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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ In Uttar Pradesh, more than 25 crore saplings were planted in a single day on July 5 under the Mission Vriksharopan 2020.
- ❖ India has inked 5 Memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with Afghanistan under the High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP) programme.
- ❖ Israel has successfully launched a new spy satellite "Ofek 16" into orbit by using a locally-developed Shavit rocket.
- ❖ RC Bhargava, the Chairman of Maruti Suzuki authored a book named "Getting Competitive: A Practitioner's Guide for India".
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh become the first state in the country to have LPG gas connections in every household.
- ❖ Five-time World Champion Lin Dan from China has announced his retirement from badminton.
- ❖ The World Chocolate Day is annually observed globally on July 7th.
- ❖ The Global Forgiveness Day is celebrated on July 7th.

TAMIL NADU

Friends of Police

- ❖ It has been suspended in Tamilnadu.
- ❖ It is a Community Policing initiative that aims to bring police and public closer.
- ❖ It was started in 1993 in Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Basic Principle Underlying Community Policing is that 'A Policeman is a Citizen with Uniform and a Citizen is a Policeman without Uniform'.

NATIONAL

Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel COVID - 19 hospital

- ❖ It is the World's largest COVID-19 Treatment and Care facility.
- ❖ This 10,000 bed Sardar Patel COVID Care Centre and Hospital (SPCCCH) was inaugurated in New Delhi.
- ❖ It is built on the campus of spiritual organization 'Radha Soami Satsang Beas'.



- ❖ Indo - Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) is chosen as the nodal agency for operating the center.

1000 bed hospital

- ❖ It is a temporary structure with 1000 bed facility at Delhi by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ❖ It has been built in a record time of 12 days by DRDO along with Health Ministry, Home Ministry, Tata Sons and Armed Forces.
- ❖ The facility is set up at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel COVID -19 Hospital.
- ❖ The wards at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel COVID-19 Hospital are named after the Indian Army Soldiers who have lost their lives on 15th June 2020 during the violent clash at Galwan Valley with the Chinese.
- ❖ Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and the ventilator ward is named after Indian Armed Forces Commissioned Officer Colonel Bikkumalla Santosh Babu.

Reddy Expert Committee

- ❖ The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has set up an 11-member expert committee.
- ❖ It will be headed by Dr K S Reddy, president of Public Health Foundation of India.
- ❖ It is to study impact of coronavirus (Covid-19) on human rights of individuals.

Sikhs for Justice (SFJ)

- ❖ The Union Home Ministry blocked websites of pro-Khalistan group Sikhs For Justice (SFJ).
- ❖ On Home Ministry's recommendation, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology issued orders under the Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 to block the websites.
- ❖ The "Sikhs For Justice" is an unlawful organisation under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.
- ❖ The group was registering supporters for 'Referendum 2020' to support its demand for Khalistan, a separate state for Sikhs.



CBSE and Facebook

- ❖ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has entered into a partnership with Facebook.
- ❖ It will be for the introduction of Augmented Reality in the CBSE curriculum in India.
- ❖ A new curriculum named as Facebook for Education has been introduced by CBSE.



ECONOMY

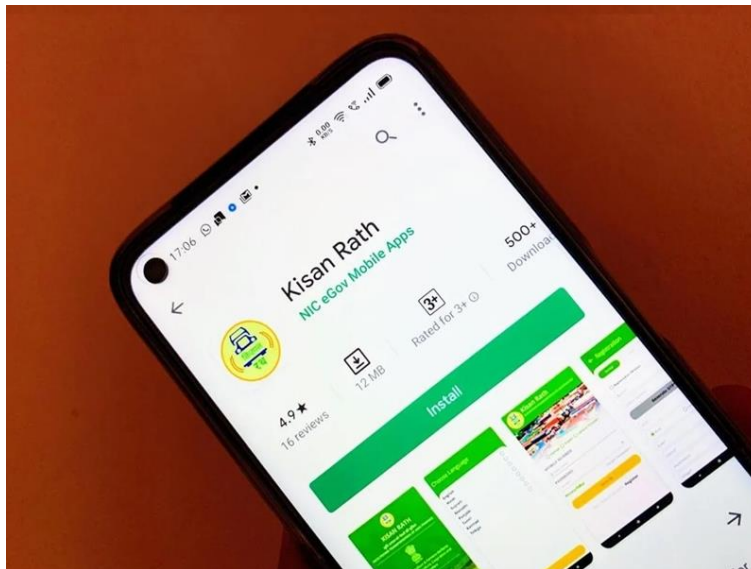
Greenmode of transportation

- ❖ Indian Railways sets up Solar Plant in Bina in Madhya Pradesh to Supply Power Directly on the Railway Line.
- ❖ The Ministry of Railways has decided to install solar power plants on its vacant unused lands.

- ❖ The use of Solar Power will accelerate the mission of the Railways to achieve 'Net Zero' Carbon Emission Railway.
- ❖ The Indian Railways will become the first transport organisation to be energy self-sufficient.
- ❖ The Indian Railways and the Bharat heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has commissioned the first of its kind project in the world.

Kisanrath

- ❖ It is an app launched by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare.
- ❖ It will facilitate farmers and traders to identify suitable transport facilities for the movement of farm produce during coronavirus lock down.
- ❖ It was developed by the National Informatics Centre.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Moon's subsurface

- ❖ The Moon's subsurface might have greater quantities of metals such as iron and titanium than thought before.
- ❖ NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) spacecraft has found this evidence.

ENVIRONMENT

Dehing Patkai

- ❖ The Assam State Government has decided for the up-gradation of the status of the Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary to National Park.
- ❖ In 1992, Dehing Patkai was declared as an Elephant Reserve under the Project Elephant.
- ❖ Within the 'Eco-Sensitive Zone' of the Dehing Patkai, the proposed Saleki Reserved Forest comes.

Sakteng Wildlife sanctuary

- ❖ Bhutan's foreign ministry has issued a demarche to the Chinese embassy in New Delhi.
- ❖ It is issued against the claims made by China over Sakteng Wildlife sanctuary.
- ❖ Sakteng is based in Eastern Bhutan that borders Arunachal Pradesh.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

66th Grandmaster

- ❖ G. Akash from Chennai of Tamil Nadu becomes the country's 66th Grandmaster in the Chess.
- ❖ The title was confirmed at the recent meeting of International Chess Federation (FIDE) Council.



Overdraft: Saving the Indian Saver

- ❖ The Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Urjit Patel has authored this book.
- ❖ It focuses on the issue of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) that has affected Indian banking in recent years.

Ennio Morricone

- ❖ Ennio Morricone, an Oscar-winning Italian film composer, recently passed away.
- ❖ He had composed the music for 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly'.
- ❖ He was the only second composer to receive an honorary award at the Oscars.

