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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ HDFC Bank has launched 'e-Kisaan Dhan' App for Farmers in India.
- ❖ A mega tree plantation drive called Paudhe Lagao, Paryavaran Bachao (Plant Trees, Save Environment) has been announced by the Delhi Government.
- ❖ There is significant decline in Trade deficit with China, from 53.56 billion in 2018-19 to 48.66 billion in 2019-20.
- ❖ CogX is one of the world's largest events on Artificial Intelligence, held annually in London.
 - India's Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled "MyGov Corona Helpdesk" won two awards under the categories "Best Innovation for Covid-19 – Society" and "People Choice Covid-19 Overall Winner" in 4th CogX.

NATIONAL

100th birth anniversary

- ❖ The Government will release commemorative stamp to honor former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao.
- ❖ PV Narasimha Rao served as 9th prime minister from 1991 to 1996.
- ❖ He is the only non-Gandhi who completed a full term as prime minister.
- ❖ He was also the 1st prime minister of the country to hail from South India.
- ❖ He is regarded as the 'Father of Indian Economic Reforms'.
- ❖ He was born on June 28, 1921 in Warangal.

INTERNATIONAL

UN's Alliance for Poverty eradication

- ❖ It was launched by Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the 74th United Nation's General Assembly (UNGA).
- ❖ India became a founding member of this Alliance.

Vladimir Putin

- ❖ The Russian people have approved the constitutional changes.

- ❖ These changes may allow President Putin to stay in power for another 16 years, till 2036.
- ❖ Vladimir Putin's current term as the President of Russia ends in 2024

Passing Exercise

- ❖ Indian Navy and Japanese Navy have conducted a day long Naval Exercise in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- ❖ This PASSEX (passing exercise) is for tactical and communications training, towards the Malacca Strait.



NAFTA 2.0

- ❖ A new free trade agreement between the United States, Mexico, and Canada comes into effect from 1st July 2020 onwards.
- ❖ It replaced the earlier 26 years old free trade agreement between the three countries - North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).



India's Representative at UN

- ❖ Indra Mani Pandey has been appointed as the Permanent Representative of India in the United Nations, Geneva.



- ❖ While at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York, India's Ambassador and Permanent Representative is T.S. Tirumurti.

ECONOMY

Accelerate Vigyan Scheme

- ❖ It was launched by Scientific and Engineering Research Board (SERB).
- ❖ It has started to call applications for the process under ABHYAAS scheme.
- ❖ It begins with Mission SAMOOHAN (Bring Together).
- ❖ Another mission under this Scheme is Mission ABHYAAS (Skill Development).
- ❖ It is for students looking for career development in the field of research.

Open Market Operations

- ❖ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced fresh Open Market Operations (OMO) for the sale and purchase of Government Securities (G-Secs) worth 10000 crores.
- ❖ The RBI took the decision after considering the current liquidity and market situation.
- ❖ The RBI issues securities through auctions on the Core Banking Solution (CBS) platform named E-Kuber.

ENVIRONMENT

REDD+ to UNFCCC

- ❖ Uganda became the first African country to submit the results for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ❖ The submitted documents will help Uganda to claim the funds through the Green Climate Fund's forest conservation scheme.

New butterfly species

- ❖ Lepidopterists have discovered two species of butterflies in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ They are Striped Hairstreak and Elusive Prince (at Namdhapa National Park).



STATES

‘Dream Kerala’ Project

- ❖ It is a project for the rehabilitation of Non-Resident Indian’s (NRI’s) returning to the state following the loss of employment due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- ❖ A target for the successful implementation of the project will be within 100 days from 1st July 2020.
- ❖ For Kerala, the importance of NRI remittances is much more than any other state in the country
- ❖ In 2018, NRI remittances were Rs 85,000 crore in the state.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Wisden Player

- ❖ The Spin Bowler Ravinder Jadeja, was named India’s Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the 21st century by Wisden.
- ❖ He is second only to Muttiah Muralitharan of Sri Lanka.

2020 Great Immigrants

- ❖ The Carnegie Corporation of New York recognizes an eminent group of immigrants who have been making notable contributions to the progress of American Society.
- ❖ Siddhartha Mukherjee and Prof. Raj Shetty have been named among the ‘2020 Great Immigrants’.
- ❖ Siddhartha Mukherjee is a Pulitzer winning author.

Drug Discovery Hackathon 2020

- ❖ A national initiative called Drug Discovery Hackathon 2020 was launched.
- ❖ The initiative was launched by Ramesh Pokhriyal (Union Human Resource Development Minister) and Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Union Minister for Health & Family
- ❖ The objective of the hackathon is to identify drug candidates for the COVID-19 virus through computational methods.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Sports Journalists Day – July 2

- ❖ The day aims to acknowledge the work of sports journalists.
- ❖ It was established in 1994 to mark the 70th anniversary of the International Sports Press Association (AIPS).



World Allergy Week – June 28 to July 4

- ❖ It is an annual event initiated by the World Allergy Organisation.
- ❖ The theme of World Allergy Week 2020 is “Allergy care does not stop with COVID-19”.

World UFO Day - July 2

- ❖ The first World UFO Day (Unidentified Flying Objects) was celebrated in 2001 by UFO researcher Haktan Akdogan.
- ❖ According to UFO watchers, in 1947 a flying saucer with aliens on board landed outside the New Mexico town of Roswell.



- ❖ On 29 April of 2020, the Pentagon released three short videos showing "unidentified aerial phenomena".
- ❖ The department of Défense in USA said that the videos were taken by US Navy pilots in 2004 and 2005.
- ❖ However, according to NASA "no astronaut has seen a UFO in space."

