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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Asia's first 5th Generation – Virtual Reality based Advanced Driver Training Simulator Centre was launched at the Automobile Association of Southern India Centre (AASI), Chennai.
  - In the first 6 months, AASI will train 200 Ambulance drivers free of cost, under 'Safe Drivers Campaign'.
- ❖ Vijay Kumar Chopra, Chief Editor of the Punjab Kesari Group of newspapers was elected as Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI), the country's premier news agency. He succeeds N. Ravi, Publisher and former Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu.
  - Vineet Jain, Managing Director of Bennett, Coleman and Company Limited (BCCL), the publisher of Times of India is the Vice Chairman.
- ❖ The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) plans to set up a Centralised Technology Vertical (CTV) at a cost of ₹99 crore to facilitate "real-time information sharing" with investigators across the country.
- ❖ High Commissioner of India to Canada Vikas Swarup inaugurated the India Pavilion at the 44th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2019.
  - TIFF also provides the ideal platform for the global outreach of the Indian cinema and the 50th International Film Festival of India 2019.
- ❖ Robert Gabriel Mugabe, the founding father and former President of Zimbabwe has passed away.
- ❖ Russia has offered India joint design and development of conventional submarines.
  - The proposal includes joint design and development of a conventional submarine with Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) as per the Indian Navy requirements and full access to technology and Intellectual Property Rights.

## TAMIL NADU

### **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao: Namakkal, Thiruvallur Districts**

- ❖ Women and Child development minister Smriti Irani has said that there is a 13-point improvement in the sex ratio from 918 in 2014-15 to 931 in 2018-19.
- ❖ Ten districts were felicitated for improvement in Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB).
  - Namakkal district from Tamilnadu was selected as one of the top performers in this category.

- ❖ Ten districts were appreciated for good work in generating awareness and outreach activities under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme.
  - Thiruvallur district was selected as one of the top performers in this category.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Vulture Conservation – New Drug Flunixin**

- ❖ Introduction of new drugs for cattle in the country is causing serious concern among vulture conservationists.
- ❖ Among the drugs, “flunixin” is considered one of the most dangerous.
- ❖ Just 1% of this new drug in veterinary dispensaries will negatively impact the small population of vultures.
- ❖ Activists have urged the Tamil Nadu animal husbandry authorities to stop its use.
- ❖ Earlier purchase of “ketoprofen” drug was stopped and use of “diclofenac” was reduced to save vulture population.



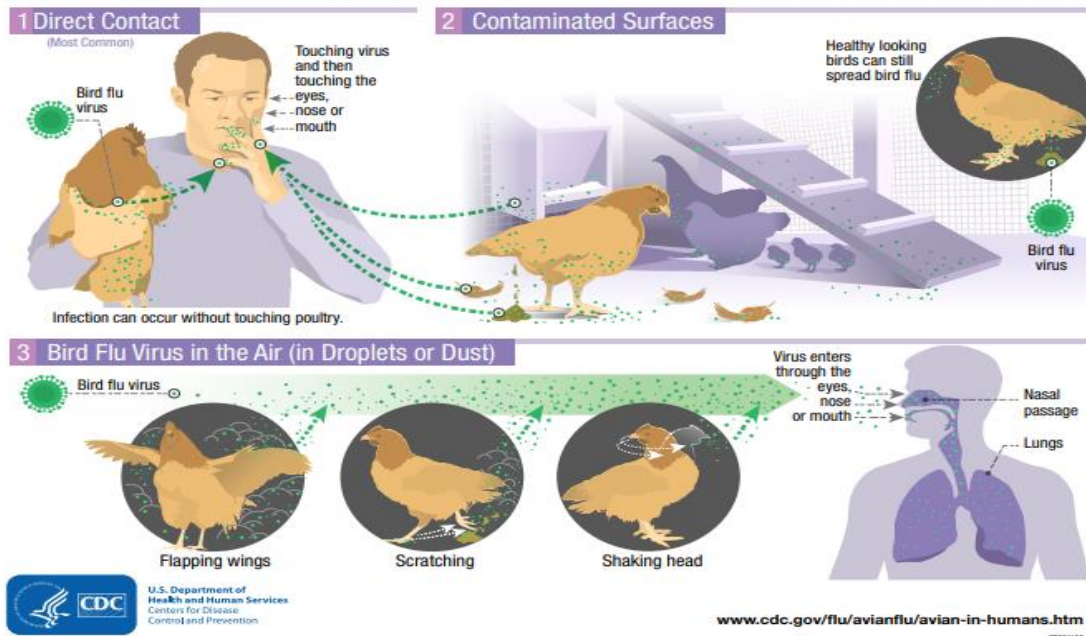
### **India Declares itself “Avian Influenza Free”**

- ❖ India has been declared free of Avian Influenza (H5N1).
- ❖ According to Animal Husbandry Department, with effect from September 3, the OIE-World Organisation for Animal Health declared the country free of the virus.
- ❖ Avian Influenza was first reported from Hongkong in 1997.
- ❖ India too has had multiple outbreaks since 2005.

- ❖ India was last declared free of the disease in 2017. After subsequent outbreaks, India is declared free of the disease for the second time.

### How Infected Backyard Poultry Could Spread Bird Flu to People

Human Infections with Bird Flu Viruses Rare But Possible



### 4th Indian Ocean Conference @ Male

- ❖ 4th Indian Ocean Conference 2019 was recently held in Male, Maldives.
- ❖ Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was one of the speakers at the Indian Ocean Conference 2019 event.
- ❖ The theme for 4th Indian Ocean Conference 2019 was: 'Securing the Indian Ocean Region: Traditional and Non-Traditional Challenges'.

