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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Syed Ali Shah Geelani has quit Hurriyat Conference, the biggest separatist political front in Kashmir.
- ❖ The PM of India extended the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana till November 2020 to support migrants and poor labourers.
- ❖ The Government has added three more states Odisha, Mizoram, and Sikkim under the One nation, one ration card scheme.
- ❖ The World's first-ever Online B.Sc. Degree in Programming and Data Science is prepared and to be offered by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras.
- ❖ The first edition of Fisheries and Aquaculture Newsletter was launched.
 - The name of the newsletter is 'Matsya Sampada'.
- ❖ Swiggy has launched its own digital wallet, 'Swiggy Money' in partnership with ICICI Bank.
 - It is an industry first instant digital wallet.
- ❖ Nitin Menon (36 years old) from India became the youngest member of the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Elite Panel of Umpires.
 - He is third after former captain Srinivas Venkatraghavan and Sundaram Ravi.

NATIONAL

Attorney General of India

- ❖ The President of India has reappointed Senior Advocate K.K. Venugopal as the Attorney General for India.
- ❖ His tenure was extended for a period of one year effective from 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021.
- ❖ He is the 15th Attorney General of India.
- ❖ The term of the Attorney General is decided by the President of India.
- ❖ The Attorney General is the Chief Legal Advisor for the Government of India.
- ❖ Tushar Mehta was appointed as Solicitor General for a period of three years.

NADA INDIA

- ❖ The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has launched its mobile application 'NADA INDIA'.
- ❖ It aims for creating a bridge with the athletes under which information on prohibited substances would be provided easily.



Ban on Chinese Apps

- ❖ The Indian government has put a ban on 59 apps including TikTok and WeChat.
- ❖ For this, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has invoked its power under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2009.

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| 1. TikTok | 31. Mi Video Call – Xiaomi |
| 2. Shareit | 32. WeSync |
| 3. Kwai | 33. ES File Explorer |
| 4. UC Browser | 34. Viva Video – QU Video Inc |
| 5. Baidu map | 35. Meitu |
| 6. Shein | 36. Vigo Video |
| 7. Clash of Kings | 37. New Video Status |
| 8. DU battery saver | 38. DU Recorder |
| 9. Helo | 39. Vault- Hide |
| 10. Likee | 40. Cache Cleaner DU App studio |
| 11. YouCam makeup | 41. DU Cleaner |
| 12. Mi Community | 42. DU Browser |
| 13. CM Browsers | 43. Hago Play With New Friends |
| 14. Virus Cleaner | 44. Cam Scanner |
| 15. APUS Browser | 45. Clean Master – Cheetah Mobile |
| 16. ROMWE | 46. Wonder Camera |
| 17. Club Factory | 47. Photo Wonder |
| 18. Newsdog | 48. QQ Player |
| 19. Beutry Plus | 49. We Meet |
| 20. WeChat | 50. Sweet Selfie |
| 21. UC News | 51. Baidu Translate |
| 22. QQ Mail | 52. Vmate |
| 23. Weibo | 53. QQ International |
| 24. Xender | 54. QQ Security Center |
| 25. QQ Music | 55. QQ Launcher |
| 26. QQ Newsfeed | 56. U Video |
| 27. Bigo Live | 57. V fly Status Video |
| 28. SelfieCity | 58. Mobile Legends |
| 29. Mail Master | 59. DU Privacy |
| 30. Parallel Space | |

India's first Marine Cluster

- ❖ The Government of Goa allotted land to a consortium of 49 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) units to set up this.
- ❖ The Project is aimed to create a world class facility for ship designing, ship building, ship repairers and marine equipment manufacturing.

INTERNATIONAL

Seabed 2030 Project

- ❖ This global initiative is a collaboration between Japan's non-profit Nippon Foundation and the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO).
- ❖ The mandate of GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project is to map the entire ocean floor.
- ❖ It has announced that it had finished mapping nearly one-fifth of the world's ocean floor.
- ❖ By this it had added 1.45 crore square kilometers of new bathymetric data to its latest grid.



Hong Kong National Security Law

- ❖ The National People's Congress Standing Committee (NPCSC) of China has unanimously passed this law.
- ❖ Back in 1997, on 1st July, the Hong Kong City was handed over to China as a Special Administrative Region from the British rule.
- ❖ Matters related to foreign affairs and defence of Hong Kong only are controlled by China.

ECONOMY

Global Forum on transparency and exchange of information for tax purposes

- ❖ It is the latest study by OECD's (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) referring to the period from July 2015 to June 2018.
- ❖ India was named among the top-three countries as EOI (Exchange of Information) partners along with France and Germany.
- ❖ India is also rated as 'largely compliant' by this review.

ASEAN summit

- ❖ The 36th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit was held via video conference on the theme "Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN".
- ❖ It was chaired by Vietnam as it is ASEAN's chair in 2020.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

COVAXIN

- ❖ It is the first indigenously developed COVID-19 vaccine to be approved for Human Clinical Trials in India.
- ❖ The Drug Controller General of India (DGCI) has given approval for this vaccine.
- ❖ It is developed by Hyderabad based Bharat Biotech.
- ❖ It was developed in association with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the National Institute of Virology (NIV).
- ❖ The SARS-CoV-2 strain was isolated in the National Institute of Virology and was transferred to Bharat Biotech.
- ❖ The DGCI comes under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.



G4 virus

- ❖ A new Chinese study has warned of a possible new 'pandemic virus' from pigs.
- ❖ The new flu virus, a “G4” strain of H1N1, was detected in Chinese pigs recently.

Gold Nanoparticles

- ❖ The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) and Goa University (GU) has successfully synthesized gold nanoparticles.
- ❖ They used psychro tolerant Antarctic bacteria for the synthesis.

ENVIRONMENT

CaCO₃

- ❖ There is a decrease in the concentration of oceanic calcium carbonate (CaCO₃) in the southern Indian ocean.
- ❖ This decrease in CaCO₃ is attributed to the increase in the concentration of another single-celled algae known as diatoms.
- ❖ It was a study led by the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR).

Lichen Park

- ❖ Uttarakhand has developed India's First Lichen Park in Munsiyari, Pithoragarh district.
- ❖ It aims to conserve over 150 Lichen species of Jurassic Era plants.





Zealandia

- ❖ Researchers from GNS Science in New Zealand have announced that they mapped the shape and size of the Zealandia continent.
- ❖ Scientists confirmed the existence of an eighth continent, called Zealandia, under New Zealand and the surrounding ocean in 2017.
- ❖ The map is part of a global initiative to map the planet's entire ocean floor by 2030.

