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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The entire month of September 2019 is being celebrated as the Rashtriya Poshan Maah. This year the theme is “Complementary Feeding”.
- ❖ The 8th edition of joint military exercise titled Shaheen VIII has started between the air forces of China and Pakistan in Chinese city of Holton. Holton is closer to the Indian border near Ladakh.
- ❖ Wing Commander Shalija Dhama has scripted history by becoming India’s first female officer of the Indian Air Force to become the Flight Commander of a flying unit.
  - She took over as flight commander of a Chetak helicopter unit at Hindon airbase in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

## NATIONAL

### Second India-China Informal Summit – Mamallapuram

- ❖ Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu will be the venue for the second India-China informal summit between PM Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, scheduled in October this year.
- ❖ The first informal summit between them was held in Wuhan in China in April 2018.
- ❖ It is a town in Chengalpattu district, Tamil Nadu.

### New Governors Appointed

- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind appointed new Governors for five States

Telangana	Dr. Tamilisai Soundarrajan
Rajasthan	Kalraj Mishra
Maharashtra	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
Himachal Pradesh	Bandaru Dattatraya
Kerala	Arif Mohammed Khan

- ❖ Telangana and Andhra Pradesh were under the dual charge of E S L Narasimhan, who was the Governor of united Andhra Pradesh since 2010.
- ❖ He will be replaced by Dr. Tamilisai.
- ❖ Dr. Tamilisai becomes the Second lady to be appointed as Governor from Tamilnadu.

- ❖ Jothi Venkatachalam was the first woman from Tamilnadu to be appointed as Governor.
- ❖ She was the Governor of Kerala (1977 to 1982).

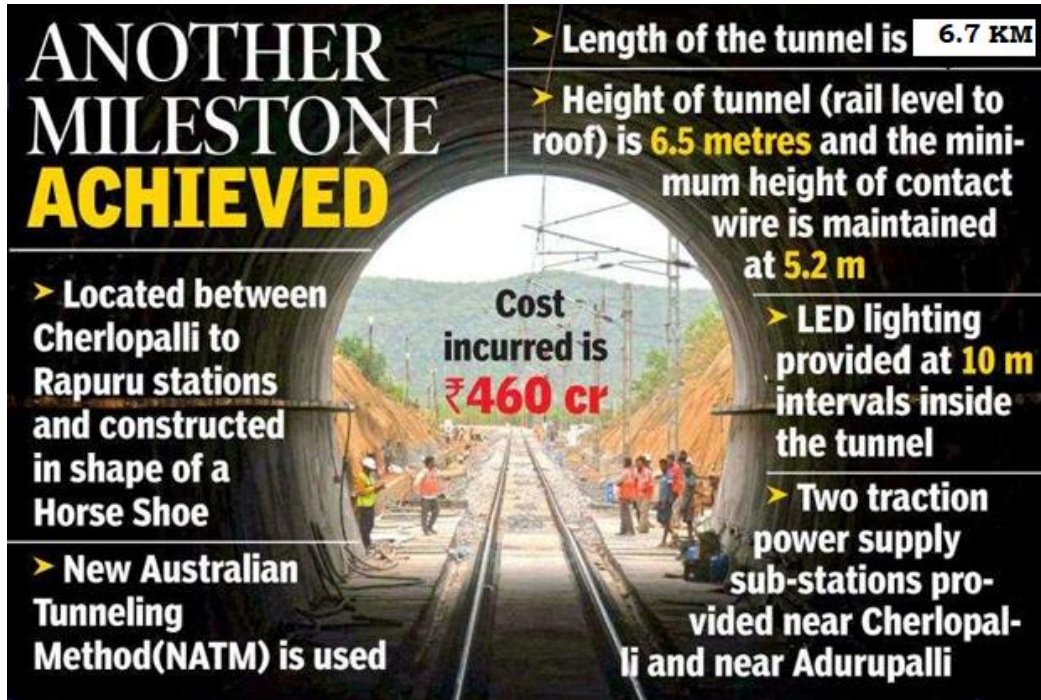


### **Build for Digital India: MeitY and Google**

- ❖ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Google have signed a statement of intent to roll-out 'Build for Digital India' programme.
- ❖ Objective: To motivate college students across India to innovate and produce some good technology solutions for major social challenges of India.
- ❖ Advanced technologies such as machine learning and AI can help address at scale some of the toughest social challenges that India faces today.

### **India's longest electrified rail tunnel**

- ❖ India's longest electrified rail tunnel was recently inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The 6.7 km long tunnel was constructed at a cost of Rs 437 crore and connects Cherlopalli and Rapuru.
- ❖ It was commissioned by South Central Railway (SCR) of Indian Railways.
- ❖ The new line facilitates direct and viable connectivity between South Coast and West Coast Railway.



