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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Kirloskar Systems executive director and CEO Manasi Kirloskar has been appointed as the first United Nations in India Young Business Champion for sustainable development goals (SDGs).
- ❖ Cyclone 'Titli', which means butterfly in Hindi, categorised as a "very severe cyclonic storm", has left behind massive destruction in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.
- ❖ India and Australia held their 2nd edition of '2+2' secretary-level dialogue in Canberra.
- ❖ The 29th Accountants General conference was inaugurated by President Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi. The two-day conference is being organised by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

NATIONAL

2018 Oxfam world inequality index

- ❖ The United Kingdom-based charity 'Oxfam International's report named 'Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index has been recently released.
- ❖ Out of 157 countries, India has been ranked 147th in the 2nd edition of the annual index.
- ❖ Ranking at 11th, Japan became the topper among the Asian countries.
- ❖ The index was topped by Denmark, followed by Germany, Finland, Austria and Norway.
- ❖ Among the emerging economies, China was ranked 81st, Brazil 39th, and Russia 50th.
- ❖ According to the report, countries such as South Korea, Namibia, and Uruguay have made commendable efforts towards reducing inequality.
- ❖ However, India and Nigeria fared poorly.



32nd world conference of WUWM

- ❖ The 32nd world conference of World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM) was inaugurated at Gurugram, Haryana.
- ❖ This is for the first time a WUWM conference is being organized in India at Gurugram.
- ❖ The theme for the conference is: 'The Wholesale Markets in the Digital Era: Challenges and Opportunities.'
- ❖ The conference was hosted jointly by
 - The Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board (HSAMB), Panchkula.
 - The National Council of State Agricultural Marketing Boards (COSAMB), New Delhi.
 - World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM), Hague, Netherlands.

4-member committee to examine #MeToo cases

- ❖ Union Ministry for Women and Child Development has recently announced setting up a four-member committee to examine all #MeToo cases.
- ❖ The panel would consist of senior judicial and legal persons as members.
- ❖ It was placed through "The Sexual Harassment of Women at workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act' of 2013.

INTERNATIONAL

114th justice of the US Supreme Court

- ❖ Brett Kavanaugh was sworn in as the 114th justice of the US Supreme Court.
- ❖ The Senate voted 50-48 to confirm him, which made it the closest Supreme Court confirmation vote since 1881.
- ❖ Chief Justice John Roberts administered the constitutional oath, and retired Justice Anthony Kennedy administered the judicial oath.
- ❖ He replaces Justice Kennedy, who was nominated to the Court by President Reagan in 1987.

ECONOMY

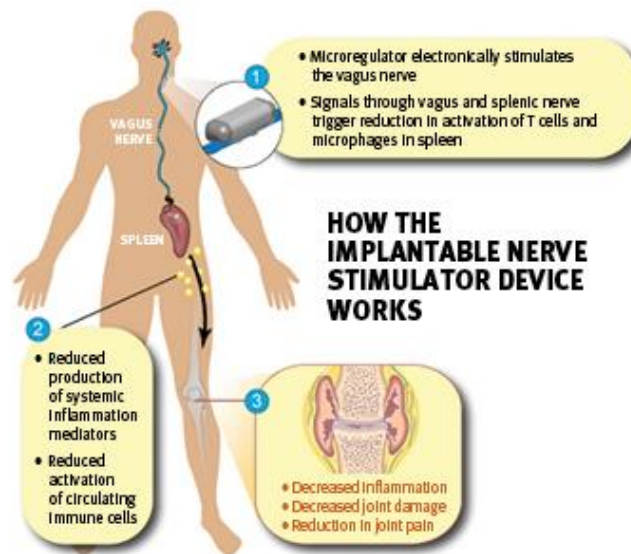
Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution - India

- ❖ Ministry of Commerce has released the New Industrial Policy framed in consultation with all Ministries of Union Government, State Governments, and Industries.
- ❖ It was launched at the launch of the Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution, India, by the Geneva-based World Economic Forum (WEF) in New Delhi.
- ❖ It aims to align India with the emerging technologies of drones, artificial intelligence and block chain.
- ❖ In connection to this, the WEF is setting up a Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution in Maharashtra.
- ❖ Other centres are in San Francisco, USA, Japan and China.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

World's First Bioelectronic Medicine

- ❖ Scientists from US claimed that they have developed world's first bioelectronic medicine.



- ❖ The bioelectronic medicine is an implantable, biodegradable wireless device that speeds nerve regeneration and improves healing of damaged nerve.
- ❖ The device has not been tested in humans, but its successful testing on animals (rats) offer promise as future therapeutic option for nerve injury patients.

Online Assurances Monitoring System (OAMS)

- ❖ Minister of State (MoS) for Parliamentary Affairs Vijay Goel has recently inaugurated the Online Assurances Monitoring System (OAMS).
- ❖ This was developed by Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
- ❖ Its objective is to create transparency in assurance process in Parliamentary affairs.
- ❖ This system has made the information regarding assurances given on the floor of the Houses of Parliament paperless and available in digital format.
- ❖ Through this, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs through e-Office will give out the assurances to the concerned ministries.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

India's first 'Miss Trans Queen'

- ❖ Veena Sendre from Chhattisgarh has been chosen as India's first 'Miss Trans Queen'.
- ❖ Veena defeated Namita Ammu of Tamil Nadu to claim the title at the national-level beauty contest organised in Mumbai.
- ❖ Sendre belongs to Mandir Hasaud village in Raipur.

SPORTS

Asian Para Games 2018

- ❖ India recorded its best-ever showing in the Asian Para Games held at Jakarta, Indonesia by bagging 72 medals.
- ❖ With 15 gold, 24 silver and 33 bronze medals, India was placed ninth in the overall tally.
- ❖ In the last edition in 2014, India won 33 medals.



- ❖ China finished on top with a whopping total of 319 medals.
- ❖ South Korea and Iran were second and third respectively.
- ❖ The official mascot of the 2018 Asian Para Games is a Bondol eagle named Momo, which was chosen to represent motivation and mobility.

Youth Olympic Games 2018

- ❖ Thangjam Tababi Devi (16) became India's first judo medallist at the Olympic level.
- ❖ She achieved this feat after winning silver medal at ongoing Youth Olympics Games in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina.
- ❖ She won the medal after losing to Venezuela's Maria Giminez.
- ❖ The age limitation of the athletes participating in the Youth Olympic Games is 14 to 18.
- ❖ The last Youth Olympics (2014) was held in Nanjing, China.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Obesity Day - 11 October

- ❖ The World Obesity Day is observed globally every year on 11 October to promote practical solutions to end the global obesity crisis.
- ❖ The theme for this year is "It's time to End Weight Stigma!".
- ❖ It is organised by World Obesity Federation, a non-profit body which is in official relations with the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- ❖ It is also collaborating body on Lancet Commission on Obesity.
- ❖ The first World Obesity Day took place in 2015.

World Egg Day - 12 October

- ❖ World Egg Day is celebrated every year on the second Friday in October.
- ❖ It was founded by the International Egg Commission (IEC) at a conference held in Vienna in 1996.
- ❖ It helps to raise awareness of the benefits of eggs and their importance in human nutrition.