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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ A deep depression in the Bay of Bengal has been formed and intensified into a cyclonic storm and it has been named '**Gaja**'.
- ❖ The Kochi Corporation and Vilnius City signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in Vilnius, the capital city of Lithuania. It was signed as a part of the European Union (EU) project 'International Urban Cooperation'.
- ❖ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy prepared a draft of new Scheme called the Indian Wind Turbine Certification Scheme (IWTCS).
 - This was done in consultation with the National Institute of Wind Energy Chennai.
- ❖ Bharat Matrimony has announced cricketer and former team India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its brand ambassador.

NATIONAL

RCEP trade ministers meet

- ❖ The 2-day meeting for trade Ministers of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) was held in Singapore on November 12 and 13.
- ❖ The Indian delegation was headed by the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Suresh Prabhu.
- ❖ Singapore is the current chair of the ASEAN countries and so it is hosting the summit.
- ❖ This ministerial meeting was followed by RCEP Leaders' Summit on November 14, 2018.

National Data Repository

- ❖ The Union Government has set up a state of -the- art the National Data Repository.
- ❖ The repository is a database of all the geo-scientific data of hydrocarbon resources in the country.

- ❖ It will be wholly funded by the Government of India and will be housed with the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons.
- ❖ The DGH is a technical arm of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG).
- ❖ With this, India has joined the league of countries like UK and Norway which have a National Data Repository for the upstream sector.

Most congested city – Report

- ❖ According to a recent research published under the US-based organisation, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Pune is the 7th most congested city in India.
- ❖ The research studied the current status of mobility in urban India, using Google maps.

20 most congested cities	20 slowest cities (traffic speed)	10 Fastest cities (traffic speed)
1 Bangalore	1 Kolkata	1 Ranipet
2 Mumbai	2 Bangalore	2 Srinagar
3 Delhi	3 Hyderabad	3 Kayamkulam
4 Chennai	4 Mumbai	4 Jammu
5 Kolkata	5 Varanasi	5 Thrissur
6 Hyderabad	6 Patna	6 Palakkad
7 Pune	7 Delhi	7 Chandigarh
8 Jaipur	8 Bhagalpur	8 Alwar
9 Coimbatore	9 Bihar Sharif	9 Thoothukkudi
10 Ahmedabad	10 Chennai	10 Panipat
11 Patna	11 Muzaffarpur	
12 Chandigarh	12 Aligarh	
13 Kochi	13 Darbhanga	
14 Thiruvananthapuram	14 English Bazar (West Bengal)	
15 Begusarai	15 Gaya	
16 Kozhikode	16 Allahabad	
17 Nagpur	17 Ranchi	
18 Ranchi	18 Dhanbad	
19 Vijayawada	19 Akola	
20 Bhopal	20 Pune	



- ❖ The name of the research paper is 'Mobility & Congestion in Urban India'.
- ❖ According to the findings, Bangalore tops the index for most congested city, and Mumbai ranks at 2nd.
- ❖ Delhi is placed at 3rd place followed by Chennai and Kolkata.
- ❖ This list is consisted of 20 cities with Bhopal was ranking last at the 20th place.
- ❖ In another index of traffic speed, Kolkata has been found to be the slowest city, while Pune ranked at 20th.

- ❖ In another index measuring the fastest cities, Ranipet topped the list of 10 cities, while Panipat ranked in 10th at the bottom of the list.

INTERNATIONAL

The World's safest places report

- ❖ According to a report by “Which? Travel”, Iceland is the safest country to visit.
- ❖ Iceland topped the chart with the lowest risk of a natural disaster as well as crime rates.
- ❖ It ranked 20 of the most popular destinations around the World for its safety.
- ❖ It was followed by UAE, Singapore, Spain and Australia in the top 5.
- ❖ South Africa came last owing to a high risk of crime, health and terrorism.
- ❖ Turkey was ranked the second most dangerous preceded by Thailand.
- ❖ India was ranked at 17th place out of 20 countries listed.
- ❖ The data was compiled after considering several factors like crime rates, the likelihood of terrorist attacks, natural disasters and health concerns.
- ❖ It was extracted from reports of:
 - World Economic Fund on crime rates,
 - The World Risk Report on natural disasters,
 - The NHS Fit for Travel website on health and
 - The Foreign Office’s assessments of the risks of terrorism.

