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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ A study by the UNICEF has found that 'Swachh Bharat (Grameen)" initiative of the government has helped to reduce ground water contamination.
- ❖ A recent paper published in the Journal of the Association of Physicians of India has stated that it is imperative to test all pregnant women for "gestational diabetes".
- ❖ The 8<sup>th</sup> FIFA Women's football world cup has begun in France. The first World Cup was held at China in 1991.
  - United States of America is the most successful team in Women's football world cup tournament (4-time winners).
- ❖ In an attempt to boost digital transactions, RBI has decided not to levy charges on RTGS and NEFT transactions and banks will be required to pass this benefit to their customers.

# **NATIONAL**

#### **Cabinet Committees**

- ❖ The Government of India has reconstituted six Cabinet Committees.
- It has also formed two new Committees.
- They are
  - o Appointments Committee of the Cabinet
  - Cabinet Committee on Accommodation
  - Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
  - o Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs
  - o Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs
  - Cabinet Committee on Security
  - o Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth
  - o Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development.
- ❖ Prime Minister will head all committees except two.
- ❖ Home Minister Amit Shah will head Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs and Accommodation.





- ❖ Cabinet Committee on Investment and Employment and Skill Development are the two newly formed committees.
- ❖ The Prime Minister constitutes Standing Committees of the Cabinet and sets out the specific functions assigned to them.
- . He can add or reduce the number of committees.

# **Draft Education Policy**

- ❖ Former ISRO chief Dr. Kasturirangan led Committee submitted the draft National Educational Policy (NEP) to HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal.
- ❖ It was constituted in 2017 to revise NEP.
- ❖ The existing NEP was framed in 1986 under Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and later revised in 1992 under PM Narasimha Rao.
- The policy draft recommends:
  - o Incorporation of Indian knowledge systems in the curriculum
  - o Constituting a National Education Commission
  - o Curbing arbitrary fees hikes by private schools.
- ❖ The expert panel also proposed massive transformation in Teacher Education by moving all teacher preparation and education programmes into large multidisciplinary universities or colleges.
- ❖ The committees thrust on 3-language formula which mandated compulsory learning of Hindi in all states was met with vehement opposition in Non-Hindi speaking states and Southern states.
- ❖ Then the draft policy dropped the mandatory Hindi clause but still the compulsory three language formula is not revised.
- ❖ The Former Cabinet Secretary T.S.R. Subramanian's 'Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy' had earlier submitted its report in 2016.

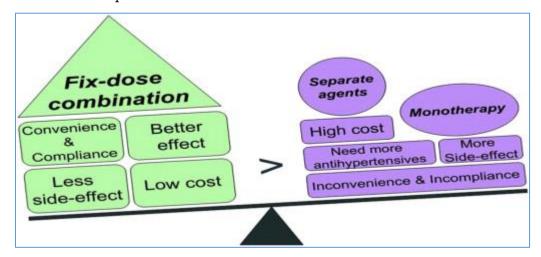
### **Fixed Dose Combination**

- ❖ The Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) has asked pharma companies to submit "precise data" to prove that 324 FDCs drugs are safe and effective for patients to consume.
- ❖ Fixed Dose Combination (FDC) drugs include two or more active pharmaceutical ingredients combined in a single dosage form.





- ❖ It is manufactured and distributed in fixed doses.
- ❖ The FDCs are more economic than single ingredient drugs.
- ❖ Common example of FDC: Vicks Action 500.



### **ECONOMY**

### **Key Economic Indicators**

- ❖ The growth rate of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) fell from 7.2 per cent in Financial Year (FY) 2017-18 to 6.8 per cent in FY 2018-19.
- ❖ Poor performance in agriculture and manufacturing sectors are considered as the reasons for this slow down.
- ❖ In January-March 2018-2019 quarter, the GDP growth slowed down to 5.8%.
- ❖ This is the slowest growth rate since 2014-15.
- ❖ Central Statistics Office also released the unemployment rate data.
- ❖ It stood at a 45 year high of 6.1%.
- ❖ The fiscal deficit data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) stood at 3.39 percent of GDP (Rs. 6.45 lakh crores).

#### **PMI Index**

- ❖ The Nikkei India "" Manufacturing" Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) improved to 52.7 in May from 51.8 in April.
- ❖ PMI has been above the 50-point mark for 22 consecutive months.





❖ A PMI index above 50 indicates expansion in the manufacturing sector.

# **Monetary Policy Review**

- ❖ In its bi-monthly monetary policy review, the Reserve bank of India (RBI) has reduced repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.75% from current 6.0% with immediate effect.
- This is RBI's third cut this year.
- ❖ This is also the lowest repo rate at lowest since 2010.

# PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

# Global Leadership Award

- ❖ Google's India-born CEO Sundar Pichai and NASDAQ president Adena Friedman have been chosen for the prestigious Global Leadership Awards 2019 by USIBC.
- ❖ This award recognises top corporate executives from the United States and India whose companies play a major role in promoting growth in business and commerce between the two countries.
- ❖ US-India Business Council (USIBC) is a Washington-based business advocacy group which awards them.
- ❖ The award is given annually since 2007.

#### **SPORTS**

## **ISSF World Cup**

- ❖ India produced their best performance with a total of 5 gold and a silver medal, to top the medals tally at the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup in Munich.
- ❖ Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary won the 10m Air Pistol mixed team title.
- ❖ Anjum Moudgil and Divyansh Singh Panwar won the 10m Air Rifle mixed team gold cup.
- The other winners are
  - o Apurvi Chandela 10m Air Rifle Women Gold





- o Rahi Sarnobat 25m Pistol Women Gold
- o Saurabh Chaudhary 10m Air Pistol Men Gold

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

# World Food Safety Day - June 7

- ❖ The first annual world food safety day was observed on June 7.
- ❖ The theme of the day was "Food Safety, Everyone's Business".
- ❖ The day is celebrated to observe the importance of safe food and to reduce the problems related to unsafe food.
- ❖ In both developed and developing countries an estimated three million people around the world die every year from food and waterborne disease.
- ❖ An UNGA resolution in 2018 decided to observe annual World Food Safety day.
- ❖ The celebration of the inaugural edition of World Food Safety Day was jointly organised by World Health Organisation (WHO) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).



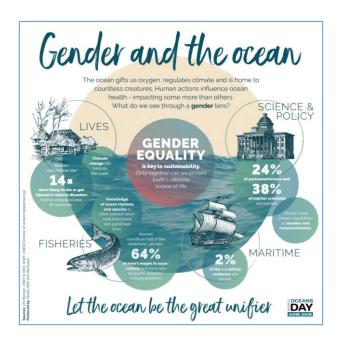
## World Ocean Day - June 8

- ❖ The World ocean day is observed every year on June 8.
- ❖ The day is to celebrate the majesty of the world's oceans and raise awareness about their preservation.





- ❖ The concept was originally proposed in 1992 by Canada's International Centre for Ocean Development (ICOD) and the Ocean Institute of Canada (OIC) at the Rio Earth Summit.
- ❖ The Brundtland World Commission on Environment and Development provided the inspiration for the global oceans' day.
- ❖ The first ocean day was observed in 1992.
- ❖ The world's oceans generate an estimated 70% of the earth's oxygen.
- ❖ The United Nation's World Oceans Day designated theme for 2019 year is "Gender and Oceans".
- ❖ This is to highlight the important role gender equality must play in ensuring effective conservation of our oceans, seas and marine life.



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