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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Bon Bibi is a deity of the Sunder ban forest, West Bengal.
- ❖ Hockey India has appointed Manipur's Gyanendro Ningombam as its new president after Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad stepped down from his post.
- ❖ Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying announced that world's first Fish Cryobank will be established in India.

NATIONAL

E-Lok Adalat

- ❖ India's first State Level 'E-Lok Adalat' was recently conducted.
- ❖ It was conducted in 195 benches across the state of Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ Lok Adalat is one of the alternative dispute grievance mechanisms or a forum.
- ❖ Here the pending cases or disputes in the court of law are settled or compromised.



Cycles4Change Challenge

- ❖ The Smart Cities Mission, under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs opened the registration for India Cycles4Change Challenge.
- ❖ The Challenge aims to help cities connect with their citizens as well as experts to develop a unified vision to promote cycling.

India Global Week 2020 Summit

- ❖ It is an annual flagship event organized by India Inc., a London based media house.
- ❖ Its flagship publication is known as India Global Business.
- ❖ The theme of this year is 'Be the Revival: India and a Better New World'.

ATL App Development Modules

- ❖ These are launched by NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under its initiative Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL).
- ❖ It is launched for school children across the country.
- ❖ It has been launched in line with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
- ❖ It is for transforming school students from users of the smartphone-based applications to innovative developers of the smartphone-based applications.

Special Parcel Train

- ❖ The Railways has operated its first-ever special parcel train to Bangladesh.
- ❖ It transported dry chillies from Andhra Pradesh's Guntur district to Bangladesh.
- ❖ Guntur and its surrounding areas in Andhra Pradesh are well known for the cultivation of chillies.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh is the largest producer of Chilli in India and contributes about 26% to the total area under Chilli.
- ❖ The Guntur Sannam Chilli is a variety of Chilli which has the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag.





INTERNATIONAL

Elections of Singapore

- ❖ Singapore became the 2nd Country in Asia to conduct National Polls in the times of the COVID-19 global pandemic.
- ❖ The People's Action Party (PAP) under the leadership of incumbent Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong have won in the Elections.
- ❖ The People's Action Party (PAP) has held the power, winning all the elections since independence in 1965.
- ❖ Earlier, South Korea became the first Asian Country to conduct the elections during Covid crisis.

7th Richest Person

- ❖ Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani has become the world's 7th richest person.
- ❖ He overtakes investor tycoon Warren Buffett.
- ❖ Warren Edward Buffett, an American investor and business tycoon, is the chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway.
- ❖ Amazon founder Jeff Bezos is ranked at the top of the world's richest individuals list.

ENVIRONMENT

Ypthima watsoni

- ❖ Recently, a team of wildlife researchers has rediscovered 'Ypthima watsoni' butterfly at Jampui hills in Tripura.
- ❖ The species was last seen in the year 1958 in Manipur.



Tetrastemma Freyae

- ❖ Recently, researchers have identified a new species of marine invertebrate i.e. 'Tetrastemma Freyae', along the coast of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ It feeds on dead and decaying material and helps to recycle nutrients in coastal and deep-water sediments.

Karimpuzha Wildlife Sanctuary

- ❖ It is 18th wildlife sanctuary in the State of Kerala.
- ❖ It is located at Malapuram District.
- ❖ It extends till Silent Valley National Park of the Palakkad District to the south and to Nadugani in the Nilgiri District of Tamil Nadu to the North.

STATES

Gurupriya Bridge

- ❖ The first-ever Bus Service in history was started for the people of Swabhimani Anchal.
- ❖ It is located in Malkangiri district of Odisha.
- ❖ It was achieved only after the completion of the Gurupriya bridge.
- ❖ Surrounded by water on three sides, Swabhimani Anchal was generally known as a Maoist hub for decades.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

2020 Dada Saheb Phalke Award

- ❖ An independent filmmaker, Kezang D Thongdok from Arunachal Pradesh won the 2020 Dada Saheb Phalke Award.
- ❖ It was given for his documentary “Chi Lupo” – showcasing the practice of collection of honey from the rocky hilltops.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Counter-Terrorism Week

- ❖ The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) observed 2nd Counter-Terrorism Week from July 6 - 10, 2020.
- ❖ The theme of the week of this year is “Strategic and Practical Challenges of Countering Terrorism in a Global Pandemic Environment”.





Malala Day – July 12

- ❖ It is commemorated on the birthday of Malala Yousafzai to honor women and children's rights around the world.
- ❖ She was born in 1997 at Pakistan
- ❖ In October 2012, Malala was attacked by Taliban gunmen and was in a critical condition.
- ❖ In 2012, she was awarded the first-ever National Youth Peace Prize by the Pakistan government.
- ❖ In 2014, at age 17, Malala became the youngest-ever recipient of the Nobel Peace prize in recognition of her efforts for children's rights.
- ❖ The UN has declared her as "the most famous teenager in the world" in its Decade in Review report in 2019.

