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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ **Pawan Singh** became the **first Indian to be elected** as one of the 7 members of the **Judges Committee of the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF)**. The Judges Committee consists of a Chairman and 7 members.
 - It is responsible for the uniform application of shooting rules. It offers guidelines for international judges.
- ❖ **Mr. Imran Hussain**, the Delhi Minister of Food Supplies, Environment and Forest was awarded **“Hero to Animals”** by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (**PETA**) for banning Chinese Manjha (A thread use in Kites) in Delhi.
- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik launched the ambitious **“Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)”** at Teacher’s Bhawan in Jammu.
- ❖ The Nagaland government signed a 5-year MoU with e-Governance Academy of Estonia to provide advisory and technical knowledge for setting up of e-Governance Academy of Nagaland (e-GAN).
 - The agreement was signed during the on-going 4th edition of the e-Naga Summit held at Kohima.
- ❖ Kohli has received a special honour as a signed jersey that he donated after scoring his maiden hundred in the 4th Test at the SCG (Sydney Ground Cricket) in 2015, got placed next to Sachin Tendulkar’s portrait at the Bradman Museum, Bowral of New South Wales in Australia.
- ❖ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Krishnamurthy Subramanian as the new Chief Economic Adviser for a period of 3 years with effect from December 7th 2018.
 - He replaces Arvind Subramanian, who resigned from the post on June 20 this year.

TAMIL NADU

Best Woman Parliamentarian Award

- ❖ DMK MP Kanimozhi has been selected for the Best Woman Parliamentarian (Rajya Sabha) set up by Lokmat newspaper for 2018.

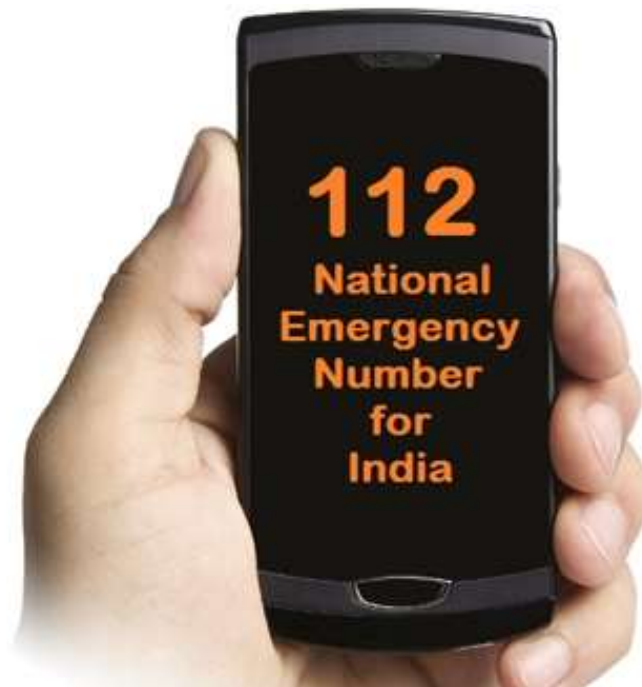


- ❖ A jury of eminent personalities headed by Murali Manohar Joshi selected her for the award.

NATIONAL

Special Women Safety Feature in Pan-India App

- ❖ The Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh announced the launch of a Pan-India single-number "112" under an emergency mobile app called '112 India' at Nagaland.
- ❖ A 'SHOUT' feature has been made available exclusively for women in the '112 India' app which is connected to the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS).
- ❖ The ERSS has been integrated with police, fire, health and women helpline numbers to provide emergency services through the emergency number '112'.
- ❖ Thus, **Nagaland** became the **1st state in the Northeast** and 2nd in the country after Himachal Pradesh to launch a Pan-India single-number emergency mobile app.





ECONOMY

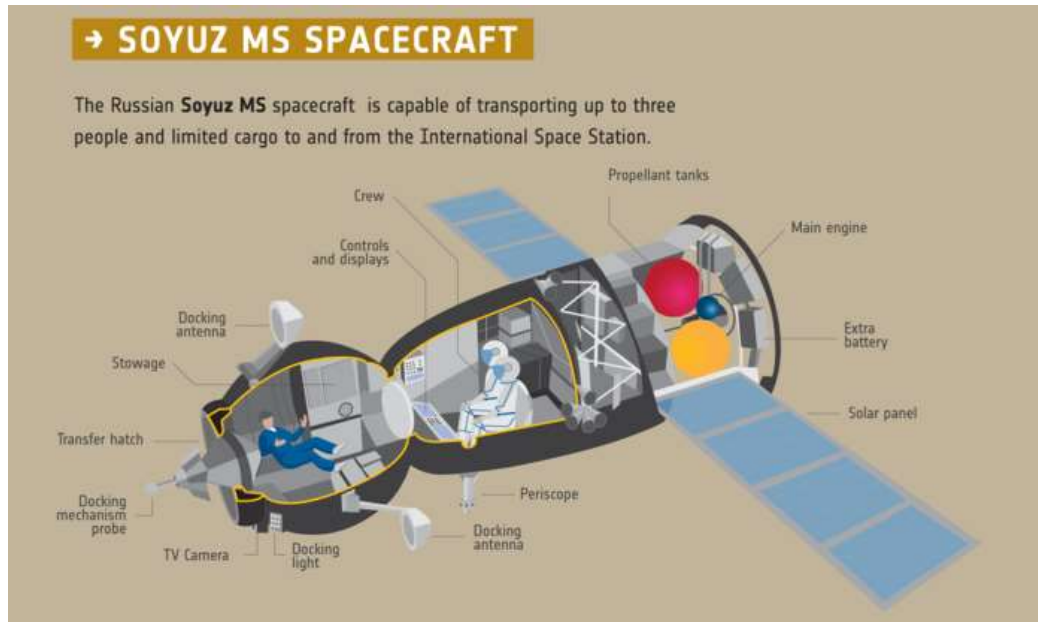
Gold dore imports under restricted category

