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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has issued an order making public examination mandatory for school students of class 5 and 8 from the current academic year.
  - For the initial three years alone, students who fail will “not be” detained.
- ❖ Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the 72nd Session of World Health Organization -Regional Office for South-East Asia (SEARO) in New Delhi. He was unanimously elected as Chair of the Session.
  - This is the 2nd time that India is hosting Regional Committee meeting.
- ❖ A high-level delegation from Poland paid a visit to Kolhapur in Maharashtra. Due to Second World War it was in the nearby Valivade camp that 5,000 Polish refugees took shelter during 1943-1947.
  - A museum is expected to be built soon at Valivade. Jamnagar, Gujarat also sheltered 5,000 Polish refugees.
- ❖ Ministry of Railways has removed the flexi-fare scheme from the premium Humsafar trains which were made up entirely of AC-3 coaches.
  - Humsafar Express trains was first launched in 2016 between Gorakhpur and Anand Vihar (New Delhi) stations.
- ❖ Pankaj Advani increased his tally of World titles to 22 by winning again in the finals of the IBSF World Billiards Championship.

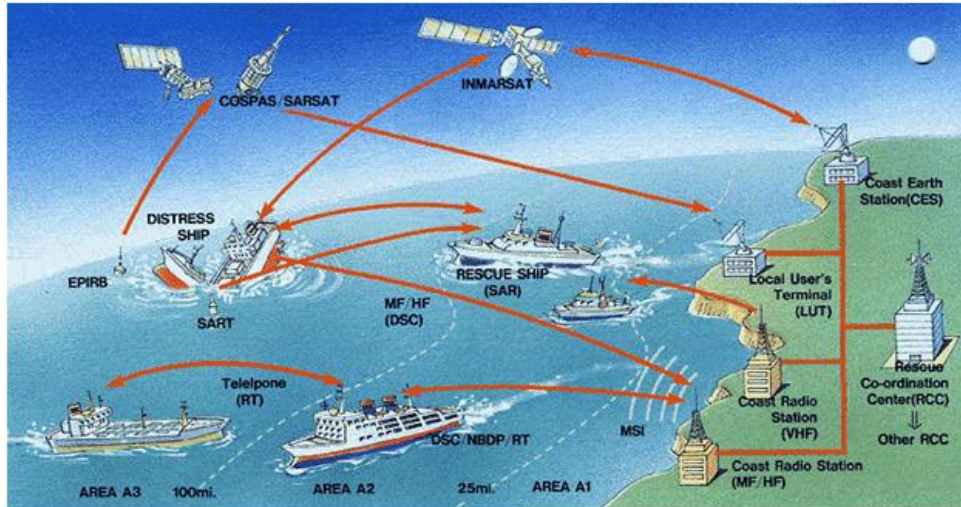
## NATIONAL

### Central Equipment Identity Register

- ❖ Union Telecom Minister has launched the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR).
- ❖ It aims to curtail the rampant cloning and theft of mobile phones across the country.
- ❖ CEIR is a database of International Mobile Equipment Identities (IMEIs), the 15-digit numbers that uniquely identify each mobile device.
- ❖ The project has been started on a pilot basis in Maharashtra and later it will be implemented across the country.

## Maritime Communication Services

- ❖ Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology Ravishankar Prasad launched the maritime communication services at Mumbai.
- ❖ It will enable high-end support to those in sea by providing access to Voice, Data and Video services while traveling on sailing vessels, cruise liners, ships in India.
- ❖ VSAT solutions provider 'Nelco', a Tata enterprise, has become India's first company to provide broadband services to the maritime sector.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Drone Attack on Saudi Oil Fields

- ❖ Houthi rebels from Yemen have carried out drone attacks on two major Saudi Aramco oil facilities, in Abqaiq and Hijrat Khurais in Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ Abqaiq oil processing facility which is operated by Saudi Aramco in Buqyaq, Saudi Arabia is the world's largest oil processing facility.
- ❖ Due to this attack, Saudi Arabia has cut down nearly 50% of its oil output.

