TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Shiv Nadar is stepping down as chairman of the company of the HCL Technologies.
    - ○ His daughter Roshni Nadar Malhotra will succeed him.
- ❖ The United Nations has designated Chief of Tehrik-e Taliban, the Pakistan-based terror group, Mufti Noor Wali Mehsud as a global terrorist.
- ❖ Assam government has decided to give preference to plasma donors in government jobs.
- ❖ The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), a unit of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology signed an agreement with Israel to expand collaboration in dealing with cyber threats.
- ❖ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), announced integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the high school curriculum in collaboration with IBM (International Business Machines Corporation).
- ❖ The African country Gabon appointed its first woman prime minister Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda.

NATIONAL

Kris Gopalakrishnan Committee

- ❖ It is a government formed committee on Data Protection headed by Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan.
- ❖ It has suggested that non-personal data generated in the country be allowed to be harnessed by various domestic companies and entities.
- ❖ Non-personal data is any set of data which does not contain personally identifiable information.

NETC

- ❖ The GMR Hyderabad International Airport (GHIAL), introduced India's first ever fully contactless airport car parking with contact less toll transaction.
- ❖ The GMR airport introduced the first ever National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) FASTag Car Park in India in 2019.

❖ It is a part of the "One Nation One Tag" – NETC FASTag programme of Indian Government.

Maternal Mortality in India

❖ Special bulletin on Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) in India 2016-18 is released by the Office of the Registrar General's Sample Registration System (SRS).

❖ According to recent report MMR in India has declined to 113 in 2016-18 from 122 in 2015-17 and 130 in 2014-2016.

❖ The southern states registered a lower MMR: Andhra Pradesh (65), Telangana (63), Karnataka (92), Kerala (43), and Tamil Nadu (60).

❖ The Northern states registered a higher MMR: Assam (215), Bihar (149), Madhya Pradesh (173), Chhattisgarh (159), Odisha (150), Rajasthan (164), Uttar Pradesh (197) and Uttarakhand (99).

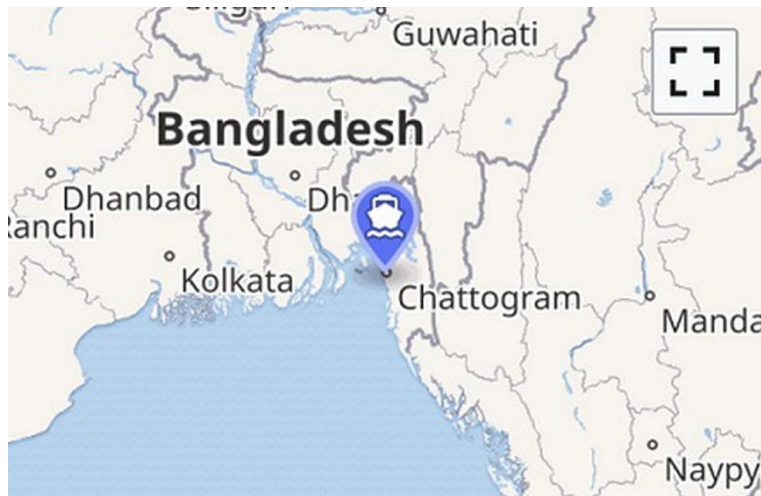❖ MMR is defined as the number of maternal deaths per 1,00,000 live births.

NISHTHA

❖ The Union HRD Minister launched the first on-line NISHTHA programme for 1,200 Key Resources Persons of Andhra Pradesh.

❖ National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement is NISHTHA.

❖ It is the world's largest teachers' training programme of its kind.

❖ The initiative is an Integrated Teacher Training Programme of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resources Development (HRD).

❖ It is organised at the elementary stage under Samagra Shiksha, a Centrally sponsored Scheme of the HRD.

❖ There is a National Mission to improve learning outcomes at the Elementary level under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha.

The First Trial Container Ship

❖ It was flagged off from Kolkata to Agartala in Tripura through the Chattogram Port of Bangladesh.

❖ It will provide an alternative and shorter route for India to connect its North East Region (NER).

❖ This has been done under the Agreement on use of Chattogram and Mongla Ports for movement of India's transit cargo through Bangladesh.

❖ The landlocked states of India viz. Assam, Meghalaya, and Tripura got access to 8 open sea routes from Chattogram and Mongla ports via Indian routes.

INTERNATIONAL

Global Manufacturing Risk Index (MRI)

❖ India ranks third in terms of cost competitiveness and operating conditions among 48 countries.

❖ The index has been topped by China and followed by the United States (US) at 2nd rank.

❖ It is the list of most-suitable locations for global manufacturing.

❖ It was the report of "Cushman & Wakefield's 2020 Global Manufacturing Risk Index (MRI)".

Global Skills Index 2020

❖ It was prepared by "Coursera", World's largest online learning platform.

❖ It benchmarks the skill proficiency for 60 countries.

❖ India surges ahead of the peers in the business and technology skill sets because of the growing young population.

India Energy Modelling Forum (IEMF)

❖ It was established by the joint working group meeting of the Sustainable Growth Pillar.

❖ Sustainable Growth Pillar is an important pillar of India–US Strategic Energy Partnership co-chaired by NITI Aayog and USAID.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ZyCov-D

❖ ZyCoV-D is the plasmid DNA vaccine designed and developed by Zydus.

❖ It is the first indigenously developed vaccine for COVID-19 to be administered in humans in India.

❖ It is partially funded by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the National Biopharma Mission (NBM).

❖ NBM was launched in 2017 and is implemented by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).

IMPORTANT DAYS

Day of International Criminal Justice - July 17

❖ It is also called as international criminal justice day and World Day for International Justice.

❖ The 17th of July was chosen to commemorate the adoption of Rome Statute in 1998.

❖ It is the founding treaty of International Criminal Court (ICC).

Mandela Day - July 18

- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly officially declared this day in November 2009.

- ❖ Nelson Mandela was born on July 18, 1918 at Union of South Africa.

- ❖ He served as the First Black President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.

- ❖ He also was the first one elected in a fully representative democratic election at South Africa

- ❖ He was also known as Madiba and the "Father of the Nation" of South Africa as well as the Gandhi of South Africa.

- ❖ He got the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.

- ❖ He got Bharat Ratna in 1990.

- ❖ The theme of this year for the day is "Take action, inspire change".

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