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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government has granted the status of State fair to the Deepotsav Mela to be held in Ayodhya during Deepavali.

NATIONAL

Danx-19

- ❖ Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) has conducted the second edition of Defence of Andaman & Nicobar Islands 2019 (DANX-19), a large-scale joint services exercise.
- ❖ The components of the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard carried out mobilisation and field manoeuvres.
- ❖ Special Forces from the newly formed Armed Forces Special Operations Division (AFSOD), also participated in this edition.



About ANC

- ❖ The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) is the first and only Tri-service theater command of the Indian Armed Forces, based at Port Blair in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.



Siachen open for tourists

- ❖ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced that the Siachen area is now open for tourists and tourism.
- ❖ He also inaugurated a strategically important bridge on the Shyok river in Eastern Ladakh.
- ❖ The 'Col Chewang Rinchen Setu' was constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at an altitude of 14650 feet in the forward area of Ladakh region.

About Siachen

- ❖ The Siachen Glacier is the world's highest battlefield.
- ❖ It is a glacier located in the eastern Karakoram range in the Himalayas
- ❖ Karakoram is sometimes called the "Third Pole".
- ❖ It is just northeast of the point NJ9842 where the Line of Control between India and Pakistan ends.
- ❖ In 2004, the then President of India Abdul Kalam became the first head of state to visit the area.
- ❖ Prime Minister Manmohan Singh became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the area in 2005.
- ❖ After that present Prime Minister Narendra Modi also visited this place in 2014.
- ❖ The Indian Army had been allowing expeditions to Siachen in the late 1970s till they came to a total stop in 1984.
- ❖ In 1984, India launched Operation Meghdoot, a military operation that gave India control over all of the Siachen Glacier.

Azad Hind Govt's 76th Year

- ❖ The commemoration event of 76th anniversary of the formation of Azad Hind Government (Indian National Government - INA) held at Red Fort, Delhi.
- ❖ Netaji had formed the Azad Hind Government at Singapore on 21 October 1943.
- ❖ On August 14 of 1944, the Bahadur brigade of INA, led by Col Saukat Ali Malik, captured Moirang, a town in Manipur along the Indo-Myanmar border.

INTERNATIONAL



Sri Lanka – Out of FATF

- ❖ The FATF (Financial Action Task Force) has removed Sri Lanka from its ‘Grey List’.
- ❖ The FATF grouping monitors Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) procedures of member countries.
- ❖ The FATF is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 on the initiative of the G7
- ❖ It aims to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.
- ❖ The FATF Secretariat is housed at the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) headquarters in Paris.

Rohingya refugees

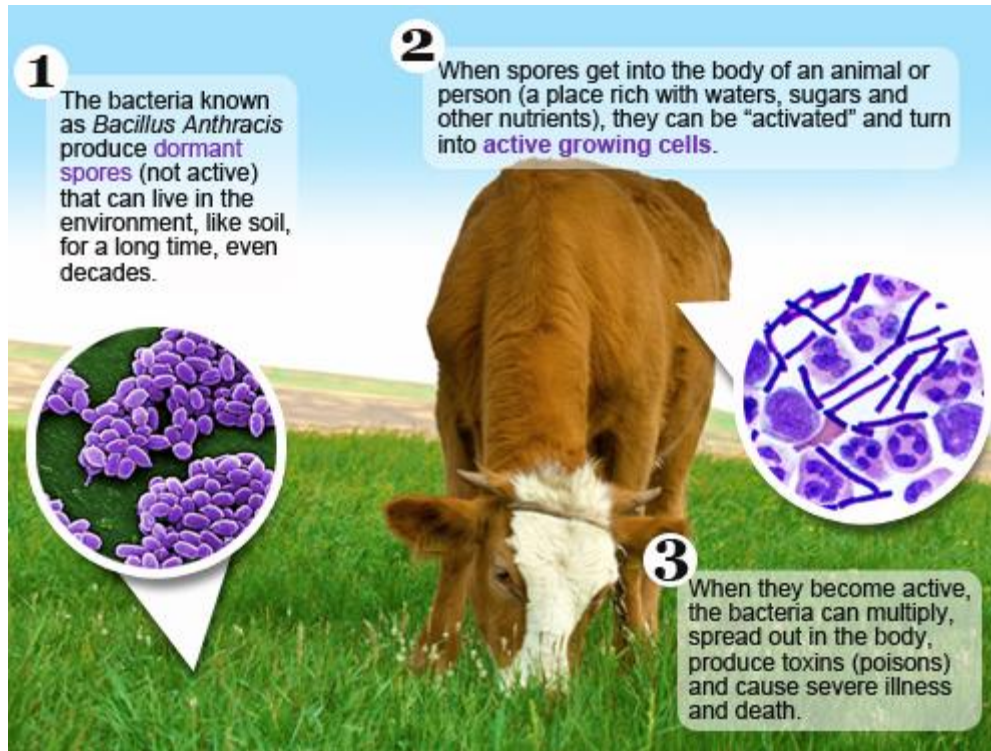
- ❖ Approximately 6,000-7,000 Rohingya refugees have agreed to be relocated to the newly built camp on the Bhashan Char Island.
- ❖ The Bhashan Char is an uninhabited island around 30 kilometre east of Hatiya island in the South East Bangladesh.
- ❖ Bhashan Char island was formed about two decades ago on the mouth of river Meghna.
- ❖ Rohingya people are a stateless Indo-Aryan ethnic group who reside in Rakhine State, Myanmar.
- ❖ The majority of it are Muslim while a minority are Hindu.

