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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Government of Maharashtra has decided to set up 'Swachh Bharat World University' in Wardha to mark Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.
 - The University will focus on research studies in sanitation, cleanliness and environment.
- ❖ Sahitya Academy's Bal Sahitya Puraskar award-winning author Paro Anand has written the book "Being Gandhi" on the occasion of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ❖ South China giant salamander (*Andrias sligoi*) which is housed at London Zoo is believed to be the world's largest amphibian.
 - They can grow more than five feet in length and well over 100 pounds.
- ❖ Sanchayika (school banking) Day is celebrated all over the India on 15th September in order to promote the money saving habits among students.
- ❖ World Water Monitoring Day is observed every year on September 18th.
 - The day aims to build public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world by empowering citizens to carry out basic monitoring of their local water bodies.
- ❖ The UNESCO recognised, annual International Day of University Sport (IDUS) is observed on 20th September 2019.
 - Organised every year since 2016, IDUS aims to create a link between universities and local communities through sport, physical activity and healthy living.

NATIONAL

Chang Thang Integrated Exercise @ Ladakh

- ❖ The Indian Army conducted an all arms integrated exercise 'Changthang Prahar' in the eastern Ladakh region, bordering China.
- ❖ It was conducted to showcase and test the army's ability to fight in extreme terrain and altitude.
- ❖ Such an exercise has happened for the first time in the region.
- ❖ It comes in the backdrop of a scuffle between Indian and Chinese troops on the northern bank of Pangong Tso (Tso means lake) in Ladakh.
- ❖ The army's aviation assets were used. Airforce also took part in the exercise.



Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine – Mumbai

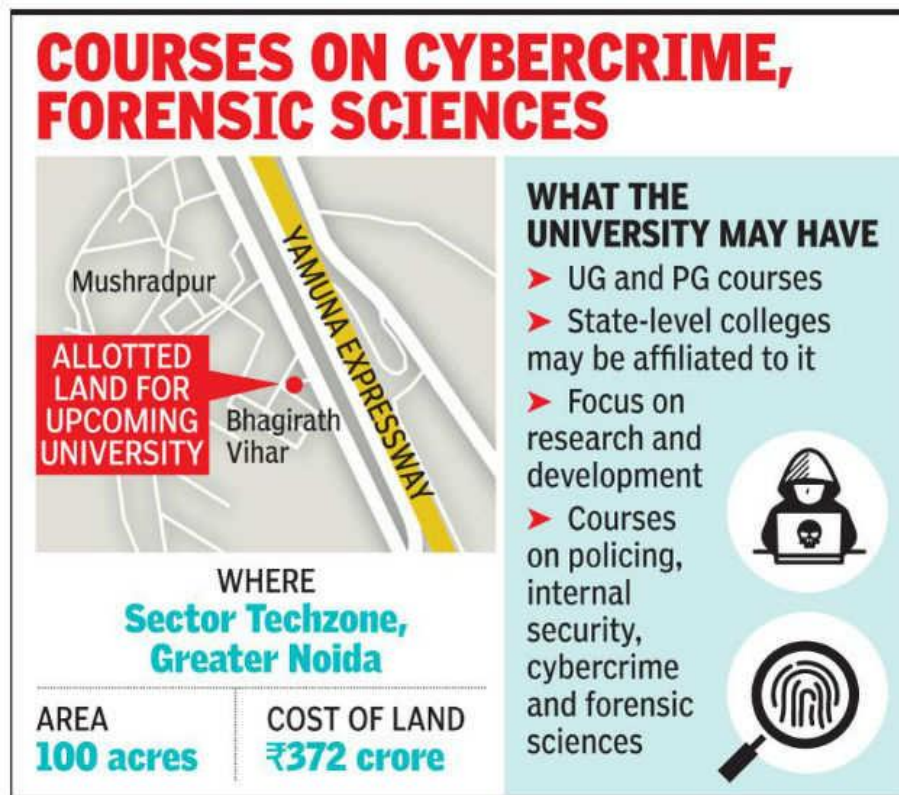
- ❖ The Western Railway for the first time has installed a polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottle crushing machine in Mumbai Rajdhani Express.



- ❖ This machine can crush up to 3,000 bottles per day.
- ❖ It was installed in the train as part of the Indian Railways' Swachh Bharat and Go Green missions.
- ❖ It is expected to reduce carbon footprints by 100 per cent recycling and will also avoid littering in landfill from bottle waste.
- ❖ Mumbai Rajdhani is a super-fast express train that runs between Mumbai Central and New Delhi.

National Police University

- ❖ The country's first central police university will be set up by the Union home ministry off the Yamuna Expressway in Greater Noida.



