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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.

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.

