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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Justice K K Sasidharan will be the administrative judge for the next three months and will preside over the first bench from November 8 at Madurai bench of the Madras high court.
- ❖ Karthyayini Amma, the 96-year-old woman, scored 98 marks out of 100 in the Aksharalaksham literacy exam in Kerala.
- ❖ 33-year-old Senior Pakistani batsman Azhar Ali announced his retirement from one-day international cricket matches.
- ❖ The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has formed a new industry expert committee to develop and promote an augmented reality/virtual reality (AR/VR) ecosystem in India.
 - This committee is a step in IAMAI's efforts to evangelise the emerging technology's ability to drive economic growth, job creation, and skill development in the country.
- ❖ 13th Indo-Myanmar Regional Border Committee Meet was held at Mantripukhari Garrison in north Imphal under the aegis of Spear Corps of Indian Army.
- ❖ Justice Ramesh Ranganathan was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court. He was administered the oath of office by Governor Baby Rani Maurya at the Raj Bhawan in Dehradun.
- ❖ India and Japan signed a Loan Agreement for the 'Project for the Construction of Turga Pumped Storage' contributing to the Industrial Development and Living Standard Improvement in the State of West Bengal.
- ❖ Meghalaya government, in association with the Institute of Bio-resources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Imphal, and the Indian Council of Cultural Relations, is organising India **International Cherry Blossom Festival** in Shillong between November 8-11, for the second year in a row.


TAMIL NADU

New system for exams by University of Madras

- ❖ University of Madras will implement a new system which will help in releasing exam results 15-20 days earlier than usual.

PROPOSED CHANGES The University of Madras has come up with a system which will help in publishing exam results faster

OLD PROCESS	NEW SYSTEM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Each answer-sheet is assigned a dummy number➤ Foil cards are created➤ More manpower and 20 additional days are required to complete the process and release results➤ Vulnerable to malpractice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Use unique QR codes and bar codes are assigned to answer-sheets.➤ Creation of dummy numbers not required➤ Reduces effort and malpractice



- ❖ This system was given a test run in the instant exams for 1,500 answer scripts held in July.
- ❖ This new system's entire process takes about 27 days only.
- ❖ It will be implemented in a phased manner from November or December.

NATIONAL

India's first-ever maritime museum-cum-marine adventure centre

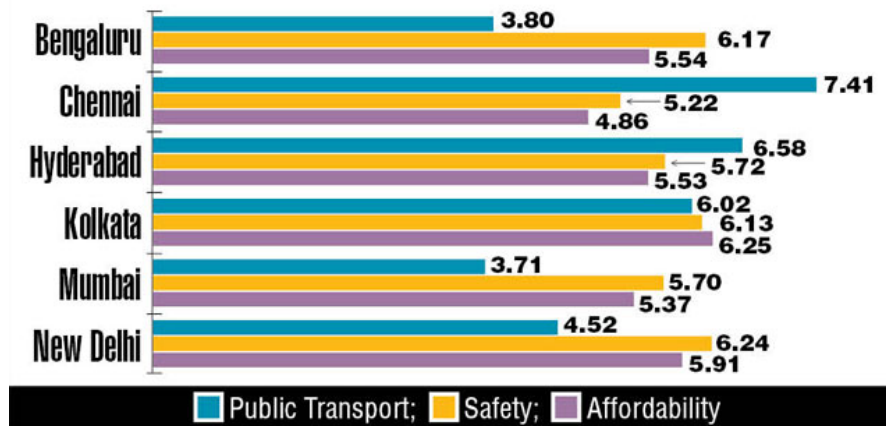
- ❖ Maharashtra Cabinet approved the conversion of decommissioned carrier INS Viraat into India's first-ever moored maritime museum-cum-marine adventure centre.
- ❖ This ship is the world's oldest aircraft carrier, according to the Indian Navy, which bought it in 1986 and recommissioned it a year later.
- ❖ Viraat will host biodiversity centres and a marine adventure centre providing sailing and scuba-diving experiences.

Ease of Moving Index- 2018

- ❖ Ola Mobility Institute (OMI) released India's first Ease of Moving Index, 2018.
- ❖ As per findings, Kolkata ranks the highest in terms of affordability of public transportation.
- ❖ Ease of Moving Index 2018 covered 20 cities with over 43,000 people participating in the survey that measured perceptions on key aspects of urban mobility.

SCORE CARD

METRO CITIES WERE SCORED BASED ON PARAMETERS



- ❖ People in Chennai are the heaviest users of public transport among the metro cities while Mumbai scores lowest on this parameter.