- ❖ The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) which works under the ministry of Commerce and Industry has put the imports of gold dore in the restricted category.
- ❖ It means that an importer now needs a license to import this commodity.
- ❖ Gold dore is a semi-pure alloy which is refined for further purification.
- ❖ Refined gold bars are manufactured from gold dore bar.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Soyuz - first manned mission

- ❖ Since the failure of 11th October launch in this year (Soyuz MS -10), the **first manned Soyuz spacecraft Soyuz MS-11** which carries Russian, American and Canadian astronauts **successfully docked** at the International Space Station (ISS).
- ❖ 3 Astronaut
 - Oleg Kononenko from Russia,
 - Anne McClain of NASA and
 - David Saint Jacques of the Canadian Space Agencywere part of this manned mission.
- ❖ They will stay at the International Space Centre for six and half months.
- ❖ It was the first manned voyage for the soviet-era Soyuz since a launch failure in October this year.



STATES

Citizens can access government records under RTI

- ❖ The Maharashtra government issued a government resolution allowing citizens to inspect records in district-level offices and local bodies throughout Maharashtra under the Right to Information.
- ❖ This resolution is not applicable to Mantralaya, the state secretariat of Maharashtra, due to logistical issues.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

‘Outstanding Case Writer’ award

- ❖ The highly prestigious ‘Outstanding Case Writer’ award was presented to the ICFAI Business School (IBS) faculty members.
- ❖ It was awarded at the inaugural Case Collection Managers Meet held at Park Hyatt, Hyderabad.
- ❖ The award was for the case "Breaking the Code of Silence", written by



- Ms. Syeda Maseeha Qumer,
 - Dr. Debapratim Purkayastha, and
 - Dr. Vijaya N. Zinnoury (University of Denver, USA).
- ❖ The case deals with the highly topical issue of sexual harassment in the workplace, which predates the 'Me Too' movement.

Background

- ❖ To win the 'Outstanding Case Writer' award, one has to beat off competition from the best case writers in the world.
- ❖ The case can be about any management topic cutting across disciplines.

SPORTS

2018 IAU 24 Hour Asia & Oceania Championships

- ❖ Ullas Narayan won bronze in the 2018 International Association of Ultra Running (IAU) 24 Hour Asia & Oceania Championships in Taipei, Taiwan.
- ❖ Thus, he became the first Indian individual medal winner in an international ultra-running event.
- ❖ He finished behind Japanese runners Yoshihiko Ishikawa (253 km) and Nobuyuki Takahashi (252 km).
- ❖ The Indian team, comprising Narayan, Sunil Sharma and L L Meena, also won a bronze with their combined distance of 644 km.
- ❖ Japan won the team event gold with a distance of 756 km and Australia (684 km) got the silver.

Ultra-Running

- ❖ Ultra-races consisted of running over extremely long distances which are much longer than the traditional races.
- ❖ The competitors contested in 2 different types of race modalities: over a set distance or a set time.



Tata Open India International Challenge 2018

- ❖ Tata Open India International Badminton Challenge 2018 was held recently in Mumbai.
- ❖ Lakshya Sen (India) won the Men's Singles title by defeating Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand.
- ❖ In women's singles, Ashmita Chaliha (India) defeated Vrushali Gummadi (India) to win the title.

Men's Doubles	Arjun M.R., B. Sumeeth Reddy – India
Women's Doubles	Ng Wing Yung, Yeung Nga Ting - Hong Kong



IMPORTANT DAYS

Indian Armed Force Flag Day – 07 December



ARMED FORCES FLAG DAY 7 DECEMBER

- ❖ Indian Armed Forces Flag Day is observed throughout the nation on 7th December every year.
- ❖ The day is to honour the martyrs as well as the soldiers who valiantly fight on our borders to safeguard the country from enemy.

- ❖ Since 1949, 7th December is observed as Indian Armed Forces Flag Day.
- ❖ The Government of India has constituted "Armed Forces Flag Day Fund" for the welfare and rehabilitation of the Ex-servicemen (ESM).

International Civil Aviation Day – 07 December

- ❖ The International Civil Aviation Day is observed on December 07 every year.
- ❖ Its aim is to establish and reinforce worldwide awareness of the importance of international civil aviation in the social and economic development of States.
- ❖ The theme for International Civil Aviation Day this year is: "Working Together to Ensure No Country is Left Behind."
- ❖ The International Civil Aviation Day was established in 1994 as the part of ICAO's 50th anniversary activities.
- ❖ In 1944, participants from 54 nations gathered in Chicago, US had signed Convention on International Civil Aviation, also known more popularly as the 'Chicago Convention'.
- ❖ It was officially declared by the UN in 1996.



MISCELLANEOUS

Workshop on Developing 'Ganga Museum'

- ❖ An international workshop on "Developing a Ganga Museum Concept: Exchanging Experiences and Ideas between India and Europe" was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The workshop was organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) along with GIZ India, as a part of Indo German Development Co-operation.