## INTERNATIONAL

### TSENTR 2019 – War Games in Russia

- ❖ Indian army will participate in a multilateral large-scale war exercise "TSENTR 2019" to be held in Russia.
- ❖ The exercise is scheduled to take place between September 9 to 23 at Donguz training ranges in Russia's Orenburg.
- ❖ Armies of Pakistan, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Russia will also participate in the exercise.

- ❖ This will be the first time that forces from India and Pakistan will participate in a multilateral exercise together since the Balakot airstrikes conducted by Indian forces.



## **ECONOMY**

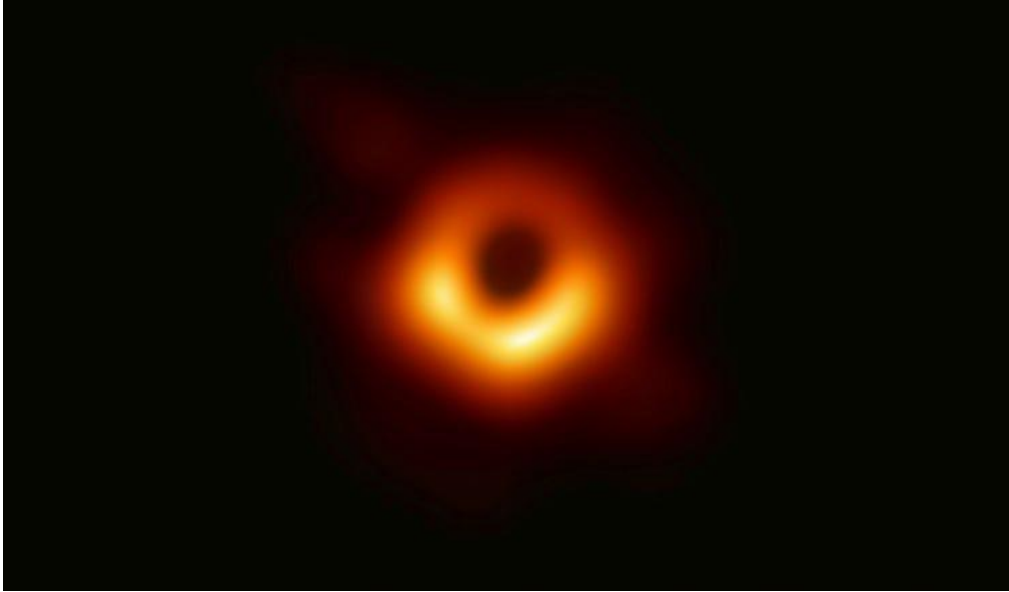
### **6th India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue**

- ❖ The 6th India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED) is being held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Indian side will be led by Niti Aayog Vice Chairman and the Chinese side by Chairman of National Development and Reforms Commission (NDRC).
- ❖ The bilateral trade between the countries stood at USD 87 billion in 2018-19.
- ❖ The trade deficit stood at USD 50 billion in favour of China.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Oscars of science Award**

- ❖ The Event Horizon Telescope Team consisting of 347 scientists who produced the world's first image of a black hole were felicitated with breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics.
- ❖ The prize is known as the "Oscars of science", with prize money \$3 million.
- ❖ The team had published the image of black hole circled by a flame-orange halo of white-hot plasma on the Messier 87 (M87) galaxy on April 10, 2019.



## STATES

### Hyderabad-Karnataka Region is Renamed

- ❖ The Karnataka government has approved to rename Hyderabad-Karnataka region of the state as Kalyana Karnataka.
- ❖ Hyderabad-Karnataka is a colonial-era nomenclature that associated the region with the erstwhile Nizams of Hyderabad.



- ❖ It comprises 6 districts of Karnataka - Bidar, Bellary, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Raichur and Yadgir.
- ❖ The districts were part of the Nizam's territory and brought under Karnataka in 1956 when states in India were reorganised.



- ❖ Article 371 (j) created through Constitutional Amendment Act 98<sup>th</sup>, 2012 gives special status to this region as it is considered one of the most backward in the country.

### **UNESCO and Rajasthan government**

- ❖ UNESCO and Rajasthan government have joined hands to promote music, art and craft forms, and other intangible cultural heritage of the state.
- ❖ It is a partnership agreement to promote community-based responsible tourism based on the rich intangible cultural heritage of Rajasthan.
- ❖ The project will be implemented in Jodhpur, Barmer, Jaisalmer and Bikaner districts.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Kiran Nagarkar**

- ❖ Kiran Nagarkar (1942 – 5 September, 2019) an Indian novelist, playwright, film and drama critic and screenwriter both in Marathi and English, one of the most significant writers of postcolonial India has passed away.
- ❖ Amongst his works are Saat Sakkam Trechalis (Seven Sixes Are Forty-Three) (1974), Ravan and Eddie (1994) and the epic novel Cuckold (1997).
- ❖ For the novel Cuckold, he was awarded the 2001 Sahitya Akademi Award in English by the Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters.



## SPORTS

### Anupama Swain – Martial Arts

- ❖ Odisha's Anupama Swain has won a bronze medal in the recently concluded World Martial Arts Mastership Jiu-Jitsu 2019.
- ❖ The event was held in Chungju, South Korea and she was the only Indian to participate in the event.
- ❖ By virtue of this bronze medal, she has qualified for the 2022 Asian Games.
- ❖ Jiu-Jitsu is a form of martial art and combat sport and it puts the entire focus on grappling with particular emphasis on ground fighting.



### Afghanistan's Rashid Khan

- ❖ Afghanistan leg spinner Rashid Khan has created a new record in Test cricket.
- ❖ He broke the 15-year-old record by becoming the Youngest Test captain in the Test Cricket history. (Aged 20 years 350 days)
- ❖ Previously, the former Zimbabwe wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu was holding this record who was 20 years and 358 days old.