INTERNATIONAL

Mandela internship programme

- ❖ The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), including India, has established an internship programme in honour of former South African president Nelson Mandela.
- ❖ Mandela is widely recognised as the initiator of IORA.
- ❖ IORA Nelson Mandela 'Be the Legacy' internship programme was announced at the close of the 18th IORA meeting in Durban.
- ❖ The programme is aimed at empowering young people under the age of 30 years from IORA member states with work experience in their chosen fields of study.

Indian Ocean Rim Association

- ❖ IORA is an international organisation consisting of coastal states bordering the Indian Ocean and its Coordinating Secretariat is located at Ebene, Mauritius.
- ❖ It was established through the vision of Mandela, when 14-member states launched the Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation (IOR-ARC) in March 1997.
- ❖ Currently it has 21-member countries.

Videocittà 2018

- ❖ India was a partner country at Videocittà 2018, an event focussing on Virtual Reality, Video gaming, Animation, Film Making, etc.
- ❖ It was organized along with Rome Film Festival and Mercato Internazionale dell'Audiovisivo (MIA - the International Audio-Visual Market).
- ❖ India's participation at Videocittà 2018, Rome was organized by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and coordinated on Ministry's behalf by FICCI.

Little India Gate inauguration

- ❖ Little India Gate', the first-of-its-kind structure in Indonesia, has been recently inaugurated at Kampung Madras or Madras Village area in Medan city, the 4th largest city in the country.
- ❖ It recognises the contribution of Indian community in the development of Medan city.
- ❖ The Kampung Madras area is one of the city's significant ethnic enclaves.
- ❖ It comprises a large population of people of Indian descent whose ancestors had settled down in Medan in mid-19th century.
- ❖ Kampung Madras becomes a meeting point for Hindu and Tamil festivals such as Thaipusam or the Tamil New Year, Pongal and Deepavali.

ENVIRONMENT

WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health

- ❖ First ever WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health took place in Geneva from 30 October to 1 November 2018.
- ❖ Theme of the conference: improving air quality, combatting climate change – saving lives.
- ❖ The purpose of the conference was to bring together global, national and local partners to share knowledge and mobilise action for cleaner air and better health globally.

FIRST WHO GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON AIR POLLUTION AND HEALTH

IMPROVING AIR QUALITY, COMBATting CLIMATE CHANGE – SAVING LIVES



30 October – 1 November 2018
WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

World Health Organization

LET'S ACT TOGETHER ...

BECAUSE THE COST IS FAR TOO HIGH
Air pollution claims 7 million lives a year
Air pollution is a major driver of the non-communicable disease epidemic
Air pollution accelerates climate change

AND WE HAVE SOLUTIONS
Affordable and clean urban, transport, waste & household energy strategies
Health, environment & development sectors can lead the way to change

Organized in collaboration with

Clean Air | Healthy Future | Healthy Climate

UN environment WMO CC CLIMATE & CLEAN AIR COALITION UNECE

- ❖ The conference was organized in collaboration with
 - UN Environment,
 - World Meteorological Organization (WMO),
 - Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (CCAC),
 - UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE),
 - World Bank and
 - Secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

STATES

Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival - AKLF

- ❖ 10th Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival is to be held from 2019 January 18 to 20.
- ❖ This Festival will have sections like New Writers - Competition to identify and promote budding writers, Women's Writing, children writers, literary quizzes, interactive sessions and storytelling and Poetry Cafe to showcase classic and new poetry collections, poets and prose writers.
- ❖ AKLF 2019 will focus on health, current affairs, women's issues and children's literature among other themes.

- ❖ Since 2010, the festival has presented live theatre performances, heritage walks, street theatre, eclectic live musical performances, film screenings and literary sessions.

Signature Bridge- Delhi

- ❖ On November 4, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated the Signature Bridge.
- ❖ It is standing at 165m, twice the height of the Qutub Minar and it is India's first asymmetrical cable-stayed bridge.



- ❖ This Bridge is connecting Wazirabad across the Yamuna river to the inner city of Delhi.
- ❖ It will cut down the present travelling time from 45 minutes to 10 minutes at the north-east Delhi.

Mukhya Mantri Tirath Yatra Yojna – Delhi

- ❖ Delhi govt has announced the Mukhya Mantri Tirath Yatra Yojna that offers free of cost travel packages for five key religious circuits for senior citizens of Delhi.
- ❖ To facilitate a seamless coordination for this scheme, Delhi Tourism Transportation Development Corporation Ltd (DTTDC) has signed a MoU with Indian Railways & Catering Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).
- ❖ The following 5 religious sectors have been selected for the Tirath Yatra Yojna:
 - Vaishno Devi-Jammu,
 - Vrindavan-Mathura-Barsana-Agra-Fatehpur sikri,



- Haridwar-Rishikesh-Neelkanth,
- Ajmer-Pushkar and
- Golden Temple-Wagah Border-Anandpur Sahib.
