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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Gujarat Shops and Establishment Amendment Act, 1948 has been amended to allow 24 hours operation of shops, commercial establishments and businesses, all restaurants on national and state highways, petrol pump, hospitals, hotels.
- ❖ RBI has imposed penalties on 5 prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuers including Vodafone m-pesa, Western Union, Money Gram for non-compliance of regulatory guidelines.
- ❖ National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Medical Association for imparting ‘skill education’ in Para Medical Courses to the learners.
 - NIOS has 2.71 million students at Secondary, Senior Secondary & Vocational levels which makes it the largest open schooling system in the world.

NATIONAL

Extinction of Modi

- ❖ The Modi script is now on the verge of extinction.
- ❖ This is one of the 2 scripts used to write the Marathi language.
- ❖ It is a sort of “cursive” style of writing Marathi.
- ❖ It was developed in 1400s.
- ❖ This is also called as shorthand form of writing Marathi.
- ❖ Devanagiri is the standard script to write Marathi.
- ❖ The word Modi derived from Marathi means “broken”.
- ❖ For Tamilnadu related news on Modi script kindly go here <https://www.tnpscthervupettagam.com/modi-script/> (News Dated 21.04.19)

10 Helicopters

- ❖ The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved the procurement of 10 Kamov Ka-31 Russian helicopters for Indian Navy.
- ❖ DAC is headed by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

- ❖ These choppers are Airborne Early Warning and Control helicopters
- ❖ So, they would be deployed on the aircraft carriers and warships of the Navy.
- ❖ They will be used to dominate and protect the air space when aircraft carriers are carrying out
 - defence operations in open sea
 - anti-submarine warfare operations.

Darbar Move – Kashmir

- ❖ The Civil Secretariat and other government offices of Jammu and Kashmir government will be re-opened in Srinagar.
- ❖ Srinagar is the Summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir from May to October.
- ❖ Jammu is the winter capital of J & K from November to April.
- ❖ The biannual shift of the secretariat and all other government offices from Srinagar to Jammu every year is termed as Darbar move.
- ❖ It was started by Dogra King Maharaja Ranbir Singh in 1872.

INTERNATIONAL

New Aircraft super-carrier

- ❖ The United Kingdom is in talks with India for building a new state-of-the-art aircraft carrier.
- ❖ It will be named INS Vishal and commissioned in 2022.
- ❖ The project is a part of 'Make in India'.
- ❖ INS Vishal is planned to be similar to the 65,000-ton HMS Queen Elizabeth.
- ❖ HMS Queen Elizabeth is Britain's largest aircraft super-carrier capable of carrying up to 60 warcrafts.
- ❖ Earlier, Britain had sold HMS Hermes in 1987 to India.
- ❖ It was renamed and used INS Viraat till 2017.



ECONOMY

Advisor – Finance Commission

- ❖ The Chief Economic Advisor to Indian government, Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian is appointed as 12th Member of Advisory Council of Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC).
- ❖ He is expected to advise FC on any relevant matter or subject related to Terms of Reference (ToR) of Commission.

Finance Commission

- ❖ The first FC was constituted on April 6, 1952 under Chairmanship of KC Negoy.
- ❖ It is constituted under article 280 of Constitution by President of India.
- ❖ FC stipulates the distribution of tax revenues between Union and States and amongst states themselves.
- ❖ It is appointed for a period of five years.
- ❖ It comprises of five members including a chairman and four other members.
- ❖ For details about 15th Finance commission please go here <https://www.tnpscthervupettagam.com/15th-finance-commission-constituted/> (News dated 08.11.17)

Saccharin

- ❖ India has imposed anti-dumping duty on saccharin imports from Indonesia.
- ❖ This duty will be valid for five years unless it is revoked by government.
- ❖ Saccharin is a non-nutritive sweetener.
- ❖ It is considered to be a low-calorie substitute for cane sugar.
- ❖ It is used in a variety of industries such as
 - Food and beverage
 - Personal care products
 - Table top sweeteners
 - Electroplating brighteners
 - Pharmaceuticals



Anti-dumping duty

- ❖ Dumping is said to occur when the goods are exported by a country to another country at a price lower than its normal value.
- ❖ This is an unfair trade practice.
- ❖ This has a distortive effect on international trade and damages domestic trade.
- ❖ Anti-dumping is a measure to rectify this situation and establish fair trade.
- ❖ The use of anti-dumping measure as an instrument of fair competition is permitted by the WTO.

STATES

Lift Irrigation

- ❖ Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project in Telangana.
- ❖ In lift irrigation, water is not transported by natural flow but is lifted with pumps or surge pools etc.
- ❖ This water will be used for irrigation.
- ❖ 89 cumecs (cubic metres per second) of water will be lifted to a height of 106 metres from the Sripada Yellampalli reservoir to Medaram reservoir.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Laughter Day – May 04

- ❖ World Laughter Day takes place on the First Sunday of May of every year.
- ❖ The first celebration was on May 10, 1998, in Mumbai.
- ❖ The event was organised by Dr. Madan Kataria.
- ❖ He is the founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement.
- ❖ The day intends to build up a global consciousness of brotherhood and friendship through laughter.
- ❖ The first World Laughter Day gathering outside India was held at Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2000.

World Password Day – May 02

- ❖ Every year World Password Day is celebrated on First Thursday of May.
- ❖ The day is meant to create awareness of the need for good password security.
- ❖ Intel Security took the initiative to declare the first World Password Day in May 2013.
- ❖ According to Avast Security, 50% of the connected global population uses the same password for multiple accounts.

International Firefighter's Day – May 4

- ❖ International Firefighter's Day is observed on 4 May every year.
- ❖ It was instituted after a proposal was emailed out across the world on January 4, 1999 by Australia.
- ❖ On that fateful day 5 firefighters died in a bushfire in Australia.
- ❖ The day commemorates the lost lives of firefighters.
- ❖ It is dedicated to the fire fighters who risk their lives every day to save life and property.
- ❖ The red and blue in the symbol of International firefighter's day symbolises fire and water respectively.