WEF Global Future Councils

- ❖ The 2 day 3rd annual meeting of World Economic Forum’s (WEF) Global Future Councils concluded in Dubai, UAE.
- ❖ Its objective is to identify new ideas and models that can be applied to critical global challenges.
- ❖ The theme for this year’s annual meeting is ‘Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution’.
- ❖ Ideas generated at the meeting will be adopted and integrated into the programme of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2019 in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, in January 2019.

STATES

Rosogolla Day (West Bengal) – 14 November

- ❖ West Bengal government has decided to observe 'Rosogolla Day' on November 14.
- ❖ It has been observed to commemorate the first anniversary of the state's famous sweet getting Geographical Indication or GI tag as 'Bengal's Rosogolla'.

SPORTS

Fed Cup 2018

- ❖ Czech Republic won the 2018 Fed Cup Trophy for the 6th time in eight years, held at Czech Republic.
- ❖ Fed Cup is an international women's tennis competition.



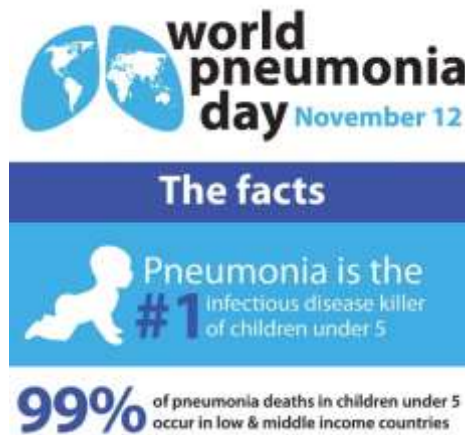
- ❖ Czech Republic defeated the defending champion United States 3-0 in the final and won the 2018 Fed Cup.
- ❖ It was the first victory for Czech Republic against United States, since Czech Republic was created after separation from Czechoslovakia in 1993.
- ❖ U.S. has won 18 Fed Cups so far.

- ❖ Lucie Safarova and Helena Sukova of Czech Republic were awarded the Fed Cup Commitment Awards.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Pneumonia Day – 12 November

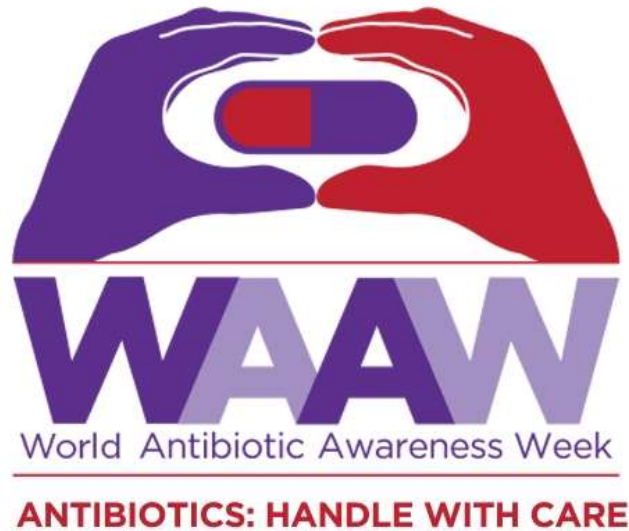
- ❖ World Pneumonia Day was annual observed on 12th November throughout the World.
- ❖ This day aims to create awareness about pneumonia and focus the efforts to protect, prevent and treat pneumonia.



- ❖ In 2009, the first World Pneumonia Day was observed as a joint effort by various organisations.
- ❖ Pneumonia is one of the major causes of deaths in children under 5 years of age. It is a lung infection caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi, or parasites.

World Antibiotic Awareness Week (Nov 12-18)

- ❖ World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW) commences from November 12, 2018 and it ends on November 18, 2018.
- ❖ Every year, a week in November is dedicated towards the spreading awareness about the antibiotics.
- ❖ It is observed to increase global awareness of antibiotic resistance and to encourage best practices among the general public.



- ❖ The theme of World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW) is to provide greater flexibility to countries in terms of reflecting their unique priorities.

World Kindness Day – 13 November

- ❖ World Kindness Day was celebrated annually on 13th November all over the World.



- ❖ World Kindness Day highlights good deeds in the society, and stresses on the importance of kindness as a binding factor among the members of the society.

- ❖ In 1998, World Kindness Day was introduced by the World Kindness Movement, which is a coalition of various kindness NGOs.
 - ❖ The World Kindness Movement was formed at a conference in Tokyo, Japan, in 1997. Over 28 countries are members of this movement.
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