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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India has invited the leaders of the BIMSTEC Member States for the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
 - This is in line with the Government's focus on its 'Neighbourhood First' policy.
- ❖ Pema Khandu sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh on May 29 for a second term.
- ❖ China won the badminton world mixed-team championship, Sudirman Cup 2019 in Nanning, China.
 - They beat Japan in men's doubles, women's singles and men's singles to clinch the title for an 11th time. Japan have never won the Sudirman Cup.

TAMIL NADU

LTTE Tribunal

- ❖ The Government of India has constituted the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal under sitting Judge of Delhi High Court Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal.
- ❖ It will adjudicate whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) as an unlawful association.
- ❖ Recently the Home Ministry had issued a notification extending ban on LTTE in India for a further period of five years.
- ❖ LTTE is declared as an unlawful association in India since 1991 under the provisions of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

Cauvery Water

- ❖ The Cauvery Water Management Authority has ordered Karnataka to release 9.19 tmcft of water to Tamil Nadu from the river Cauvery as part of the June quota.
- ❖ Water will be released from the inter-state contact point presently identified as Billigundulu gauge and discharge station.
- ❖ S. Masood Hussain was named as head of the CWMA (Cauvery Water Management Authority).
- ❖ The composition of CWMA is as follows

CWMA

Chairman - To be appointed by the Central Government, who shall have tenure of five years or till sixty-five years of age, whichever is earlier, amongst the serving officers, namely: -

(i) who is a senior and eminent engineer with wide experience in water resource management; handling of inter-State water sharing issues; construction, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects; or

(ii) an All India Service Officer, in the rank of Secretary or Additional Secretary to the Government of India with experience in water resources and inter-State water sharing issues;

Two whole-time Members - To be appointed by the Central Government for a term of three years which may be extendable upto five years, as mentioned below:

(i) One Member (Water Resources) – an engineer not below the rank of Chief Engineer from the Central Water Engineering Services (CWES) cadre;

(ii) One Member (Agriculture) – not below the rank of a Commissioner from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare;

Two Part-Time Members – Representatives of the Central Government of the rank of Joint Secretary to be nominated by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare respectively;

Four Part-Time Members from party States – Administrative Secretaries in charge of Water Resource Departments of each State Government of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Union territory of Puducherry who shall be nominated by the State Governments and Union territory administration respectively.

- ❖ Navin Kumar was appointed chairman of the CWRC (Cauvery Water Regulation Committee).
- ❖ The composition of CWRC is as follows

II. Cauvery Water Regulation Committee

17. Composition of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee.—(1) There shall be a Cauvery Water Regulation Committee consisting of the following members, namely:-

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| 1) Whole-Time Member (Water Resources) of the Authority | - | Chairman; |
| 2) One representative each of the States of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Union territory of Puducherry not below the rank of Chief Engineer. | - | Member; |
| 3) One representative of India Meteorological Department, of the rank of Joint Secretary | - | Member; |
| 4) One representative of Central Water Commission dealing with river gauging not below the rank of Chief Engineer | - | Member; |
| 5) One representative of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India not below the rank of Commissioner | - | Member; |
| 6) Secretary to the Authority | - | Member Secretary. |

NATIONAL

Missing Man Formation

- ❖ Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa led a four aircraft, MiG-21 'Missing Man' formation flypast at Air Force Station Bhisiana in Bhatinda, Punjab.
- ❖ This is an Arrow Formation, with a gap between two aircraft in the formation depicting the Missing Man.
- ❖ It was held to honour the sacrifice of men killed in action during Operation Safed Sagar at Kargil.
- ❖ Operation Safed Sagar was the code name assigned to the Indian Air Force's role in acting jointly with Ground troops during the Kargil war.

Akash-MK-1S

- ❖ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test fired AKASH-MK-1S missile from Chandipur, Odhisa.
- ❖ AKASH Mk1S is a surface to air missile which can neutralize advanced aerial targets.
- ❖ This supersonic missile has a range of around 25 km and up to the altitude of 18,000 metres.
- ❖ The other variants of the missile with improved accuracy and higher ranges under development by the DRDO are Akash MK1, Akash-MK2.

Full Body Protector

- ❖ For the first time, women police and paramilitary personnel in India will have customised “women centric” body protection gear or full body protector (FBP).
- ❖ The FBP can withstand various threats as it is anti-stab, anti-puncture, anti-impact and fire and acid resistant.
- ❖ It is developed by the Defence Institute of Physiology & Allied Science (DIPAS), New Delhi.
- ❖ Established in 1962, DIPAS functions under DRDO.
- ❖ It works for optimization of human performance in different occupational environment conditions using physiological, biochemical, nutritional and ergonomic approach.