ENVIRONMENT

Anthrax scare – Assam

- ❖ A buffalo death due to Anthrax has been reported at Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary in Assam.
- ❖ Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary has the highest concentration of one-horned rhinos in the world and is often called ‘Mini Kaziranga’ due to similar landscape and vegetation.
- ❖ Anthrax is a serious infectious disease caused by bacteria known as *Bacillus anthracis*.
- ❖ Anthrax can be fatal for humans who come in contact with infected animals.
- ❖ It does not typically spread directly between people
- ❖ It can occur in four forms: skin, lungs, intestinal, and injection.

- ❖ It is characterised by blisters around swellings on the skin, chest pain, vomiting, diarrhoea and fever.



STATES

Highest Dry Districts – Haryana

- ❖ Haryana had the highest number of dry districts, 19 out of 21.
- ❖ The overall monsoon deficiency in Haryana was 42%, which made it the driest state in the country in the season after Manipur (-56%).
- ❖ India Meteorological Department (IMD) defines "deficient" rainfall in a district as rainfall that is 20% to 59% below normal.
- ❖ Deficiency of 60% or more falls in the "scanty" or "large deficient" category.
- ❖ India experienced its wettest monsoon in 25 years.
- ❖ However, 154 districts in the country — more than one in every five for which data is available — received deficient or scanty rainfall in the season.



Conflicts in Karnataka State Information Commission

- ❖ Nine serving state information commissioners of Karnataka have written a letter to the Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala against the State Chief Information Commissioner N C Srinivas.
- ❖ The letter flayed the commissioner for his reported misbehaviour and his incapacity as the chief information commissioner.
- ❖ Karnataka Information Commission is constituted by the State Government through a Gazette Notification.
- ❖ The Commission includes one State Chief Information Commissioner (SCIC) and not more than 10 State Information Commissioners (SIC) who will be appointed by the Governor.
- ❖ The Right to Information Act, 2005 provides for the creation of State Information Commission at the State level.

SPORTS

Ronaldo Singh wins gold medal

- ❖ Indian cyclist Ronaldo Singh bagged a gold medal in the men's junior Keirin event at the Asian Track Cycling Championships being held at Incheon, South Korea.
- ❖ Apart from Ronaldo, James Singh clinched a bronze medal in the event.
- ❖ The men's and women's junior sprint team won two bronze medals.

Military Games

- ❖ Para-athlete Anandan Gunasekaran won two golds in the disabled men's 100m and 400m IT1 events at the 7th CISM World Military Games.
- ❖ Gunasekaran of Tamilnadu won the India's first gold medal in this game held at Wuhan, China.
- ❖ The seventh Military World Games is being held in China for the very first time and it is also the largest military sports event to be held in China.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Statistics Day – October 20

- ❖ It was an international day celebrated for the first time on 20 October 2010 worldwide.
- ❖ It is celebrated every five years.



- ❖ The United Nations Statistical Commission declared the day.
- ❖ The next World Statistics Day is to be celebrated on October 20, 2020.
- ❖ On October 15, 2015 the second World Statistics Day was celebrated under the Theme: Better Data, Better Lives.
- ❖ India celebrates Statistics Day on 29th June, on the birthday of the legend statistician Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.

