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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Jared Polis became the first openly gay man elected governor in the United States.
 - Jared Polis won in Colorado.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

BeiDou

- ❖ China has successfully launched two navigation satellites as a step to build its own global positioning network to rival the US-based GPS with a constellation of over 30 satellites.
- ❖ This system will provide services for countries involved in the Belt and Road Initiative, and form a complete global satellite navigation system by 2020.
- ❖ China will become the third country in the World after the US and Russia to operate its own Global Positioning System (GPS) system.
- ❖ The BeiDou project was formally initiated in 1994.

ENVIRONMENT

Sunscreen ban - Palau

- ❖ The Republic of Palau, a South Pacific island nation, became the world's first country to ban sunscreen products containing environmentally harmful ingredients.
- ❖ The decision was taken based on research conducted by Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- ❖ The research indicates that oxybenzone coming from swimmers' skin, municipal sewage discharge and coastal septic systems pollutes coral reefs.
- ❖ The banned substances contain sun protection factor (SPF) chemicals used in sunscreen lotions or fragrances that absorb ultraviolet sunlight.
- ❖ These include oxybenzone, octinoxate, octocrylene, 4-methyl-benzylidene camphor, and parabens.

- ❖ The four parabens, triclosan and phenoxyethanol are antimicrobial preservatives also used in shampoos, moisturizers, liquid soaps, and hair conditioners.
- ❖ Earlier, On May 4, the Hawaii legislature banned oxybenzone (BP3) beginning in 2021 in an attempt to prevent coral bleaching.

STATES

Gyan Kumbh – Uttarakhand

- ❖ The higher education ministers of 18 states, the Union HRD minister as well as over 200 academicians from across the country attended the country's first 'Gyan Kumbh'.
- ❖ It was held on November 3 and 4 in Haridwar.
- ❖ The two-day event was hosted at Patanjali University, Haridwar.

Hockey World Cup song – Odia

- ❖ The cheer-up song for the Men's Hockey World Cup has been released.
- ❖ The song was sung in Odia by Bollywood singer Mika Singh.
- ❖ The song titled "Asa kariba bobal, Odisha naa heba global" also featured the Odissi dance moves, along with popular Sambalpuri dance.
- ❖ The song also featured Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and former India hockey captain Dilip Tirkey from the state.
- ❖ The state government had roped in music composer A.R. Rahman for the official song for the tournament.
- ❖ Bollywood lyricist Gulzar will pen down the track titled "Jai Hind, Jai India".
- ❖ The opening ceremony of the tournament will be held on November 27.

Faizabad renamed

- ❖ On November 06, 2018 Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that Faizabad district will be renamed Ayodhya.
- ❖ The city Ayodhya is located in Faizabad district in Uttar Pradesh.

- ❖ Yogi also announced that a medical college in the name of after King Dashrath, Ram's father, and an airport to be called as Raja Ram will be setup in that district.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

AIBA - Women's World Championship

- ❖ Olympic bronze medalist MC Mary Kom was named as the brand ambassador of the 10th edition of the AIBA Women's World Championship.



- ❖ MC Mary Kom leads the Indian contingent for the 2018 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships to be held at the Indira Gandhi Arena, New Delhi.

India - ITU membership

- ❖ India has been elected as a member of the International Telecommunications Union Council (ITU) for another 4-year term from 2019 to 2022.
- ❖ India has been a regular member of the ITU Council since 1952.
- ❖ Recently, ITU decided to set up the ITU South Asia Area Office and Technology Innovation Centre in New Delhi.

Krishna Iyer award

- ❖ Kesavananda Bharati will be honoured with Justice VR Krishna Iyer award instituted by the Legal Assistance and Welfare (LAW) trust.
- ❖ He was the petitioner in the historic Supreme Court case 'Kesavananda Bharati vs State of Kerala (1973) 4A SCC 225' which had introduced the basic structure doctrine of the Constitution.

Doctorate for Arunima Sinha

- ❖ Arunima Sinha, the Indian mountaineer who became the world's first woman amputee to climb Mount Everest in 2013, has been awarded an honorary doctorate by a prestigious UK university, for her inspirational achievements.
- ❖ Sinha was conferred with the honorary doctorate by the University of Strathclyde at a graduation ceremony in Glasgow.



- ❖ Arunima was trained with Bachendri Pal, the first Indian woman to climb the world's highest peak.
- ❖ On May 21, 2013, Sinha became the world's first female amputee to climb the 8848-meter peak.
- ❖ She has gone on to be the first female amputee to climb the tallest mountains in Africa, Europe, Australia and South America.

- ❖ In 2015, she was presented with the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian award.

SPORTS

SAFF U-15 Championship

- ❖ In football, Bangladesh beat Pakistan 3-2 in the penalty shoot out to win the SAFF Under-15 Championship in Lalitpur, Nepal.
- ❖ Bangladesh clinched the six-nation SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Under-15 Championship title with an all-win record.



- ❖ India clinched a bronze medal in the SAFF championships, finishing 3rd by beating hosts Nepal 1-0.
- ❖ Thalacheu Vanlalruatfela scored the match-winner for India.

First skeet gold for India

- ❖ Angad Vir Singh Bajwa created history on Diwali eve by shooting a gold in the men's skeet final of the 8th Asian Shotgun Championship held in Kuwait.



- ❖ Bajwa became the first Indian skeet shooter to win a gold medal at any continental or world level event.
