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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Karunaidas, a graduate teacher of Mathematics, Government High School, Naranapuram, Virudhunagar District, has been selected as Microsoft's Best Educator Internationally.
 - Similarly, Naranapuram Government High School has been selected as the Best School (Microsoft Showcase School) by Microsoft.
- ❖ Ramachandra Guha authored New book 'The Commonwealth of Cricket: A Lifelong Love Affair with the Most Subtle and Sophisticated Game Known to Humankind'
- ❖ The DRDO constituted a five-member committee, headed by V. Ramagopal Rao, to overhaul its 52 laboratories for current and future defence and battlefield needs.
 - Previous committee was formed under P. Rama Rao in 2008.

NATIONAL

AGR dues issues judgement

- ❖ The judgement was announced by a three-judge bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra.
- ❖ The court said that the telecom companies shall pay their AGR dues with in a time frame of 10 years to the central government.

AGR dues

- ❖ AGR is Adjusted Gross Revenue.
- ❖ It is the usage and licensing fee that the Department of Telecommunication charges on the telecom operators.
- ❖ It is divided as licensing fees, spectrum usage charges.
- ❖ It is fixed between 3%-5% and 8% respectively.



Official languages of Jammu and Kashmir

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the Jammu and Kashmir Language Bill, 2020.
- ❖ It aims to make five languages namely Urdu, Hindi, Dogri, English and Kashmiri as the official language of the Union Territory.
- ❖ Before the abrogation of Article 370, Urdu and English were the official language of the state.
- ❖ Now Hindi, Dogri and Kashmiri have been added.

Rashtriya Khel protosahan puraskar 2020

- ❖ The Army Sports Institute (ASI), Pune has been awarded Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar 2020.
- ❖ The ASI was raised as part of the Indian Army's "Mission Olympics" program on July 1, 2001.
- ❖ The aim was to train the vast reservoir of talent in the Army in selected seven disciplines to include archery, athletics, boxing, diving, fencing, weightlifting and wrestling with an aim of winning medals at Olympics.

INTERNATIONAL

First 'historic' Direct Flight between Israel and UAE

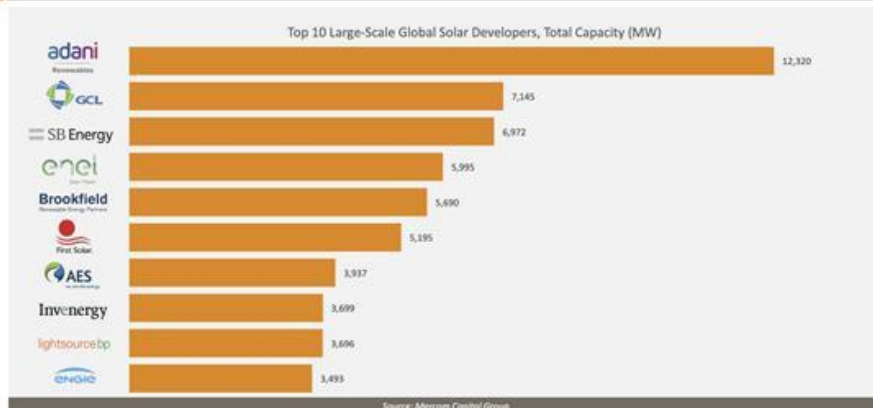
- ❖ In a historic step towards peace in the Middle East, the first commercial direct flight between Israel and the UAE landed in Abu Dhabi.
- ❖ Israel and the UAE announced on August 13 that they were establishing full diplomatic relations, in a US-brokered deal.
- ❖ UAE is only the third Arab country to establish diplomatic ties with the Jewish state next to Egypt and Jordan.



World's largest solar power generation assets

- ❖ Mercom Capital has ranked, Adani Green Energy Ltd as the world's largest solar power generation asset owner in terms of operating, under-construction and awarded projects.
- ❖ AGEL's under-construction and awarded capacity stands at 10.1 GW, while its operational capacity is nearly 3 GW.
- ❖ Adani's portfolio is 12.32 GWac which exceeds total installed capacity of U.S. in 2019.
- ❖ Adani Green Energy established its first solar project in just 2015.

Top 10 Global Large-Scale Solar Developers by Total Capacity





STATES

'Iraada' campaign

- ❖ In Jammu and Kashmir, Dr Sagar D. Doifode, Doda District Deputy Commissioner (DCC) launched 'Iraada' campaign to include eligible left-out beneficiaries.
- ❖ This include who have not yet been enrolled to receive the financial assistance benefits under various social welfare schemes, which includes old age pension, widow and handicap scheme.
- ❖ In other words, the campaign is for 100% coverage under social welfare schemes.

Northeast's first transgender doctor

- ❖ Beoncy Laishram is the first transgender doctor from the Manipur.
- ❖ The 27-year old doctor in Imphal is not just Manipur's first transgender woman doctor, but entire Northeast's.
- ❖ During the pandemic times, Beoncy is participating in the fight against Covid-19.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Coconut Day - September 02

- ❖ The main objective of celebrating this day is to create awareness across the globe about the importance of the coconut and its benefits.
- ❖ The day is especially marked in countries under Asian and Pacific regions by the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC).
- ❖ The first celebration of world coconut day ever was in the year 2009.
- ❖ The theme of World Coconut Day 2020 this year is – "Invest in Coconut to save the world".



International Day of Charity – September 05

- ❖ It commemorates the death anniversary of Mother Teresa and to make people understand about the importance of charity.
- ❖ The International Day of Charity officially was declared by the UN General Assembly in 2012.
- ❖ In 1950, Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity in India.



MISCELLANEOUS

Rabobank's Annual listing of Global Dairy Top 20

- ❖ Amul, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation became the first Indian Dairy Company to enter Rabobank's Annual listing of Global Dairy Top 20-2020 Companies.
- ❖ Amul was ranked 16th and Switzerland's Nestle topped the list followed by France's Lactalis.
- ❖ Amul is based out of Anand, Gujarat, India.
- ❖ Its tagline is "The Taste of India".

- ❖ India is the World's Largest Milk Producer, with 22 per cent of global production according to the Food & Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

Global Innovation Index

- ❖ The Global Innovation Index (GII) list, 2020 released jointly by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Cornell University and INSEAD Business School.
- ❖ Switzerland, Sweden, the US, the UK and the Netherlands lead the innovation ranking.
- ❖ India has been ranked 48th and joined the group of top 50 countries for the first time.
- ❖ Also it become the third most innovative lower middle-income economy in the world.
- ❖ India ranks in the top 15 in indicators such as ICT (Information and Communication Technology) services exports, government online services, graduates in science and engineering, and R&D intensive global companies.

