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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Journalist Saba Naqvi has composed a book named “Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook” in which she examines the possibility of a coalition government after the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.
- ❖ Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' conclave held at Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan.
- ❖ Bibhu Kalyan Nayak became the first Indian to be appointed Chair of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee by the world governing body.
- ❖ Chief of Air Staff of Pakistan announced that the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) will remember February 27 response to Indian aggression as ‘Operation Swift Retort’.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Start-up India Vision 2024**

- ❖ The Commerce and Industry Ministry has proposed measures such as tax incentives to promote entrepreneurs as part of the ‘Start-up India Vision 2024’.
- ❖ The aim of the vision document is to facilitate setting up of 50,000 new start-ups in the country by 2024 and creating 20 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities.
- ❖ The vision document has been prepared by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) which is under the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

### **Start-up India**

- ❖ Start-up India, launched in January 2016, is the flagship initiative of the Indian government.
- ❖ It aims to build a strong ecosystem for the growth of start-up businesses and to drive sustainable economic growth by generating employment opportunities.
- ❖ The Start-up India action plan provides tax and other incentives.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Global food policy report

- ❖ International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has recently released Global Food Policy Report-2019.
- ❖ IFPRI's this flagship report reviews the major food policy issues, developments, and decisions of 2018, and considers challenges and opportunities for 2019.

### Major Findings

- ❖ Rural population account for 45.3% of the world's total population.
- ❖ At least 70% of the world's population remains extremely poor.
- ❖ Nearly 50% of rural youth all over the world do not have any formal job they are either unemployed or under-employed.
- ❖ The world is not yet on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.
- ❖ South Asia remained the fastest growing region in the World in 2018.
- ❖ India is the home to 70 percent of the region's rural population.

### Indo-French joint navy exercise

- ❖ India and France are conducting their joint naval exercise, known as Varuna 19.1.
- ❖ It is being conducted off the coast of Goa from May 1 to May 10.
- ❖ It is the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the bilateral naval exercise.
- ❖ The exercise will be conducted in two phases.
- ❖ The harbour phase at Goa would include cross-visits, professional interactions and discussions and sports events.
- ❖ The sea phase would comprise various exercises across the spectrum of maritime operations.
- ❖ The second part of the naval exercise, Varuna 19.2, is scheduled at the end of May in Djibouti.
- ❖ This bilateral naval exercise initiated in 1983 and christened as 'Varuna' in 2001.

### **ADMM plus Exercise on Maritime Security & Counter Terrorism - multinational exercise**

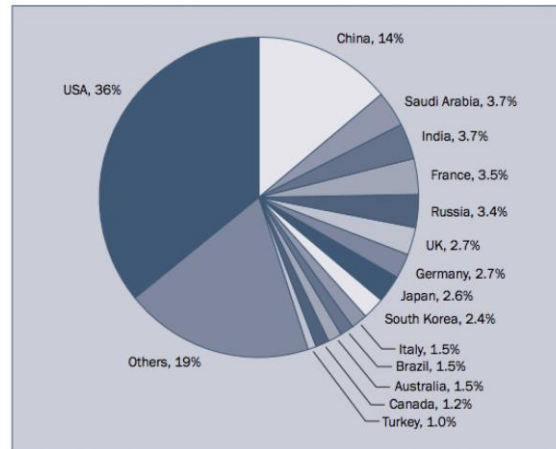
- ❖ The Naval Ships INS Kolkata and INS Shakti of India reached Brunei to take part in the ADMM Plus (ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus) Exercise.
- ❖ This is the Maritime Security and Counter Terrorism from 01 to 09 May.
- ❖ ADMM plus Exercise on Maritime Security & Counter Terrorism is a multinational exercise of ADMM Plus countries group.
- ❖ This edition will commence at Brunei and conclude at Singapore.
- ❖ During the course of the exercise the Indian Navy would engage with participating navies from various ASEAN and other countries through professional interactions in harbour and complex operations at sea.

#### ADMM-Plus

- ❖ The ADMM-Plus is a platform of the 10-member bloc.
- ❖ It consists of ASEAN, and its eight dialogue partners.
- ❖ The aim of the ADMM-Plus is to strengthen the security and defence cooperation among the member countries of the grouping.

### **World's military spending report**

- ❖ Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released the World's military spending report for the year 2018.
- ❖ According to a new report overall global military spending last year rose up 2.6 per cent from the previous year.
- ❖ The five biggest spenders in 2018 were the United States, China, Saudi Arabia, India and France.
- ❖ US increased for the first time since 2010 and that of China went up for the 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.



### 17<sup>th</sup> world Economic Forum

- ❖ The 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Economic Forum in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) took place at Jordan's Dead Sea.
- ❖ The forum was themed on following three major visions:
  - Generating job opportunities,
  - Empowering Arab women and
  - Promoting the most intriguing start-ups.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Tianhui II-01 satellites

- ❖ China launched two Tianhui II-01 satellites from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre, also known as Base 25.
- ❖ The purpose of the satellite is to perform scientific experiments, land resource and geographic survey, and mapping.
- ❖ The satellites were launched by a Long March 4B carrier rocket also known as Chang Zheng 4B.
- ❖ This was the 303<sup>rd</sup> successful mission of the Long March series carrier rocket.

## SPORTS

### Asian Road Para-Cycling Championships 2019

- ❖ Asian Road Para-Cycling Championships 2019 was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan with participation of twenty-eight countries.
- ❖ Indian para cyclists won a silver and two bronze medals.
- ❖ Divij Shah has clinched his third consecutive silver medal in the C5 category.
- ❖ Gurlal Singh, Asian Para Games bronze medallist, became the only Indian cyclist to win a medal at the Asian Games level grabbed a bronze in the C4 section.
- ❖ Sudhakar Marathe, a Hand cyclist from Maharashtra has claimed bronze for India in H5 category.



### Virgin Money London Marathon 2019

- ❖ Indian marathon runner, Nitendra Singh Rawat finished 27<sup>th</sup> in 2 hours 15 minutes and 59 seconds in the men's Elite race of prestigious Virgin Money London Marathon 2019 at London, UK.
- ❖ This was the fourth fastest in his career and his second fastest time in this season.
- ❖ The 32-year-old Rawat has qualified for the World Championships to be held in Doha in September-October.
- ❖ It was won by Eliud Kipchoge of Kenya for record fourth time.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### #OneDay4Children

- ❖ International Cricket Council (ICC) partnered with UNICEF and announced #OneDay4Children.
- ❖ It is a tournament-wide campaign focussed on bringing the world of cricket together as one team to help build a better world for every child, at the World Cup series.
- ❖ There will be #OneDay4Children activity throughout all 48 matches of the event.
- ❖ The money raised will support UNICEF's work in cricket playing nations to help children learn to play and be healthy.



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