its effort to provide balanced growth to existing small, medium, and large-scale enterprises to support and promote small industries.
- ❖ An extensive policy package was announced for this sector on 30th August 2000 which provided a substantial measure of support to small businesses in India.
- ❖ It was then decided that the Ministry would commemorate 30th August of every year as 'Small Scale Industry Day'.



International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances - August 30

- ❖ The UN General Assembly declared this day on 21 December 2010.
- ❖ The involuntary or enforced disappearances are a result of abduction, detention or arrest or other factors or reasons.
- ❖ This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Declaration for on the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances, and the 10th anniversary of the Convention for the Protection of All Persons against Enforced Disappearances.



MISCELLANEOUS

World Water Week 2020: August 24-28

- ❖ The World Water Week 2020 was observed as the World Water Week at Home (WWWeek at Home) from 24th August to 28th August 2020.
- ❖ It is an annual global event organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) since 1991.
- ❖ The theme of WWWeek at Home 2020 is 'Water and Climate change: Accelerating Action'.
- ❖ It aims to address the planet's water issues and related concerns of international development.

