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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Greg Barclay of New Zealand was appointed as the Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
 - He will be replacing Shashank Manohar of India.
- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet passed an ordinance against the forced religious conversions in the state.
 - It will also declare marriage being done for the sake of conversion as null and void.
- ❖ Germany is planning to impose a mandatory quota for the number of women working in senior management positions in the country's listed firms.
- ❖ The International Computer Security Day is celebrated annually on November 30.
 - It is designed to raise awareness and to promote best practices in Information Security.

NATIONAL

Sustainable Development Goals Investor Map for India

- ❖ The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and Invest India has launched this.
- ❖ It lays out 18 Investment Opportunity Areas (IOAs) in six SDG enabling sectors.
- ❖ They are education, healthcare, agriculture and allied activities, financial services, renewable energy & alternatives and sustainable environment.



All India Presiding Officers' Conference

- ❖ The President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurates 80th All India Presiding Officers' Conference in Kevadia, Gujarat.
- ❖ The two-day conference has been organized by Lok Sabha to celebrate Constitution Day on November 26.
- ❖ The theme of the conference is Harmonious Coordination of Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary - Key to Vibrant Democracy.
- ❖ The Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla is the Chairperson of this conference.
- ❖ The year, 2020, is also being celebrated as the centenary year of the Presiding officer's Conference.
- ❖ The All India Presiding Officers Conference began in 1921.



ECONOMY

Sahakar Pragya

- ❖ The Government has launched this with an aim to help primary cooperative societies play bigger roles in Atma Nirbhar Bharat.
- ❖ It is an innovative capacity building initiative for the farmers associated with such entities in the country.
- ❖ Under this, the farmers in primary cooperatives in rural areas of the country would be trained by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).



National Infrastructure Investment Fund

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved Rs 6,000 crores of capital infusion into the National Infrastructure Investment Fund.
- ❖ This is a part of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
- ❖ The move will leverage to create financial pipeline of Rs 1 lakh crore.
- ❖ The Fund was set up by Government of India in February 2015.
- ❖ The main objective of creating the fund was to increase the investment in Greenfield and brownfield projects.
- ❖ It includes social and economic Infrastructure Projects.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

New version of Brahmos

- ❖ India test fired the new land-attack version Brahmos at Andaman Islands.
- ❖ It is a surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile.
- ❖ The range of the missile has been extended to 400 km from the original 290 km.
- ❖ The speed has been maintained at 2.8 Mach or almost three times the speed of sound.
- ❖ Brahmos-II is currently under development with a speed of Mach 7-8.
- ❖ After India became a member of Missile Technology Control Regime in 2016, Russia is to jointly build a new version of Brahmos missile that has a range of 800 km.
- ❖ The name of Brahmos missile was coined from the two rivers Brahmaputra of India and Moskva of Russia.
- ❖ It is the fastest anti-ship cruise missile in the world.
- ❖ The missile can be launched from ships, submarines, aircraft and from land platforms.

Varunastra

- ❖ The Varunastra was handed over to the Indian Navy by its manufacturer Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) located in Vishakhapatnam.
- ❖ Varunastra is the first heavy weight torpedo of India.
- ❖ It is an underwater weapon with an explosive warhead.
- ❖ It is the first ever torpedo indigenously designed and developed in India.

- ❖ It is an Indian advanced heavyweight anti-submarine torpedo.
- ❖ It is an anti-submarine torpedo and is electrically-propelled.
- ❖ The weapon has a range of 40 kilo meters, can travel at a speed of up to 70 kilo meters per hour.
- ❖ It can carry a warhead weighing 250 kg.
- ❖ It was developed by the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL) of the Défense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) located in Vishakhapatnam.
- ❖ According to the Indian Défense Industry, it is the only torpedo in the world to have a GPS-based locating aid.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People – November 29

- ❖ This day is to recall that the Palestinian public have not yet accomplished certain natural rights, including public autonomy and power.
- ❖ On that day in 1947, the General Assembly adopted resolution 181 (II).
- ❖ It came to be known as the Partition Resolution.
- ❖ That resolution provided for the establishment in Palestine of a “Jewish State” and an “Arab State”, with Jerusalem as a corpus separatum under a special international regime.
- ❖ Of the two States to be created under this resolution, only one, Israel, has so far come into being.



Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare – November 30

- ❖ The Day aims to tribute to the victims of chemical warfare.
- ❖ Also, it aims to reaffirm the commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to the elimination of the threat of chemical weapons, thereby promoting the goals of peace, security, and multilateralism.
- ❖ It is officially recognised by the United Nations and has been celebrated since 2005.
- ❖ The “Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction” entered into force on 29 April 1997.

