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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Tejas successfully landed on INS Vikramaditya.
 - With this achievement, the LCA becomes the first aircraft to make an arrested landing on a naval ship.
- ❖ The World Future Energy Summit held at Abu Dhabi.
 - Along the summit, the CLIX 2020 - Climate Innovations Exchange, was also held.

NATIONAL

Access to Internet

- ❖ The Supreme Court on 10th January said that access to the Internet is a fundamental right under Article 19 of the Constitution.
- ❖ Any order passed to restrict or suspend judicial scrutiny will be subject to judicial scrutiny.
- ❖ This was a verdict given by a five-judge bench headed by Justice NV Ramana.
- ❖ The internet shutdown in Kashmir is the longest in any democracy in the world.
- ❖ India also tops the list of Internet shutdowns globally.
- ❖ According to the Internet Shutdown Tracker, India saw 106 shutdowns in 2019, and 134 in 2018.

Backdrop

- ❖ The Information Technology Act, 2000, the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), 1973 and the Telegraph Act, 1885 are the three laws that deal with suspension of Internet services.
- ❖ But before 2017, Internet suspension orders were issued under section 144 of the CrPC.
- ❖ In India, Kerala had become the first state in 2017 to declare access to Internet "a basic human right".

Raisina Dialogue – 5th edition

- ❖ It is a multilateral conference that is held in New Delhi annually since 2016.
- ❖ The dialogue is organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and Observer Research Foundation.



- ❖ It is India's flagship global Conference engaging with geopolitics and ge-economics
- ❖ The conference is named after, "Raisina Hills", which is the seat of Government of India and Rashtrapati bhavan.
- ❖ The dialogue was designed on the lines of Shangri-La dialogue.
- ❖ The foreign ministers from Russia, Iran, Maldives, Morocco, Australia, Bhutan, Denmark, Czech Republic, Uzbekistan and Estonia will attend this meet.
- ❖ Theme: 2020: Navigating the Alpha Century.
- ❖ The Key Note speaker for 2020 Raisina Dialogue is Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

150th Anniversary of Kolkata Port Trust

- ❖ The Prime Minister of India laid the stone for the development of Chittaranjan Locomotive Factory, Damodar Valley Corporation and Hindustan Aircraft Factory.
- ❖ During the event the Kolkata port trust was renamed as Shyama Prasad Mukherjee port.
- ❖ He was the founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh.
- ❖ The PM also inaugurated Pritilata Chhatra Avas and Kaushal Vikas Kendra for 200 tribal girls in the Sunderbans region.
- ❖ The Kaushal Vikas Kendra are skill development centres for the youth of the country.
- ❖ They are established under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana.

Cyber AASHVAST

- ❖ Home Minister Amit Shah launched the country's first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit called the "Cyber AASHVAST" in Gandhinagar at Gujarat.
- ❖ Along with AASHVAST, the Video Integration and State Wide Advance Security project called VISWAS was also launched.
- ❖ Along with AASHVAST and VISWAS, Project NETRANG was also launched.
- ❖ The Cyber AASHVAST is a unit that will act to prevent cybercrimes with the help of VISWAS and NETRANG.

INTERNATIONAL

Hormuz Peace Initiative

- ❖ India recently attended the Hormuz Peace Initiative that was held in Tehran.
- ❖ The initiative aimed at stabilizing one of world's busiest shipping lanes the Strait of Hormuz amidst US-Iran tensions.
- ❖ It was attended by leading trade partners of Iran namely China, Oman, India and Afghanistan.
- ❖ Strait of Hormuz is the world's most crucial choking points.
- ❖ The Strait connects Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.
- ❖ Around two-thirds of India's oil imports and half of LNG imports come through the strait.



ECONOMY

Purvodaya

- ❖ The Ministry of Steel announced that it will launch "Purvodaya", a world class steel hub.
- ❖ The hub aims at an accelerated development programme of eastern states.
- ❖ The Ministry will be joined by CII (Confederation of India Industries) in the implementation of "Purvodaya".
- ❖ The 5 Eastern states namely West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Northern Andhra Pradesh are extremely rich in coking coal, bauxite and dolomite reserves.
- ❖ The region also has major ports such as Haldia, Paradip, Kolkata and Vizag.



- ❖ 12 major steel zones identified in the region are
 - Kalinga nagar - Odisha
 - Angul – Odisha
 - Rourkela – Odisha
 - Jharsuguda – Odisha
 - Nagarnar – Chhattisgarh
 - Bhilai – Chhattisgarh
 - Raipur – Chhattisgarh
 - Jamshedpur – Jharkhand
 - Bokaro – Jharkhand
 - Durgapur- West Bengal
 - Kolkata – West Bengal
 - Vizag – Andhra Pradesh.

Ordinance to amend coal mining laws

- ❖ The Government of India has promulgated ordinance to amend MMDR act (Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation act), 1957 and Coal Mines (Special Provisions) act [CMSP], 2015.
- ❖ It will enhance ease of doing business and ease the auction of coal mines
- ❖ It will promote FDI (Foreign Direct Investment).
- ❖ Despite having the world's fourth largest coal reserves, India imported 235 million tonnes (mt) of coal last year.
- ❖ Thus, India is the second largest importer of coal in the world.
- ❖ The Government plans to increase coal production to 1 billion tonnes by 2024.
- ❖ For the financial year 2019-20, the target set is 660 million tonnes.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Center (I4C)

- ❖ Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has inaugurated the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) and a National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal.
- ❖ This I4C Centre is located in New Delhi.
- ❖ It will be set up under the newly created Cyber and Information Security (CIS) division of the MHA.



- ❖ The National Cyber Crime reporting portal will enable the citizens to report cybercrimes online.
- ❖ Apart from I4C, the central government has also launched NIC-CERT (National Informatics Centre-Computer Emergency Response Team).

Corona Virus

- ❖ China reported the first death in the country due to pneumonia caused by a new virus.
- ❖ The Chinese scientists discovered that the new strain of virus is that of the corona virus.
- ❖ In 2002-03, the flu-like Sars virus that belongs to Corona virus family, originated in China.
- ❖ The other deadly virus of the corona virus is the MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome).
- ❖ There is no specific vaccine for the virus as of 2019.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Youth Day – January 12

- ❖ The Indian Government declared Swami Vivekananda's birthday, January 12, as National Youth Day in 1984.
- ❖ Its objective is to honor the great spiritual leader, and to encourage the youth in the country.
- ❖ It will be celebrated with the theme 'Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building'.
- ❖ The National Youth Festival was to be held between January 12, 2020 and January 16, 2020 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The 23rd National Youth Festival was organized by the Union Ministry of youth Affairs and State Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The theme of the festival is Fit Youth Fit India.

About Vivekananda

- ❖ Narendra Nath Datta, famously known as Swami Vivekananda, was born on 12 January 1863.
- ❖ He represented India in the first Parliament of Religion held in Chicago in 1893.
- ❖ He established the Ramakrishna Mission in 1897 at Belur near Calcutta.



- ❖ Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had called Vivekananda the “maker of modern India.”

