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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India's first solar-powered cruise boat will be rolled out in December 2019 in Alappuzha by Kerala State Water Transport Department (SWTD).
 - It had earlier launched Aditya which was India's first solar-powered ferry in 2016.
- ❖ According to the report by World Health Organization (WHO), Four countries from Asia (China, Iran, Malaysia and Timor-Leste) and one country from Central America (El Salvador) reported zero malaria cases in 2018.
- ❖ Mohammed Shami became the second Indian bowler to get a hattrick of wickets in a World Cup cricket match. He achieved this in the 2019 World Cup match against Afghanistan.
 - Chetan Sharma was the first Indian to achieve this feat in 1987 against New Zealand.

NATIONAL

Air Traffic Management

- ❖ Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) Central Command Centre in New Delhi.
- ❖ It ensures regulated flow of traffic at each airport in India.
- ❖ It also displays weather information along with static information about airports, airspaces and air routes.
- ❖ India has become the seventh country after the US, Europe, Australia, South Africa, Japan and Brazil to implement ATFM.

Litchi and AES

- ❖ More than 100 children have died due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district.
- ❖ The deaths were initially considered due to children eating litchi fruits.
- ❖ But now the Director of Muzaffarpur based National Research Centre on Litchi (NRCL) Vishal Nath has denied any link between Litchi and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome.



- ❖ The NRCL is premier national institute for conducting research and developments on litchi fruit.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

- ❖ The Government of India has set up 713 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) at the district level in the country.
- ❖ They will disseminate technologies among the farming community to double the farmers' income by 2022.
- ❖ KVK scheme is 100% centrally funded by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE).

INTERNATIONAL

Saudi Arabia

- ❖ Saudi Arabia has become the first Arab country to be granted full membership of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- ❖ Saudi Arabia had obtained observer status in the Group in 2015.

FATF

- ❖ The FATF is the global body that sets standard for anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism.
- ❖ It was formed in 1989. Headquarters is at Paris, France.
- ❖ It comprises 37-member jurisdictions and 2 regional organisations – The Gulf cooperation council and European Commission.

Human Trafficking

- ❖ The U.S. State Department has released its 2019 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report based on International Labour Organisation's data.
- ❖ India was placed in Tier 2 on the country trafficking scale.
- ❖ The Palermo protocols is the international framework which aims to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children.
- ❖ It was introduced by the UN in 2000.



ENVIRONMENT

Result of Urbanisation

- ❖ A recent study by researchers at the IIT- Bhubaneswar has documented how urbanisation of cities in the last decade can sharply increase the local temperature.
- ❖ The local surface temperature in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar has increased by as much as 40-50% during the period 2001-2010.
- ❖ A 0.5 degree Celsius increase in absolute local temperature during 2001 – 10 in Odisha's cities was solely due to urbanisation.
- ❖ According to UN-HABITAT, the world's cities cover less than 2 % of the earth's surface but they account for 71 to 76 % of greenhouse gas emissions.

Rajaji Tiger Reserve

- ❖ The Supreme Court has ordered that further construction of the Kandi road inside Rajaji tiger reserve be stopped forthwith and issued notice to the state government.
- ❖ Rajaji Tiger reserve is a part of Rajaji National park, Uttarakhand.
- ❖ The proposed road through was within the tiger reserve and cut through a wildlife corridor between Rajaji and Corbett Tiger reserves.

STATES

Odisha Flood Atlas

- ❖ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has released a unique flood hazard atlas.
- ❖ It is expected to help the State to manage floods more efficiently.
- ❖ The atlas has the flood inundation data captured through satellite imagery over the period from 2001 to 2018.
- ❖ The National Remote Sensing Centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Hyderabad had taken the study on flood hazard zonation for Odisha.



Nippon Foundation

- ❖ The Nippon foundation of Japan funded a museum of Peace in Red Hill, near Manipur's capital Imphal.
- ❖ It was to mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Imphal, one of the fiercest battles of the Second World War.
- ❖ Japanese Soldiers clashed with Indian National Army of Subash Chandra Bose and British forces in areas around Imphal and Kohima from March to June 1944.
- ❖ The Japanese War Memorial was built in 1994 at Red Hill to mark the 50th anniversary of the battle.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Olympics Day – June 23

- ❖ International Olympic day is observed on 23rd June all around the world.
- ❖ The day aims to promote mass participation of sports and propagate Olympic ideals of Fair Play, Solidarity, Respect and Sportsmanship across the globe.
- ❖ On 23 June 1894, delegates from 12 countries gathered at the Paris, France to support Pierre de Coubertin's proposal to revive the Olympic Games.
- ❖ They formed the International Olympic committee (IOC).
- ❖ In January 1948, the IOC approved the idea of Olympic Day to commemorate the creation of the IOC on 23 June 1894 in Paris.

International Widows Day – June 23

- ❖ The international widows day is a global awareness day that takes place annually on June 23.
- ❖ The day was launched by the United Nations in 2010.
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness of the violation of human rights that widows suffer in many countries following the death of their spouses.
- ❖ The day also stresses the need for a good support system for widows to live a life of dignity.



UNPSC Day – June 23

- ❖ The United Nations public service day is celebrated annually on June 23.
- ❖ The day highlights the contribution of public service in the development process and to value public service to the community.
- ❖ On this day, the UN Public Service Awards are given.
- ❖ The first award ceremony took place in 2003.
- ❖ It is the most prestigious international recognition of excellence in public service.
- ❖ The United Nations Public Service Forum 2019 will take place in Azerbaijan.
- ❖ The theme for 2019 is 'Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through effective Delivery of Services, Innovative Transformation and Accountable Institutions'.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mridangam Expert

- ❖ Noted mridangam exponent Thanjavoor Ramamoorthy passed away in Trichy at the age of 90.
- ❖ He had the unique distinction of having accompanied four generations of Carnatic stalwarts.
- ❖ He played with violin genius Muringapuri Gopalakrishnan and renowned vocalist ML Vasanthakumari.


