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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Digital security company Gemalto released the latest findings of the Breach Level Index, a global database of public data breaches, which ranked India at 2nd place next to US in terms of Data breach.
- ❖ The 7th edition of Hand-in-Hand (HIH) combat military drill between India and China to resume in December in the Chengdu region of China. The annual exercise was cancelled after the Doklam stand-off in 2017.
- ❖ Congress leader Shashi Tharoor introduced his new book “The Paradoxical Prime Minister” and a 29-letter word “floccinaucinihilipilification”.
 - The word “floccinaucinihilipilification” means "The action or habit of estimating something as worthless."
- ❖ K Jennitha Anto (Tamilandu) won the gold medal in women's individual rapid P1 chess event by defeating Manurung Roslinda of Indonesia in the recently concluded Para Asian games 2018.
- ❖ The Vice President of India has recently released an autobiography 'Enadhu Porattam' on Mylapore Ponnusamy Sivagnanam (Ma.Po.Si) in Chennai. Mylapore Ponnusamy Sivagnanam was fondly called as Ma.Po.Si and Silambu Selvar.

TAMIL NADU

Recital of Desika Prabandam banned

- ❖ The Madras high court has made it clear that there shall be no recital/chanting of Tamil Prabandam of Acharya Vedanta Desika at Sri Devarajaswamy temple in Kancheepuram until further orders.



- ❖ The issue aroused out of difference between Vadakalai and Tenkalai of Iyengar community, but the issue is yet to attain finality.

NATIONAL

12th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit

- ❖ The 12th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit was held in Brussels.
- ❖ Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu led the Indian delegation at the two-day summit.
- ❖ The theme for this year is, 'Global Partners for Global Challenges'.

Global Competitiveness Index 2018

- ❖ India has been ranked as the 58th most competitive economy on the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index for 2018 (GCI 4.0).
- ❖ The GCI 4.0 assesses competitiveness through the factors that determine an economy's level of productivity.
- ❖ India's rank rose by five places from 2017, the largest gain among G20 economies.
- ❖ On the list of 140 economies, the US topped the list and it is followed by Singapore and Germany at the 2nd and the 3rd positions respectively.

- ❖ Among the BRICS economies, China topped the list at 28th place. India, however, remained the “South Asia’s main driving force”.
- ❖ The report stated that the global economy is projected to grow nearly 4% in 2018 and 2019.



Rural development ministry inks MoU with Lady Irwin College

- ❖ The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), under the Union Ministry of Rural Development has signed a MoU with the Lady Irwin College for establishing ROSHNI.
- ❖ ROSHNI is Centre of Women Collectives led Social Action. It is technically and financially supported by UNICEF India.

India - World’s most depressed country

- ❖ According to a World Health Organization report, India is the world’s most depressed country, closely followed by China and the US.
- ❖ According to the 2015-16 National Mental Health Survey (NMHS), at least 6.5% of the Indian population suffers from some form of serious mental disorder.

- ❖ The average suicide rate in India is 10.9 for every one lakh people. Worldwide, depression increased by 18% from 2005 to 2015.
- ❖ Depression is ranked by WHO as the single largest contributor to global disability.

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Dharma Guardian

- ❖ The first joint military exercise named “Dharma Guardian” between India and Japan will be held at Vairengte (Mizoram) from November 1 to 14, 2018.
- ❖ The exercise is aimed at developing mutual understanding and respect between militaries of both countries, as also facilitate in tracking worldwide phenomenon of terrorism.

STATES

GI Tag for Muzaffarpur’s Shahi Litchi

- ❖ Muzaffarpur’s Shahi Litchi has got official recognition as it receives the Geographical indication (GI) tag.
- ❖ The famous Shahi litchi, which is famous for its sweet, juicy, unique flavour and aroma, is mostly grown in Muzaffarpur and adjoining areas of Bihar
- ❖ The GI registration was done in the name of ‘Litchi Growers Association of Bihar’, who had applied for the tag.

Bihar's products already with GI Tag

- ❖ Katrani rice, Jardalu mango and Magahi paan (betel vine)



Goa Maritime Symposium 2018

- ❖ The 2nd edition of the Goa Maritime Symposium-2018 was inaugurated by, Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba at INS Mandovi at Goa.
- ❖ The Theme of the conference is “Building Stronger Maritime Partnerships in IOR”.
- ❖ The symposium aims to promote maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

"Blue Revolution" – Meghalaya

- ❖ The flagship scheme "Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries" will be launched in Meghalaya on October 26.
- ❖ With the launch of this scheme the State would be self-sufficient in fish production.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Wildlife Photographer of the Year – Arshdeep Singh

- ❖ Arshdeep Singh, 10, is among the winners of the 2018 Wildlife Photographer of the Year award in the 10-years-and-under category for his photograph 'Pipe Owls',



- ❖ The Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition is organised by the Britain's Natural History Museum.
- ❖ Arshdeep recently won the Junior Asian Wildlife Photographer of the Year award.



- ❖ Arshdeep's father Randeep Singh is also a well-known photographer.

SPORTS

World's highest-paid athlete

- ❖ Canelo Álvarez has signed the largest contract in the history of sport.



- ❖ The value of Canelo Alvarez's contract with sports streaming service DAZN for 11 fights over five years is \$365 million.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Anesthesia Day – October 16

- ❖ World Anesthesia Day commemorates the first successful demonstration of ether anaesthesia on 16 October 1846.
- ❖ Anesthesia was introduced by an American dentist, Sir William Morton.
- ❖ The World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists celebrates World Anaesthesia Day annually with over 134 Societies representing anaesthesiologists from over 150 countries taking part.

National Ayurveda Day – 17 October

- ❖ National Ayurveda Day is observed across the nation on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (17th October).
- ❖ Lord Dhanvantari is considered as divine propagator of Ayurveda.
- ❖ National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Award is conferred on this day every year by the Ministry of AYUSH.

- ❖ Moreover, Ministry of AYUSH is going to organise First National Summit on Invest in AYUSH in New Delhi on 4th November, 2018.
- ❖ NITI Aayog and Department of Industrial and Policy and Promotion are the partner organisations of this first National summit in AYUSH.



MISCELLANEOUS

India's highest tricolor

- ❖ Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi unfurled India's highest tricolour on the terrace of the majestic Haj House in Mumbai.
- ❖ The national flag measured 20x30 feet and stood 350 feet above the ground level.
- ❖ The flag atop a 20-meter high mast on top of the iconic building near the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) in south Mumbai.
- ❖ It is billed as the highest tricolour installed on the terrace of any building of such height in the country.

World's biggest book sale

- ❖ The first-ever 'Big Bad Wolf Book Sale Dubai', the world's biggest book sale, has been started in the Emirate of Dubai on 18th October, 2018.
- ❖ Big Bad Wolf Books was founded in 2009 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ❖ It has been to multiple Asian cities in the last decade, including Jakarta, Manila, Cebu, Colombo, Bangkok and Taipei.



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