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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Railway Protection Force (RPF) Raising Day is celebrated on September 20 to commemorate the conferring of Armed Force status on RPF on par with the other Paramilitary forces of India on 20th September, 1985.

TAMIL NADU

7.5% quota in medical colleges

- ❖ Tamil Nadu State Assembly passed a bill which reserving 7.5% of the total seats available in Medical Colleges of the state for students coming from Government Schools.
- ❖ These seats would be allotted to students from Govt schools who appear for NEET 2020 and qualify the exam as per their category cut-offs.
- ❖ The new quota also covers allocation of medical seats in private medical colleges in the state.

NATIONAL

Resignation of union minister

- ❖ Harsimrat Kaur Badal, resigned from the Union cabinet for opposing 3 farm bills in Lok Sabha.
- ❖ She claiming that these proposed legislations will destroy the agriculture sector in Punjab.
- ❖ The three bills are
 - The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill,
 - The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, and
 - The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill.
- ❖ She became Union Minister for Food Processing in 2014 and retained the portfolio in the second term of the government which started in 2019.



Ajay Tirkey committee

- ❖ The Centre has set up a high-level committee headed by Ajay Tirkey to prepare a roadmap for regularisation of land leasing in the agriculture sector.
- ❖ The reform will lay down the rights of landless farm workers who miss out on welfare benefits.
- ❖ The proposed land-leasing framework will recognise the rights of landowners and cultivators and farm workers.

Public Procurement Order, 2017 amendment

- ❖ The Government of India has recently amended the public procurement order 2017.
- ❖ This amendment has been made to curtail Chinese investment.
- ❖ The amendment now enables the departments and nodal Ministries to notify higher local content requirement for class 1 and class 2 local suppliers.
- ❖ Earlier the share of class 1 and class 2 local suppliers were fixed at 50 % and 20 % respectively.
- ❖ Class 1 local supplier means a supplier whose goods and services offered for procurement has local content greater than or equal to 50 %.
- ❖ Now with this amendment the ministry can notify local content requirement even greater than 50 %.

India's first exclusive private jet terminal

- ❖ India's first exclusive private jet terminal was inaugurated at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi.
- ❖ The exclusive terminal will handle flight operations of private jets.
- ❖ The new and exclusive private jet terminal will enable smooth movement of business jets and chartered aircraft.

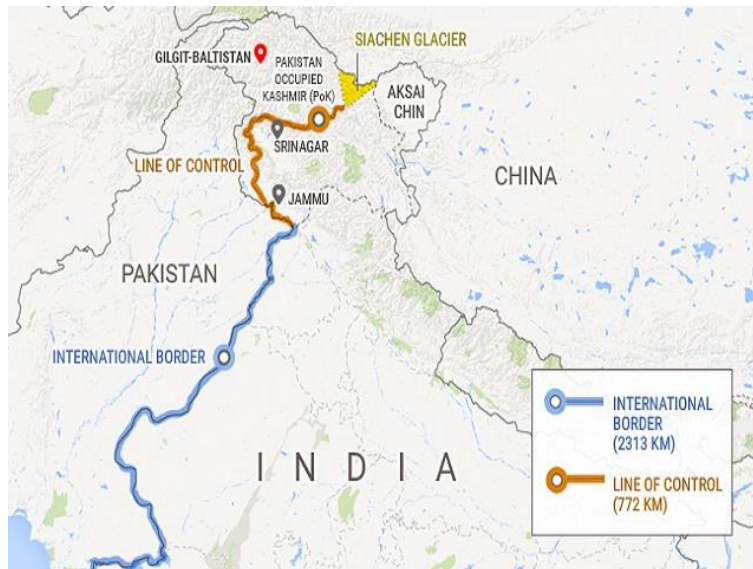
Rajesh Pant committee

- ❖ The central government constituted a committee of experts under the National Cyber Security Coordinator Lt Gen Rajesh Pant (retd).
- ❖ It tasked to examine reports of surveillance of prominent Indian nationals, including political leaders, by Chinese firm Zhenhua Data.

INTERNATIONAL

Pakistan's 5th province

- ❖ Pakistan is going to integrate the occupied Gilgit-Baltistan region by making its fifth province.
- ❖ It is one of the two parts of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK).
- ❖ The other one is “Azad Jammu and Kashmir” (AJK).
- ❖ Both formed part of the territory of the erstwhile princely state of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The territory was handed over to the newly created state of Pakistan in November 1947 by the action of a British officer of the Gilgit Scouts.
- ❖ It provides land access to China, contains vast reservoirs of fresh water and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) passes through it.



STATES

Institutionalized snake handling

- ❖ Kerala Forest Department has framed guidelines for rescuing snakes from human dominated places and releasing them in uninhabited areas.
- ❖ Thus, Kerala Becoming the first to institutionalize snake handling in the country.
- ❖ The move to certify snake handlers comes amid allegations of unscientific approaches by snake catchers that tend to create stress to the animal and pose risk to their and others' lives.

- ❖ Kerala has reported 334 deaths and 1,860 other cases of snake-bites in the past three years.

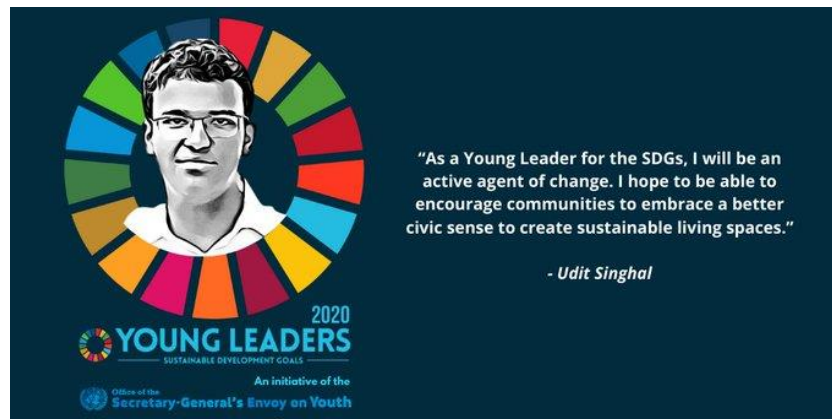
PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

UN List of 2020 Class of Young Leaders for SDG

- ❖ The United Nations named an 18-year-old Indian teenager in the list of 2020 Class of Young leaders for Sustainable Development Goals.
- ❖ The Delhi based teenager is the founder of Glass2Sand.
- ❖ It is zero waste ecosystem that converts glass to sand.
- ❖ The system has been addressing the growing problem of glass in the national capital region largely.
- ❖ His initiative prevented empty glass bottles getting dumped into landfills.

Young leaders for SDG

- ❖ The young leaders for sustainable development goal initiative is organised on biennial basis.
- ❖ It is considered as the United Nations office highest profile recognition opportunity for the young people who raise their voices and take efforts to combat the most pressing issues in the world.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of University Sport - September 20

- ❖ The day aims at confirming the importance of sport in universities and the role of universities in the community as responsible actors for consolidating and developing quality physical and sport education at the service of citizens.



- ❖ It was proposed by the International University Sports Federation (FISU) and officially endorsed by the UNESCO in 2015.

