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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Goa has recently approved an amendment to Factories Act 1948 which will allow deployment of women in night shifts (from 7pm to 6 am) in industries.
- ❖ State Bank of India day is observed annually on July 1 to commemorate its foundation on July 1, 1955.
- ❖ According to a report, “Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2018” by the International Renewable Energy Agency, India is global No.1 in producing solar power at “lowest cost”.
- ❖ India's chief national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand has been bestowed an honorary doctorate by IIT Kanpur on the occasion of their 52nd convocation.
  - After Prakash Padukone, Gopichand is the only Indian to have won the All England Open Badminton championship (In 2001).
- ❖ The Rajasthan government has decided to set up Vedic education board and culture board in the state.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **STR Python**

- ❖ For the first time in the country, radio telemetry devices were successfully implanted in 10 pythons at the Forest Veterinary unit of Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR) near Bhavani Sagar.
- ❖ The pythons that are let into Moyar River valley are being monitored by the field teams.
- ❖ This is a step to conserve the endangered snake in its native distribution region itself.
- ❖ Ten pythons at Mudumalai Tiger Reserve are also tracked similarly.

## NATIONAL

### SDG Tracker

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has launched India's first Sustainable Development Goal dashboard on the eve of National Statistics Day (on June 29).
- ❖ It is a step to effectively track the country's progress on Agenda 2030 adopted by UN.
- ❖ India has been closely monitoring its progress on SDGs through its National Indicator Framework and India SDG Index was released in 2018.
- ❖ Being home to about 17% of world population, India's progress in SDGs is crucial.

### Film Heritage

- ❖ The Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar reviewed "National Film Heritage Mission Project" in a meeting held at National Film Archives in Pune.
- ❖ This project is concerned with Preservation, Conservation, Digitization and Restoration of Indian films of the past.

### Mount Denali

- ❖ Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Deputy Inspector General Aparna Kumar has become the first civil servant to scale Mount Denali located in Alaska, USA.
- ❖ It is the highest peak in North America.
- ❖ Denali in local language means "The Great One".
- ❖ Aparna Kumar was also the first woman IPS DIG and ITBP officer to successfully complete the South Pole expedition.

### EQUIP Program

- ❖ The Higher Education Department of the HRD ministry has introduced a 5-year Vision Plan titled as Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP).
- ❖ It aims to transform the higher education sector in India by

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## Strum Ataka Missile

- ❖ India has signed Rs.200 crore deal with Russia for acquiring Strum Ataka anti-tank missile for its fleet of Mi-35 attack choppers of Indian Air Force (IAF).
- ❖ This would give an added capability to Mi-35 attack choppers of IAF to take out enemy tanks and other armoured elements.



## Haj Quota

- ❖ Saudi Arabia has increased India's Haj quota to Mecca pilgrimage by 30,000.
- ❖ It is a city in Hejazi region of Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ It is the third hike in 3 years.

## INTERNATIONAL

### **African Biotech Park**

- ❖ The Mahatma Gandhi Information Technology & Biotech Park (MGIT-BP) has been inaugurated in Côte d'Ivoire.
- ❖ The MGIT-BP was built with India's assistance through EXIM Bank Lines of Credit of US\$ 20 million.
- ❖ It is a dedicated Free Trade Zone for IT & Biotechnology.

### **ISALEX 19**

- ❖ Abu Dhabi is hosting International Security Alliance (ISA's) first joint security exercise named ISALEX19.
- ❖ Representatives of 50 law enforcement agencies of the ISA are taking part in the first joint security exercise in Abu Dhabi.

### **About ISA**

- ❖ ISA was launched in 2017 and headquartered at Abu Dhabi.
- ❖ It is an international working group to confront organised, transnational and extremist crimes.

### **Self-Care**

- ❖ The World Health Organisation (WHO) has launched its first guidelines on self-care interventions for health.
- ❖ Because according to an estimate, the world will face a shortage of nearly 13 million healthcare workers by 2035.
- ❖ In its first volume, the WHO guidelines focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

### **Trump and Kim Meet**

- ❖ United States President Donald Trump became 1st sitting US president to set foot in Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) when he met its leader, Kim Jong Un.
- ❖ He met Kim in Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) between North Korea and South Korea.



- ❖ Trump and Kim Jong Un have already met twice at Singapore Summit and Hanoi Summit, Vietnam.

## **ECONOMY**

### **GST Second Anniversary**

- ❖ The second anniversary of GST implementation was observed on 1st July 2019.
- ❖ The Finance Ministry unveiled a new return filing mechanism besides a host of other reforms to simplify this indirect tax system.
- ❖ The GST collections for June 2019 stood at less than one lakh crores (Rs.99,939 crores)

### **Current Account Deficit**

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India has stated that India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) increased to \$57.2 billion or 2.1% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Financial Year 2019.
- ❖ It is the highest in 6 years due to higher trade deficit caused by high crude oil imports.
- ❖ CAD was only \$48.7 billion or 1.8% of the GDP in Financial year 2018.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Gaganyaan and Russia**

- ❖ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed a pact with the Russian firm Glavkosmos to select and train astronauts for the country's Gaganyaan project.
- ❖ Simulation of the real space environment, parabolic flights and training in the spacecraft will be done outside India.
- ❖ Gaganyaan is a crewed orbital spacecraft expected to carry three people into space for seven days.
- ❖ ISRO plans to launch its first manned space mission Gaganyaan in 2022.

## STATES

### Dastak Campaign

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh government has launched a campaign called DASTAK to eradicate deadly Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Japanese Encephalitis disease.
- ❖ The campaign will run from 1st to 31st July.
- ❖ Special teams will go door to door in every village of the 75 districts of the state to create awareness about these 2 diseases.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### Dr. Jaya Arunachalam

- ❖ Social worker and founder of Working Women's Forum (WWF), Jaya Arunachalam has passed away in Chennai.
- ❖ She was the pioneer of women's Self-Help group (SHG) movement in India.
- ❖ WWF was founded in 1978 at Chennai to provide micro credits, trade union support, health care and training to poor woman working in informal sectors.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### GST Day – July 1

- ❖ 1st July 2019 is being celebrated as GST (Goods & Services Tax) Day.
- ❖ This year marks the 2nd anniversary of implementation of tax reforms.
- ❖ GST is a multi-stage, destination-based tax that is levied on every value addition.



- ❖ It has integrated country into a single common market by breaking barriers in inter-state trade and commerce.

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