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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved renaming of Kolkata Port Trust to Shyama Prasad Mukerjee port trust.
 - Earlier, the announcement was made during the 150th anniversary celebrations of Kolkata Port Trust.
- ❖ Anubhav is a week-long online project, organized by SPIC MACY seeks to help youngsters indulge in mystical and diverse aspects of Indian art, culture and heritage.
 - Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth is SPIC MACAY.
- ❖ The Government of India launched Kisan Credit Card campaign to 1.5 lakh dairy farmers working with Milk Unions and Milk producing Companies.
 - It is a part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
- ❖ The Bimal Julka Committee on Rationalization of Film Media operating under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting submitted its report to the ministry for the development of Film industry.
- ❖ PM Modi will hold a virtual bilateral summit with the Australian PM Scott Morrison.
 - This is the first ever virtual bilateral summit to be held by India.

TAMIL NADU

First permanent director of CICT

- ❖ R. Chandrasekaran has been appointed the first permanent director of the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) located in Chennai.
- ❖ CICT is an autonomous Institute of higher research functioning under the Ministry of Human Resources Development established in 2006.
- ❖ It was formerly known as the Centre of Excellence for Classical Tamil (CECT).
- ❖ It had been functioning at the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore.
- ❖ In May 2008, the CECT was moved to Chennai and was rechristened as the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT).
- ❖ The Institute is responsible for the Kural Peedam Award.

NATIONAL

SWADES

- ❖ The Indian Government will conduct a skill mapping exercise under SWADES initiative to map the skills of the Indian workers returning from overseas.
- ❖ SWADES stands for Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support.
- ❖ It aims to create a database of qualified Indian citizens based on their experience and skillsets.
- ❖ It is a collaborative initiative of the Ministries of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Civil Aviation and External Affairs.



INTERNATIONAL

Antifa

- ❖ US administration has announced that the far-left group Antifa would be designated as a terrorist organization.
- ❖ This announcement was made after massive protests following the death of George Floyd.
- ❖ Antifa/ Anti-fascists is not a single organization but rather an umbrella term for far-left-leaning movements that confront or resist neo-Nazis and white supremacists at demonstrations.

C-TAP

- ❖ The Costa Rica and World Health Organization have launched C-TAP.
- ❖ C-TAP is COVID-19 Technology Access Pool.



- ❖ The C-TAP will act as an one-stop shop for information, scientific knowledge and intellectual property for global community.

Non-Permanent Member of UNSC

- ❖ The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) will hold its elections in June 2020.
- ❖ India is highly expected to win the elections from the Asia Pacific seat for the tenure of 2021 to 2022.
- ❖ India is the sole contender from this region and its name was proposed by all the 55 member Asia Pacific Group countries.
- ❖ The UNSC elections are held in the UN General Assembly hall with each of the 193 UN member states casting their votes in a secret ballot.
- ❖ The 10 non-permanent seats are divided on regional basis
 - Five seats for African and Asian States.
 - Two seats for the Latin American and the Caribbean States.
 - Two seats for Western European and other States.
 - One seat for the Eastern European States.

ECONOMY

Essential Commodities Act 1955

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has made historic amendments to Essential Commodities Act Of 1955.
- ❖ Under the amendment to Essential Commodities Act, 1955, the agricultural commodities such as pulses, cereals, onions oil seeds and potatoes have been deregulated.
- ❖ It will relieve the private investors from the fear of excessive regulatory interference.
- ❖ Also, the amendment will allow clamping of stock limits only under very extreme circumstances.
- ❖ This includes famines and natural calamities.
- ❖ The stock limit is not applicable to processors and value chain participants.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Near-Earth objects (NEO)

- ❖ The Center for Near-Earth Object Studies (CNEOS) of NASA has revealed that five Asteroids are going to pass by the Earth.
- ❖ The asteroids, also known as space rocks, that will pass by Earth are 2020 KF, 2020 KE4, 2020 KK7, 2020 KD4, and 2020 KJ1.
- ❖ The Asteroid 2020 KE4 is expected to burn out in the atmosphere.
- ❖ Asteroids and Comets are the Near-Earth objects (NEOs) that orbit the Sun.
- ❖ While they orbit, they come closer to Earth within a distance of 30 million miles of orbit of the Earth, which makes them near-Earth object.
- ❖ Asteroids are usually formed in the warmer inner layer of solar system within the orbits of Jupiter and Mars.
- ❖ On the other hand, Comets are formed in the cold outer solar system.

Sun's Corona

- ❖ Scientists have recently discovered tiny flashes of radio light emanating from all over the Sun.
- ❖ It could help in explaining the long-pending coronal heating problem.
- ❖ The data was collected with the help of the Murchison Widefield Array (MWA) radio telescope located in the Western Australia.
- ❖ The Sun's corona is the outermost part of the Sun's atmosphere.
- ❖ The corona is usually hidden by the bright light of the Sun's surface.
- ❖ The corona is about 10 million times less dense than the Sun's surface.
- ❖ This low density makes the corona much less bright than the surface of the Sun.
- ❖ The corona's temperature causes its particles to move at very high speeds.
- ❖ These speeds are so high that the particles can escape the Sun's gravity.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Bicycle Day - June 3

- ❖ It is celebrated by the United Nations to lay emphasis about the benefits of cycling.
- ❖ It is being celebrated since 2018 by the United Nations.

