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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India's Financial Action Task Force (FATF) review has been postponed to 2021.
 - The review was scheduled for this year as a part of the regular review cycle after 10 years.
- ❖ The United States Consulate in Chengdu city of China was closed in response to the closure of Chinese consulate in Houston.
- ❖ The Ministry of Corporate Affairs amended the Indian Accounting Standards (IND-AS).
- ❖ The 14th Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) 2020 was held virtually for the first time amid COVID-19 between India and United Kingdom (UK).
- ❖ A new book "The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World" was authored by External Affairs Minister Jaishankar.
- ❖ A new book titled "Quest for Restoring Financial Stability in India" was authored by former RBI deputy governor Viral V.Acharya.
- ❖ India has extended medical assistance worth USD 1 million to Democratic People's Republic of North Korea (DPRK) by the request received from the WHO - World Health Organisation.
 - It will be provided in the form of anti-tuberculosis medicines.

NATIONAL

Rajasthan Governor Crisis

- ❖ The governor's power to summon, prorogue and dissolve the House should be only on the advice of the council of ministers and not at his own.
- ❖ It was the 2016 Supreme Court judgment in the case of Nabam Rebia v Deputy Speaker.
- ❖ The judgment, however, also held that if the governor has reasons to believe the council of ministers has lost the confidence of the House, he/she can ask the chief minister to prove the majority.
- ❖ The Constitution's Articles 163 and 174 are relevant in the context of the governor's powers to convene the state assembly.

INTERNATIONAL

Childcare in a global crisis: The impact of COVID-19 on work and family life

- ❖ This report was produced by UNICEF's Office of Research – Innocenti.
- ❖ 22 million children from South Asian countries, including India, have missed out on early childhood education in their pre-school year due to the ongoing Covid-19.
- ❖ In the South Asia region, UNICEF covered Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka for the research.

Sree Sree Joykali Matar temple

- ❖ The Sree Sree Joykali Matar temple is among the oldest temples in Bangladesh.
- ❖ This 300-year-old Kali temple was jointly inaugurated by India and Bangladesh.
- ❖ It has been reconstructed at Natore in Bangladesh with the support of India.



Rafale

- ❖ Five Rafale Fighter jets took off from France to join the Indian Air Force fleet in Ambala, Haryana.
- ❖ It was produced by the French company Dassault Aviation.
- ❖ The Indian government had signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with France in September 2016 to procure 36 Rafale fighter jets in fly-away condition for €7.8 billion.
- ❖ The deal is termed as the biggest-ever in monetary terms in India.



Istanbul Convention

- ❖ Poland is to withdraw from Istanbul Convention.
- ❖ It is a treaty aimed at preventing violence against women.
- ❖ It is also called as the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.
- ❖ The treaty is the world's first binding instrument to prevent and tackle violence against women.

ECONOMY

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

- ❖ The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) – Delhi and Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), a Swadeshi Science Movement.
- ❖ The partnership aims to increase the opportunities for better livelihood and income generation for the tribal communities.
- ❖ It was signed under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA).
- ❖ It is a flagship programme under the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD).
- ❖ IIT Delhi is the National Coordinating Institute on behalf of the UBA.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Mausam App

- ❖ The Union Minister of Earth Sciences Harsh Vardhan launched the mobile app.

- ❖ It promises accurate weather forecasts and other warnings for nearly 450 cities in the country.
- ❖ It was designed and developed by the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune and the India Meteorological Department (IMD).
- ❖ It was released on 27th July 2020, in the event of celebration of 14th Foundation day of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).



ENVIRONMENT

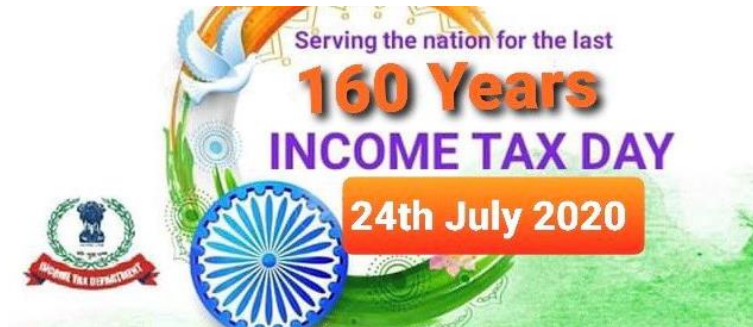
World Wildlife Crime Report 2020

- ❖ The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime recently released this report.
- ❖ According to the report Thailand and India are the main source countries for shipments seized in international trade of tiger parts.
- ❖ The report says that India and Thailand accounts 82% of illegal shipment of tiger body parts.
- ❖ The highest number of traffickers were from China.
- ❖ The United Nations World Wildlife Crime Report was earlier published in 2016.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Income Tax Day – July 24



- ❖ The Income Tax Day has been celebrated in India on 24th July since 2010.
- ❖ Income tax was introduced in India by Sir James Wilson on 24th July 1860, to compensate for the losses of the British government due to the First war of Independence in 1857.
- ❖ This year is marked as the 160th Income Tax Day.

CRPF Raising Day - July 27

- ❖ The Central Reserve Police Forces (CRPF) came into existence as Crown Representative's Police on 27th July 1939.
- ❖ It was renamed as CRPF by India's 1st home minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- ❖ It is India's largest Central Armed Police Force and considered as India's largest paramilitary force.
- ❖ It functions under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

