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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ According to recently released World Economic Forum (WEF) “Future of Work in India” report, companies in India experiencing highest growth prefer hiring men than women.
  - The report was prepared by WEF and Observer Research Foundation (ORF).
- ❖ Sable Avinash has created a new national record in men’s 3000 m steeplechase at the 58th National Open Athletics Championships held at Bhubaneswar. He broke the record of Gopal Saini set in 1981.
- ❖ Jayant Mammen Mathew, Executive Editor of Malayala Manorama, was elected as the president of the prestigious Indian Newspaper Society, an apex body of the country's print media industry.
  - He succeeds Akila Urankar of Business Standard.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **NBE Scroll of Honour for Teaching Institutions**

- ❖ 19th Convocation of the National Board of Examinations held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
- ❖ The Southern Railway Headquarters Hospital at Perambur was conferred with a shield and citation under “NBE Scroll of Honour for Teaching Institutions” category for the year 2014.
- ❖ It was awarded by the National Board of Examinations for its outstanding commitment towards preserving the highest standards in higher medical education, clinical research and training.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Closing the Skills Gap Task Force**

- ❖ Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched Closing the Skills Gap Task Force in India in collaboration with World Economic Forum (WEF).

- ❖ It will be co-chaired by Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan along with Salil Parekh, CEO and MD of Infosys.
- ❖ The goal of Task Force is to develop action plan to address skills gaps in India and make Indian workforce ready for jobs of future.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **World Internet Conference**

- ❖ China will be hosting the 5th World Internet Conference (WIC) in November, 2018.
- ❖ The conference will be held in the river town of Wuzhen, eastern China's Zhejiang Province.
- ❖ The theme of 5th WIC is "creating a digital world for mutual trust and collective governance -- toward a community with a shared future in cyberspace".
- ❖ The conference, also known as Wuzhen Summit is held annually since 2014.
- ❖ It is organized by the Government agencies in China to discuss Internet issues and policies.

### **Honorary citizenship stripped**

- ❖ Canada's parliament voted unanimously to effectively strip Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi of her honorary Canadian citizenship over the Rohingya crisis.
- ❖ She received this honour in 2007 at Ottawa.
- ❖ Only 5 others have been given this honorary citizenship by Canada so far, which includes Dalai Lama, Malala Yousafzai and Nelson Mandela.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **1st Indian manned mission**

- ❖ ISRO and Roscosmos State Corporation for Space Activities (ROSCOSMOS) have agreed to work together for 1st manned space mission Gaganyaan.
- ❖ In this regard, ISRO and Russia's federal space agency Roscosmos have signed MoU.

- ❖ Under this MoU ROSCOSMOS has offered ride to Indian astronaut short visit to International Space Station (ISS) on board Soyuz spacecraft.
- ❖ ISS is habitable artificial satellite in low Earth orbit.

### Centre of Excellence for the Internet of Things

- ❖ Indian IT industry's apex body NASSCOM has launched its Centre of Excellence for the Internet of Things (CoE – IoT) at Gurugram, Haryana.
- ❖ This centre was launched in collaboration with Haryana government.
- ❖ It is part of nationwide collaborative initiative involving the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- ❖ It aims to act as perfect collaboration for innovation and high-end technologies.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Asia's first Dolphin Research Centre

- ❖ National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC) will be set up on the banks of the Ganga river in Patna University campus in Patna, capital of Bihar.
- ❖ It will be Asia's first Dolphin research centre.
- ❖ The announcement for the centre was made on the occasion of Dolphin day (October 5), observed in Bihar.

### Gangetic river dolphin

- ❖ Gangetic river dolphin (scientific name: *Platanista gangetica*) is one of the 4 freshwater dolphin species in the world.





- ❖ The other 3 are found in Yangtze river, Indus river in Pakistan and Amazon river. Gangetic river dolphin species are found in India, Bangladesh and Nepal.
- ❖ **Gangetic river dolphin is India's national aquatic animal.**
- ❖ Gangetic river dolphins fall under Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act and have been declared an endangered species by the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature).
- ❖ Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary located in Bihar's Bhagalpur district of Bihar is India's only dolphin sanctuary.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### 2018 Nobel Peace Prize

- ❖ Norwegian Nobel Committee has selected Dr. Denis Mukwege (63) and Nadia Murad (25) jointly for the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize award.

