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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Google has relaunched its social networking platform Google+ as Google Currents.
- ❖ Maharashtra becomes the 1st State to use drones to inspect power lines and transmission towers.
- ❖ Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) inaugurated the first mega food park of Mizoram - Zoram Mega Food Park.
- ❖ The Cricketer Dom Sibley of England has become the first person to violate the 'saliva ban' rule of International Cricket Council (ICC).
- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir administration announced a life insurance cover of Rs 25 lakhs for all elected members of urban local bodies and Panchayati raj institutions.
- ❖ Ballon d'Or France Football award will not be awarded in 2020 for the first time in its history since 1956.

TAMIL NADU

Seshadri

- ❖ The Renowned Mathematician Conjeevaram Srirangachari (C.S.) Seshadri passed away in Chennai.
- ❖ He was the founder of the Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI).
- ❖ He is known for his work in algebraic geometry.
- ❖ The Seshadri constant is named after him.

Banumathy Judge

- ❖ Banumathy was the sixth woman judge in the Supreme Court.
- ❖ She was the first Women Judge of the Supreme Court from Tamilnadu.
- ❖ She was also the second-ever woman to be part of the Collegium.
- ❖ Justice Ruma Pal was the first woman to achieve that feat
- ❖ With the retirement of Justice Banumathi, the apex court will be left with two women judges — Justices Indu Malhotra and Indira Banerjee.
- ❖ Never before in the history of the Supreme Court there had been three sitting lady judges.



Backward Classes Commission of Tamil Nadu

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has reconstituted its Backward Classes Commission.
- ❖ Retired Justice R Thanikachalam will head the Commission now.
- ❖ It is for examining requests of inclusion and complaints of over-inclusion or non-inclusion in the list of Other Backward Classes (OBC).

Background

- ❖ The first Backward Classes Commission in Tamil Nadu was formed on November 13, 1969 when the DMK was in power.
- ❖ It was known as Sattanathan Commission.
- ❖ Sattanathan Commission recommended the introduction of "Creamy Layer" among the OBC in the state.
- ❖ In pursuance of the direction of the Supreme Court in the Mandal Commission cases or Indira Sawhney cases in 1992, the State government had constituted a permanent Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission.
- ❖ It was formed under the Chairmanship of retired Justice K Shanmugam 1993.
- ❖ It is formed under Article 16(4) read with Article 340 of the Constitution of India.

NATIONAL

Railways in North East

- ❖ The Indian Railway Board has announced the connectivity of all capitals of North-Eastern states through rail network by 2023.
- ❖ As of today, the capitals of Assam, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh are already connected.

The Consumer Protection Act, 2019

- ❖ It has come into force from July 20, 2020.
- ❖ This Act replaces Consumer Protection Act, 1986.
- ❖ It includes the establishment of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA).
- ❖ CCPA is to protect, promote, and enforce the rights of the consumers

- ❖ Under this Act the celebrities can be fined up to Rs 10 lakhs for promoting misleading products.
- ❖ Strict Actions shall be taken against advertisers for generating misleading content.
- ❖ The Act makes it mandatory for the E-Commerce entities to acknowledge the receipt of consumer complaints within 48 hours.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

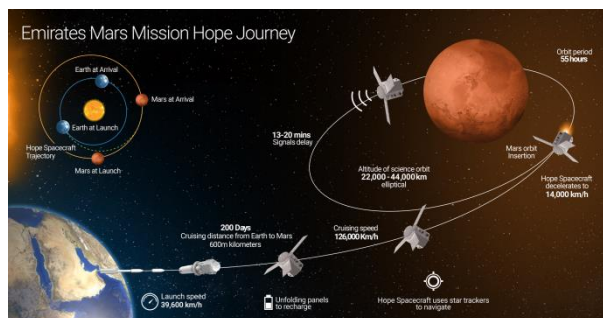
MediCAB

- ❖ IIT-Madras supported start-up Modulus Housing has developed portable hospital unit.
- ❖ The Medicab is foldable and is composed of four zones such as a medical room, isolation room, a doctors's room and a twin bed ICU.
- ❖ India has 0.7 beds per 1000 persons.



Hope Probe mission

- ❖ The United Arab Emirates (UAE) became the first West Asian and Arab nation to launch the first-ever Mars mission.





- ❖ Hope Probe mission was launched from Japan.
- ❖ It is expected to reach Mars's orbit by February 2021.
- ❖ It is designed to mark the 50th anniversary of the unification of the UAE, an alliance of seven emirates.

STATES

Kalaignar Breakfast scheme

- ❖ Puducherry Chief Minister V. Narayanasamy presented the 2020-21 Budget for the Union Territory without the approval of Lt Governor Kiran Bedi and her customary address to the House.
- ❖ He announced a free breakfast scheme for poor students in government schools of Puducherry in the name of late Chief Minister and DMK President M. Karunanidhi.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

2020 Nelson Mandela Prize

- ❖ The President of United Nations General Assembly Tijjani Muhammad-Bande announced that Marianna Vardinoyannis, of Greece, and Doctor Morissana Kouyaté, of Guinea will receive the 2020 Nelson Mandela Prize.
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) established the award in June 2014.
- ❖ It will be awarded every 5 years, to honour Nelson Mandela's life and legacy of political and social transformation.

SPORTS

Lewis Hamilton

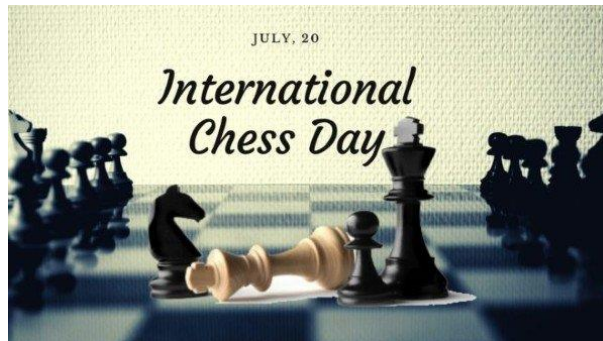
- ❖ Formula One Champion Mercedes Lewis Hamilton (British) won the Hungarian Grand Prix 2020.
- ❖ With this victory he equalled Michael Schumacher's single-venue record, ie., winning a grand prix eight times.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Chess Day - July 20

- ❖ United Nations' (UN) First World Chess Day is celebrated all over the World.
- ❖ This day also marks the 95th Anniversary of the International Chess Federation called FIDE.
- ❖ The FIDE's motto of 2020 is "Teach someone how to play chess."
- ❖ The modern chess is believed to be derived from the ancient board game "Chaturanga" originated in North India during the Gupta Period.



Space Exploration Day - July 20

- ❖ It is celebrated to mark the anniversary of man's first historic landing on the moon.
- ❖ On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Buzz of the USA became the first humans to land on moon's surface.

