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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ In a bid to revive the prospects of Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd (TACTV), the Tamilnadu government appointed Animal husbandry minister Udumalai K Radhakrishnan as its Chairman.
- ❖ World Children’s Winners Games 2019 was held in Moscow between July 4 – 7.
 - It was held for cancer survivor children.
- ❖ UK Billionaire’s Virgin Galactic company has launched its first test rocket from a modified Boeing 747 plane.
 - It is a part of ongoing tests by Richard Branson's spaceflight firm to prepare for commercial trips to space.
- ❖ Boris Johnson will become the next Prime Minister for the United Kingdom. He will replace Theresa May. He belongs to the Conservative Party.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath (Ajay Singh Bisht) has decided to install a 251 metre Lord Rama on the banks of Sarayu river in Ayodhya.
 - Upon construction this statue would be taller than the Sardar Patel statue of Unity in Gujarat and will be the tallest statue in the World.
- ❖ Eastern Army Commander Lt Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane has been appointed as next vice-chief of armed force.
 - He will succeed Lt Gen D Anbu who is set to retire on 31 August 2019.
- ❖ As per the data of RBI, Maharashtra reported the highest number of ATM fraud cases in the country (233) followed by Delhi (179), Tamilnadu (147).

NATIONAL

Paid News

- ❖ The government has recently announced steps to curb the menace of Paid News.
- ❖ Paid news is defined as any news or analysis appearing in print or electronic media for consideration in cash or kind.
- ❖ The Press Council of India has received 58 cases of paid news during 2018-19 from the Election Commission and others.
- ❖ It has recommended amendment to the Representation of the People Act, 1951 in order to make the incidence of paid news a punishable electoral malpractice.

Bullet Proof jacket Kavach

- ❖ India's lightest bullet-proof jacket 'Bhabha Kavach' was recently launched at the International Police Expo 2019 in New Delhi.
- ❖ It has been developed jointly by the Ordnance Factories Board and the public sector metals and metal alloys manufacturer MIDHANI.
- ❖ The Kavach weighs 9.2 kg, a half kilogram less than the weight for a bullet-proof jacket prescribed by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ❖ The jacket is powered with nano technology from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and has a five-year warranty.



Pencil Portal

- ❖ PENCIL (Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour) portal has been effective in solving 361 Complaints of Child Labour all over India.
- ❖ It was launched in 2017.
- ❖ Its objective is to ensure effective enforcement of the provisions of the Child Labour Act and smooth implementation of the National Child Labour Project Scheme.
- ❖ Online complaints regarding child labour can also be filed by anybody on the Pencil Portal.

New Governors Appointments

- ❖ New Governors have been appointed to the following states

Gujarat	Acharya Devvrat
Himachal Pradesh	Kalraj Mishra
Chhattisgarh	Anusuiya Uikey
Andhra Pradesh	Biswa Bushan Harichandan

Regional Connectivity Udan Scheme

- ❖ Eight more routes have started operations under the regional connectivity scheme UDAN.
- ❖ The scheme seeks to boost regional air connectivity and provides various incentives to airlines.
- ❖ The total UDAN routes that are now operational has increased to 194.
- ❖ The UDAN scheme was started on 21 October 2016.

Departure Airport (State)	Arrival Airport (State)	OPERATOR	Commencement Date
MYSORE (Karnataka)	HYDERABAD (Telangana)	ALLIANCE AIR	19 July 2019
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MYSORE (Karnataka)	GOA	ALLIANCE AIR	19 July 2019
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MYSORE (Karnataka)	COCHIN (Kerala)	ALLIANCE AIR	19 July 2019
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<i>KOLKATA (West Bengal)</i>	<i>SHILLONG (Meghalaya)</i>	<i>IndiGo(DoNER Route)</i>	<i>20 July 2019</i>
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Ujh and Basantar Bridge

- ❖ Union Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh has inaugurated 2 new bridges in Jammu & Kashmir.
 - 1 km long Ujh bridge in Kathua district
 - 617.40 m long Basantar bridge in Samba district
- ❖ Both of these bridges have been constructed by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) under Project Sampark.



- ❖ The 1000-metre long Ujh bridge is the longest bridge constructed by the BRO.

About

- ❖ BRO was formed on 7 May 1960 to secure India's borders and develop infrastructure in remote areas of the north and north-east states of the country.
- ❖ The organisation maintains operations in
 - Twenty-one states, one UT (Andaman and Nicobar Islands)
 - Neighbouring countries such as Afghanistan, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka.

INTERNATIONAL

NAM Meeting

- ❖ The Ministerial meeting of co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) was held in Caracas, capital of Venezuela.
- ❖ The theme for 2019 Meet was Promotion and Consolidation of Peace through Respect for International Law.
- ❖ Since 2016 Venezuela has held the presidency of NAM which will now be passed on to Azerbaijan in October 2019.

About

- ❖ NAM was established in Belgrade in 1961.
- ❖ It was a joint initiative of former Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito.
- ❖ It is the 2nd largest international organization after United Nations (UN) with 120 member states.
- ❖ It was primarily established for developing countries that were neither a part of alliance led by the US or Soviet Russia.

STATES

Reservation for Locals in Private Companies

- ❖ Andhra Pradesh became the first state to reserve jobs for locals in all private industrial units and factories.
- ❖ All companies irrespective of whether the companies get financial or any other help from the government are instructed to follow the norms.

- ❖ 75% private jobs across all categories in industrial units, factories, joint ventures and projects in public-private partnership mode are reserved for Andhra people.

Gharials Conservation in Odisha

- ❖ Odisha has renewed its effort to revive the population of critically endangered “gharials” in their natural habitat.



- ❖ It has released five reptiles, fitted with radio transmitters, into the Satkosia gorge of Mahanadi which is the southernmost limit of gharials’ home range in India.
- ❖ Compared to alligators and crocodiles, a gharial has a very long and narrow snout.
- ❖ Three Species of crocodylians are found in India are
 - Gharial (Or freshwater crocodile)
 - Saltwater crocodile
 - Mugger crocodile
- ❖ Odisha is the only State in India having all three species.

Karnataka Confidence Vote Lost

- ❖ The Confidence motion moved by the Congress-Janata Dal (Secular) coalition in Karnataka Vidhan Sabha was defeated by 6 votes.
- ❖ In a House of 225 MLAs (including one nominated), 20 MLAs were not present at the time of voting.
- ❖ Absentee MLA’s – 15 resigned, 5 abstained from voting.

- ❖ While 99 MLAs expressed confidence in the government, 105 opposed the motion.
- ❖ S Nijalingappa (1962-68), D Devaraja Urs (1972-77) and Siddaramaiah (2013-2018) were only the chief ministers who had completed their full term in the history of Karnataka.

Note

- ❖ A Government has to prove its majority in the house either by bringing in a Vote of confidence or the opposition can ask the Government to prove its majority after it brings a “No Confidence Motion”.

SPORTS

Veteran Pin for PT Usha

- ❖ Legendary athlete PT Usha has been nominated for the International Association of Athletics Federation’s (IAAF) ‘Veteran Pin’ honour.



- ❖ This nomination is in recognition of her long and meritorious service to athletics.
- ❖ She will be awarded at the 52nd IAAF Congress in Qatar in September 2019.
- ❖ She is often called the “Queen of track and field”.
- ❖ Usha’s most memorable performance came in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.
- ❖ She became the first Indian to reach the finals of the 400m hurdles, but lost the bronze.
