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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ As per the Airports Authority of India (AAI) data, in terms of passenger growth, Amritsar, Bagdogra and Patna were the fastest growing big Indian airports in 2018 as compared to the previous year.
- ❖ The Madurai bench of Madras High Court constitutes a 24-member committee to oversee the conduct of Avaniapuram jallikattu on January 15.
 - The panel will be headed by the retired District and Sessions Judge C. Raghavan.

TAMIL NADU

Namma Chennai mobile app

- ❖ The Greater Chennai Corporation has added additional services to the Namma Chennai mobile app for the use of the general public.
- ❖ Birth certificate, death certificate, property tax collection status and receipt download, professional tax collection status and receipt download, trade licence status and receipt download can all be done using the application now.
- ❖ Changes to birth and death certificates can be made online using the app.
- ❖ It also allows the submission of complaints.

Committee to weed out invasive alien species

- ❖ The Madras High Court has set up an expert committee to find a solution to root out invasive species of plants from the Western Ghats.
- ❖ The invasive species are considered as the second major cause for biodiversity loss besides causing agriculture, forestry and aquatic ecosystem degradation.
- ❖ This committee shall be headed by Cherukuri Raghavendra Babu, Chairman, Expert Committee on Invasive Species, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai.

NATIONAL

World's largest Single-location Solar Photo-voltaic (PV) Plant

- ❖ The World's largest Single-location Solar Photo-voltaic (PV) Plant will be set up in Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir.
- ❖ The 5000 MW Ladakh project will be located at Hanle-Khaldo in Nyoma block, about 250 km from Leh and 200 km from Kargil.
- ❖ It will be supplemented by another 2.5GW solar project in the Kargil district.
- ❖ The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) expects the 5 GW Ladakh solar farm to be the world's largest, surpassing China's 3 GW Datong Solar Power Project.
- ❖ This project will be completed in 2023 and is expected to save around 12,750 tonnes of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions annually.

TOP 5 SOLAR PV PROJECTS (Single Location)	Present Capacity (MW)	Projected Capacity (MW)	Location
Tengger Desert Solar Park	1,547		Ningxia, China
Bhadla Solar Park	1,365	2,255	Rajasthan, India
Datong Solar Power Top Runner Base	1,000	3,000	China
Kurnool	1,000	2,000	Andhra Pradesh, India
Longyanxia Dam Solar Park	850		Eastern Zhejiang, China
Ladakh project		5,000	Ladakh, India

Source: Solarinsure, as of June 2017; The Ladakh project will still be the world's largest even after others complete their planned capacities



INTERNATIONAL

Human Rights Television

- ❖ The world's first television channel dedicated to human rights was launched in London.
- ❖ It was launched by the International Observatory of Human Rights (IOHR).



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Human Space Flight Centre - ISRO

- ❖ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is setting up a Human Space Flight Centre to carry out the country's maiden manned mission into space by 2021.
- ❖ The new organisation will be based out of Bengaluru.
- ❖ It will be in charge of all human-related space activities at the ISRO and operate on a new management structure with senior scientist Unnikrishnan Nair as its director.
- ❖ ISRO chairman K. Sivan further named R. Hutton as the project director for Gaganyaan. Hutton currently helms the PSLV light vehicle programme.

ENVIRONMENT

Northeast is home to six new lizards

- ❖ The Researchers have discovered six new species of bent-toed geckos from the North Eastern India.
- ❖ Geckos are a type of small lizard.

Species	Found in
Guwahati bent- toed gecko	Guwahati city
Kaziranga bent- toed gecko	Assam's Kaziranga National Park
Jaintia bent- toed gecko	Jaintia hills of Meghalaya
Nagaland bent- toed gecko	Khonoma village in Nagaland
Abhayapuri bent- toed gecko	Found only in the vicinity of Abhayapuri town in Assam's Bongaigaon district
Jampui bent- toed gecko	Tripura's Jampui Hills.

STATES

Ama Ghare LED

- ❖ Odisha launched the 'Ama Ghare LED' (LED bulbs in our houses) scheme which will benefit about 95 lakh families in the State.



- ❖ Each beneficiary family will get four LED bulbs free of cost under the scheme.
- ❖ The LED bulbs (9-watt each) will be distributed to the beneficiaries registered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and the State Food Security Scheme (SFSS).
- ❖ Distribution of the bulbs will be started at the PEETHA (Peoples Empowerment – Enabling Transparency and Accountability of Odisha Initiatives) schemes.

