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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Defense Research and Development Organization has handed over the 2nd indigenously developed AWAC (Airborne Early Warning and Control) aircraft, 'Netra' to the Indian Air Force.
- ❖ India participated in the 84th Edition of Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF) for the year 2019 in Greece from 7-15 September 2019.
- ❖ Typhoon Faxai, one of the most powerful typhoons, hit the Japanese Tokyo region recently.

NATIONAL

Leads Index 2019

- ❖ The Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goyal released a report on the 2nd edition of perception-based index of mobility of goods and efficiency, the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) index in New Delhi.
- ❖ The list is topped by Gujarat, followed by Punjab and Andhra Pradesh in the second and third places respectively.
- ❖ While among Union Territories, Chandigarh topped the list followed by Delhi and Puducherry in the second and third place respectively.
- ❖ Among the hilly Eastern States, Tripura is the top performer and Himachal Pradesh ranked last in the index at 22nd spot.
- ❖ The top three ranking states in 2019 were ranked in the same position in its previous index also.
- ❖ The index is developed by commerce and industry ministry along with the company Deloitte Touché Tohmatsu Ltd (Deloitte).

Efficiency Pays

LEADS 2019

Aim: To rank states based on ease of logistics

Result: Top 3 states retain position from last year

Parameters: Infra availability, quality; delivery time, tracking

Top 5	Bottom 5
1 Gujarat	18 Jammu & Kashmir
2 Punjab	19 Uttarakhand
3 Andhra Pradesh	20 Bihar
4 Maharashtra	21 Goa
5 Tamil Nadu	22 Himachal Pradesh



HimVijay - war exercise

- ❖ The Indian Army and Indian Air Force (IAF) will jointly engage to conduct a large war exercise codenamed 'HimVijay' in October 2019 along the china border near Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ This would be the 1st and biggest ever war game done by the strike corps in the eastern region.
- ❖ For the first time, 17 Mountain Corps will be involved over 2500 soldiers will participate in it.

INTERNATIONAL

Digital Economy Report 2019

- ❖ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released a report titled 'Digital Economy Report (DER) 2019'.
- ❖ DER was formerly known as the Information Economy Report.
- ❖ It examines the scope for value creation and capture in the digital economy by developing countries.

Highlights of the report

- ❖ The ICT sector is the largest in Taiwan Province of China, Ireland, and Malaysia.



- ❖ The global computer services industry is dominated by the United States.
- ❖ India has the largest share among developing countries in the computer services industry.
- ❖ Also, India ranked fourth in terms of growth in the share of the ICT sector's value-added in GDP between 2010 and 2017.
- ❖ In "Share of ICT services in total exports of services: Top 20 countries, 2017", India ranked 2nd which is topped by Ireland. India is the largest developing-country exporter of such services.
- ❖ The three of the largest producers of telecommunication services are developing countries, namely China, India, and Brazil.

22nd Session of UN Committee on CRPD

- ❖ The 22nd edition of United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD) was held at UNHRC in Geneva from 2nd & 3rd September 2019.
- ❖ In this session, the UN Committee on CRPD took up India's Report on 'Status of Disability in India' for consideration.
- ❖ An Indian delegation was headed by Mrs. Shakuntala D. Gamlin (Secretary of DEPwD).
- ❖ India ratified this Convention on 1st October 2017 in pursuance of Article 35 of the Convention.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

New satellites of china

- ❖ China has successfully launched three satellites viz., a resource satellite- ZY-1 02D and two small satellites.
- ❖ These were launched by a long march-4B carrier rocket (310th mission).
- ❖ The resource satellite will provide data by monitoring natural resource asset management, ecological monitoring, disaster prevention and control, environmental protection, urban construction, transportation, and contingency management.
- ❖ One of the 2 small satellites called BNU-1 will primarily monitor polar climate.

Southeast Asia's largest solar power farm

- ❖ Vietnam has inaugurated Southeast Asia's largest solar power farm called 'Dau Tieng Solar Power Complex'.
- ❖ It spread over 540 hectares in Tay Ninh province and having the capacity to generate 688 million kWh (kilowatt-hour) of electricity annually.



- ❖ This solar complex is constructed on the Dau Tieng Reservoir, the largest artificial lake in Vietnam.
- ❖ It will also avert the emission of 595,000 tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere every year.

STATES

India's first International Women's Trade Centre - Kerala

- ❖ Kerala is going to set up India's first International Women's Trade Centre (iWTC) in Kozhikode.
- ❖ It aims to boost women entrepreneurship and secure gender parity.
- ❖ It is an important Gender Park under the Department of Social Justice of Kerala Government.
- ❖ The first phase of iWTC will be completed by 2021. It is executed under the Gender Park's "Vision 2020".

New insurance schemes - Haryana

- ❖ Haryana's Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched "Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Beema Yojana" and "Mukhyamantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Beema Yojana."
- ❖ Under the Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Beema Yojana, an accident insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh will be provided for 3.75 lakh registered traders.
- ❖ Under the Mukhyamantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Beema Yojana, an insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh to Rs 25 lakh will be provided for 3.13 lakh registered small and medium traders.
- ❖ Haryana became the first state in India to implement this scheme.

Mukhya Mantri Dal Poshit Yojana - Uttarakhand

- ❖ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat launched a scheme Mukhya Mantri Dal Poshit Yojana.
- ❖ Under this scheme, each ration cardholders in the state will get two kgs of pulses at subsidized rates every month.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

76th Venice International Film Festival Awards- 2019

- ❖ The 76th Edition of the annual Venice International Film Festival Awards for 2019 was held at Venice Lido in Italy.
- ❖ It was organized by La Biennale di Venezia and was officially recognized by FIAPF (International Federation of Film Producers Association).

Award	Winner
Golden Lion for Best Film	Joker
Volpi Cup for Best Actress	Ariane Ascaride
Volpi Cup for Best Actor	Luca Marinelli

SPORTS

6th Track Asia Cup cycling

- ❖ Three-day event of the 6th Track Asia Cup cycling competition 2019 hosted by Cycling Federation of India (CFI) was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The list was topped by India with 10 gold, 8 silver, and 7 bronze, totaling 25 medals in the event.
- ❖ India was followed by Uzbekistan and Malaysia in the second and third places respectively.

Rank	Country	gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	India	10	8	7	25
2	Uzbekistan	4	3	0	7
3	Malaysia	4	1	0	5

25th Asian Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Championships

- ❖ The 25th Edition of Asian Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Championships for 2019 was held at Mongolia.
- ❖ It was organized by the Mongolian Table Tennis Association under the authority of Asian Table Tennis Union (ATTU).
- ❖ The following Indian players clinched 2 silver medals.
 - New Delhi's Payas Jain
 - The Indian boys' team



MISCELLANEOUS

World's Top 10 IB Schools

- ❖ The Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS) becomes the only Indian school to be placed among the Top 10 International Baccalaureate (IB) schools in the world.
- ❖ The ranking has been given according to an assessment by Education Advisers, the UK-based independent education consultants.
- ❖ It is also the only Indian International Baccalaureate (IB) school featured in the list.
- ❖ The list is topped by Anglo Chinese of Singapore followed by Godolphin & Latymer of UK and St Joseph's Institution of Singapore at 2nd and 3rd position.