**ANOTHER MILESTONE ACHIEVED**

- > Length of the tunnel is **6.7 KM**
- > Height of tunnel (rail level to roof) is **6.5 metres** and the minimum height of contact wire is maintained at **5.2 m**
- > Located between Cherlopalli to Rapuru stations and constructed in shape of a Horse Shoe
- > New Australian Tunneling Method (NATM) is used
- > LED lighting provided at **10 m** intervals inside the tunnel
- > Two traction power supply sub-stations provided near Cherlopalli and near Adurupalli

Cost incurred is **₹460 cr**

#### **4th General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies**

- ❖ The Election Commission of India (ECI) is scheduled to host the 4th General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) at Bengaluru on 3rd September 2019.
- ❖ India will take over as A-WEB's Chair for the 2019-21 term.
- ❖ A-WEB is the largest association of Election Management Bodies (EMBs) worldwide.
- ❖ It was established in 2013. Permanent Secretariat: Seoul, South Korea

### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### **Africa on brink of eliminating Polio**

- ❖ According to the World Health Organization (WHO) Africa is on the verge of being declared polio free.
- ❖ There were no recorded cases of the disease for the last three years (since 2016).
- ❖ If no more incidences emerge in the next few months, Africa could officially be declared polio free in 2020.
- ❖ Polio is still endemic in Pakistan and Afghanistan and will need to be eradicated there before the world can be declared polio free.

## US Space Warfare Command

- ❖ United States (US) President Donald Trump has launched the world's first Space Command.
- ❖ The combat unit aims to protect American satellites and space assets from being attacked or destroyed by hostile nations.
- ❖ Gen John W Raymond is the commander of the US Space Command.

## Indonesian Capital Shifted

- ❖ Indonesia's president Joko Widodo has announced that his country's national capital will move from Jakarta (on the island of Java) to the province of East Kalimantan (on the island of Borneo).
- ❖ Reasons cited: 10 million population, air pollution, traffic congestion, poor city planning which has left 40% of the city below sea level.
- ❖ Kalimantan is also much more central in Indonesia's archipelago of 17,000 islands.
- ❖ Borneo is the third-largest island in the world and the largest in Asia.
- ❖ The island is politically divided among three countries: Malaysia, Brunei and Indonesia.
- ❖ Kalimantan is in the Indonesian portion of the island of Borneo. It comprises 73% of the island's area.



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## **ECONOMY**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Eastern Economic Forum**

- ❖ PM Narendra Modi has been invited as the chief guest of the 5<sup>th</sup> Eastern Economic Forum (September 4 – 6) in Vladivostok by Russian President Vladimir Putin.
- ❖ It was established in 2015 by Russia and takes place each year in Vladivostok.
- ❖ This international forum is held for the purpose of encouraging foreign investment in the resource rich-Russian Far East.

### **Swiss and India: Automatic Exchange of Information**

- ❖ The Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) regime kicked off between Switzerland and India from September 1, 2019.
- ❖ With this, banking details of Indians with accounts in Switzerland will be available to Indian tax authorities.
- ❖ India will receive information of the calendar year 2018 in respect of all financial accounts held (or closed) by Indian residents in Switzerland.
- ❖ AEOI is the exchange of information between countries without having to request it.
- ❖ India and Switzerland had signed AEOI on November 22, 2016

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **UN Convention to Combat Desertification**

- ❖ The 14th Conference of Parties, COP14, to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) began in Greater Noida.
- ❖ The Conference will go on till 13th of this month. Over 3000 delegates from across the world will take part in COP14.
- ❖ UNCCD is the first and only internationally “legally binding framework” set up to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought and desertification.
- ❖ India became signatory to UNCCD in 1994. Then ratified it in 1996.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### 4th Global Goalkeeper Award – Modi

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured with the prestigious ‘Global Goalkeeper Award’ by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in October.
- ❖ He was selected for his leadership and commitment to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan which was launched on October 2, 2014.
- ❖ These annual awards, in five categories, are presented to leaders and individuals for their efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ❖ Categories: Progress, Changemaker, Campaign, Goalkeepers Voice and the Global Goalkeeper.

## SPORTS

### Firoz Shah Kotla Stadium Renamed: Arun Jaitley

- ❖ Delhi’s Firoz Shah Kotla stadium is set to be renamed as Arun Jaitley Stadium after the former Finance Minister, who passed away last month.
- ❖ The stadium is renamed after 14th century fortress built by Firoz Shah.
- ❖ He was also the first ruler to build a fortress next to river Yamuna.
- ❖ He created a multi-lingual, multi-cultural space. Autobiography: Futuhat-i-Firozshah.
- ❖ Arun Jaitley was the former president of Delhi Cricket Association.

