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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy laid the foundation stone for the steel plant in Kadapa district.
 - National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) will supply the required iron ore to this plant.
- ❖ Weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won Gold medal in 6th Qatar International Cup at Doha.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh chief minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy launched the 'YSR Nethanna Nestham' scheme.
 - Under the scheme, the state government of Andhra Pradesh will provide financial assistance of Rs 24,000 annually to handloom weavers across the state.

NATIONAL

Good Governance Index

- ❖ On December 25, 2019, Government of India launched Good Governance Index.
- ❖ The States and Union Territories were divided into 3 groups namely Big states, North East and hill states and union territories.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu topped in Good Governance Index in the "Big States" category.
- ❖ It was followed by Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Jharkhand was ranked the last in good governance index.
- ❖ In Agricultural and allied ranking, the best performing states were Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram and Daman and Diu.



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State of governance

Rank	Big states	Score	Rank	Big states	Score
1	Tamil Nadu	5.62	10	West Bengal	4.84
2	Maharashtra	5.40	11	Telangana	4.83
3	Karnataka	5.10	12	Rajasthan	4.8
4	Chhattisgarh	5.05	13	Punjab	4.57
5	Andhra Pradesh	5.05	14	Orissa	4.44
6	Gujarat	5.04	15	Bihar	4.40
7	Haryana	5.00	16	Goa	4.29
8	Kerala	4.98	17	Uttar Pradesh	4.25
9	Madhya Pradesh	4.85	18	Jharkhand	4.23

FSSAI delinks FoPL from general labelling

- ❖ The FSSAI (Food Safety Standards Association of India) announced that the front of packet labelling (FoPL) will be delinked from its general labelling regulation.
- ❖ FoPL is aimed at making consumers aware of food products that are high in fat, sugar and salt content.
- ❖ It helps to identify the green (vegetarian foods) and red (non-vegetarian foods).
- ❖ It also includes pictorial representation of nutrients, food group nutrients and summary indicators, etc.

About FoPL

- ❖ FoPL is a policy tool that help consumers to make healthier food choices.
- ❖ It was included within the draft Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2019 in India.



National population Register

- ❖ West Bengal and Kerala have decided to put on hold all proceedings for updating the National Population Register (NPR).
- ❖ NPR is a Register of usual residents of the country.
- ❖ The NPR database would contain demographic as well as biometric details.
- ❖ As per the provisions of the NPR, a Resident Identity Card (RIC) will be issued to individuals over the age of 18.
- ❖ It aims to create a comprehensive identity database of every usual resident in the country.
- ❖ It is being prepared at the local (Village/sub-Town), sub-District, District, State and National level under provisions of the Citizenship Act 1955 and the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003.
- ❖ It is mandatory for every usual resident of India to register in the NPR.
- ❖ A usual resident is defined for the purposes of NPR as a person who has resided in a local area for the past 6 months or more or a person who intends to reside in that area for the next 6 months or more.

Helping Hand

NPR will seek
verification of bio-
metrics from UIDAI

Exercise will be
carried out across
country, except
Assam

Those holding
Aadhaar not
required to
give biometrics
for NPR

NPR will have
both biometric
& demographic
details

**15 demograp-
hic parameters**
included in NPR

To be
conducted
between
April 1,
2020, and
Sept 30,
2020



India's first long distance CNG bus

- ❖ Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan unveiled India's first long-distance CNG bus fitted with CNG cylinders in New Delhi.
- ❖ It can travel around 1000 kilometres in a single fill.
- ❖ The first long-range interstate CNG bus will play from Delhi to Dehradun.



Atal Bhujal Yojana

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABY) in New Delhi.
- ❖ This is a scheme for sustainable management of ground water resources.
- ❖ The scheme was launched on the occasion of 95th birth anniversary former Prime Minister Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- ❖ On the occasion, the 8.8-kilometre long Strategic Tunnel under Rohtang Pass was also named after late Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

About the scheme:

- ❖ The scheme will also help in supplying water to every house hold by 2024.
- ❖ Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Jal Shakti will implement this scheme.
- ❖ The implementation period for plan is from 2020 to 2025.
- ❖ The entire funding component including World Bank's loan and Central Assistance shall be given to States as Grants.

