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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Atal Bhujal Yojana which is World Bank approved Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
 - The priority areas identified under the scheme are the following 7 states of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to conserve & improve ground water management.
- ❖ The Chief Minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal introduced a new policy to make Delhi the capital of Electric vehicles.
 - Under the policy, the government has planned to provide subsidies to electric vehicles.

NATIONAL

India's first Transgender University

- ❖ India's first university for transgender community will be opened at Kushinagar district in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ It is the first of its kind University in country, where transgender community members will be able to get education.
- ❖ The university is being built by Akhil Bhartiya Kinnar Siksha Seva Trust (All-India transgender education service trust).
- ❖ The university will facilitate its members to study right from class 1 to Post Graduate (PG) and even do research and get PhD degree.

Universal Postal Union

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has given its approval to the ratification of the Tenth Additional Protocol to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union (UPU).
- ❖ UPU also oversees the Telematics and Express Mail Service (EMS) cooperatives.
- ❖ The ratification will also enable the Department of Posts to bring out any administrative orders to implement the provisions of the UPU Convention in India.

About UPU

- ❖ Established by the Treaty of Bern of 1874.

- ❖ It is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN).
- ❖ Headquarters are located in Bern, Switzerland.
- ❖ The UPU contains four bodies consisting of the Congress, the Council of Administration (CA), the Postal Operations Council (POC) and the International Bureau (IB).

Good governance Index 2019

- ❖ Latest edition of the 'Good Governance Index' has been launched on the occasion of 'Good Governance Day' – December 25, 2019.
- ❖ Good Governance Day is observed on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee (25th December).
- ❖ It was observed for the first time in 2014.



Composite Ranking

#	Big States	Score	NE & Hill	Score	UTs	Score
1	Tamil Nadu	5.62	Himachal Pradesh	5.22	Pondicherry	4.69
2	Maharashtra	5.40	Uttarakhand	4.87	Chandigarh	4.68
3	Karnataka	5.10	Tripura	4.50	Delhi	4.39
4	Chhattisgarh	5.05	Mizoram	4.41	Daman & Diu	4.33
5	Andhra Pradesh	5.05	Sikkim	4.21	A&N Islands	4.12
6	Gujarat	5.04	Assam	4.07	D&N Haveli	3.12
7	Haryana	5.00	J & K	4.04	Lakshadweep	2.97
8	Kerala	4.98	Manipur	3.93		
9	Madhya Pradesh	4.85	Meghalaya	3.81		
10	West Bengal	4.84	Nagaland	3.55		
11	Telangana	4.83	Arunachal Pradesh	3.03		
12	Rajasthan	4.80				
13	Punjab	4.57				
14	Orissa	4.44				
15	Bihar	4.40				
16	Goa	4.29				
17	Uttar Pradesh	4.25				
18	Jharkhand	4.23				



GGI

- ❖ Good Governance Index (GGI) is a tool to assess the status of governance and the impact of various interventions taken up by the State Government and UTs.
- ❖ GGI was released by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances under The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has topped the Good Governance Index followed by Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The GGI takes into consideration 10 sectors.
- ❖ These ten Governance Sectors are measured on total 50 indicators.
- ❖ The states and UTs are divided into three groups: a). Big States, b). North-East & Hill States and c). UTs.

Sector-wise ranking:

- ❖ In the environment sector:
 - The top three states are West Bengal, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
 - Jammu & Kashmir has topped among the North-East and Hill States.
- ❖ Judicial and public security ranking:
 - Tamil Nadu tops in the judicial and public security ranking. West Bengal is at the bottom of the chart here.
- ❖ Economic governance:
 - Karnataka is at the top under the economic governance category.
- ❖ Health:
 - Kerala is at the top in the public health sector followed by Tamil Nadu and Goa.
- ❖ Public Infrastructure and Utilities:
 - Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh have topped their respective categories.
- ❖ Social Welfare and Development Sector:
 - Chhattisgarh has topped among big states.

Tamilnadu at a glance

- ❖ Environment (3)
- ❖ Human resource development (5)
- ❖ Economic governance (5)
- ❖ Social welfare and development (7)
- ❖ Agriculture and allied sectors (9)

- ❖ Commerce and industries (14).

