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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ The Rule 49MA of 'The Conduct of Elections Rules' lists a six-month jail term and a Rs 1000 fine for false reporting of malfunctioning of EVMs and VVPATs.
  - A Plea has been filed in Supreme Court to declare this rule as unconstitutional.
- ❖ Manchester City and England team forward, Raheem Sterling was named as the 2019 footballer of the year by the Football Writers' Association (FWA).
- ❖ The Election Commission has barred terror accused BJP candidate Sadhvi Pragya Thakur from campaigning for 72 hours in Bhopal. (from May 01, 2019)
  - She was reprimanded for her recent remarks on martyred IPS officer Hemant Karkare and Babri mosque demolition.
- ❖ The Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) decided to bid for the 2024 edition of the biennial World Table Tennis Championships.
- ❖ Russian President Vladimir Putin on May 1, 2019 has signed a new law which allows Russian authorities to isolate his country's internet from the rest of the world and create a new national network.
  - Critics of the law says it aims to restrict information and communication online.
- ❖ Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena has announced a ban on covering of the face with burqa, veil or in any manner that prevents identification of the person.
- ❖ Indonesia's President Joko Widodo plans to relocate the capital of his country from Jakarta to outside of the crowded main island of Java due to the island's infrastructure constraint and global warming.
- ❖ The new Rs 20 bank note to be put into circulation has motif of Ellora Caves on the reverse side, depicting the country's cultural heritage. The base colour of the note is Greenish Yellow.
  - It will be signed by RBI Governor Shakti Gantha Das.
- ❖ The Chinese Government's ban on the import of foreign plastic waste has disrupted the global plastic recycling industry and plastic waste disposal.
  - Developed countries have shifted to South East Asian countries and India to dump their plastic waste.



- ❖ The Medical Council of India has prepared a Draft New Syllabus for MBBS course to be introduced from August 2019.
  - The syllabus for MBBS is revised after 21 years.
- ❖ Fiona Onasanya became the first Member of Parliament in the United Kingdom to be removed from office after a successful “Recall petition” signed by voters.
  - Minimum 10% of eligible registered voters need to sign the Recall petition to remove a convicted MP from office.
- ❖ In its 2019 report, The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, an independent federal government commission has said that there is an “overall deterioration of religious freedom conditions in 2018” in India.

## TAMIL NADU

### Tiruppur Tops

- ❖ Tiruppur district has achieved the highest pass percentage in both XII and X board results released recently.
- ❖ Top 3 districts in pass percentages are
- ❖ XII Results
  - Tiruppur - 95.37 %
  - Erode - 95.23 %
  - Perambalur - 95.15 %
- ❖ X Results
  - Tiruppur- 98.53 %
  - Ramanathapuram - 98.48 %
  - Namakkal - 98.45 %

## NATIONAL

### Global Terrorist

- ❖ The United Nations Security Council has designated Pakistan’s Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief Masood Azhar as a Global Terrorist.
- ❖ The decision was taken by the 1267 Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee of UNSC.
- ❖ Azhar and his organisation will face assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo.



- ❖ China has blocked the earlier 4 attempts to blacklist Masood Azhar.
- ❖ The Sanctions List currently contains the names of 262 individuals and 83 entities.
- ❖ The 1267 Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee aims to impose strictures against individuals and entities associated with Al-Qaida and the Islamic State.

### Recent attacks

- ❖ Masood Azhar's organisation conducted the Pulwama terror attack of February 14, 2019 in India.
- ❖ Other disastrous attacks masterminded by Azhar include
  - 2008 Mumbai terror attacks
  - 2016 Pathankot air base strike and much more.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Hormuz Strait**

- ❖ Due to increasing tension with the United States, Iran warns to shut down the strategic Hormuz Strait.
- ❖ Hormuz strait is a vital shipping route linking Middle East oil producers to markets in Asia, Europe, North America and beyond.
- ❖ The Strait is 33 km wide at its narrowest point.
- ❖ The shipping lane is just 3 km wide in either direction.
- ❖ Almost a fifth of global oil trade passes through Hormuz Strait.
- ❖ Nearly all Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) produced by Qatar shipped through this route.
- ❖ Qatar is world's largest producer of LNG.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Everest's Garbage**

- ❖ Nepal has launched a 45-day Everest Cleaning Campaign.
- ❖ It has collected about 3,000 kilograms of solid waste from Mt. Everest.
- ❖ The campaign concludes on May 29.



- ❖ The first summit of Everest by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay in 1953 is commemorated every year on May 29.

## **Media and Climate change**

- ❖ 5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness was conducted in Kathmandu.
- ❖ The theme of the two-day summit is “Media Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities”.
- ❖ The summit aims to
  - Utilize media’s potential of accelerating climate action and disaster preparedness
  - Connect stakeholders to media professionals for collaboration and joint practical projects.
- ❖ ABU was founded in 1964. Its secretariat is at Kuala Lumpur.



## **5TH ABU MEDIA SUMMIT ON CLIMATE ACTION AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

**Media Solutions for Sustainable Future -  
Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities**

**25-26 April 2019 | Kathmandu, Nepal**

## **STATES**

### **Charminar damaged**

- ❖ A portion of the Charminar damaged recently in Hyderabad.
- ❖ A portion of the ornamental stucco work of one the 4 minars has fallen off.
- ❖ The Charminar was built in 1591 by Mohammed Quli Qutb Shah.
- ❖ He built it as the foundation of the Hyderabad.
- ❖ He was the fourth king of the Qutb Shahi dynasty.
- ❖ He also built the Golconda fort.



## SPORTS

### Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)

- ❖ Former Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara was on May 1, 2019 appointed as the President of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), England.
- ❖ Sangakkara has become the first non-British to head the Club.

#### History

- ❖ Marylebone cricket club was founded in 1787.
- ❖ MCC is the owner of the world's most famous cricket ground The Lord's.
- ❖ MCC is the guardian and copyright owner of the laws of the cricket.
- ❖ It governed England and Wales and world cricket till 1993.
- ❖ ICC took over world cricket management from MCC in 1993.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Press Freedom Day

- ❖ World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May.
- ❖ The theme of this year is "Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in Times of Disinformation".
- ❖ The theme discusses
  - current challenges faced by media in elections
  - media's potential in supporting peace and reconciliation processes.
- ❖ World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993 following recommendations of UNESCO.
- ❖ 3 May is the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek
- ❖ This anniversary is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day.
- ❖ Windhoek Declaration is a statement of press freedom principles declared by African newspaper journalists in 1991.

#### Facts

- ❖ According to a report by the International Federation of Journalists, 95 journalists have been killed in 2018 for defending freedom the press.



- ❖ 18 journalists have been killed since January 2019.
- ❖ India ranks 140<sup>th</sup> out of 180 countries in press freedom ranking released by Reporters sans frontiers.

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