SPORTS

Khelo India Youth Games


Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports


**KHELO
INDIA**
YOUTH GAMES
PUNE, MAHARASHTRA, 2019


13 JANUARY 2019

MEDAL TALLY

RANK	STATE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	MAHARASHTRA	56	44	56	156
2	DELHI	42	27	38	107
3	HARYANA	33	34	36	103
4	KARNATAKA	19	20	11	50
5	UTTAR PRADESH	19	18	27	64
6	TAMIL NADU	17	27	14	57
7	PUNJAB	15	11	16	42
8	KERALA	10	12	20	42
9	WEST BENGAL	10	8	7	25
10	GUJARAT	9	5	10	24

- ❖ Hosts Maharashtra picked up 15 gold medals to race ahead of the other states in the Khelo India Youth Games.
- ❖ Top three states have all crossed the 100-mark in medals and Maharashtra have gone past 150.
- ❖ The 10-year-old Abhinav Shaw became the youngest gold medallist at the Khelo India Youth Games.

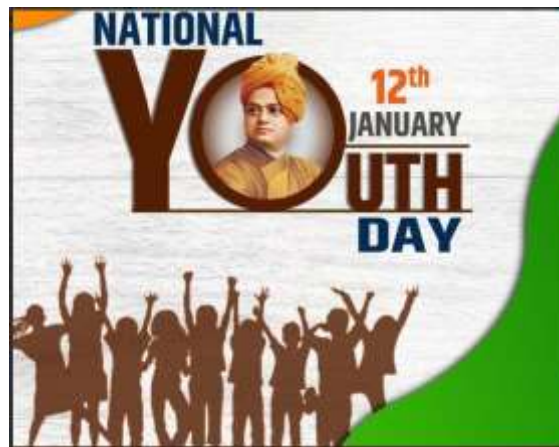


- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Balakumar Nithin and Karnataka's AT Daneshwari emerged as the country's top sprinters as both of them completed the 100-200 metres double in the under-21 section.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Youth Day – January 12

- ❖ The National Youth Day observed every year on January 12 throughout India.
- ❖ This day marked Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary, also called Swami Vivekananda Jayanti.
- ❖ In 1984, the government said that "the philosophy of Vivekananda and the ideals for which he lived and worked could be a great source of inspiration for the Indian youth".
- ❖ From 1985 Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary is being celebrated as National Youth Day.



MISCELLANEOUS

Must-see global destinations

- ❖ The ruins of Hampi in Ballari district in Karnataka has been ranked 2nd among the 'Must-see global destinations' as per the 'New York Times list of 52 Places To Go in 2019'
- ❖ This city under the Vijayanagar Empire thrived as one of the richest towns during the 16th century.



- ❖ Puerto Rico, a Caribbean island and unincorporated US territory, topped the list.



World Tamil Conference (WTC)

- ❖ The 10th World Tamil Conference (WTC) will be held in Chicago for four days from July 4-7, 2019.
- ❖ It will be sponsored by,
 - International Association of Tamil Research (IATR),
 - Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America (FeTNA) and
 - Chicago Tamil Sangam (CTS),
- ❖ This is for the first time a world Tamil conference is being held on the American soil.
- ❖ The Chicago International conference has main stress on “seminar on Tamil studies” with the central theme titled “Keezhadi nam Thai madi” (On our Tamil mother’s lap—Keezhadi excavation).
- ❖ It is also dedicated to Tamil scholar Reverend G. U. Pope, this being his 200th birth anniversary.

Background

- ❖ The first conference was held in Malaysia in 1966 at the initiative of Thani Nayagam Adigal.
- ❖ Three were held in Tamil Nadu in the years 1968, 1981 and 1995.



❖ The 9th World Tamil Conference was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 2015.

Official title	Host city	Host country	Year	Arranged by
1st World Tamil Conference	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	1966	Thani Nayagam Adigalar
2nd World Tamil Conference	Chennai	India	1968	M. Bhaktavatsalam and C. N. Annadurai
3rd World Tamil Conference	Paris	France	1970	
4th World Tamil Conference	Jaffna	Sri Lanka	1974	
5th World Tamil Conference	Madurai	India	1981	M. G. Ramachandran
6th World Tamil Conference	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	1987	
7th World Tamil Conference	Port Louis	Mauritius	1989	
8th World Tamil Conference	Thanjavur	India	1995	J. Jayalalithaa
9th World Tamil Conference	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	2015	
10th World Tamil Conference	Chicago	USA	2019	International Association for Tamil Research, FeTNA & Chicago Tamil Sangam
