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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Deputy Chief Minister O. Panneer selvam inaugurated a the 14th Government Law College at Upparpatti, Theni.
- ❖ The first Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) in Tamil Nadu has become operational in Koyambedu in Chennai.
 - The ASK is set up by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to extend Aadhaar-related services to the general public.
- ❖ After abrogation of Article 370 and 35A, the Mini Conclave of First Jammu and Kashmir Investor Summit-2019 is held in Leh.
- ❖ In a first of its kind in the Indian Railways, a paid gaming zone has been provided at Visakhapatnam railway station in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Jasprit Bumrah became the third Indian to claim a hat-trick in Test cricket after Harbhajan Singh and Irfan Pathan.
- ❖ The President of India, inaugurated the National Youth Summit in New Delhi. It was organised by the Youth Awakening Mission.

TAMIL NADU

Mukurthi National Park – Rise in Nilgiri Tahrs

- ❖ A considerable rise in the number of Nilgiri Tahrs, endemic to the Western Ghats has been reported.
- ❖ Its sightings in the Mukurthi National Park have risen from 568 in 2018 to 612 this year.
- ❖ Nilgiri Tahr is the State Animal of Tamilnadu.

About Mukurthi park

- ❖ Mukurthi National Park is a 78.46 km² (30.3 sq mi) protected area located in Nilgiris Plateau, the Western Ghats.
- ❖ The park was created to protect its keystone species, the Nilgiri tahr.
- ❖ It is also home to other endangered species like Royal Bengal Tiger and Asian elephant.



New Coast Guard patrol vessel

- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard's Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) -Yard-45005 was launched at Ennore in North Chennai.
- ❖ The OPV launched was the fifth in a series of seven OPVs.
- ❖ These OPVs has been indigenously designed and is being built for ICG by a private shipbuilding yard.



NATIONAL

Kargil to Kohima ultra-marathon

- ❖ The Indian Air Force is organising an ultra-marathon named as 'Kargil to Kohima (K2K): Glory Run' spanning over 4,500 km from Kargil to Kohima.
- ❖ It aims to commemorate 20 years of 'Vijay Diwas' or 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' (named after successful Operation Vijay).
- ❖ The marathon run was flagged off by Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa in a ceremony held at Vayu Bhavan in New Delhi.
- ❖ This unique expedition of ultra-marathon from Kargil to Kohima commencing on 21 September 2019 will conclude on 6 November 2019.
- ❖ It will be from Kargil War Memorial at Dras in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), and Kohima War Cemetery in Kohima (Nagaland).

Western Air Command Commanders' conference 2019

- ❖ A two-day long Western Air Command, Commanders' Conference 2019 was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa was the chief guest of the Conference.
- ❖ The Conference witnessed the discussions on critical analysis of operational preparedness and training including measures to promote high utility of combat assets.



68th Plenary session of the North Eastern Council 2019

- ❖ Union Home Minister chaired the 2-day event of 68th Plenary session of the North Eastern Council (NEC) 2019 at Assam.
- ❖ NEC, is a nodal agency for the economic and social development of the North East which consists of 8 states of the region.

About NEC

- ❖ It is set up under North Eastern Council Act, 1972.
- ❖ It is chaired by Union Home Minister.
- ❖ Minister of Development of North East Region (DoNER) is its Vice-Chairman.
- ❖ Governors and Chief Ministers of all the 8 North Eastern States are its members.

INTERNATIONAL

2019 South Asian Parliamentarian conference

- ❖ The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) along with the parliament of Sri-Lanka conducted the two-day long 2019 UNICEF South Asian Parliamentarian conference on Children Rights Convention.
- ❖ It was held at the Colombo city.
- ❖ The meeting aims to discuss the issues faced by children and on the challenges to improve the child rights.
- ❖ It also celebrates the 30th anniversary of the adoption of convention of the rights of the child.

- ❖ This is the 3rd convention conducted by UNICEF with parliamentarians for children.