Creation of a Chief of Defence Staff

- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the creation of a chief of defence staff (CDS).
- ❖ CDS will be the single-point military adviser to the government as suggested by the Kargil Review Committee in 1999.
- ❖ CDS oversees and coordinates the working of the three Services.
- ❖ CDS is described as 'first among equals' among service chiefs.
- ❖ A CDS would be a four-star general from either of the Indian Armed Forces- the Army, the Air Force or the Navy.



Composition of Cabinet Committee on Security.

- ❖ Prime Minister as its Head
- ❖ Minister of Defence
- ❖ Minister of Home Affairs
- ❖ Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs.
- ❖ Minister of External Affairs.

Digital Radio by 2024

- ❖ The Central government is planning to revamp 'All India Radio' officially known as 'Akashvani' by introducing Digital Radio in India by 2024.
- ❖ This announcement was made by Union Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Minister Prakash Javadekar at the annual Akashvani Awards function held in New Delhi.



About All India Radio (AIR)

- ❖ AIR was established in 1930.
- ❖ It is officially known as Akashvani ("Voice from the Sky") since 1956.
- ❖ AIR is sister service of Prasar Bharati's Doordarshan television Network.
- ❖ Prasar Bharati is India's largest public broadcasting agency.

Digital Village Guruwara

- ❖ Union Minister of Communication and IT Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurated "Digital Village Guruwara".
- ❖ During the launch, it was announced that the Government has planned to offer free Wi-Fi services to all villages till March 2020.
- ❖ The free Wi-Fi services are being announced under Bharatnet project.

Bharatnet Project

- ❖ The initiative was launched in 2011.
- ❖ The aim is to increase their speed to around 2 to 20 Mbps in the future to all households in rural areas.
- ❖ The project is a National Optical Fibre Network project.
- ❖ It is seen as a major initiative in order to succeed Digital India.
- ❖ It is being implemented by the Ministry of Telecommunications.

INTERNATIONAL

Pakistan - polio markers to Pakistan

- ❖ The Pakistan Government decided to import Polio markers from India recently.
- ❖ The Government had suspended the trade with New Delhi for months after abrogation of Article 370.

Polio markers

- ❖ The polio markers are used to mark the fingers of the children after they are vaccinated with vaccines that are approved by the WHO.



About Polio

- ❖ The disease is caused by Poliovirus.
- ❖ In 1995, India launched Global Polio Eradication initiative of WHO that aims at 100% coverage.
- ❖ With the programme successfully implemented, India has completely eradicated Polio.
- ❖ The last case of Polio was reported in 2011 in India.
- ❖ There are three countries in the world where Polio is still endemic.
- ❖ It includes Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan.

STATES

“Run Through Files” Mechanism

- ❖ Haryana government has introduced a new provision of “Run Through Files” in the Centralised File Movement and Tracking Information System (CFMS).
- ❖ It would be personally monitored by Chief Minister of Haryana.
- ❖ A file shall be marked as Run Through Files only by the CM in the CFMS.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

120th birth anniversary of Shaheed Udham Singh

- ❖ Nation paid homage to great revolutionary, Shaheed Udham Singh, a well-known freedom fighter on his 120th birth anniversary being celebrated on 26 December 2019.



- ❖ He was born on this day in 1899 in Sangrur district of Punjab.
- ❖ He belonged to Ghadar party.
- ❖ He was present in Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar on the fateful Baisakhi festival (festival of harvest) on 13 April 1919.
- ❖ General Dyer opened fire without any warning on unarmed crowd.
- ❖ Many people lost their lives in that horrific massacre.
- ❖ He was best known for avenging the Jallianwala Bagh massacre by assassinating Michael O' Dwyer in March 1940 and was hanged by British in London.



**SHAHEED
UDHAM SINGH**
26 Dec 1899 – 31 July 1940

26 Dec 1899 Udham Singh was born in Sunam, Punjab	1924 He joined the Gadar Party & moved overseas for organising Indians
1927 Returned to India on Bhagat Singh's orders, along with 25 associates & ammunition. Even got arrested for this move	
1931 Released from prison & moved to London	13th Mar 1940 Assassinated Gen. O'Dwyer to avenge his act of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre

