TNPSC BITS

- The National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC) was redesignated as the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Priority Medical Devices and Health Technology Policy.

- The 10th Edition of India Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2019 was given to Shanti Raghavan & Dipesh Sutariya.

  - In 2010, the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship and Jubilant Bhartia Foundation came together to promote social innovation in India through the Social Entrepreneur of the Year (SEOY) India Award.

- For the first time, a floating basketball court was brought to India in the Arabian Sea, at Mumbai.

- Australian cricketer Alyssa Healy created a world record for the highest individual score in women's T20I (Twenty 20 International) by scoring 148 runs off 61 balls against Sri Lanka.

- On the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the president of India presented 2019 Swachchta Ambassador award to former Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar.

- Uttarakhand government has launched a public awareness campaign called 'Urjagiri' to stop electricity theft and saving in Dehradun.

  - Uttarakhand is second only to Gujarat in preventing line loss and power theft.

- A team of scientists from Vermont University of the United States (US) has developed the strongest silver ever – 42% stronger than the previous world record.

- Typhoon Mitag lashed South Korea with heavy rain and strong winds on 03 October 2019.

NATIONAL

Trans-Fat Free logo of FSAAI

- The Union Health & Family Welfare Minister Harsh Vardhan launched "Trans Fat Free" logo of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

- It was launched during the 8th International Chefs' Conference of 2019 (ICC VIII) held in New Delhi.

- The logo was launched to boost the 'Eat Right Movement' of FSSAI.

❖ He also released a slogan 'Chefs 4 Trans Fat Free' at the event.

Youth Co: Lab for youth entrepreneurship & innovation

❖ Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India of United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDF) launched a new youth lab programme.

❖ The program was named as Youth Co:Lab India.

❖ It aims to empower innovation and social entrepreneurship to the youths of India.

❖ Under this Social innovation challenges will be invited from people aged between 18-29 years at national and sub-national level and will also get a chance to pitch their ideas at UNDP's regional centre in 2020.

INTERNATIONAL

64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference

- ❖ The 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) for 2019 was held in Kampala, Uganda.
- ❖ Theme of the conference: 'Adaption, engagement, and evolution of parliaments in a rapidly changing Commonwealth'.
- ❖ The following other conferences and meetings also held there:
  - o 37th CPA Small Branches Conference;
  - o 6th triennial Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Conference;
  - o 64th CPA General Assembly;
  - o Meetings of the CPA Executive Committee; and
  - o Society of Clerks at the Table (SOCATT) meetings.

Bada Dashain festival - Nepal

- ❖ The greatest and longest Hindu festival of Nepal, named as Bada Dashain, began at Nepal.
- ❖ The first day of this Dashain marks the beginning of Navaratri festival too.
- ❖ This festival is also simply called as Dashain.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Land attack version of BrahMos

- ❖ The (DRDO), successfully test fired the land attack version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise from Chandipur coast in Odisha in its Balasore district.
- ❖ It has a strike range of 290 km.

* This missile can be fired from both land and sea-based platforms.

Israelian MP-ATGM

* Indian Army inducted a limited number of small Spike man portable anti-tank guided missiles (MP-ATGM) of Israel.
* This MP-ATGM is of third-generation category and will have features like a missile range of 250 kms.
* It also has advanced avionics and night vision capabilities.

Minuteman III - intercontinental ballistic missile

* The US Air Force has successfully tested an unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).
* The nuclear-capable Minuteman III missile used in the test was equipped with a test re-entry vehicle.
* It travelled approximately 4,200 miles (6,750km).
* It was the first US missile fitted with Multiple Independent Re-entry Vehicles (MIRVs).
* This MIRVs enable it to carry up to three different warheads that can strike independent targets.

STATES

YSR Vahana Mitra scheme

❖ Andhra Pradesh government has launched 'YSR Vahana Mitra scheme'.

❖ under this scheme the government will provide a financial assistance of Rs 10,000 per annum to owner-driver of an auto-rickshaw, or taxicab.

