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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Airports Authority of India (AAI) is planning to set up GBAS, a satellite-based system for helping Planes approach the Runway from any direction and to make the landing smoother at Chennai airport within two years.
- ❖ Urban Tree, a real estate company based in Chennai, has launched Swachh Chennai programme, as part of its corporate social responsibility.
- ❖ Life of Pi Actor Adil Hussain has become the 10,000th visitor to Raj Nivas, Lieutenant governor Kiran Bedi's official residence in Puducherry. He is the mentor and brand ambassador of the ongoing Pondicherry International Film Festival.
 - Raj Nivas, one of the heritage building in the Union Territory, was allowed entry to the public from May 1, 2017.

NATIONAL

Operation Samudra Maitri

- ❖ India has launched massive humanitarian operation Samudra Maitri to provide assistance to earthquake and tsunami victims in Indonesia.
- ❖ Under this operation, India has dispatched 2 aircraft and 3 naval ships carrying relief material and personnel to the country
 - C-130J and C-17 - aircrafts
 - INS Tir, INS Sujatha and INS Shardul
- ❖ A shallow earthquake of magnitude 7.5 (richter scale) had struck in neck of Minahasa Peninsula, Indonesia on 28 September 2018
- ❖ Its epicentre located in mountainous Donggala Regency, Central Sulawesi. The earthquake was followed by localised tsunami which had struck capital Palu.
- ❖ It was deadliest earthquake to strike Indonesia since 2006 Yogyakarta earthquake.



NAREDCO signs MoU with Housing Ministry

- ❖ Realtors body National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to provide skill training and jobs in construction sector for 2.5 lakh poor people.
- ❖ The partnership will strengthen skill trainings and employment opportunities in construction sector for urban poor under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission.

National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO)

- ❖ It is autonomous self-regulatory body under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. It was established in 1998 and is headquartered in New Delhi.
- ❖ It serves as apex national body for real estate industry.

World's largest dome inaugurated

- ❖ The world's largest dome was inaugurated at Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT)'s World Peace University (MIT-WPU) campus at Loni Kalbhor, Pune (Maharashtra).
- ❖ The dome has been named after 13th century poet-saint and philosopher Dnyaneshwar who was pivotal figure of Bhakti movement in Maharashtra.
- ❖ The dome has diameter of 160 feet, overtaking earlier record holding Vatican Dome having diameter of 139.6 feet.
- ❖ It stands 263 feet tall with bell hanging from centre and has prayer hall with area of around 30,000 sq ft.

IBSAMAR – VI

- ❖ The 6th edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multi-national maritime exercise between Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies was held at Simons Town, South Africa.
- ❖ The aim of this maritime exercise is to undertake collective training for participating navies, building interoperability and mutual understanding.
- ❖ The exercise IBSAMAR was initiated in 2006.
- ❖ The last edition of IBSAMAR V was conducted off Goa, India in February 2016 and all previous exercises were held in South Africa.

INTERNATIONAL

Delivery of S-300 missile systems to Syria

- ❖ Russia has delivered S-300 surface-to-air missile systems to Syria to improve safety of its military personnel deployed in the country.
- ❖ The action comes following downing of a Russian Il-20 reconnaissance aircraft which was hit by a Syrian missile.

ECONOMY

NCLT approves govt's takeover of IL&FS board

- ❖ The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved the takeover of IL&FS board by government nominees.
- ❖ IL&FS Financial Services had defaulted on a series of its debt payments over the last 1 month.
- ❖ A new six-member board led by veteran banker Uday Kotak will take charge of the company.
- ❖ The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has been authorised a maximum of 10 board members.

ENVIRONMENT

World's First Lion Cubs Born Using Artificial Insemination

- ❖ The world's first lions conceived by artificial insemination have been born at Pretoria in South Africa.
- ❖ The cubs have been named as Isabel and Victor by their keepers.

- ❖ Scientists have accomplished this by 18-month trial of tests researching the reproductive system of female African lions.
- ❖ African lions are now designated as “vulnerable” by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

STATES

Prime Minister’s Gujarat visit

- ❖ Prime Minister has inaugurated a newly-built Mahatma Gandhi Museum at Alfred High School in Rajkot, where Mahatma Gandhi did his matriculation in 1887.
- ❖ He also inaugurated the Mundra LNG terminal, the Anjar-Mundra Pipeline Project and the Palanpur-Pali-Barmer pipeline project, at Anjar.
- ❖ He also Inaugurated a modern chocolate factory set up by Amul in Anand.

Odisha launches food security scheme

- ❖ Odisha Government has launched State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) to benefit the 25 lakh poor people who were left out of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.
- ❖ It was launched by Odisha Chief Minister on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.
- ❖ The distribution of rice will be carried out through e-Point of sale (e-PoS) device at designated fair price shops.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

100th birth anniversary of Govindappa Venkataswamy

- ❖ Google Doodle on October 1 paid tribute to Dr Govindappa Venkataswamy, a visionary Indian ophthalmologist, on his 100th birth anniversary.
- ❖ Dr Venkataswamy is the founder and former chairman of Aravind Eye Hospitals, the largest provider of eye care in the world.
- ❖ Born on October 1, 1918, in Vadamalapuram, Tamil Nadu, Venkataswamy dedicated his life to eliminating needless blindness.



- ❖ In 1973, Venkataswamy was conferred the Padmashree award for his outstanding service to the nation.

Executive Chairman of NALSA

- ❖ President has appointed senior judge of Supreme Court Madan Bhimarao Lokur (64) as Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA).
- ❖ NALSA has been constituted under Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- ❖ It provides services of free legal aid in civil and criminal matters for poor and marginalised people who cannot afford services of lawyer in any court or tribunal.

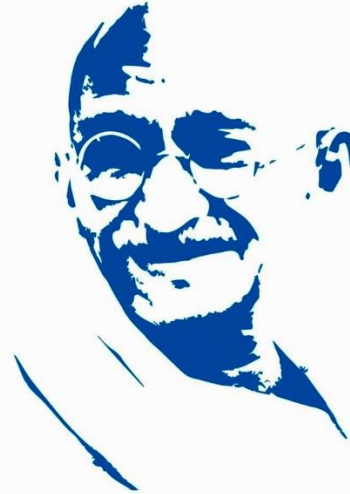
IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Non-Violence - 02 October

- ❖ The International Day of Non-violence is celebrated every year on 2 October throughout world on birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ❖ Observance of this day seeks to promote principles of non-violence through education and public awareness and is observed by all countries of the UN.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF 02 OCTOBER NON-VIOLENCE



- ❖ In India, this day is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti. This year it was 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ❖ The day was instituted by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) by adopting resolution in June 2007.
