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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The International Cricket Council released the updated version of the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) System along with the new ICC Code of Conduct and ICC Playing Conditions.
 - It came into effect on 30 September when the first ODI between South Africa and Zimbabwe was played in Kimberley.
- ❖ Paytm registered over 137 million UPI transactions in September, becoming the leading contributor to Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments with over 33% of the overall market share.
- ❖ The girl holding the lamp in the iconic painting 'Glow of Hope', also known as the Woman with the Lamp, has died at 102.
- ❖ Assam on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi unfurled the India's third highest national flag and tallest from the average city elevation. The 319.5 feet flag pole is the highest in the country with respect to the average elevation of the city.
- ❖ Google will shut down the consumer version of its failed social network 'Google+'.

NATIONAL

'India Skills 2018'

- ❖ The country's biggest skill competition, India Skills 2018 has concluded in New Delhi.
- ❖ 'India Skills 2018' was the second edition of the nationwide competition organized by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to identify, recognize, promote and reward the best talents in various skills.
- ❖ Some of the winners of the competition will be given additional training, before they represent India at the 45th World Skills Competition at Kazan, Russia in 2019.

ECONOMY

Norms set for e-trading platforms

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued guidelines for operating Electronic Trading Platforms (ETPs) to transact in eligible instruments.
- ❖ As per the norms, ETPs will mean any electronic system, other than a recognised stock exchange, on which transactions in eligible instruments take place.
- ❖ Trading on electronic platforms is being encouraged across the world as it enhances pricing transparency, processing efficiency and risk control.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Ghauri ballistic missile

- ❖ Pakistan successfully test-fired Ghauri ballistic missile.
- ❖ It brings many Indian cities under its range.



- ❖ Ghauri is capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads up to a distance of 1,300 kilometres.
- ❖ In April, Pakistan successfully test fired an enhanced version of the indigenously-built Babur cruise missile with a range of 700 kilometres.

STATES

Unnati Scheme – Karnataka

- ❖ The Karnataka Department of Social Welfare has launched Unnati, a scheme to foster entrepreneurs working on rural and social impact technologies.
- ❖ The first stream of Unnati is technology innovation.
- ❖ This scheme will identify entrepreneurs from SC/ST background, who are denied a chance and promote these entrepreneurs.
- ❖ The second stream of Unnati is social impact.
- ❖ Unnati will identify companies that are working on products and solutions for problems that are plaguing both the Government and society at large.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Chief Statistician of India

- ❖ The government has appointed Pravin Srivastava as Chief Statistician of India (CSI).
- ❖ Srivastava is India's third Chief Statistician.
- ❖ He was a secretary to the Indian Statistical Commission, popularly known as the Rangarajan Commission.
- ❖ Rangarajan Commission laid the foundation of the modern statistical system.

Anna Politkovskaya Award

- ❖ Binalakshmi Nepram has won Reach All Women in WAR (RAW in WAR) of Anna Politkovskaya Award.
- ❖ Binalakshmi is a rights activist supporting women survivors of violence in northeast India.
- ❖ Binlakashmi shares the award with Svetlana Alexievich - an investigative journalist and writer from Belarus.



- ❖ The award recognised the women's bravery in speaking out and defying "injustice, violence and extremism.
- ❖ The award marks the 12th anniversary of the killing of Politkovskaya, a Russian investigative reporter who uncovered state corruption and rights abuses, especially in Chechnya.

Nobel Economics Prize 2018

- ❖ The Royal Swedish Academy has decided to award the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2018 to William D. Nordhaus and Paul M. Romer.



- ❖ They have been chosen for this award for integrating innovation and climate with economic growth.
- ❖ Dr. Nordhaus was the first person to create an integrated assessment model, i.e. a quantitative model that describes the global interplay between the economy and the climate.
- ❖ Dr. Romer has laid the foundation of endogenous growth theory.
- ❖ The theory is both conceptual and practical, as it explains how ideas are different to other goods and require specific conditions to thrive in a market.
- ❖ Both Dr. Nordhaus and Dr. Romer are American citizens.

ISSA Good Practice Award

- ❖ The Employees' State Insurance Corporation has won the 'ISSA Good Practice Award' for Administrative Solution for Coverage Extension.
- ❖ The award was presented at "Regional Social Security Forum for Asia and the Pacific" held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ❖ The award recognises the measures taken by ESIC for,
 - Extension of coverage-SPREE (Scheme for Promoting Registration of Employers and Employees)
 - Reduced rate of contribution rates for 24 months in newly implemented areas and
 - Raising the wage limit for coverage under the ESI Act.

SPORTS

Youth Olympics- Jeremy Lalrinnunga

- ❖ Jeremy Lalrinnunga won the first gold medal for India at the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- ❖ He lifted a combined weight of 274 kgs in the Men's 62 kg Group A event of weightlifting.



- ❖ This is India's fourth medal in Buenos Aires with Shahu Tushar Mane, Mehuli Ghosh (Shooting), and Tababi Devi Thangjam (Judo) winning silver medals.

Sport Australia Hall of Fame

- ❖ Richie Benaud will be posthumously honoured as 'Legend' by Sport Australia Hall of Fame.



- ❖ Richie Benaud will be the 40th Legend of Australian Sport and the third cricketer to be bestowed the prestigious annual honour.
- ❖ Don Bradman (1993) and Keith Miller (2004) are the other cricketers who had been inducted as 'Legends'.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Mental Health Day – October 10

- ❖ World Mental Health Day 2018 is observed on October 10 across the world.
- ❖ The goal of World Mental Health Day is to increase awareness about mental health and the importance of mental health in overall health of a person.
- ❖ This year, the theme of World Mental Health Day is "Young people and mental health in a changing world".
- ❖ World Mental Health Day 2018 theme focuses on the adolescents and the mental health problems that they deal with.



MISCELLANEOUS

1st chief of National Financial Reporting Authority

- ❖ Former IAS officer Rangachari Sridharan was appointed as first chief of National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA).
- ❖ He will hold the post of chairperson of NFRA for 3 years or till he attains the age of 65 years.
- ❖ Prasenjit Mukherjee has also been appointed as the full-time member of the authority.
- ❖ The NFRA is mandated to act as an independent regulator for the auditing profession.