❖ This assistance aims to meet their insurance premium, licence fee and other recurring expenses.

Policy on Pneumoconiosis

❖ Rajasthan government launched 'Policy on Pneumoconiosis Detection, Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation'.

❖ With this, Rajasthan became the first state in India to launch such a policy.

❖ In January 2015, it had become the first Indian state to notify Pneumoconiosis as an epidemic.

❖ Pneumoconiosis is a disease of the lungs due to inhalation of dust, characterized by inflammation, coughing, and fibrosis.

Benefits to people suffering from pneumoconiosis and their families

Rehabilitation assistance
₹400,000 as one-time assistance to the affected person after certification by pneumoconiosis board

Assistance on death
₹100,000 to legal heir/ nominee when pneumoconiosis patient dies

Rehabilitation pension
₹4000 per month or 50% of the prescribed minimum wages of unskilled workers, whichever is higher during lifetime of worker

Family pension
Family pension of ₹3,500 per month to legal heir or dependendent for a period of 5 years or till the child/ children become self-dependent, whichever is later, provided

Financial assistance for education
One-time education assistance of ₹25,000 for children limited to maximum of two

Funeral assistance
Funeral assistance of ₹10,000 to dependents for last rites of pneumoconiosis victim

SPORTS

10th Asian Age Group Championships for 2019

❖ The 10th Asian Age Group Championships (AAGC) for 2019 was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

❖ It was organised by the Swimming Federation of India (SFI) through the Asia Amateur Swimming Federation (AASF).

❖ It was the first time India hosted the international Championship in swimming, diving, water polo and in Artistic swimming events.

❖ India finished with a total medal tally of 64 medals (20 gold, 24 silver and 20 bronze).

❖ It stood at the 4th spot in the swimming event and second spot in the diving event.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Space Week: October 04-10

❖ World Space Week (WSW) is an annual holiday observed from 4 to 10 October in various parts of the world, including Europe and Asia.

❖ On December 6, 1999, the United Nations General Assembly declared World Space Week as an annual event celebration.

❖ The choice of dates was based on recognition of following two important dates in space history:

　　o The launch of the first human-made Earth satellite, Sputnik 1, on October 4, 1957; and

　　o The signing of the Outer Space Treaty on October 10, 1967.

❖ The theme for the year 2019 is "The Moon: Gateway to the Stars".

❖ It is celebrating the 50th anniversary of humankind's first step on the Moon on 20 July 1969.

World Space Week
"The Moon: Gateway to the Stars"
October 4 - 10

MISCELLANEOUS

Global Firepower Index-2019

1	United States
	PwrIndx: 0.0615

2	Russia
	PwrIndx: 0.0639

3	China
	PwrIndx: 0.0673

4	India
	PwrIndx: 0.1065

5	France
	PwrIndx: 0.1584

❖ Global Firepower published the Global Firepower Index (GFP) /Military Strength Ranking 2019.

❖ It ranks each nation's potential war-making capability across land, sea and air with conventional weapons.

❖ India was ranked 4th in the Power Index and it stood at the No 1 position in South Asia.

❖ Globally, the list was topped by the United States.

❖ Global Firepower has been providing an analytical display of data concerning 137 modern military powers since 2006.

1st citizen-centric IMD Smart City Index 2019

❖ In the first ever conducted International Institute for Management Development's (IMD's) Smart City Index 2019, Hyderabad topped among the Indian cities with the rank of 67.

❖ It was followed by New Delhi at rank 68. Mumbai and Bengaluru were ranked at the 78th and 79th positions respectively.

❖ The list was topped by Singapore.

❖ A total of 102 cities were estimated for the ranking.

❖ The report was presented by IMD World Competitiveness Centre's Smart City Observatory in partnership with Singapore University of Technology and Design.

Rank	City name	Country
1	Singapore	Singapore
2	Zurich	Switzerland
3	Oslo	Norway
4	Geneva	Switzerland
5	Copenhagen	Denmark
67	Hyderabad	India
68	New Delhi	India
78	Mumbai	India
79	Bengaluru	India

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