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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Every year, 7th September is celebrated as 'World Forgiveness Day'.
- ❖ Goonmeet Singh Chauhan's released a New Book named 'Invertonomics' which Talks about Transforming India.
- ❖ The Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council inaugurated its first virtual Buyer and Seller meet to facilitate loose diamonds.

NATIONAL

State of the Young Child in India report

- ❖ The State of the Young Child in India report has been released by Mobile Creches, a non-governmental organisation (NGO).
- ❖ The Young Child Outcomes Index (YCOI) and the Young Child Environment Index (YCEI) are parts of the report.

The index score was computed using indicators such as poverty rate, immunisation coverage, female literacy, sex ratio and percentage of households with protected water supply. India's average score was **0.585**

Best-performing States		Worst-performing States	
State	Index score (2015-16)	State	Index score (2015-16)
Kerala	0.858	Bihar	0.452
Goa	0.817	Uttar Pradesh	0.46
Tripura	0.761	Jharkhand	0.5
Tamil Nadu	0.731	Madhya Pradesh	0.526
Mizoram	0.719	Chhattisgarh	0.555

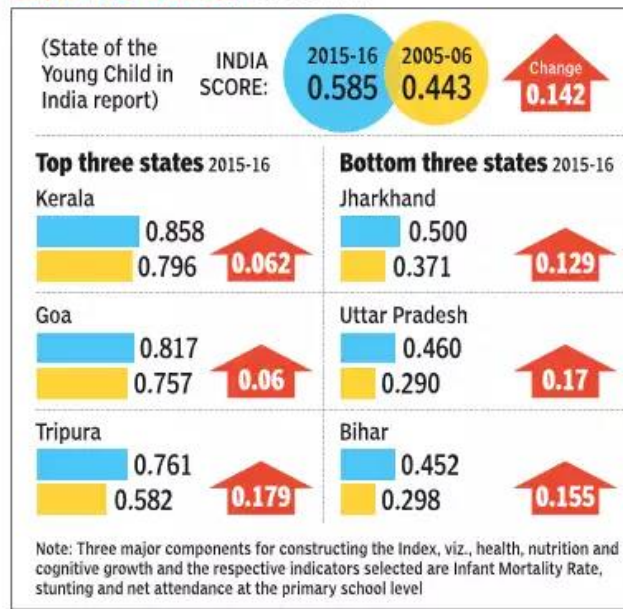
Young Child Outcomes Index

- ❖ Kerala, Goa, Tripura, Tamil Nadu and Mizoram are among the top five states for the well-being of children.
- ❖ Assam, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have scores below the country's average.

Young Child Environment Index

- ❖ Kerala, Goa, Sikkim, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh have secured the top five positions.
- ❖ The eight states with a below-average score on the above have also performed poorly on this one.

IMPROVING SCORE



Business Reforms Action Plan ranking of states

- ❖ Union Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs launched the fourth edition of Business Reforms Action Plan ranking of states.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu moved up one spot, to get to the 14th position in ease-of-doing-business ranking 2019, from the 15th place in 2018.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh topped in the list and followed by Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- ❖ The plan was released by DPIIT-World Bank.

QUICK PROGRESS FOR UP

State Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) ranking comparison

State/UT	Rank 2019	Rank 2018	Change (+/-)
Andhra Pradesh	1	1	0
Uttar Pradesh	2	12	10
Telangana	3	2	-1
Madhya Pradesh	4	7	3
Jharkhand	5	4	-1
Chhattisgarh	6	6	0
Himachal Pradesh	7	16	9
Rajasthan	8	9	1



11th edition of exercise - INDRA NAVY

- ❖ Indian Navy and Russian Navy has commenced the 11th edition of a biennial bilateral maritime exercise “INDRA NAVY”.
- ❖ The biennial bilateral maritime exercise will be conducted in the Bay of Bengal.
- ❖ This year, the bilateral maritime exercise would be undertaken in a ‘non-contact, at sea only’ format amid the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ It is Initiated in 2003 to integrate the long-term strategic relationship between the Navies of India and Russia.

INTERNATIONAL

5th BRICS Culture Ministers’ Meeting

- ❖ The 5th BRICS Culture Ministers’ Meeting was held through video conference under the Chairpersonship of Russia.
- ❖ The delegates from Culture Ministries of the BRICS nations - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - participated in the meeting.
- ❖ The National Gallery of Modern Arts, New Delhi will host the BRICS Joint Exhibition titled ‘Bonding Regions & Imagining Cultural Synergies’ under the auspices of the BRICS Alliance of Art Museums and Galleries in 2021.

Manufacturing AK-203 rifles

- ❖ India and Russia leaders signed the AK-203 rifles deal. According to the deal, the rifles are to be produced in India under the Make in India initiative with Russia support.
- ❖ The rifles are the latest and the most advanced version of AK-47 rifles.
- ❖ The AK203 are to replace the INSAS.
- ❖ INSAS is Indian Small Arms System (5.56x45mm) assault rifle.

ECONOMY

Revision of Priority Sector Lending norms

- ❖ RBI has revised priority sector lending (PSL) guidelines to include entrepreneurship and renewable resources, in line with emerging national priorities.
- ❖ This includes

- Loans to farmers for installation of solar power plants for solarisation of grid-connected agriculture pumps and
- Loans for setting up Compressed BioGas plants.
- ❖ Revised PSL guidelines will enable:
 - Better credit penetration to credit deficient areas;
 - Increase the lending to small and marginal farmers and weaker sections;
 - Boost credit to renewable energy, and health infrastructure.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Asteroid 465824

- ❖ NASA says asteroid 465824 2010 FR, which is twice as big as the Pyramid of Giza, crossed the Earth's orbit on September 6.
- ❖ It is classified as a Near-Earth Object and a potentially hazardous asteroid.
- ❖ These objects are composed mostly of water ice with embedded dust particles.
- ❖ Asteroid 465824 2010 FR was discovered on March 18, 2010 by the Catalina Sky Survey (CSS).
- ❖ Asteroids are rocky objects that orbit the Sun, much smaller than planets.
- ❖ They are also called minor planets.

STATES

First ever inland shipping cargo from Bangladesh

- ❖ The Daukandi (Bangladesh) - Sonamura (Tripura) Inland Waterway Protocol route was operationalised and Tripura receives first ever inland shipping cargo.
- ❖ The Protocol for Inland Water Trade & Transit (PIWTT) was signed between India and Bangladesh in 1972.
- ❖ The inclusion of Sonamura - Daudkhandi stretch of the Gumti river (93 km) as a new route in the Protocol will improve the connectivity.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies - September 7

- ❖ The very first International Day of Clean Air for blue skies was held on September 7th, 2020.
- ❖ The Day aims to Raise public awareness at all levels—individual, community, corporate and government—that clean air is important for health, productivity, the economy and the environment.
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution to hold an International Day of Clean Air for blue skies on December 2019.
- ❖ The WHO is working with “Breathe Life partners” to coordinate activities for the day.



International Literacy Day - September 8

- ❖ It aims to raise awareness and concern for literacy problems that exist within our own local communities as well as globally.
- ❖ This year focuses on “Literacy teaching and learning in the Covid-19 crisis.”
- ❖ The International Literacy Day was founded by proclamation of UNESCO, in 1966.





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