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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Recently Prime Minister travelled to Nimu in Ladakh to interact with Indian troops

TAMIL NADU

Apollo Proton Cancer Centre (APCC)

- ❖ It has been accredited by the Joint Commission International (JCI).
- ❖ It is the country's first dedicated advanced cancer centre to receive the international accreditation.
- ❖ It is the first in India to introduce Proton Therapy.

NATIONAL

Fit Hai to Hit Hai India program

- ❖ As a part of the Fit India Campaign, the 'Fit Hai to Hit Hai India' program has been launched by the Ministry of Human Resources Development.
- ❖ The objective of the program is to inspire and motivate the school children about the importance and need to stay fit during this pandemic.

Elyments

- ❖ It is launched by M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India.
- ❖ It is the first Made in India social media super application.
- ❖ The application is developed by Sumeru Software Solutions Private Limited.

NPNT

- ❖ There is a successful completion of the first No-Permission No-Takeoff (NPNT) compliant drone flight of India.
- ❖ Mumbai based Quidich Innovation Labs Private Limited has announced this event.
- ❖ The green field near Karnataka's Tumkur is where this test flight was carried out.

INTERNATIONAL

Italian Marines case

- ❖ India does not have jurisdiction to try the marines, who were held in Kerala fishermen shootout case
- ❖ The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at the Hague has ruled this.
- ❖ The PCA's award is final and has been accepted by India.
- ❖ The PCA organization is not a United Nations agency.
- ❖ In 2012, two Italian marines fired shots while on-board an Italian vessel, Enrica Lexie
- ❖ They killed two Indian fishermen aboard an Indian vessel, St. Anthony.
- ❖ But, the fishing vessel was within the country's Contiguous Zone.

Hagia Sophia Mosque

- ❖ Recently, the government of Turkey has decided to convert Istanbul's iconic Hagia Sophia Museum into a mosque.
- ❖ In 1934, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of the Republic of Turkey, converted the mosque into a museum in an attempt to make the country more secular.



ECONOMY

External Debt of India

- ❖ According to the RBI, India's external debt stood at \$558.5 billion in March 2020.



- ❖ It is an increase of \$15.4 billion or 2.8% as compared to the March 2019.
- ❖ The largest component of the external debt is Commercial borrowings with a share of 39.4%.
- ❖ It is followed by non-resident deposits at 23.4% and short-term trade credit at 18.2%.
- ❖ In terms of currency, United States (US) dollar-denominated debt continued to be the largest component with a share of 53.7%.
- ❖ It is followed by the Indian rupee (31.9%), yen (5.6%), SDR (4.5%) and the euro (3.5%).

Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT)

- ❖ The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) is to setup India's first government promoted Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT).
- ❖ It will be under the Indian Trust Act, 1882 and Securities and Exchange Board of India Regulations.
- ❖ It is to facilitate investment in the highway sector.

Purchasing Managers' Index

- ❖ It is an index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in the manufacturing and service sectors.
- ❖ The IHS Markit India Services Business Activity Index has released recently this.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Airborne Locust Control System (ALCS)

- ❖ Chandigarh based 3 Base Repair Depot (BRD) of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO) have indigenously developed this system.
- ❖ It will be used for two Mi-17 helicopters for spraying atomised pesticide malathion to arrest locust breeding.
- ❖ The Government has flagged off a Bell 206-B3 helicopter for effective control of locusts in Rajasthan.

Phobos

- ❖ ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) has captured the image of 'Phobos', the largest and closest moon of Mars.
- ❖ Phobos, the mysterious moon of Mars is believed to be made up of carbonaceous chondrites.



ENVIRONMENT

Botswana elephant death

- ❖ Hundreds of elephants have died mysteriously in Botswana's Okavango Delta.
- ❖ Botswana is a landlocked country in Africa.
- ❖ 70 percent of its territory is being the Kalahari Desert.



Time Stamped Card System

- ❖ Recently, the Karnataka Forest Department has decided to put in place a traffic monitoring mechanism along the roads adjacent to Nagarahole National Park.
- ❖ It will also ensure better compliance of forest laws by motorists and will also minimize road kills.
- ❖ The Park lies in the Western Ghats and is a part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

2020 Diana Award

- ❖ Freya Thakral, a 13-year-old student of the British School at New Delhi received this.
- ❖ It is for her humanitarian work towards the ragpickers of Delhi.
- ❖ It was announced on 1st July 2020, the birth anniversary of Princess Diana.

IMPORTANT DAYS

USA's Independence Day – July 4

- ❖ It is commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States, on July 4, 1776.
- ❖ On this day, delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence.
- ❖ It is a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.



International Day of Cooperatives – July 4

- ❖ It has been observed by the International Cooperative Alliance since 1923.



- ❖ But The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed this day only in 1992.
- ❖ This year the theme is Cooperatives for Climate Action.