- ❖ DRDO will grant five licences for mass manufacture of the product.

BODY PROTECTOR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ergonomically designed, using Indian anthropometric data of female troops ➤ Lightweight ensemble provides close-combat protection to most vulnerable parts of the body in riot situations, against projectiles and possible threats 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Comes in three sizes – small, medium and large – to provide for female troops of all ethnicity ➤ Option of wearing upper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> and lower protection separately as per riot situation demand ➤ Anti-stab and puncture; also offers protection against shrapnel ➤ Anti-impact so as to save the wearer from sudden impact (kicks, rod or cane attacks)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fire and acid resistant: Gives user time to discard the ensemble in severe fire incidences and prevents acids being thrown at them

INTERNATIONAL

UN Habitat Assembly

- ❖ India has been elected to the Executive Board of the first UN-Habitat Assembly at the Plenary Session of the Assembly started on May 27, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ❖ The special theme for the UN-Habitat Assembly is "Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities".
- ❖ The UN habitat assembly was started in 1978 with Nairobi as headquarters.
- ❖ It is an UN agency to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns & cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Menstrual Hygiene Day – May 28

- ❖ Menstrual Hygiene Day is an annual awareness day observed on May 28.
- ❖ It highlights the importance of good menstrual hygiene management (MHM).
- ❖ It was initiated by the German-based NGO, WASH United in 2014.
- ❖ The day offers an opportunity to actively advocate for the integration of MHM into global, national and local policies and programmes.
- ❖ Since 1947, Japan's Labour Laws provide women with menstrual leaves.
- ❖ On the occasion of this day, Tamil Nadu government has installed Rs.5 sanitary napkin vending machines at Government Multi Super Speciality hospital in Chennai.



International Missing Children's Day - May 25

- ❖ Every year 25 May is commemorated as International Missing Children's Day.
- ❖ The forget-me-not flower is the emblem of Missing children day.
- ❖ In 1983, the U.S. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25th as "National Missing Children's Day."
- ❖ In 2001, 25th May was first formally recognized as International Missing Children's Day (IMCD).
- ❖ The day highlights the issue of child abduction, honours the lost children who have never been found and tries to educate parents to protect their children.
- ❖ Global Missing Children's Network, a network of 23 countries is in the forefront of international child rescue.

World Mother's Day – May 12

- ❖ Every year Mother's Day is celebrated across the world on second Sunday of May month.
- ❖ This year it was celebrated on May 12.
- ❖ It is celebrated in honour of motherhood and to pay tribute to mothers all around the world.
- ❖ Writer Julia Ward Howe is credited with first thinking of the idea of Mother's Day in 1872.
- ❖ In 1908 Anna Jarvis campaigned for a national holiday in US in honour of her mother who was a community health advocate.
- ❖ Then in 1914 Former US President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation and designated Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honour mothers.
- ❖ Later Mother's Day came to be celebrated worldwide.

World Turtle Day – May 23

- ❖ The World Turtle Day is observed on May 23.
- ❖ It was started in 2000 by American Tortoise Rescue (ATR) organisation.
- ❖ ATR is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, adoption and protection of all tortoise and turtle species.
- ❖ The day was created as an annual observance to help people celebrate and protect turtles and tortoises and their disappearing habitats around the world.

The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers – May 29

- ❖ The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is observed on 29 May of every year.
- ❖ The day offers a chance to pay tribute to the uniformed and civilian personnel's invaluable contribution to the peacekeeping works of UN.



More than a million people have served as UN peacekeepers since 1948.

- ❖ It honours more than 3,800 peacekeepers who have lost their lives serving under the UN flag since 1948.
- ❖ The first UN peacekeeping mission was established on 29 May 1948.
- ❖ It was mandated to monitor the Armistice Agreement between Israel and its Arab neighbours.
- ❖ The day is observed since 2003.

Continuing relevance

- ❖ The theme for 2019 is “Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace”.
- ❖ Protection of civilians has increasingly been at the heart of UN peacekeeping.
- ❖ More than 90% of UN peacekeepers are engaged in just 8 countries to protect civilians. They are

Abyei	Central African Republic
Darfur	South Sudan
Lebanon	Democratic Republic of the Congo,
Mali	Haiti