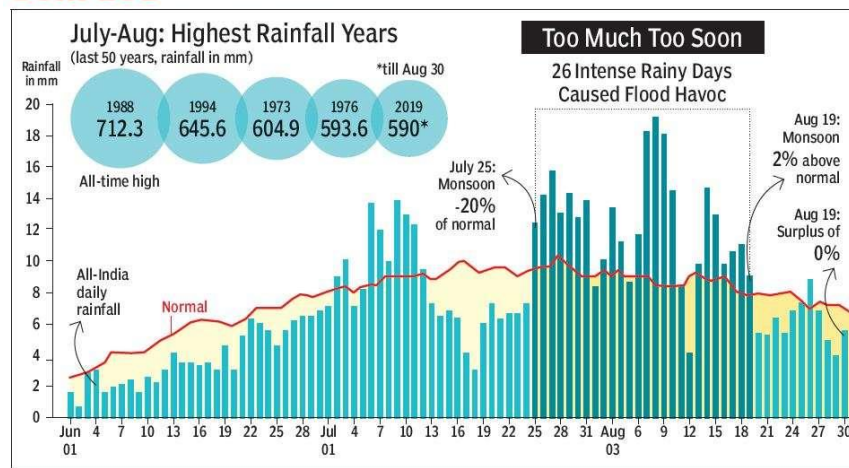


ENVIRONMENT

Wettest India in 25 years

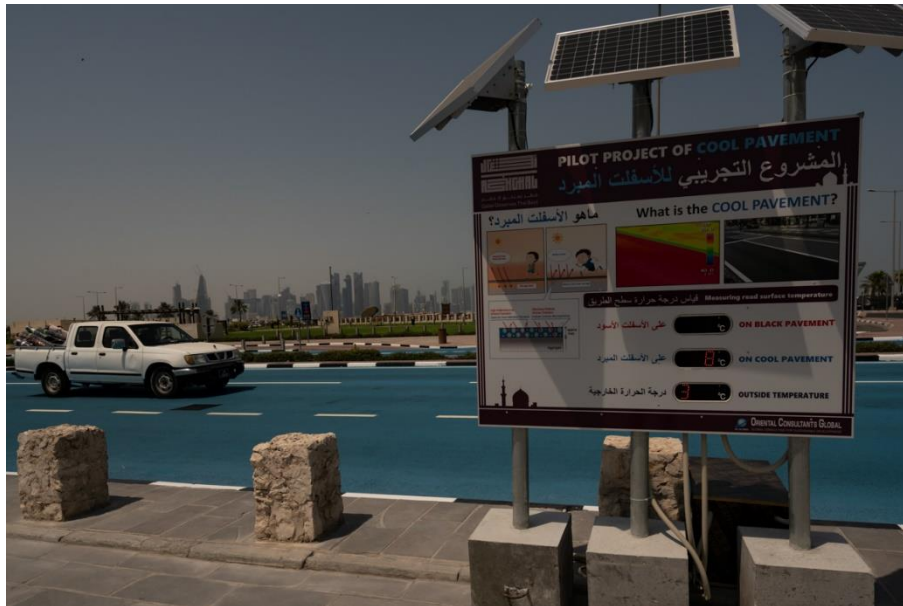
- ❖ July and August this year, the main monsoon months, were the wettest India has seen in 25 years.
- ❖ Countrywide rainfall in the two months has been 10% above normal, the highest since 1994, met records reveal.
- ❖ This is also the first time since 2010 that both July and August have received surplus all-India rainfall - just the second time in the past 25 years.

SURPLUS RAINFALL



Blue road project - Qatar

- ❖ The Public Works Authority in Qatar (Ashghal) has implemented a pilot "cool pavement" project in Doha, Qatar.
- ❖ It involves the use of a cryogenic material to reduce the temperature of the bitumen on roads.
- ❖ The 'cool pavement', reflecting about 50 percent of sunlight, consists of four layers of a primary material, followed by three layers of materials that reduce heat absorbed by solar radiation.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Ram Jethmalani passed away

- ❖ Eminent jurist and former parliamentarian Ram Jethmalani, known as one of India's top criminal lawyers passed away recently.
- ❖ In 1977, Jethmalani contested and won the Bombay North-West Lok Sabha seat.
- ❖ He retained it in the next election in 1980 as well.
- ❖ He became a member of Rajya Sabha for the first time in 1988 and later went on to become Union law minister in 1996.
- ❖ He also served as the Supreme Court Bar Association president in 2010.



19th Annual Asian Achievers Awards

- ❖ The 19th annual Asian Achievers Awards held at London.
- ❖ Vedanta Resources Chairman Anil Agarwal was conferred lifetime achievement award.
- ❖ Theme for 19th Annual Asian Achievers Awards: 'Inclusivity'.

Category	Winner
Achievement in Community Services	Onkardeep Singh MBE
Editor's Award for Contribution to Thoracic Surgery	Dr. Nilesh U Patel MD
Businessperson of the Year	Vipul Vadera
Entrepreneur of the Year	Kush Kanodia
Professional of the Year	Krishna Omkar
Sports Personality of the Year	Harjit Singh Bhanja
Uniformed, Civil and Public Services Neeta Patel Woman of the Year	Hafsa Qureshi
Editor's Choice Award for Community service, Philanthropy and Entrepreneurship	Pradip Dhamecha

MISCELLANEOUS

India's Highest Sky Cycling Track

- ❖ The highest sky cycling track of the country has been built at an altitude of 9,000 feet at Gulaba, a tourist destination at Manali.
- ❖ The length of this track is 350 meters. It will be duly opened to the general public in the first week of October.
- ❖ This track has been made by Atal Bihari Vajpayee Mountaineering Sports Institute under the supervision of Colonel Neeraj Rana.

- ❖ The sky cycling track will strengthen the government revenue and tourists will also get a chance to participate in adventure activities.

Rohit4Rhinos campaign

- ❖ India vice-captain Rohit Sharma is launching Rohit4Rhinos campaign, in partnership with WWF India and Animal Planet.
- ❖ It aims to help build awareness for the need to conserve the Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros or the Indian Rhino.
- ❖ In a campaign launching on Animal Planet to commemorate World Rhino Day on September 22.
- ❖ The Indian rhinoceros faces several threats, including poaching, habitat loss and mass mortality from in-breeding and disease.
- ❖ It only survived in the Terai grasslands of southern Nepal, northern Uttar Pradesh, northern Bihar, northern West Bengal, and in the Brahmaputra Valley of Assam.

