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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Every year on the 5th of November, Roma in Europe celebrate the International Romani Language Day.
 - UNESCO proclaimed this Day in 2015 to promote the preservation of Romani language and culture.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is home to at least 100 of the top 2% scientists in the world, according to a database developed by Stanford University.
 - The Indian Institute of Technology Madras leads the list.
- ❖ The United States has formally left the Paris Climate Agreement signed in 2015.
- ❖ Chacha Chaudhary becomes the Brand Ambassador for Namami Gange Project.
- ❖ Rupsi Airport in Assam has become to operational.
 - It is Assam 7th Airport as well as North East's 14th Airport.

TAMIL NADU

Mobile Amma canteens

- ❖ The CM of Tamilnadu flagged off mobile Amma canteens on wheels.
- ❖ It will visit parts of Greater Chennai Corporation and cater to the needs of daily-wage labourers and workers on construction sites and other places.





NATIONAL

Sagar Kavach exercise

- ❖ A joint coastal security exercise was launched at Paradip Coast in Odisha.
- ❖ It is carried out by a joint effort of the state of Odisha and West Bengal governments.
- ❖ The exercise is carried out to prevent a repeat of the Mumbai attacks by sea.

Bull Strike exercise

- ❖ India's first and only geographical operational tri-service theater command Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) carried out this joint services exercise.
- ❖ It was held at the Teressa Island, in the Nicobar group of Islands.
- ❖ It involved elements of Indian Army's Parachute Brigade, MARCOS and Special Forces.
- ❖ In a theatre command all the assets of the army, air force and navy in a particular theatre of war are placed under the command of a three-star officer.

Data Maturity Assessment Framework (DMAF)

- ❖ It is launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- ❖ It is a framework to evaluate the data ecosystems of cities.

INTERNATIONAL

India on BMI Index

- ❖ A review of BMI of various countries was recently published in the medical journal The Lancet.
- ❖ The study has ranked India at the 196th spot with respect to BMI.
- ❖ India's 19-year-old boys and girls have a BMI of 20.1.
- ❖ India ranks third and fifth from the bottom respectively among countries where 19-year-old girls and boys have a low body mass index.
- ❖ As BMI is a function of height, the corollary is that Indian teens are also among the shortest in the world.
- ❖ BMI is measured as the weight in kg divided by the square of the height in metres.
- ❖ The normal BMI ranges between 20 and 25.

LOWER BMI, SHORTER INDIANS									
10 countries with lowest BMI in 2019 for boys (19-year-olds)					10 countries with lowest BMI in 2019 for girls (19)				
Ethiopia (19.2), Niger (19.8), DR Congo (19.9), Senegal (20.1), India (20.1), Timor-Leste (20.3), Bangladesh (20.4), Central African Republic (20.5), Nepal (20.5), Chad (20.6)					Timor-Leste (19.6), Romania (19.9), India (20.1), Vietnam (20.4), Madagascar (20.4), Sri Lanka (20.6), Cambodia (20.6), Myanmar (20.6), Bangladesh (20.6), Japan (20.6) Normal BMI: 20 to 25				
Country	Mean height (cm)	Rank height	Mean BMI (kg/m ²)	Rank BMI	Country	Mean height (cm)	Rank height	Mean BMI (kg/m ²)	Rank BMI
MALES					FEMALES				
UK	178.2	39	23.5	60	UK	163.9	49	23.8	50
USA	176.9	47	25.4	16	USA	163.3	58	25.4	19
China	175.7	65	23	88	China	163.5	54	22.2	119
India	166.5	180	20.1	196	India	155.2	182	20.1	198
France	178.6	34	22.5	113	France	164.5	45	21.7	151

1st India Nordic Baltic Conclave

- ❖ The countries agreed to work together for a greener, smarter, digital and innovation-led future.
- ❖ The countries such as Norway, Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Iceland are the Nordic countries.
- ❖ The Baltic States are Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.
- ❖ Latvia is geopolitically important to India.
- ❖ Latvia is linked by an ancient route called “The Amber Way”.
- ❖ It is called the Amber Way as the route was earlier used to transport amber from the coastal regions of Baltic Sea and North Sea to the Mediterranean Sea.
- ❖ In 2018, the first Summit of India and Nordic was held in Sweden.

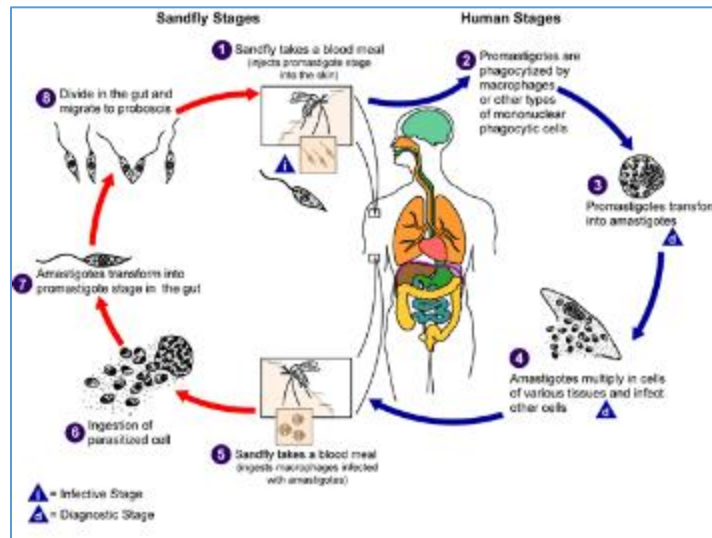
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

13 satellites in a single rocket

- ❖ China launched 13 satellites in a single rocket successfully.
- ❖ Of these 13 satellites, 10 were from Argentina.
- ❖ This is the biggest launch of foreign satellites by the country.
- ❖ The satellites were launched on the Long March 6 carrier rocket.

Leishmania donovani

- ❖ CSIR-CDRI scientist won an award for his work on defining the survival tactics of *Leishmania donovani*.
- ❖ *Leishmania donovani* is a protozoan parasite that infects macrophages.
- ❖ It is a causative agent of visceral leishmaniasis (Kala-Azar).



ENVIRONMENT

Commission for Air Quality Management

- ❖ The Former Chief Secretary of Delhi M.M. Kuty was appointed Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM).
- ❖ The CAQM will address air pollution in Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana and U.P.
- ❖ The CAQM was formed after dissolving several pollution-monitoring bodies.
- ❖ It includes most prominently the 22-year-old Environmental Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA).
- ❖ The EPCA addressed air pollution in the Delhi National Capital Region.

Kottoor Elephant Rehabilitation Centre

- ❖ The Elephant Rehabilitation Centre at Kottoor is located at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- ❖ It is set to become the largest care and cure centre for elephants in the world.

- ❖ This project will also include the construction of various reservoirs and check dams at the Neyyar Dam.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

President of Hockey India

- ❖ Manipur's Gyanendro becomes 1st president of Hockey India from Northeast.
- ❖ He replaced Mushtaque Ahmad.
- ❖ Hockey India is recognized by the Government of India as the sole body responsible towards promoting Hockey in India.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day Against Violence and Bullying at School Including Cyberbullying - November 05

- ❖ In 2019, UNESCO Member States declared the first Thursday of November as the International Day Against Violence and Bullying at School Including Cyberbullying.
- ❖ The theme of this first observance is "Together against Bullying in school".



International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict – November 06

- ❖ According to the United Nations 1% increase in global temperature leads to 4.5% of civil war.
- ❖ In 2007, the conflict in Sudan Darfur region was declared the first Climate Change Conflict.

