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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Central Drug Control Standard Organisation (CDCSO), India's top drug controller has permitted Gilead Sciences for marketing authorization of its anti-viral drug 'Remdesivir'.
  - Remdesivir had also been used during the Ebola outbreak.
- ❖ The 36th National Games, which were scheduled to be held between October and November in Goa, have now been postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19 pandemic.
  - The 35th edition was organized at Kerala in 2015.
- ❖ China will be setting up a 1,124-megawatt power project on Jhelum river in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir under the multi-billion-dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework.
  - The mega power project is called the Kohala hydropower project.
- ❖ The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijju inaugurated the India Community Coach Development Programme.
  - The programme has been launched to give more importance to Physical Education in schools.
- ❖ International Sex Workers Day is observed annually on June 2 of every year.

## NATIONAL

### Cyclone Nisarga

- ❖ The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has informed that a depression formed in the Arabian sea.
- ❖ It is headed towards the coast in Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- ❖ It was termed by Bangladesh.
- ❖ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has been mandated with the duty to name cyclones that develop over the North Indian ocean, including Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal.

### One Nation One Ration Card Scheme

- ❖ The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs and Food and Public distribution Shri Ram Vilas Paswan announced that three more states namely Sikkim, Odisha



and Mizoram are being included in the Integrated Management of Public Distribution System (PDS).

- ❖ Through the Integrated Management of PDS, the Government of India is trying to reach the benefits of National Food Security Act.
- ❖ The scheme aims to provide the quota of food grains to the citizens anywhere in the country.
- ❖ So far, the scheme has been enabled in 17 states and Union Territories.
- ❖ By August, three more states namely Manipur, Uttarakhand and Nagaland are to be added to the cluster.

### **Definition of MSME (Micro Small and Medium Enterprises)**

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the changes made to the definition of MSMEs.
- ❖ This revision was done after 14 years since the MSME Development Act came into existence in 2006.
- ❖ According to the new definition, MSMEs with investment of Rs 1 crore and Rs 5 crores have been classified as Micro units.
- ❖ The MSMEs with annual turnover between Rs 10 crore and Rs 50 crores are classified as small units.
- ❖ The MSMEs with annual turnover of Rs 50 crore and above are classified as Medium units.
- ❖ There are more than 60 million MSMEs in the country.
- ❖ They contribute to 29% of India's GDP and are offering 110 million or 11 crore jobs.
- ❖ They contribute to almost half of exports from the country.

### **CHAMPIONS**

- ❖ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched technology platform called CHAMPIONS.
- ❖ CHAMPIONS Stand for Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength.
- ❖ It is a technology driven Control Room-Cum-Management Information System which utilizes modern information and communication technology (ICT) tools.
- ❖ The complete platform was created by National Informatics Centre.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Expansion of G7 club

- ❖ The US President Donald Trump has said that he wanted to include India, Russia, South Korea, and Australia in the group.
- ❖ The G7, originally G8, was set up in 1975 as an informal forum bringing together the leaders of the world's leading industrial nations.
- ❖ Russia was formally inducted as a member in the group in 1998, which led G7 to become G8.
- ❖ The Russian troops action into eastern Ukraine and conquering Crimea in 2014 drew heavy criticism from the other G8 nations.
- ❖ The other nations of the group decided to suspend Russia from the G8 and the group became G7 again in 2014.



### Ebola epidemic

- ❖ Democratic Republic of Congo has declared a new Ebola epidemic in the western city of Mbandaka.
- ❖ This is the Democratic Republic of the Congo's 11th outbreak of Ebola since the virus was first discovered in the country in 1976.
- ❖ The virus is transmitted to people from wild animals and spreads in the human population through human-to-human transmission.
- ❖ An experimental Ebola vaccine, called rVSV-ZEBOV proved highly protective against EVD in a major trial in Guinea in 2015.

## **THAAD**

- ❖ China is opposing THAAD defence systems in South Korea.
- ❖ THAAD is an acronym for Terminal High Altitude Area Defense.
- ❖ This anti-ballistic missile defense system has been designed and manufactured by the US company Lockheed Martin.
- ❖ It has been deployed at South Korea, the UAE, Guam, Israel and Romania.



## **ECONOMY**

### **Social Stock Exchange (SSE)**

- ❖ A working group constituted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on social stock exchanges has submitted its recommendations.
- ❖ The panel was set up by Sebi in September 2019 under the Chairmanship of Ishaat Hussain.
- ❖ It is a novel concept in India.
- ❖ It is meant to serve private and non-profit sector providers by channelling greater capital to them.
- ❖ With this, Social welfare enterprises and non-profits could soon get to raise the so-called social capital on a transparent electronic platform.

### **Schemes for Electronics Sector**

- ❖ The Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launched three new schemes to boost electronics sector.



- ❖ They are Production linked incentive scheme, cluster scheme (EMC 2.0) and component manufacturing scheme (SPECS).
- ❖ India is now the second largest mobile manufacturing country in the world.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **Telangana Statehood Day - June 2**

- ❖ The State of Telangana was formed on June 2, 2014.
- ❖ Telangana was the 29th state to be formed in the Union of India.

