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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ An old brick wall was discovered in the sixth phase of excavations in the Sivagangai district near Tirupuvanam.
- ❖ All-woman crew operated the Coimbatore-Bengaluru UDAY Express on International Women's Day.

TAMIL NADU

Food Museum at Thanjavur

- ❖ For the first time in the country, the Food Museum is to be established in Thanjavur by the Food Corporation of India.

The Food Corporation of India

- ❖ It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India.
- ❖ It was set up in 1965 with its Initial headquarters at Chennai. Later the headquarters was moved to New Delhi.

Co-generation Plant at Perambalur

- ❖ Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami commissioned power generation by co-generation plant (18 MW) at Perambalur sugar mill at Eraiyur in Perambalur district.
- ❖ He also launched a mobile app — ITPA (Training and Placement App) for supervising training being given to students of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).
- ❖ A co-generation plant is used to provide simultaneous generation of both electricity and useful heat.
- ❖ This helps to increase the efficiency of energy conversion.

Nagapatnam Government Medical College

- ❖ Chief minister of Tamil Nadu laid the foundation stone for the Nagapatnam Government Medical College in Orathur near Nagapatnam.

- ❖ During the Inauguration speech, Chief minister stated that government was considering the demand for the creation of a new district with Mayiladuthurai as its headquarters, by bifurcating Nagapatnam district.

Hero Stone found in Javadi Hills.

- ❖ Hero Stone that belong to Chola Period was found in Javadi Hills.
- ❖ Also Figures of Dogs carved in the Hero stones were found here.
- ❖ The Javadi Hills are an extension of the Eastern Ghats spread across parts of Vellore and Tiruvannamalai districts.



NATIONAL

BJP and JVM

- ❖ The Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Babulal Marandi has merged his Jharkhand Vikas Morcha with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).
- ❖ The Election Commission of India (ECI) has given its approval for the same and seized party's name and symbol as well.
- ❖ In 2000, Babulal Marandi became the first Jharkhand chief minister.

Net metering connections approved

- ❖ Southern Railway has received approval for net metering connections for its 4 MW rooftop solar projects across 22 locations, including railway stations across the State.
- ❖ The projects were to be set up at Chengalpattu, Katpadi, Arakkonam, Tambaram, Chennai Egmore, Jolarpettai, Tiruchi, Villupuram, Madurai, Virudhunagar and

Coimbatore railway stations, among other locations like Moore Market Complex and Basin Bridge Junction.

Women Empowerment in India

- ❖ India ranked 12th in women member presence on companies' board globally
- ❖ It was a recent study on 'Women On Board 2020' by global recruitment tendering platform MyHiringClub.com and Sarkari-Naukri.info.
- ❖ The study revealed that among these 628 listed companies, 55 per cent have women directors, which is 14 per cent higher than last year.
- ❖ The average board life of male directors in India is three years, more than their women counterpart.
- ❖ Around 54 per cent of employees in Asia and 39 per cent in India are women, but only a fraction of that number makes it to middle and senior management level
- ❖ Norway continues to top the list.

Delimitation of Constituencies

- ❖ The government has constituted a Delimitation Commission, to be headed by former Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai.
- ❖ It will redraw Lok Sabha and assembly constituencies of the Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir and the North eastern states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland.
- ❖ Delimitation literally means the process of fixing limits or boundaries of territorial constituencies in a state that has a legislative body.
- ❖ For Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland it will delimit in accordance with the provisions of the Delimitation Act, 2002.
- ❖ The commissions' orders are enforced as per the date specified by the President of India.
- ❖ Copies of these orders are laid before the Lok Sabha or the concerned Legislative Assembly.
- ❖ No modifications are permitted.
- ❖ According to the Delimitation Commission Act, 2002, the Delimitation Commission appointed by the Centre has to have three members:
 - A serving or retired judge of the Supreme Court as the chairperson,
 - The Chief Election Commissioner or Election Commissioner nominated by the CEC

- The State Election Commissioner as ex-officio members.

ECONOMY

Mega Consolidation of Public Sector Banks

- ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired had approved mega consolidation of 10 Public Sector Banks.
- ❖ The mega merger is to come into effect from April 1, 2020.
- ❖ It includes amalgamation of United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of India into Punjab National Bank.
- ❖ It will make the proposed entity as the second largest public sector bank.
- ❖ Also, amalgamation of Syndicate Bank into Canara Bank.
- ❖ The Cabinet also approved amalgamation of Corporation Bank and Andhra Bank into Union Bank of India.
- ❖ It also approved amalgamation of Allahabad Bank into Indian Bank.



ENVIRONMENT

Nilgiri Tahr in the verge of Extinction

- ❖ International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has announced that around 30 thousand wild animals worldwide are on the brink of extinction.
- ❖ With respect to Tamil Nadu it has warned that Nilgiri Tahr is in the verge of Extinction.
- ❖ Nilgiri Tahr is the state animal of Tamil Nadu.



Coral Bleaching

- ❖ The Great Barrier Reef will face a critical period of heat stress over the coming weeks.
- ❖ The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is the world's largest coral reef system
- ❖ It is roughly the size of Italy.
- ❖ The reef is located in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland, Australia.
- ❖ The Great Barrier Reef can be seen from outer space and is the world's biggest single structure made by living organisms.



- ❖ It was selected as a World Heritage Site in 1981.
- ❖ Coral reefs are important hotspots of biodiversity in the ocean.
- ❖ Coral reef bleaching is caused by heat stress from ocean temperatures and the duration of that heat.

- ❖ What is often called bleaching of corals is actually the loss of the algae that live on the coral.
- ❖ Coral grows in tropical water temperatures – generally in the 70s to 80 degrees Fahrenheit.



STATES

Kerala Postal Department Chief from TN

- ❖ Saradha Sampath from Tamil Nadu is appointed as the chief of Kerala Postal Department.
- ❖ She has set a record by creating 23 post offices where women only work.

Special Gram Sabhas

- ❖ To mark the International Women's Day, special gram sabhas were organised in all the gram panchayats in Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ The gram sabhas held discussions on subjects such as women nutrition, education, health, equality, security among other relevant issues.

SPORTS

Women's T20 - 2020

- ❖ The Defending champion Australia claimed their fifth Women's Twenty20 Cricket World Cup title against India at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

- ❖ With this win, Australia lifted their fifth WT20 in their sixth final.

Note

- ❖ It was held in Australia
- ❖ was the seventh ICC Women's T20 World Cup tournament
- ❖ It was the first time that India had progressed to the final of the Women's T20 World Cup.
- ❖ Australia's Beth Mooney was the leading run-scorer in the tournament, with 259 runs. She was the Player of the Series.

