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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Ministry of Culture proposes to develop E-Heritagepedia and E- Artist pedia, so that renowned artists can do virtual programme modules to teach their art.
- ❖ China's Parliament has passed new legislation for Hong Kong that will for the first time empower Beijing to draft national security laws for the Special Administrative Region (SAR).
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh government will develop 800 km roads as Herbal roads in the state.
 - These herbal roads will have medicinal and herbal trees along with the land on their both sides.
- ❖ The Madhya Pradesh Government launched Rojgar Setu Yojana to help migrant workers.
 - The scheme provides employment to the migrant workers.
- ❖ The Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology has now been renamed as Central Institute of Petrochemicals, Engineering and Technology.
 - The name change was registered under Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975.
- ❖ As per the WHO, the Indian firms involved in the development of COVID-19 vaccine are Serum Institute of India (SII), Bharat Biotech, Zydus Cadila, and Indian Immunologicals Limited.
- ❖ Renowned astrologer Bejan Daruwala passed away in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
 - Bejan Daruwala was ranked among the 100 great astrologers in the last 1,000 years in 'The Millennium Book of Prophecy'.
- ❖ The first Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Ajit Jogi recently passed away.
 - He served Chhattisgarh as its Chief Minister on behalf of the Indian National Congress party from November 2000 to November 2003.
- ❖ Thierry Delaporte becomes new CEO and MD of Wipro.
 - Earlier, he was the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Capgemini group.



NATIONAL

Vaccine Development in India

- ❖ The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) has established stable cultures of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) from the samples of the patients.
- ❖ CCMB Virologists isolated infectious viruses from several isolates.
- ❖ The ability to culture the virus in the lab will enable the virologists at CCMB to work towards the drug testing and vaccine development to fight COVID-19.
- ❖ If a large amount of virus is cultured and inactivated, it can be used as an inactivated virus vaccine.
- ❖ Once the inactivated virus is injected, the human immune system will start triggering the production of germ-specific antibodies.

INTERNATIONAL

WHO Foundation

- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced the creation of the WHO Foundation.
- ❖ It is an independent grant-making entity.
- ❖ It will support the organization's efforts to address the most pressing global health challenges.
- ❖ It's Headquarters is at Geneva of Swizerland.

New president of the New Development Bank (NDB)

- ❖ Marcos Troyjo has been elected as the new president of the New Development Bank (NDB).
- ❖ He is a former deputy economy minister of Brazil and will replace India's KV Kamath as a president of this multilateral financial institution.
- ❖ India's Anil Kishora will be the bank's vice-president and Chief Risk Officer.
- ❖ K. V. Kamath, from India, was the first elected president of the NDB.
- ❖ It is also referred to as the BRICS Development Bank.
- ❖ is headquartered in Shanghai, China.
- ❖ The first regional office of the NDB is in Johannesburg, South Africa
- ❖ It was established by the Fortaleza declaration of BRICS in 2014.

ECONOMY

FDI in India - 2019/20

- ❖ The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India rises up by 18 per cent to reach USD 73 billion in 2019-20.
- ❖ It was a data released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- ❖ This jump in the investment has been the highest in four years.
- ❖ The total FDI has doubled up from 2013-14 when it was only USD 36 billion.
- ❖ Singapore has once again emerged as the largest equity FDI source.

electronic PAN (e-PAN)

- ❖ The Union Finance Minister has launched the facility of instant allotment of PAN.
- ❖ The facility will be available for those PAN applicants who have a valid Aadhaar number and also have their mobile number registered with Aadhaar.
- ❖ The process will be paperless and an electronic PAN (e-PAN) will be issued to applicants without any cost.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award

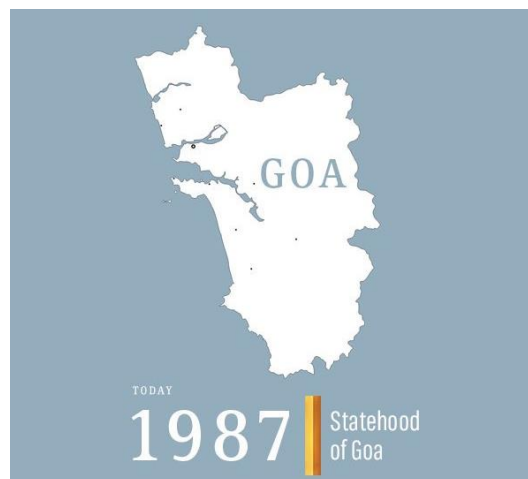
- ❖ Recently women peacekeepers from India and Brazil have jointly won the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year 2019 Award.
- ❖ Major Suman Gawani of the Indian Army and Commander Carla Monteiro de Castro Araujo of Brazil have been chosen for the award.

- ❖ Major Suman Gawani is the first Indian to receive the award.
- ❖ United Nations “Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award” was created in 2016.
- ❖ It recognizes the dedication and effort of an individual military peacekeeper in promoting the principles of UN Security Resolution.
- ❖ The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) is the newest United Nations peacekeeping mission for the recently independent South Sudan, which became independent on 9 July 2011.
- ❖ It was established in 2011 under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1996.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Goa Statehood Day - May 30th



- ❖ It was on this day in 1987 Goa became the 25th state of the Indian Union.
- ❖ Before this, Goa, along with Daman and Diu, was a union territory.

- ❖ On 19 December 1961, the Indian Army invaded with Operation Vijay on Portuguese resulting in the annexation of Goa, and of Daman and Diu islands into the Indian union.

World No Tobacco Day - May 31

- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) and its global partners celebrate World No Tobacco Day (WNTD).
- ❖ The theme for this day is 2020 “Protecting youth from industry manipulation and preventing them from tobacco and nicotine use”.

