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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India is planning to host BRICS Games 2021, which will be aligned with the Khelo India Games scheduled for next year.
- ❖ St. Francis High School of USA was selected by Microsoft as a 2020-2021 Microsoft Showcase School for their excellence in demonstrated student outcomes resulting from its commitment to educational transformation.

NATIONAL

Report on construction waste

- ❖ The Centre for Science and Environment recently released a report on construction waste.
- ❖ According to that, India recycles only 1% of its demolition and construction waste.
- ❖ India generates around 150 million tonnes of construction and demolition waste every year.
- ❖ However, the official recycling capacity is just about 1% which is 6,500 tonnes per day.
- ❖ Around 53 cities were to set up recycling facilities in order to recover material from Construction and Demolition waste by 2017.
- ❖ But, only 13 cities have established till 2020.

Ancient Indian Sciences in Sanskrit

- ❖ IIT-Indore has introduced a one-of-its-kind course to teach classical scientific texts to students in Sanskrit.
- ❖ It starting with Bhaskaracharya's mathematical treatise 'Lilavati' which is almost a thousand years old.
- ❖ More than 750 people from across the globe have signed up for the course that started on August 22.
- ❖ The first edition will end on October 2, Gandhi Jayanti.



E-Market Platform between Indian farmers and UAE food industry

- ❖ The UAE Government launched AGRIOTA, a new technology driven agricultural commodity trading platform.
- ❖ It will bridge the rural farmers from India and the gulf Food Industry.
- ❖ The E-Market place allows the farmers to connect with the UAE food industry directly bypassing intermediaries.
- ❖ This optimizes the supply chain.
- ❖ It ensures traceability creating value for all stakeholders.
- ❖ The platform will help to improve Global Food Security Index of UAE.

INTERNATIONAL

Participation of Women in Peacekeeping Forces

- ❖ India co-sponsored United National Security Council Resolution for Greater Participation of women in peacekeeping forces.
- ❖ The resolution was tabled by Indonesia has been seconded by India.
- ❖ India is the fifth largest troop contributor to UN peacekeeping operations.
- ❖ The resolution has been passed by a consensus.
- ❖ According to 2019 data, only six percent of UN peacekeepers are women.
- ❖ In total, there are 86, 687 peacekeepers in the UN of which 5,243 are female.

Global ranking of average wages

- ❖ Global ranking of average wages was prepared by Picodi.com.
- ❖ India ranked 72nd among 106 countries with an average monthly wage of Rs 32,800.
- ❖ Its analysis team looked into earnings of countries around the world and created a global ranking of average wages.
- ❖ The ranking has been topped by Switzerland followed by Luxembourg and United States.
- ❖ Among Asian countries, India ranked 10th out of 16.
- ❖ It has been topped by Singapore, Australia, and Hong Kong.



Chinese Warships for Pakistan

- ❖ China has launched first of the four advanced naval warships for Pakistan.
- ❖ First ship is of Type-054 class frigate.
- ❖ It is equipped with Latest surface, subsurface, anti-air weapons, combat management system, and sensors.

ENVIRONMENT

Highest August Rainfall Since 1976

- ❖ India has received the highest rainfall in the month of August this year since 1976, it is 25 per cent more than the average.
- ❖ Previously in 1976, the month of August received 28.4 per cent more rainfall than the average.
- ❖ While the highest rainfall in August was in 1926-between 1901 and 2020.
- ❖ In 1926, 33 per cent more rainfall was recorded than the average.

STATES

Skill University at Assam

- ❖ Assam Cabinet passed a resolution to set up a Skill University at Mangaldoi in Assam.
- ❖ The University is to be set up with financial assistance from Asian Development Bank.
- ❖ It is the first skill university in the country.
- ❖ Around 80% of the seats are to be reserved for students of Assam and 20% for North Eastern states.

India's first International Women Trade Centre

- ❖ Kerala is to set up its first International Women Trade Centre in terms of the United Nations Sustainable Development goals.
- ❖ This is first of its kind in India and it will accelerate women entrepreneurship.
- ❖ The International Women Trade Centre will dedicate space to women to promote arts and cultural forms such as music, dance and theatre for women.
- ❖ The building will hold a creche and a day care centre for children.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Honor of Memorial Blue Plaque

- ❖ Noor Inayat Khan (Noor-un-Nissa Inayat Khan or Nora Baker) became the 1st Indian-origin woman to be honoured with a memorial Blue Plaque at her former family home in London.
- ❖ During Britain's World War II, she served in the Special Operations Executive as a spy.
- ❖ She is the 1st Muslim war heroine of Britain and 1st female wireless operator sent from the UK into Nazi-occupied France to aid the French Resistance.
- ❖ London's Blue Plaque scheme was founded in 1866 and has inspired many similar schemes in the UK and around the world.
- ❖ Indian Figures were to be honoured with Blue Plaques in London Includes, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and BR Ambedkar.



CBSE best teachers award 2019-20

- ❖ The Central Board of Secondary Education has selected 39 teachers for the CBSE Award to Teachers for 2019-20.
- ❖ Following three are selected from Tamil Nadu:
 - Shoba Raman, principal, Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School, Chennai.

- Dr. S. Deepa, science teacher at G.K. Shetty Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur west.
- V. Bindhu, principal of Hosur Public School, Karapalli.



Shoba Raman, left, Dr. S. Deepa and Dr. V. Bindhu, right.

