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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ A selection Committee chaired by Chief Minister Palanisami selected 1984 batch IAS Officer Rajagopalan for the post of State Chief Information Commissioner.
- ❖ Supreme Court Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde was sworn in as the 47th Chief Justice of India, replacing Ranjan Gogoi.
 - In August 2017, he was part of a Bench that ruled that the right to privacy is “intrinsic to life and liberty”.
- ❖ On the first day of the winter session, Rajya Sabha’s 250 session was conducted. A special discussion on ‘Role of Rajya Sabha and the need for reforms’ was held.
- ❖ 19th Jharkhand foundation day was observed on 15th November. It was established by the Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000.
 - 15th November is also the birth anniversary of legendary tribal leader Birsa Munda (15 November 1875 – 9 June 1900).
- ❖ National Epilepsy day was observed on 17th November. The Epilepsy Foundation of India leads the observance of this day.
- ❖ Sri Lanka’s controversial wartime Defense Secretary and brother of Mahinda Rajapaksa, Gotabaya Rajapaksha has won the Presidential elections. He defeated rival Sajith Premadasa of United National Party.
- ❖ Coca-Cola has been named the world’s largest polluter of plastics for the second year in a row, according to an audit conducted by environmental group “Break Free From Plastic”. It is followed by Nestle and Pepsi.
- ❖ The inaugural edition of the Bilateral Maritime Exercise Za’ir-Al-Bahr (Roar of the Sea) is being conducted from 17 to 21 November 2019 between the Indian Navy and Qatari Emiri Naval Forces.
 - The five-day bilateral maritime exercise at Doha includes surface action, air defence, maritime surveillance as well as social and sports events.

NATIONAL

11th BRICS Summit, November 2019

- ❖ The 2019 BRICS summit is the eleventh annual BRICS summit, which was held at the Itamaraty Palace, where the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is located.
- ❖ The Brazilian capital Brasilia, hosted the BRICS summit for the second time.
- ❖ The theme of the event was “BRICS: economic growth for an innovative future”.



- ❖ India and the other BRICS economies aim to strengthen cooperation in digital economy, science, technology and innovation.
- ❖ A key focus of the BRICS summit this year will be on cooperation on countering terrorism.
- ❖ An idea for common crypto currency for mutual payments was also mooted.
- ❖ PM Modi called for an early opening of the Regional branch of New Development Bank (NDB) in India.
- ❖ He also requested BRICS countries and the NDB to join the global Coalition for Disaster-Resilient Infrastructure.

New Development Bank (NDB)

- ❖ Shanghai-headquartered New Development Bank (NDB), formerly referred to as the BRICS Development Bank, is a multilateral development bank established by the BRICS states (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa)
- ❖ The idea for setting up the NDB was proposed by India at the 4th BRICS summit in 2012 held in New Delhi.

Sisseri River Bridge – Project Brahmanak

- ❖ The Defence Minister inaugurated the Sisseri River Bridge located at lower Dibang Valley in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The 200 m long bridge provides connectivity between Dibang Valley and Siang.
- ❖ The bridge was constructed by 'Project Brahmanak' of Border Roads Organisation (BRO).
- ❖ There are four projects of BRO in Arunachal Pradesh namely Vartak, Arunank, Brahmanak, and Udayak.
- ❖ This bridge is strategically important from the military viewpoint and will be a part of Trans Arunachal Highway.

INTERNATIONAL

International Lavi Fair @ Himachal

- ❖ The four-day long international Lavi Fair at Rampur Bushahr in Himachal Pradesh has concluded.
- ❖ Besides being three centuries old, the fair is also known for its trade with Tibet, China and other countries.
- ❖ The fair is believed to be started by Raja Kehari Singh of Rampur Bushahr to facilitate trade.



- ❖ The main attraction during the fair is sale and purchase of Chamurthi horses – an endangered species of horse which traces its origin to the Tibet region.
- ❖ Chamurthi horses are also known as the ‘ship of the cold desert’.

Apsara Dance – Cambodia

- ❖ Cambodian Princess Norodom Bopha Devi (76) and former Culture Minister of Cambodia has passed away.
- ❖ She is credited for resurrecting the Apsara Dance in the 1970s.
- ❖ World heritage listed-Apsara has been performed in Cambodia for more than 1,000 years and bas-reliefs of dancers are seen on Angkorian temple walls.

2019 Driving Cities Index

- ❖ According to the 2019 Driving Cities Index, two Indian cities, Mumbai and Kolkata are among the world’s worst cities to drive in.
- ❖ The Index which ranks 100 countries was released by European car parts retailer Mister Auto.
- ❖ Calgary in Canada is named the best city for driving around the world, followed by Dubai and another Canadian city Ottawa.
- ❖ Mumbai is placed last (100th) on the back of higher congestion and poor driving speed, while Kolkata is ranked just two spots higher (98th).

STATES

Crop Compensation Scheme BBY – Haryana

- ❖ Haryana has included additional crops under ‘Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojna (BBY)’ scheme.
- ❖ The crops are – Carrots, peas, kinnow, guava, capsicum and brinjal.
- ❖ Under BBY, farmers get compensated for selling their crop at a price lower than that fixed by government.
- ❖ The scheme was started in 2018.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Justice R. Banumathi – Collegium Member

- ❖ Justice R Banumathi will be the first woman judge in more than 13 years to be inducted into the Supreme Court collegium.
- ❖ She will replace outgoing chief justice Ranjan Gogoi.
- ❖ Ruma Pal was the last woman member of the collegium.
- ❖ She is only the second woman sessions court judge to rise to the country's highest court.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day for Tolerance – November 16

- ❖ The International Day for Tolerance is an annual observance day declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance.
- ❖ It is observed every year on 16 November.
- ❖ In 1995, UNESCO established the biennial 'UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence'.
- ❖ It was to recognise Indian career diplomat Madanjeet Singh IFS devotion to the cause of communal harmony and peace.

National Press Day – November 16

- ❖ National Press Day 2019 was observed across India on November 16 and is symbolic of a free and responsible press in India.
- ❖ It commemorates the establishment of 'Press Council of India (PCI)'.
- ❖ Though it was established on July 4, 1966 PCI started functioning from November 16, 1966.
- ❖ Justice Chandramauli Kumar Prasad is the current Chairman of the Press Council of India.

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims – November 17

- ❖ The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims takes place on the third Sunday in November every year.
- ❖ It is a day to acknowledge victims of road traffic crashes and their families.



- ❖ It was started by Brigitte Chaudhry, head of British road crash victim charity, RoadPeace, in 1993.
- ❖ It was later adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005.