## ECONOMY

### License Requirement Rules Relaxed – Manufacturing Sector

- ❖ Commerce Ministry has announced that no compulsory licence would be required for manufacturers of goods, barring four segments namely:
  - Cigars and Cigarettes of tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes
  - Electronic aerospace and defence equipment
  - Industrial Explosives

- Hazardous chemical
- ❖ Also, no industrial/arms licence is required for the manufacturer of any parts or accessories in the defence sector, unless specifically listed for procuring licences.
- ❖ Government has relaxed licensing rules for manufacturers as a part of government's effort to remove the licence raj and ensure ease of doing business.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Delhi Declaration on Desertification

- ❖ The 14th Conference of Parties (COP14) to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) concluded in Greater Noida with member countries adopting the Delhi Declaration.



- ❖ COP 14 to UNCCD ended with a commitment to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) by 2030.
- ❖ Such neutrality is defined by the UN as ensuring that enough land is available across the world to ensure a sustainable future.
- ❖ The Delhi Declaration is a statement of global action by each country on how to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality.
- ❖ Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar will be president of UNCCD for a period of 2 years.

## STATES

### First Public Info Portal - Rajasthan

- ❖ In a pioneering step, the first-ever public information portal called “Jan Soochna” has been launched in Rajasthan.
- ❖ It is in compliance with Section 4(2) of the RTI Act (proactive disclosure of information).
- ❖ As per this section, the portal promises to provide information about government authorities and departments “suo motu” to the public.
- ❖ It will initially give information pertaining to 13 departments.
- ❖ The portal brings yet another distinction to Rajasthan, where the RTI movement had started in 1990s.

## SPORTS

### Under 19 Asia Cup Win – India

- ❖ India defeated Bangladesh in the Under-19 Asia cup finals held at R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo.



- ❖ Left-arm spinner Atharva Ankolekar took 5 wickets and helped India win the match.
- ❖ This is India’s 7th U-19 Asia Cup title.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Suicide Prevention Day – September 10

- ❖ World Suicide Prevention day is observed every year on September 10.

- ❖ It is an awareness day order to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides, with various activities around the world.
- ❖ The first such day was organised in 2003.
- ❖ Annually hosted by: The International Association for Suicide Prevention, World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Federation for Mental Health.
- ❖ Every 40 second someone loses their life to suicide.
- ❖ For 2019, WHO has launched a “40 seconds of action” campaign to raise awareness of the scale of suicide around the World.



### **UN Day for South-South Cooperation – September 12**

- ❖ The United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation is annually observed on September 12.
- ❖ In 2003, the UN General Assembly declared December 19 to be observed as the UN Day for South-South Cooperation.
- ❖ But in 2011 it was moved to September 12.
- ❖ This date commemorates the date when the United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted a plan of action in 1978 to promote and implement technical cooperation among developing countries.
- ❖ The day aims to raise people's awareness of the UN's efforts to offer various services to countries of the Southern hemisphere.

### **World First Aid Day – September 14**

- ❖ World First Aid Day was started by the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) and Red Crescent Societies in 2000.
- ❖ The second Saturday of September is celebrated as the World first aid day.
- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness about how first aid can save lives in everyday and crisis situations and stresses that it should be accessible to all, including the most vulnerable.
- ❖ The theme of World First Aid Day 2019 is "First Aid and Excluded People".



## **Perarinar Anna Birthday – September 15**

- ❖ The 111th birth anniversary of former Chief Minister and Dravidian leader C.N. Annadurai was observed on September 15th.



- ❖ Notable Achievements:
  - Renamed the Madras State as Tamilnadu
  - Gave legal recognition to “Self-respect” marriages which deny Vedic rituals.
  - Introduced 2 language policy in the state.
  - First Non-Congress CM with full majority.
- ❖ In 1969, his funeral was world’s second largest and the record still holds.
- ❖ According to Guinness Book of records 1.5 crore people attended his funeral procession.

