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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The World Bank and the Government of India have signed a loan agreement to enhance support for the Namami Gange programme that seeks to rejuvenate the Ganga river.
- ❖ International cricket resumed on July 8th after 116 days with England vs West Indies test series at England.
- ❖ The Syrian and Russian planes have carried out deadly aerial strikes on schools, hospitals and markets in Idlib province in Syria.
- ❖ The PM Narendra Modi addressed the audience worldwide to mark the start of India Global Week 2020.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh celebrated Rythu Dinotsavam (Farmer's Day) to mark the 71st birth anniversary of YS Rajasekhara Reddy, 14th Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Jayant Krishna is appointed as the First India Based Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of UK India Business Council (UKIBC).
- ❖ The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has joined hands with Microsoft India to enhance the digital skills of the country's youth.
- ❖ The duration of the Master of Computer Application (MCA) has been reduced to two years from three years by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).
- ❖ Mannar Mannan, a Tamil scholar and son of legendary poet Bharathidasan, recently passed away in Puducherry.

TAMIL NADU

Thirukoil TV

- ❖ A government order has been issued for establishing Thirukoil television channel to telecast the temple events across the State.
- ❖ It will be under the control of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department (HR and CE).



NATIONAL

Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the extension of this scheme for another five months, from July to November 2020.
- ❖ Under this, food grains and free cylinders will be given for the needy poor people.

INTERNATIONAL

Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRET)

- ❖ India improved its ranking to 34th place in GRET.
- ❖ Sustainability Initiatives and regulatory reforms have enhanced higher levels of transparency in the real estate industry of India.
- ❖ It is released biennially by the United States-based firm - Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated (JLL).

SAGE

- ❖ A new Partnership announcement was made by the US Agency for Development (USAID)- supported South Asia Group for Energy (SAGE) and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- ❖ It is to increase US-India collaboration for clean energy development.
- ❖ SAGE will act as a powerhouse of science, engineering and technology for India and the entire South Asia region.

Measles and rubella

- ❖ Maldives & Sri Lanka are the 1st two countries in South-East Asia to eliminate Rubella and measles ahead of 2023 target.
- ❖ A country is considered to have eliminated measles and rubella when there is no evidence of endemic transmission of the viruses for more than three years.

US and WHO

- ❖ The United States of America (USA) has formally notified the United Nations (UN) of its decision of withdrawal from the World Health Organization.



- ❖ The US has been a party to the WHO since 1948 and it is the largest funder to the WHO.

Germany and Clean Energy

- ❖ The German parliament approved the bill for shutting down the coal fired power plant by 2038.
- ❖ Germany became the first industrialized country to phase out of both coal and nuclear energy.

AIIB Loan

- ❖ Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has released USD 50 million to L&T Infrastructure Finance Ltd (LTIF).
- ❖ This is the 1st loan of AIIB to a non-banking financial company (NBFC) in India.

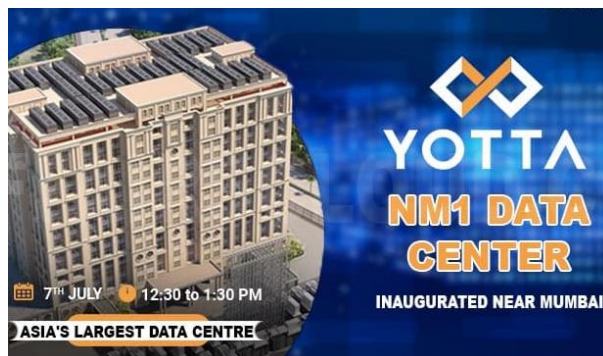
ECONOMY

Hand sanitizers and face masks

- ❖ These are no longer essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act 1955, as their supply is sufficient in the country.
- ❖ The Union Consumer Affairs Ministry had declared face masks and hand sanitizers as essential commodities for 100 days on March 13, 2020.
- ❖ It was to boost supply and prevent hoarding of these items in its battle to contain the spread of Coronavirus.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Yotta NM1 or NM1



- ❖ India's as well as Asia's Largest and World's Second Largest Uptime Tier IV Designed Data Centre was inaugurated at Navi Mumbai.
- ❖ The Data Centre is named 'Yotta NM1 or NM1'.

Airborne spread

- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) acknowledged the "evidence" of the airborne spread of the novel coronavirus.
- ❖ WHO had previously stated that the coronavirus infection mainly spreads through small droplets.
- ❖ The Droplets come out of the nose and mouth of an infected person.

Compact XL

- ❖ The Pune based molecular diagnostics company Mylab Discovery Solutions has launched 'Compact XL' machine.
- ❖ It is India's first machine to automate the manual processes of molecular diagnostic tests.



ENVIRONMENT

Ministerial on Climate Action (MoCA)

- ❖ The 4th edition of this international meeting was held recently.
- ❖ It was co-chaired by European Union (EU), China and Canada.
- ❖ India participated this through virtual mode.

Golden Birdwing

- ❖ Golden Birdwing is the largest butterfly in India based on the length of wingspan.
- ❖ The female Golden Birdwing with 194 mm wingspan was recorded at Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district.
- ❖ 'Golden Birdwing' dethrones 'Southern Birdwing' to become the largest Butterfly in India.
- ❖ The study results were published in the BIONOTES.



Eulophia obtusa

- ❖ After 100 years a rare orchid species Eulophia obtusa has been rediscovered from Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ It is also known as ground orchid.
- ❖ In India, the species is listed as "critically endangered" in the IUCN Red List of endangered species.



SPORTS



World rankings 2020 - Boxing

- ❖ The International Boxing Association (AIBA) has released this.
- ❖ Amit Panghal from India has been ranked first in the world ranking of 52 kg weight category.
- ❖ Manju Rani from India has got the second place in women's rankings in 48 kg weight category.

