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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The tenure of Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary K Shanmugam has been extended by three months till October 31.
  - The Central Government has communicated its approval for the extension to the state government.
- ❖ The Chhattisgarh Government recently launched Spandan Campaign.
  - The campaign aimed to contain fratricide and suicide involving police personnel.
- ❖ In Madhya Pradesh, a plantation drive named "Thank Mom" has been started to increase the forest cover in the state.
- ❖ Krishnendu Majumdar becomes the new chairman of British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA).
  - He becomes the first Global Indian to be appointed to the prestigious role in BAFTA's 73-year history.
- ❖ India appointed Brajendra Navnit, a 1999 batch IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre as India's new ambassador to the World Trade Organization (WTO).
  - The appointments committee of the cabinet chaired by prime minister also appointed Rajeev Tapno, a 1996 batch Gujarat cadre IAS officer, as the senior adviser to the executive director at the World Bank for a period of three years.
- ❖ Google has developed new app called Sodar.
  - It will notify a user whenever a person is closer than the pandemic allows.
- ❖ The Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu and Kashmir (JK) Girish Chandra Murmu launched JK Employees Salary Tracker Mobile App "Mera Vetan".
- ❖ World Pest Day is celebrated every year on June 6 to raise awareness of how pest management helps preserve the quality of life.
  - The day is initiated by the Chinese Pest Control Association.

## TAMIL NADU

### 'Goodwill Ambassador (GWA) for the Poor'

- ❖ The 13-year-old girl from Madurai M Nethra was appointed as 'Goodwill Ambassador (GWA) for the Poor' by the United Nations Association for Development and Peace (UNADAP).



- ❖ The UNADAP recognition brings to the girl the opportunity to address the upcoming Civil Society forums at the UN conferences in New York and Geneva.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules of 2020**

- ❖ These are notified by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- ❖ These rules seek to regulate the production, import, trade, ownership and operation of unmanned aircraft systems or drones.
- ❖ No unmanned aircraft (UA) system shall be operated in India unless there is in existence a valid third party insurance policy to cover the liability that may arise on account of a mishap.
- ❖ Nano-drones weighing 250 grams or less can be operated without a drone pilot license.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Nature Index**

- ❖ The University of Hyderabad (UoH) has been ranked No.1 among the Indian Universities in India on Research Output by the prestigious Nature Index for 2019-2020.
- ❖ The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) in Beijing has topped the Nature Index 2020.
- ❖ SRM Institute of Science and Technology in Chennai has been ranked No.1 private university in India and 21st rank among Indian universities by the Nature Index 2020.
- ❖ The 'Nature Index' serves as an indicator of high-quality research in the Natural and Physical Sciences.
- ❖ The Nature Index Annual Tables showcase institutions with the highest outputs of top-quality research.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings**

- ❖ The Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) MAITREE program, launched the "Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings" initiative.

- ❖ It will pioneer ways to make workplaces healthier and greener.
- ❖ Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) is under the administration of the Ministry of Power, Government of India.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Molybdenum dioxide**

- ❖ The scientists and researchers at the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences operating under Department of Science and Technology have invented a low cost effective way to generate hydrogen from water using Molybdenum dioxide.
- ❖ Molybdenum dioxide can act as efficient catalyst to reduce energy used in splitting water into hydrogen and oxygen.
- ❖ The process is called electrolysis.
- ❖ Molybdenum Dioxide has the potential to replace the catalyst that is being currently used Platinum.
- ❖ The splitting of water is important to obtain hydrogen.



## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Commonwealth Short Story Prize 2020**

- ❖ Indian writer, Kritika Pandey has been honoured with Commonwealth Short Story Prize 2020 for the Asia region.
- ❖ She won the prize for her story “The Great Indian Tee and Snakes”.
- ❖ The Commonwealth Short Story Prize is awarded since 2012, for the best piece of unpublished short fiction from the Commonwealth.
- ❖ The prize is given to five regional winners namely Asia, Pacific, Africa, Canada and Europe, and the Caribbean.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Russian Language Day - June 6

- ❖ The United Nations celebrated Russian Language Day.
- ❖ This was established by the UNESCO in 2010.
- ❖ It is celebrated on the birth day of Aleksandr Pushkin.
- ❖ He was a Russian Poet and is considered as the father of modern Russian literature.
- ❖ The United Nations Language Days were launched in February 2010 to celebrate cultural diversity and multilingualism.
- ❖ The UN Language days promote six of the official languages of the organization.
- ❖ The official languages of the United Nations are English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, Russian and French.



### World Food Safety Day - June 7

- ❖ It was launched by the United Nations in 2019.
- ❖ The day is celebrated to reinforce the call made by the Geneva Conference and Addis Ababa Conference in 2019 on “The Future of Food Safety”.
- ❖ Theme of this year is Food Safety, Everyone’s Business.
- ❖ The Addis Ababa Conference was the first International Conference on Food Safety.

