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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Geographical Indication (GI) tag has been given to Black rice of Manipur, also called the Chak-Hao, Gorakhpur Terracotta of Uttar Pradesh and Kadalai Mittai of Kovilpatti of Tamilnadu.
 - In 2004–05, Darjeeling tea became the first GI tagged product in India.
- ❖ The task force headed by Atanu Chakraborty on National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) has submitted its final report to the Finance Minister.
 - The NIP will play a significant role in fulfilling India's goal of becoming a \$5 trillion economy by FY 2025.
- ❖ The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced that it is to provide 3 million USD for India's PAHAL project.
 - PAHAL is Partnerships for Affordable Healthcare Access and Longevity.
- ❖ The Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, deemed university operating under Defence Research and Development Organization has designed microwave sterilizer called "ATULYA".
 - It is used to disintegrate COVID-19 virus.
- ❖ The National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC) operating under Department of Science and Technology has launched YASH to focus on COVID-19.
 - YASH is Year of Awareness on Science and Health.
- ❖ The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has selected SpaceX, Blue Origin, and Dynetics, the three space firms to build new lunar landing systems.
 - It will carry astronauts to the moon by 2024.

TAMIL NADU

Cauvery Water Management Authority

- ❖ The union government decided to bring the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ❖ Earlier it was under the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.



- ❖ The Central Government notified the Cauvery Water Management Scheme on June, 2018 constituting the 'Cauvery Water Management Authority' and the 'Cauvery Water Regulation Committee' (CWRC).
- ❖ The CWRC is to ensure that the Tribunal's order is carried out in due spirit.

State	Quantity of water allocated (Latest)
Karnataka	284.75 tmcft, including 4.75 tmcft for Bengaluru
Tamil Nadu	404.25 tmcft
Kerala	30 tmcft
Puducherry	7 tmcft

INTERNATIONAL

Permanent Representative - UN ambassador

- ❖ India has appointed diplomat T S Tirumurti, the present Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, as its Permanent Representative to the United Nations.
- ❖ The Permanent Mission is the diplomatic mission that every member state deputed to the United Nations.
- ❖ It is headed by a Permanent Representative, who is also referred to as the "UN ambassador".
- ❖ It is under the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States.
- ❖ India was among the select members of the United Nations that signed the United Nations Declaration at Washington on January 1, 1942.
- ❖ India also participated in the historic UN Conference of International Organization at San Francisco from April 25 to June 26, 1945.

Special 301 Report

- ❖ The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has released its Annual Special 301 Report recently.
- ❖ It identifies trade barriers to United States companies and products due to the intellectual property laws.
- ❖ The Report includes a list of "Priority Foreign Countries", that are judged to have inadequate intellectual property laws.
- ❖ The report also contains a "Priority Watch List" and a "Watch List".



- ❖ India continues to be on the 'Priority Watch List' for lack of adequate intellectual property (IP) rights protection and enforcement.
- ❖ The other countries placed on the list include Argentina, Algeria, Chile, Russia, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Ukraine.
- ❖ The countries that were removed from the list are Canada, Kuwait and Thailand.

Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID) - 2020

- ❖ It has been released by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC).
- ❖ The center is a part of the Norwegian Refugee Council.
- ❖ Most of the disaster displacements were triggered by tropical storms and monsoon rains in South Asia and East Asia and Pacific.
- ❖ Bangladesh, China, India and the Philippines each recorded more than four million displacements in 2019.
- ❖ Nearly five million people were displaced in India in 2019 — the highest in the world so far.
- ❖ 2019 was the seventh warmest year since 1901 in India; its monsoon was the wettest in 25 years.
- ❖ Eight tropical storms also hit in 2019.



Mekong River dispute

- ❖ According to a study, China's upstream activities along the Mekong River have long been contentious.
- ❖ The US funded study was carried out by the research and consulting firm, Eyes on Earth.

- ❖ The report was published by the UN-backed Sustainable Infrastructure Partnership, and the Lower Mekong Initiative.
- ❖ It is a multinational partnership of the U.S. with Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.
- ❖ Mekong River runs through six countries.
- ❖ It is starting from China known as the Lancang River.
- ❖ It flows in countries like Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Myanmar.
- ❖ It is emptying into the South China Sea via Vietnam.
- ❖ It is the lifeblood of these Southeast Asian countries.



Budget Transparency

- ❖ India ranked 53rd among 117 countries in budget transparency and accountability.
- ❖ It was as per the Open Budget Survey conducted by the International Budget Partnership.
- ❖ New Zealand topped the list.
- ❖ South Africa, Mexico and Brazil were the other top performers.



SPORTS

MRF ICC Cricket Test match Rankings

- ❖ India loses top spot to Australia in test rankings.
- ❖ With Australia taking the top spot, India has slipped to the 3rd spot and New Zealand has gained 2nd position in the ICC test rankings.
- ❖ India was displaced from top of the Test list for the first time since October 2016.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Labour Day - May 01

- ❖ The day is also known as International Worker's Day and May Day.
- ❖ In India, the first celebration of the Labour Day was organised in Madras (now Chennai) by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan on May 1, 1923.
- ❖ The Labour Day is celebrated to commemorate the happenings of May 4, 1886, the Haymarket affair (Haymarket Massacre) in the Chicago of USA.

Maharashtra/Gujarat Day – May 01

- ❖ In 1960, the Bombay Reorganization Act was passed by India's Parliament to divide the multilingual state of Bombay into Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- ❖ The legislation came into effect on May 1, 1960.

