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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Bank of Baroda, India's third-largest lender has decided to completely digitise its lending operations.
- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh state Government has launched 'Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana' to educate child labourers in the state.
- ❖ PepsiCo Foundation announced that it will invest to provide safe water access to agricultural communities and help women in high water-risk areas in West Bengal and Maharashtra in association with WaterAid.
- ❖ The Karnataka government is planning to establish a monkey park on the uninhabited islands in the Sharavathi backwaters region.
- ❖ The traditional art of 'talamaddale', a variant of Yakshagana theatre, is an ancient form of performance dialogue or debate performance in the Karavali and Malnad regions of Karnataka and Kerala.
- ❖ Raja Parba festival was celebrated at Odisha.
 - It is dedicated to Mother Earth (Bhuma Devi) and womanhood at large.

NATIONAL

Arogya Path

- ❖ The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research's (CSIR) National Health Supply Chain portal called "Arogya Path" was launched.
- ❖ It is to provide real-time availability of health care supplies.

M B Lal Committee

- ❖ In 2009, the Government of India constituted the M B Lal Committee following the fire accident at the IOCL terminal in Jaipur of Rajasthan.
- ❖ The recent massive fire at the Baghjan Oil field, Assam had caused serious environmental damages and recalled the recommendations of that committee.

ARJUN

- ❖ The Railway Protection Force (RPF) operating under the Central Railways recently launched a Robot called "Captain Arjun".
- ❖ ARJUN is Always be Responsible and Just Use to be Nice.



INTERNATIONAL

Galwan Valley

- ❖ A violent clash recently took place between India and China at Galwan Valley in Ladakh.
- ❖ This is the first such unprecedented escalation between India & China along the border since 1975.

Police Reforms in USA

- ❖ US President Donald Trump signs the new executive order for police reforms.
- ❖ The new order seeks to improve the treatment towards African-Americans and other communities by police officers.

Nepal Boundary issue

- ❖ The Nepal Parliament recently passed an amendment bill to redraw its political map.
- ❖ The new map is to include Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura which is claimed by India also.



ECONOMY

India's Forex

- ❖ India's foreign exchange reserves has crossed the milestone \$500 billion mark for the first time ever in the country's history.
- ❖ India has surpassed South Korea and Russia as the third biggest holder of forex reserves only behind Japan and China.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Joint Lunar Mission

- ❖ Japan is planning for a joint lunar mission with India, named Lunar Polar Exploration (LPE).
- ❖ The mission will be launched after 2023.
- ❖ The mission will be launched from Japan, and the designated launch vehicle is the H3 rocket, manufactured by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.

Malathion

- ❖ It is a pesticide that is widely used in agriculture, residential landscaping, public recreation areas, and in public health pest control programs such as mosquito eradication.
- ❖ It was supplied by the Hindustan Insecticides Limited to Iran for Locust Control Programme.

ENVIRONMENT

Malabar Gliding Frog

- ❖ Recently, a rare amphibian, Malabar Gliding Frog was spotted in Pullad, Kerala.
- ❖ The amphibian is endemic to the rainforest of Western Ghats.

STATES

Mastaka Temple

- ❖ A 500 year old temple that submerged in the waters of Mahanadi resurfaced at the Padmabati village in Odisha.
- ❖ The temple is Gopinath Dev temple also called “Mastaka”.
- ❖ The Archaeological Survey team has recently claimed this.



Trekking in the Himalayas - Magical Experiences

- ❖ The following places of Uttarakhand were mentioned as the part of 32nd session of the Dekho Apna Desh - the webinar series of Ministry of Tourism.
 - Kuari Pass - also known as Curzon trail
 - Brahma Taal
 - Fotoksar - part of the Lingshed - Padum trek (also known as the Great Zaskar trek)
 - Roopkhund

ISO for tribal hostel

- ❖ Odisha has become the first state in the country to receive ISO certification for hostels meant for tribal students.
- ❖ The ST & SC Welfare Department of Odisha has launched the 'Mission Suvidya' project to provide all the tribal hostels of the state uniform standards of infrastructure, amenities and human resources.
- ❖ The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is an international standard-setting body.
- ❖ It is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Medal of the Order of Australia

- ❖ Indian Musician & founder of Kalakruthi music organisation in Australia, Shobha Sekhar will be conferred this award.
- ❖ The medal of the order of Australia is awarded to the individuals contributing to their community or to Australia globally or domestically.



Kathy Lueders

- ❖ Kathy Lueders has become the new Associate Administrator of HEO- Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate of NASA.
- ❖ This makes her the first female head of the human space flight program.



Oscar Awards

- ❖ The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences & ABC Television Network have postponed the 93rd Academy Awards (Oscar awards) amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ The award ceremony has been rescheduled for the first time in 40 years.
- ❖ It takes place at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, California since 2001.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Family Remittances - June 16

- ❖ It is observed on June 16 by the United Nations since 2015.
- ❖ Theme of this year is Remittances are a lifeline
- ❖ The remittances of India were 83 billion USD in 2019.

International Day of Family Remittances

16 JUNE



World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought - June 17

- ❖ It was proclaimed by the United Nations in 1995 after the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification was drafted.
- ❖ Theme of this year is Food, Feed Fibre-The links between consumption and land.

Food. Feed. Fibre.

Sustainable production and consumption



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DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT DAY

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