Rohtang Tunnel

- ❖ It is in the eastern Pir Panjal range of the Himalayas on the Leh-Manali Highway.



- ❖ It is one of the two routes to Ladakh.
- ❖ The Rohtang Pass receives heavy snowfall and blizzards during winter months and is open for road traffic for only four months in a year.
- ❖ The tunnel will keep the highway open during the winter.

INTERNATIONAL

Ebola emerges again in Congo

- ❖ Health officials in eastern Congo have documented the first relapse of the current Ebola epidemic.
- ❖ Ebola virus disease, formerly known as Ebola haemorrhagic fever, is transmitted to people from wild animals.
- ❖ Fruit bats of the Pteropodidae family are natural Ebola virus hosts.

Manuel Marrero Cruz - Cuba's first PM

- ❖ Manuel Marrero Cruz has been appointed as the country's first prime minister by the Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel in more than four decades (40 years).
- ❖ The post of prime minister was scrapped in 1976 by the then-revolutionary leader and Cuba's last prime minister Fidel Castro.
- ❖ The Prime Minister's post was reinstated under the rules of this newly passed constitution on February 2019 in Cuba.

United States – Mexico - Canada Agreement

- ❖ The House of Representatives of the USA has passed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement — the replacement for NAFTA, or the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement.
- ❖ The new deal includes stronger labor and environmental provisions.
- ❖ It is basically NAFTA 2.0.
- ❖ NAFTA is the initialism for the North American Free Trade Agreement, an agreement signed by Canada, Mexico, and the United States.
- ❖ NAFTA was finalized under Bill Clinton's presidency with effective from 1994.

Military Space Force

- ❖ US President Donald Trump officially launched US military 'Space Force' under the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act at an army base near Washington.
- ❖ Space Force would become the sixth branch of the armed forces.
- ❖ The Space Force would be part of the Department of the Air Force.

About Space Force

- ❖ Space is a "war-fighting domain" and global powers like Russia and China are already treating it as such.
- ❖ The main goal of the Space Force is to secure and extend American dominance of the space domain.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Ethiopia's First Satellite / ETRSS-1

- ❖ The Ethiopian Remote Sensing Satellite-1 or ETRSS-1, was sent into space by a Chinese Long March 4B carrier rocket.
- ❖ ETRSS-1 is Africa's 41st satellite in space and the third East African satellite.
- ❖ Ethiopia is now the 11th African nation to launch a satellite.

STATES

Assamese language - The state language of Assam

- ❖ The Assam Cabinet nodded to make Assamese language the state language of Assam.



- ❖ This will exclude BTAD (Bodoland Territorial Administrative Districts), Barak Valley and Hill districts of Assam.
- ❖ Currently Assamese and Bodo are the official languages in Assam.
- ❖ Certain districts of Assam in Barak valley use Bengali as official language.
- ❖ Article 345 says that the state legislature might adopt one or more languages to be used as official languages.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Consumers Right Day – December 24

- ❖ This is the day when the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 had received the assent of the President.
- ❖ The theme of 2019 is “alternate consumer grievance/dispute redressal”.
- ❖ The rights under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 flow from the rights enshrined in Articles 14 to 19 of the Constitution of India.
- ❖ National Consumer Helpline - Call 1800-11-4000 or 14404.
- ❖ The World Consumer Rights Day is observed on 15 March.
- ❖ The consumer is having the following six consumer rights under the Act:
 - Right to Safety
 - Right to be Informed
 - Right to Choose
 - Right to be heard
 - Right to seek Redressal
 - Right to Consumer Education.



National Consumer Day
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Consumer Protection Act 1986

- ✓ Right to safety
- ✓ Right to information
- ✓ Right to choice
- ✓ Right to hearing
- ✓ Right to redress
- ✓ Right to education

Let us all, as consumers educate ourselves about our rights & responsibilities

