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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The second edition, Pariksha Pe Charcha 2.0, was held at Talkatora Stadium in Delhi on January 29. In this, the Prime Minister discussed ways to handle the exam stress in an interactive session with parents and students.
- ❖ The Prime Minister of India has recently inaugurated
 - Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Museum,
 - Yaad-e-Jallian Museum (museum on the Jallianwala Bagh & World War I)
 - The Museum on 1857- India's first war of Independence, and
 - Drishyakala-Museum on Indian Artwithin the Red Fort complex.
- ❖ Fast Bowler Mohammed Shami has become the fastest Indian to claim 100 wickets in One-day Internationals. Mohammed Shami achieved this feat in his 56th ODI game.
 - The record was held by Irfan Pathan who had reached the 100-wicket mark in 59 ODIs.
- ❖ The South African President Cyril Ramaphosa delivered his speech at the First IBSA Gandhi-Mandela Memorial Freedom Lecture in New Delhi.
- ❖ The government of Uttarakhand has obtained the permission to develop the tulip garden in Pithoragarh district at a cost of Rs 50 crore. It will be the 2nd Tulip garden in the country after the one located in Srinagar of Jammu & Kashmir.
 - The Tulip Garden will be developed by ONGC, under its Corporate Social Responsibility programme.
- ❖ The Insurance regulator IRDAI has set up a panel to identify domestically Systemically Important Insurers (SII) and put in place an enhanced regulatory framework for them.
- ❖ The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) awarded social impact award to Tetra Pak India, the world's leading packaging and processing solutions provider under the category 'Sustainable Environment category'.
 - The award recognizes Tetra Pak's leading efforts in setting up a sustainable ecosystem.

- ❖ The Delhi government has decided to introduce the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for farmers based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers (NCF) headed by MS Swaminathan.
 - The National Commission on Farmers (NCF) was constituted on November 18, 2004 under his chairmanship.
- ❖ The National Tourism Day is celebrated every year in India on January 25 to raise the awareness about the importance of tourism for the country's economy.
- ❖ The Beating Retreat ceremony, held on January 29 at Vijay Chowk of Delhi, marks the culmination of the four-day-long Republic Day celebrations.
- ❖ The National Martyr's Day or Sarvodaya Day was observed on 30 January to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ❖ The Former defence minister Geroge Fernandes (88) passed away due to prolonged illness. He served as the Defence Minister in the year 1998. During his regime as the Defence Minister, Fernandes oversaw the Pokhran nuclear tests of 1998 and the Kargil war in 1999.

TAMIL NADU

Awards under Swasth Bharat Yatra

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has won the 'Best State – Overall' award under 'Swasth Bharat Yatra' (SBY) programme of the FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India).
- ❖ Madurai and Sivakasi have been adjudged the best cities in Tamil Nadu under the programme.
- ❖ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) had launched Swasth Bharat Yatra to amplify its Eat Right India initiative.
- ❖ Swasth Bharat Yatra was a 100-day consumer outreach programme.

Other awards

- ❖ Best States with a population above 3 crore - Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh & Maharashtra.
- ❖ Best States having a population less than 3 crore - Punjab, Goa & Delhi.
- ❖ Special awards - Meghalaya, Jammu and Kashmir & Uttarakhand (participation despite their hilly & difficult terrain).



PM's TN Visit

- ❖ The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Thoppur near Madurai, Tamil Nadu on 27th January 2019.
- ❖ It will be the first such facility in Tamilnadu.
- ❖ Besides this, the super speciality blocks of Madurai's Rajaji Medical College, Thanjavur Medical College and Tirunelveli Medical College was also inaugurated by the PM.

Thiruvalluvar Day Awards

- ❖ A total of 9 Tamil scholars were felicitated by Tamil Nadu CM at the Thiruvalluvar Day celebrations held at Chennai.
- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu celebrates Thiruvalluvar Day (16 January) in the honour of the poet Thiruvalluvar, as part of the Pongal celebrations.

Recipients	Awards
Pazha Nedumaran	Kamarajar award
C Ponnaiyan	Periyar award
Soolur Kalaipithan	KAP Viswanatham award
Poet Thiyaroo	Bharathidasan award
Dr K Ganesan	Thiru.Vi.Ka award
M Bharathi Sugumaran	Bharathiyar award
M Aikkan	Perarignar Anna award
C Ramaguru	Ambedkar award
MG Anwar Batcha	Thiruvalluvar award

- ❖ These Tamil scholars were awarded for their service to the language.



NATIONAL

Conclave on New Technologies

- ❖ The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of National Informatics Centre (NIC) inaugurated a two-day Technology Conclave in New Delhi.
- ❖ The theme of the conclave was “Technologies for NextGen Governance”.
- ❖ This Technology Conclave is considered to be the first move through a decade of digital technology and setting our path wide toward the New Digital India.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Roshni app

- ❖ The IIT-Ropar, has developed an app Roshni that would help the Visually Impaired to recognise currency notes.
- ❖ The app can recognise both old and new notes and gives audio information as to which note you are holding in your hands.
- ❖ Roshni is the first Android app, which recognise INR currency notes.

New Anti-Radiation Missile (NGRAM)

- ❖ India's first indigenously developed Next Generation Anti-Radiation Missile (NGRAM) was successfully tested at the missile testing range in Balasore, Odisha.
- ❖ DRDO has created this missile as a surface to air missile and is screened by Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter jet.
- ❖ The new-generation anti-radiation missile (NGRAM) has the Strike range of 100 kilometres.
- ❖ This is the first indigenous air-to-ground missile developed by the DRDO, after the supersonic BrahMos cruise missile developed jointly with Russia.



STATES

Jiban Sampark Project

- ❖ The Odisha CM has announced the Jiban Sampark project of Odisha for the welfare of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups at the annual Adivasi Mela-2019.
- ❖ The Project undertaken in association with UNICEF aims to generate awareness among Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) in Odisha.
- ❖ The focus areas of Jiban Sampark Project are skill development, empowering communities, cooperation and innovation among the groups.
- ❖ The highest numbers of PVTGs are found in Odisha.
- ❖ A separate category of PVTGs was constituted based on the recommendations of the Dhebar Commission in 1975.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

New CEO of Indigo Air

- ❖ The Aviation veteran and former president of United airlines Ronojoy Dutta was appointed CEO of Indigo airlines. He succeeds Aditya Ghosh.
- ❖ IndiGo also appointed former SEBI chairman M Damodaran as chairman of the board and non-executive independent director.
