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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ “The World Energy Outlook 2019” report released by the International Energy Agency (IEA) has predicted that India’s net oil import requirements will more than double between 2018 and 2040.
 - The report’s “Sustainable Development Scenario” (SDS) charts out measures that would be required to limit global warming to 1.65 degree Celsius.
- ❖ Sri Lanka’s President Gotabaya Rajapaksa swore in, former President Mahinda Rajapaksa, as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka until general elections due next year.
 - Mahinda replaces PM Ranil Wickremesinghe, who quit following his party’s Presidential candidate Sajith Premadasa’s poll defeat despite having a parliamentary majority.
- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved strategic disinvestment in five large public sector undertakings and raise Rs.78,400 crores.
 - The list of companies is Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), THDC India Ltd and North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO).
- ❖ The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is hosting the first counter-terrorism exercise for the "Quad" countries (India, the US, Japan and Australia) at the NIA headquarters in Delhi on November 21 and 22.
 - The 'CT-TTX' (counter-terrorism table-top exercise) is first such engagement among the Quad countries on regional and global issues of common interest and in the domain of counter-terrorism and cooperation.
- ❖ The 2019 Global Terrorism Index, which was released recently, analysed the impact of terrorism for 163 countries in 2018. Talibans were named as the most dreaded terror organisation in the world.
 - The highest number of deaths was recorded in Afghanistan, with more than 7,000 deaths.
- ❖ In December 1996, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21 November as World Television Day commemorating the date on which the first World Television Forum was held in 1996.
- ❖ World Fisheries Day is celebrated every year on November 21 to highlight the importance of healthy ocean ecosystems and ensure sustainable stocks of fisheries in the world.



TAMIL NADU

Ordinance for Local Body Elections

- ❖ An ordinance for holding indirect elections to the post of mayors and chairpersons of municipalities in Tamil Nadu has been promulgated by Governor Banwarilal Purohit, following a State Cabinet decision.
- ❖ Better accountability, collective responsibility are cited as reasons to change the mode of elections from direct to indirect for top civic posts.
- ❖ The ordinance amended
 - The Chennai City Municipal Corporation Act, 1919
 - The Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920
 - The Madurai City Municipal Corporation Act, 1971
 - The Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation Act, 1981
- ❖ It would be applicable to 15 municipal corporations, 121 municipalities and 528 town panchayats.

NATIONAL

Labour Code on Industrial Relations 2019

- ❖ The Union cabinet has approved the Labour Code on Industrial Relations 2019.
- ❖ It 'allows' companies to hire workers on fixed-term contract of any duration.
- ❖ The Bill proposes giving a legal framework for fixed-term employment.
- ❖ Under new rules, contract workers serving a fixed-tenure will get equal statutory social security benefits as regular workers in the same unit.
- ❖ Factories with upto 100 workers need to take government's permission to retrench, lay off or shut shop.

Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) programme

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has cleared a proposal for adoption of Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) programme by the Indian Patent Office (IPO).
- ❖ The programme will initially commence between Japan Patent Office (JPO) and IPO, on pilot basis for a period of three years.
- ❖ PPH programme would lead to benefits for IPO, including reduction in time to dispose patent applications and reduction in pendency of patent applications.

- ❖ It will lead to improvement in quality of search and examination of patent applications.

MK 45 Naval Guns

- ❖ The United States approved sale of up to 13 MK 45 naval guns and related equipment worth an estimated cost of \$1 billion to India.
- ❖ They will be used to conduct antisurface warfare and anti-air defence missions.



President's Color to Naval Academy

- ❖ President and Supreme Commander of Indian Armed Forces Ram Nath Kovind awarded President's Colour to Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala at Kochi, Kerala.
- ❖ The President's Colour is the highest honour bestowed upon a military unit.
- ❖ It was awarded to INA in recognition of the yeoman service rendered by the institution in training and shaping Indian Naval officers over the last 50 years at three different locations – Goa, Kochi and Ezhimala.

STATES

Forest Rights Act Revoked in Mizoram

- ❖ The Mizoram Government has revoked the Scheduled Tribe & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (Forest Rights Act).



- ❖ It has revoked on the grounds that it directly encroached on the special status the state enjoyed under Article 371 (G) of the Constitution of India.
- ❖ Under Article 371 (G), all legislations of Parliament pertaining to land ownership and transfer need to be first passed by the state's assembly through a resolution before it can be implemented in the state.
- ❖ With the abrogation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006, forest lands in Mizoram will remain with the traditional communities holding ownership and the state forest department.

Legal Marijuana - Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh government has decided to legalise the cultivation of cannabis in the state for medical and industrial purpose.
- ❖ It plans to allow the farming of hemp - a type of marijuana.
- ❖ Hemp will be used for medical purposes like in the treatment of cancer and the cultivated hemp will not be used for consumption or trading.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Fortune's Annual Business Person of the Year

- ❖ Fortune's Businessperson of the Year 2019 list comprises names of three Indian-origin people.
- ❖ These include Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, Master Card CEO Ajay Banga and Arista head Jayashree Ullal.
- ❖ Satya Nadella ranks first in this list. Ajay Banga is on 8th and Jayashree Ullal is 18th rank.

SPORTS

ISSF World Cup Finals

- ❖ Elavenil Valarivan has won gold in in the women's 10m air rifle competition held at Putian, China.
- ❖ In the same event, 17 years old Divyansh won gold medal in the 10m air rifle event.
- ❖ Along with Manu Bhaker's gold medal, India completed the tournament with three gold medals.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Universal Children's Day – November 20

- ❖ World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day.
- ❖ It is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide and improving children's welfare.
- ❖ Since 1990, World Children's Day also marks the anniversary of the date on which the UN General Assembly adopted
 - The Declaration of the rights of the child, in 20.11.1959
 - The Convention on children's rights, in 20.11.1989



World Philosophy Day – November 21

- ❖ World Philosophy Day was introduced in 2002 by UNESCO.
- ❖ In 2005 the UNESCO General Conference proclaimed that World Philosophy Day would be celebrated every third Thursday of November.
- ❖ The observance of the day underlines the enduring value of philosophy for the development of human thought, for each culture and for each individual.
- ❖ The 2019 edition aims to highlight the importance of philosophy in different regional contexts.

