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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has developed an e-governance platform 'SAMARTH Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)' under the National Mission of Education in Information and Communication Technology Scheme (NMEICT).
 - The platform has been implemented at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra.
- ❖ The World Bank approved 1 billion USD aid to India to accelerate "India's COVID-19 Special Protection Response Programme".
 - The fund will be used to provide social assistance to poor, severely impacted and vulnerable households.
- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) has said that like HIV, the novel coronavirus could become endemic and "may never go away".
 - A disease is endemic like the chicken pox and malaria when its presence or usual prevalence in the population is constant.
- ❖ Quinine Nongladew is a village named after the alkaloid quinine extracted from the bark of cinchona.
 - It is a village in Meghalaya which was called Quinine because of the plantation.
- ❖ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has declared a cyclone alert, named 'Cyclone Amphan', for the Indian coastline across the Bay of Bengal.
 - The cyclone name was suggested by Thailand and will be the last name from the original list of 64 cyclone names proposed back in September 2004.
- ❖ The E-NAM (Electronic-National Agricultural Market) initiative has reached its set target of 1000 Mandis.
 - It was launched in 2016 under the platform called "One Nation One Market".

NATIONAL

President Salary Cut

- ❖ The President Ram Nath Kovind recently announced that he is to donate 30% of his salary to aid the GoI in the fight against COVID-19.

- ❖ The Union Budget 2018 increased the salaries of president and vice president of the country.
- ❖ Currently, the salary of president of India is 5 lakhs per Month, increased from 1.5 lakh per month.
- ❖ Also, the vice president salary was increased from Rs 1.10 lakhs to Rs 4 lakhs.
- ❖ The salaries of state governors were also increased to Rs 3.5 lakhs.
- ❖ Article 59 says that the emoluments and allowances of the President of India shall not be reduced during his term of office.
- ❖ But in this case, the President is offering it as donation at his will and the salary is not being cut.
- ❖ The same Article also empowers the President to use his official residence without rent.

Sachet Ship

- ❖ The Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) sachet and two interceptor boats C-451 and (IBs) C-450 in Goa.
- ❖ The ship 'Sachet' has been first in the series of five offshore patrol vessels (OPVs).
- ❖ It has been designed and built indigenously by Goa Shipyard (Ltd).



ECONOMY

Atmanirbar Campaign - Third Package

- ❖ The third Tranche of the funds are to be allocated to agriculture and allied activities.



- ❖ Around Rs 1 lakh crore is being allocated to Farmer Producer Organization and cooperative societies.
- ❖ Rs 10,000 crore has been allocated to Micro Food Enterprise.
- ❖ This will work on cluster based approach.
- ❖ Under the initiative, Kashmir can focus on Saffron, Bihar on Makhana, Tamil Nadu on Tapioca, Karnataka on Ragi, Andhra Pradesh on Chillies, North East
- ❖ Government will launch Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana for integrated, sustainable, inclusive development of marine and inland fisheries to fill in critical gaps in the fisheries value chain.
- ❖ The Operation Green will be extended from TOP crops (Tomato, Onion and Potato) to all crops.

Atmanirbar Campaign – Fourth Package

- ❖ The Government of India is to bring upon policy reforms in eight sectors.
- ❖ Commercial mining is to brought in coal sector.
- ❖ India being the third largest bearer of coal reserves is still importing coal.
- ❖ The Commercialization of coal will help reduce imports.
- ❖ The Ministry of Minerals will come up with Mineral Index.
- ❖ The FDI limits in the defence sector are being increased from 49% to 74%.
- ❖ The Power Distribution Companies in Union Territories are to be privatized.
- ❖ The Government will establish research reactor in PPP mode to produce medical isotopes.
- ❖ The Government intends to make India a MRO (Maintenance, repair and overhaul of aircraft) hub.
- ❖ Most of the aircrafts in India go abroad to get their maintenance and repair works done.

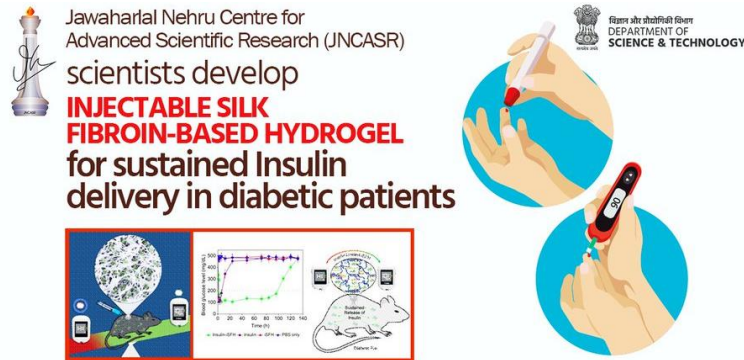
GOAL programme

- ❖ The Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda launched “GOAL Programme” in partnership with Facebook.
- ❖ GOAL Programme is Going Online As Leaders.
- ❖ The programme is being launched to provide mentorship to the tribal youth in digital mode.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Injectable silk-fibroin based hydrogel

- ❖ The JNCASR (Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research) has developed injectable silk-fibroin based hydrogel to deliver insulin to diabetic patients.
- ❖ It was developed using biocompatible additives.
- ❖ It increases insulin level in the blood for a longer period.
- ❖ Fibroin is an insoluble protein.
- ❖ The fibroin is produced by silk worm.
- ❖ Silk has two proteins in its raw state called sericin and fibroin.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Hypertension Day - May 17

- ❖ It is a day designated and initiated by The World Hypertension League (WHL).
- ❖ The theme for 2020 is "Measure Your Blood Pressure, Control It, Live Longer".
- ❖ It is also known as the 'Silent Killer' as it often does not exhibit any symptoms during its early stages.

1 in 4 adults have hypertension. Measure your blood pressure, control it, live longer.

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World Information Society Day - May 17

- ❖ The day had previously been known as 'World Telecommunication Day' to commemorate the founding of the International Telecommunication Union on 17 May 1865.
- ❖ It was proclaimed an international day by a United Nations General Assembly resolution following the 2005 World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis, the Capital of Tunisia.
- ❖ The theme for this day is “Connect 2030: ICTs for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.

