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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ For the first time in 30 years, the Assam government has released the “Land Policy 2019” prepared by Revenue and Disaster Management Department. The last such report was released in 1989.
- ❖ The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in association with the North Eastern States has organised the 8th “International Tourism Mart” (ITM) at Imphal, Manipur from 23 November to 25 November, 2019.
- ❖ Rafael Nadal has clinched 6th Davis Cup title for Spain after beating Denis Shapovalov of Canada in Madrid. He defeated Shapovalov 6-3, 7-6 (9-7).

NATIONAL

SCO forum of Young Scientists and Innovators 2020

- ❖ India will host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Forum of Young Scientists and Innovators in 2020.
- ❖ The 5th Meeting of SCO Member States Heads of Ministries and Departments of Science and Technology and Permanent Working Group on S&T Cooperation has also recently concluded in Moscow, Russia.

Railways Institute of Financial Management, Hyderabad

- ❖ A new institute to impart professional training in the management of railway finances was inaugurated in Hyderabad.
- ❖ The Indian Railways Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM) will impart professional training to finance and accounts officers of the railways to strengthen the finances of the organisation.

22% of India's Groundwater Dried Up

- ❖ Jal Shakthi ministry has reported that almost 22% of groundwater in the country has either dried up or is in the ‘critical’ and ‘over-exploited’ categories.
- ❖ The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has released a report called ‘The Dynamic Ground Water Resources of India’ report.
- ❖ It shows that 1,499 out of 6,881 assessed units (blocks/mandals/taluks) in 2017 came under ‘over-exploited’ (1,186 units) and ‘critical’ (313 units) categories.

- ❖ The highest number of water stressed blocks were in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ It is followed by Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab and Haryana.

UDAN Scheme 4.0

- ❖ The Ministry of Civil Aviation will soon start UDAN 4.0 scheme.
- ❖ Bilaspur and Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh will get connected.
- ❖ Bilaspur is famous for unique rice quality, Doobraj and the Kosa silk industry.
- ❖ Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) was launched as a regional connectivity scheme under the Ministry of Civil Aviation in 2016.

Per Capita Consumption of Electricity

- ❖ During the Winter Session of Parliament, the Ministry of Power has released data on India's per capita consumption of electricity.
- ❖ The per capita consumption of electricity in India is 1,181 kWh as of 2018-19.
- ❖ The highest per capita consumption in 2018-19 is in Dadra and Nagar Haveli (15,179 kWh).
- ❖ The state with the lowest per capita consumption of electricity is Bihar (311 kWh).

PERCAPITA CONSUMPTION IN KWH (2018-2019)

TOP 5		BOTTOM 5	
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	15179	Bihar	311
Gujarat	2378	Assam	341
Goa	2274	Nagaland	356
Haryana	2082	Manipur	371
Punjab	2046	Tripura	514

VILLAGES ELECTRIFIED DURING 2017-2019

Arunachal	1,134
Odisha	925
Jharkhand	729
Bihar	596
Assam	572



Rule 12 of Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961

- ❖ The Union Government has used a 'special section' in the Union government's Transaction of Business Rules to revoke President's Rule without Cabinet approval.
- ❖ Rule 12 of the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961, allows the Prime Minister to depart from laid down norms at his discretion.
- ❖ He can make decisions even without cabinet approval if he deems it necessary.
- ❖ The Cabinet can subsequently give post-facto approval for any decision taken under Rule 12.

50th Conference of Governors

- ❖ The 50th Conference of Governors has recently concluded at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
- ❖ The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, presided over the Conference of Governors and Lt. Governors of all States and Union Territories on November 23 and 24, 2019.
- ❖ The first Conference was organised in 1949.

INTERNATIONAL

Ocean Dance festival – Bangladesh

- ❖ The Ocean Dance Festival 2019 kicked off in Cox Bazar of Bangladesh.
- ❖ It is the largest international dance festival of Bangladesh and aims to expand cultural tourism.
- ❖ The theme of this year's festival is 'Bridging the distance' or Durotter Shetubandhan.

Sumatran Rhinoceros

- ❖ Malaysia's 25-year old last female rhinoceros has passed away at the Borneo Rhino Sanctuary in Tabin Wildlife Reserve.
- ❖ The Sumatran rhino is listed as critically endangered by the World Wildlife Fund.
- ❖ The International Rhino Foundation estimates that there are less than 80 alive in the world.
- ❖ They are the smallest living rhinos and the only Asian rhino with two horns.

The Global Bio-India (GBI) Summit, 2019

- ❖ India's first largest biotechnology conference - the Global Bio-India (GBI) Summit, 2019 has recently concluded in New Delhi.
- ❖ The event was organized by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, along with Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
- ❖ BIRAC is a not-for-profit Schedule B, Public Sector Enterprise set up by DBT.
- ❖ The theme of the event was 'Power to transform lives'.



Food Vulnerability Index

- ❖ According to a new report by Nomura Global Market Research, India is ranked 44 out of 110 countries in Nomura's Food Vulnerability Index (NFVI).
- ❖ The index ranks countries on the basis of their exposure to "large swings" in food prices.
- ❖ Due to a rise in food prices, India's retail inflation touched 4.6% during October.

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India, 2018

- ❖ Ministry of Tourism has provided data on Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India in 2018.



- ❖ Bangladesh, the United States, and the United Kingdom were the top three countries from where foreign tourists arrived in India in 2018.
- ❖ Among individual states, Tamil Nadu saw the most visits by foreign tourists in 2018 — over 60 lakh in that year.
- ❖ Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh followed, with over 50 lakh and 37 lakh visits respectively.

STATES

Kalaburgi Airport of Karnataka

- ❖ The first flight from Kalaburagi Airport to Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru took off after the inauguration of Kalaburagi airport by the CM of Karnataka.
- ❖ The airport has been built under the UDAN-RCS Scheme of Union Government.
- ❖ It will act as a gateway for various tourist destinations including the famous Gulbarga Fort.

Gandhi Villages, Rajasthan

- ❖ The Rajasthan government has decided to constitute a new Department of Peace and Non-Violence, along with “Gandhi villages” in each district.
- ❖ Such villages will promote Gandhian ideology through exhibitions in schools, spread the digital contents and publicise his role in the freedom struggle.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

World Athlete of the Year Award

- ❖ Eliud Kipchoge, the first man to run a marathon in less than two hours, and 400 metres hurdles world champion Dalilah Muhammad won the World Athlete of the Year awards.
- ❖ Kipchoge recently ran the marathon distance of 42.195 kilometres (26.219 miles) in 1hr 59min 40.2sec.
- ❖ Dalilah Muhammad of USA set a world record of 52.20 seconds in 400 metres hurdles and broke the 2003 record.



Manipur Sangai Festival

- ❖ Every year the State of Manipur celebrates the “Manipur Sangai Festival” from 24th to 30th November.
- ❖ The festival is named after the state animal Sangai deer, which is found only in Manipur.
- ❖ The first such festival was conducted in 2010.



IMPORTANT DAYS

NCC Day – November 24

- ❖ The National Cadet Corps (NCC), the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world, is celebrating its 71st Raising Day.
- ❖ It was found on 16 April 1948.
- ❖ The motto of NCC is Unity and Discipline.
- ❖ Recently NCC has reviewed its syllabus and lowered the entry level age as 15 from 16.

