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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh Government will launch 'Kill Corona' campaign to screen all the households in the state.
- ❖ The Minister of State of Defense Shripad Naik inaugurated the 'Defense Conclave 2020' in Gujarat.
- ❖ The Adarsh Police stations scheme will be launched in Chhattisgarh.

TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project

- ❖ An agreement was signed between the World Bank Group and the Government of India.
- ❖ It is for providing urban poor in the state of Tamil Nadu access to affordable housing.

NATIONAL

e-Panchayat Puraskars 2020

- ❖ Himachal Pradesh wins 1st prize.
- ❖ The 2nd was given to Chhattisgarh while 3rd prize was given to Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The prize will be given by Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

STARS Program

- ❖ STARS stand for Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States Program.
- ❖ Under this, the World Bank Group has announced a loan of USD 500 million.
- ❖ Under this, the 6 Indian States - Rajasthan, Odisha, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and Maharashtra will get benefits.
- ❖ It will benefit 10 million teachers and 250 million school students.

Udyam

- ❖ The Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Ministry has issued this.
- ❖ It is a consolidated notification for classification and registration of MSMEs to be affected from July 1.
- ❖ An MSME will be referred to as Udyam and the registration process as Udyam Registration.
- ❖ The basic criteria for MSME classification would be on investment in plant, machinery and equipment and turnover.



INTERNATIONAL

Kholongchhu river project in Bhutan

- ❖ An Agreement has been signed between India and Bhutan for a joint venture hydroelectric project.
- ❖ The project will be implemented by Kholongchhu Hydro Energy Limited.
- ❖ It is a joint venture company formed between Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited of India (SJVN) and Druk Green Power Corporation of Bhutan (DGPC).





Anthropause

- ❖ It is also called as the “Great Pause”.
- ❖ It is a term coined by the researchers in the UK.
- ❖ It refers to the coronavirus-induced lockdown period and its impact on other species.

2020 presidential elections in Malawi

- ❖ Lazarus Chakwera was elected as the new President of Malawi.
- ❖ This is the second incidence of Annulment of Election in the African Continent in the last 4 years.
- ❖ In August 2017 the Presidential Election of Kenya was annulled.

ECONOMY

Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020

- ❖ It will amend the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 as applicable to Cooperative Banks.
- ❖ The amendments will not apply to Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) or co-operative societies whose primary object and principal business is long-term finance for agricultural development.
- ❖ It is also applicable for those who do not use the word “bank” or “banker” or “banking” and do not act as drawees of cheques.

FME scheme

- ❖ The PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (FME) has been launched under ‘Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan’.
- ❖ The scheme was launched by Union Minister of Food Processing Industries, Harsimrat Kaur Badal.

Startup Genome report

- ❖ It was named 'Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER) 2020; the New Normal for the Global Startup Economy and the Impact of COVID-19'
- ❖ It was released by Startup Genome.



- ❖ Bangalore has become the only city in the country to be included in the world's top-30 startup ecosystem ranking & placed 26th position.

THE Young University Ranking 2020

- ❖ The Times Higher Education (THE) released THE Young University Rankings 2020.
- ❖ It is for the universities which are 50 years old or younger.
- ❖ Two Indian Institutes secured their ranks in the top 100 with IIT Ropar at 62nd rank and IIT Indore at 64th rank.

Rank	Name	Country
1	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)	Hong Kong
2	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore
3	Paris Sciences et Lettres – PSL Research University	France
4	Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies	Italy
5	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)	South Korea

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Lightning strikes in 2019

- ❖ Brazil has the highest incidence of lightning in the world.
- ❖ Argentina recorded a strike that lasted for 16.73 seconds in 2019.
- ❖ Brazil recorded a lightning strike that travelled a distance of 709 kilometers in 2018.
- ❖ It was released by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- ❖ The lightning flashes that have now entered the record books are known as 'Megaflashes' in scientific parlance.
- ❖ In India, Bihar is second after Uttar Pradesh with the maximum number of deaths due to lightning.



Dhruva Chip

- ❖ It is a home-grown receiver chip developed by IIT-Bombay.
- ❖ It can be used in smartphones and navigation devices to find locations and routes within the country.
- ❖ This Project was funded by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- ❖ SAMEER (Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research) is the nodal agency.



Gliese 887b and Gliese 887c

- ❖ In the research of The Red Dots team of Astronomers led by the University of Göttingen, Germany detected these two super Earths.
- ❖ These are orbiting around the Gliese 887, the brightest red dwarf star in the sky.
- ❖ The Red Dots team monitored the red dwarf at the European Southern Observatory, Chile using the HARPS Spectrograph.



ENVIRONMENT

Fishing cats

- ❖ The Odisha Government has started a conservation project for Fishing Cats in Bhitarkanika National Park.
- ❖ The fishing cat is nocturnal (active at night).
- ❖ It is State animal of West Bengal.
- ❖ In India, fishing cats are mainly found in the mangrove forests of the Sundarbans, on the foothills of the Himalayas along the Ganga and Brahmaputra river valleys and in the Western Ghats.





STATES

Plasma Bank

- ❖ Delhi government will start its own 'Plasma Bank' for treatment of Coronavirus positive patients.
- ❖ It will be the first kind in India.
- ❖ Plasma Bank will begin its operations at the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, Delhi.

Project Platina

- ❖ Maharashtra Government launched 'Project Platina'.
- ❖ It is the world's largest convalescent plasma therapy trial to treat severe COVID-19 patients.