**WHO ARE THE WINNERS?**

<p><b>FROM SLAVE OF JIHADIS TO NOBEL WINNER</b></p>  <p><b>NADIA MURAD</b> survived the worst cruelties ever inflicted on her people, the Yazidis of Iraq, before becoming a global champion of their cause and winning the Nobel Peace Prize.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The 25-year-old Murad once lived a quiet life in her village near the mountainous northern Iraq, close to the border with Syria.</li> <li>■ But, in 2014, pick-up trucks bearing the black flag of the IS jihadists swept into her village, Kocho. IS fighters set about killing the men, taking children captive to train them as fighters and condemning thousands of women to a life of labour and sexual slavery.</li> <li>■ After being captured by IS fighters, she was held captive and repeatedly gangraped, tortured and beaten.</li> <li>■ Murad escaped and reached Iraqi Kurdistan. There, she learnt that six of her brothers and her mother had been killed.</li> <li>■ She has since dedicated herself to what she calls 'our peoples' fight'.</li> </ul>	<p><b>BRAVE HEALER OF HORRIFIC WOUNDS</b></p>  <p><b>DENIS MUKWEGE</b> is a crusading gynaecologist who has spent over two decades treating injuries inflicted on women in DRC, whose work was the subject of a 2015 film: <i>The Man Who Mends Women</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ In Democratic Republic of Congo, they call him 'Doctor Miracle' for his surgical skill and dedication in helping women overcome the injuries and trauma of sexual abuse and rape.</li> <li>■ A father to five children, the tireless 63-year-old is an outspoken critic of the abuse of women in war, and has repeatedly accused the world of failing to act.</li> <li>■ He had been repeatedly nominated for his work with gangrape victims.</li> <li>■ Mukwege has called on the world to take a tougher line on rape as a weapon of war.</li> <li>■ He has set up the Panzi hospital in Bukavu, which serves as a clinic for gynaecological and obstetric care. There, he lives under the permanent protection of UN peacekeepers.</li> </ul>
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- ❖ They were given award for their efforts to end use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict.
- ❖ Dr. Denis Mukwege is Congolese gynaecological surgeon.
- ❖ He was awarded prize for defending victims of war-time sexual violence in African nation of Democratic Republic of Congo.

- ❖ Nadia Murad was one of the thousand Yazidi women who escaped from IS captivity and spoke out in public about abuse she and other women underwent.
- ❖ In 2016, Murad was named UN's first Goodwill Ambassador for Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking.

## **SPORTS**

### **Archery World Cup**

- ❖ India's Abhishek Verma clinched 2 medals, Bronze in individual category and Silver in the compound mixed team event along with his teammate Jyothi Surekha Vennam.
- ❖ India's Deepika Kumari defeated Lisa Unruh of Germany to win the bronze medal at the World Cup finals in Samsun, Turkey.
- ❖ The bronze is her fifth medal at the World Cup finals, after her silver medals in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2017.

### **Asian junior individual squash championship**

- ❖ India's Yuvraj Wadhvani defeated Anas Ali Shah of Pakistan to win the boys under-13 title in the 25th Asian junior individual squash championship held at Chennai.
- ❖ He became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Indian to win the U-13 title after Veer Chotrani had won in 2014 in Iran.
- ❖ India finished the championship with a gold, a silver and four bronze medals.
- ❖ The girls title was won by Malaysia's Chan Yiwen.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Animal Day – 04 October**

- ❖ The World Animal Day (WAD) is observed every year on October 4 to raise the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe.
- ❖ The day was originated by Heinrich Zimmermann, who organized the first World Animal Day on 24 March 1925 at the Sport Palace in Berlin, Germany
- ❖ The event was moved to 4 October for the first time in 1929

- ❖ October 4 marks the feast day of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.
- ❖ The day is sponsored by UK-based animal welfare charity 'Naturewatch Foundation' since 2003.

### **World Teachers' Day – 05 October**

- ❖ The World Teachers' Day (WTD), also known as International Teachers Day, is held every year on October 5.
- ❖ For 2018, the UNESCO adopted the theme: "The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher".
- ❖ The Day was observed in partnership with UNICEF, UNDP, the International Labour Organization, and Education International.
- ❖ The day is observed since 1994.
- ❖ The day also commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.

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