COURSES ON CYBERCRIME, FORENSIC SCIENCES

Mushradpur

YAMUNA EXPRESSWAY

ALLOTTED LAND FOR UPCOMING UNIVERSITY

Bhagirath Vihar

WHAT THE UNIVERSITY MAY HAVE

- UG and PG courses
- State-level colleges may be affiliated to it
- Focus on research and development
- Courses on policing, internal security, cybercrime and forensic sciences

WHERE
Sector Techzone,
Greater Noida

AREA	COST OF LAND
100 acres	₹372 crore

Icons: A person with a skull and crossbones on a laptop, and a magnifying glass over a fingerprint.

- ❖ The university will offer undergraduate and post-graduate courses on policing, internal security, cybercrime and forensic sciences.
- ❖ A central university would be beneficial for all ranks in the force, especially in the field of research and development.
- ❖ Knowledge base related to behavioural sciences will be developed.



MIS Portal – Accessible India Campaign

- ❖ Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot has launched a Management Information System (MIS) portal.
- ❖ The MIS portal has been developed by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for stakeholders of Accessible India Campaign (AIC).
- ❖ It aims to bring all nodal ministries, states and the Union Territories on a common platform to monitor the progress made against each target of the AIC.

About

- ❖ AIC was launched on December 3, 2015, on the occasion of the International Day of People with Disabilities.
- ❖ It is also known as Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan.
- ❖ It launched as a nation-wide campaign for achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).
- ❖ Eliminating obstacles/ barriers in indoor and outdoor facilities including schools, medical facilities, workplaces and transport system is a part of the program.

Social Stock Exchanges – Ishaat Hussain Panel

- ❖ SEBI has appointed a high-level panel to suggest possible structures and regulations for creating 'social stock exchanges'.
- ❖ It will be headed by Ishaat Hussain.
- ❖ These social stock exchanges would facilitate listing and fund-raising by social enterprises as well as voluntary organisations.
- ❖ They aim to take the capital markets closer to the masses and meet various social welfare objectives.

STATES

Vertical Property Rules, Maharashtra

- ❖ Maharashtra will become India's first state to formulate vertical property rules.
- ❖ It aims to establish the ownership right of vertical properties like flats, residential or commercial buildings.
- ❖ It is a step towards cleaner property titles, which would make buying and selling of apartments less risk prone.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Education Excellence Award 2019

- ❖ Super 30 founder and noted mathematician Anand Kumar has been felicitated in the US with a prestigious teaching award.
- ❖ He received The Education Excellence Award 2019, awarded by the Foundation For Excellence (FFE) at San Jose, California of USA.
- ❖ Anand runs the innovative Super 30 programme for the last 18 years.
- ❖ He mentors 30 students free off cost through a year-long residential coaching for India's premiere IIT-JEE exam.

SPORTS

Wrestling – Vinesh Pogat

- ❖ Vinesh Phogat clinched a bronze medal at Wrestling World Championships held at Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.
- ❖ She defeated two-time world bronze medalist Maria Prevolaraki of Greece in the 53 kg freestyle event.
- ❖ She is only the fourth Indian female wrestler to win a medal at the prestigious tournament.
- ❖ She has also won gold medals at Commonwealth Games and the Asian Games gold medals.
- ❖ With this win she has qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Ozone Day – September 16

- ❖ The United Nations' International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is celebrated on the 16th September every year.
- ❖ It commemorates the 1987 signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.
- ❖ The first such day was observed in 1995.
- ❖ The day advocates activities that create awareness on topics related to climate change and ozone depletion.
- ❖ The theme of the 2019 observations is "32 years and healing".

- ❖ It signifies three decades of remarkable international cooperation to protect the Ozone Layer.



World Patient Safety Day – September 17

- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared September 17, 2019 as the first World Patient Safety Day.
- ❖ The day aims to create awareness of patient safety and urge people to show their commitment to making healthcare safer.
- ❖ The risk of patient death occurring due to “a preventable medical accident” while receiving health care, is estimated to be 1 in 300.
- ❖ Globally, 134 million adverse events contribute to 2.6 million deaths each year due to unsafe care.
- ❖ The focus of this year's International Day is “Safety Culture at All Levels”.

Railway Protection Force Raising Day – September 20

- ❖ Railway Protection Force (RPF) celebrated its 35th Raising Day on September 20.
- ❖ It was celebrated to commemorate the conferring of the Armed Force status on RPF on par with the other paramilitary forces of the Union of India on September 20, 1985.
- ❖ The force is under the authority of the Ministry of Railways.
- ❖ It has the power to search, arrest, investigate and prosecute, though the ultimate power rests in the hands of the Union Government Railway Police.
- ❖ Arun Kumar IPS is the current Director General of RPF.

