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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ IAS officer Jalal Srivastava has been appointed the chairman of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI). IWAI comes under the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways.
 - Srivastava is known for launching of “Shakti Cab” and “URJA” project for women.
- ❖ Israel’s Cabinet approved Amir Yaron as the next governor of the Bank of Israel (Central Bank of Israel) for 5 years. He replaced Karnit Flug, who became the first woman to hold the post when she took over in 2013.
- ❖ The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has named the IAS officer from West Bengal cadre **Sumanta Chaudhuri as the new Coal Secretary**. He replaced Inder Jit Singh.
- ❖ The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has appointed the present Director of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), **Upma Chowdhry, as Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs**.

NATIONAL

Jashne Bachpan

- ❖ The 14th edition of Jashne Bachpan, a theatre festival for children was held at the Sammukh, Abhimanch, Abhikalp and Little Theatre Group (LTG) auditorium in New Delhi.
- ❖ It was organised by the National School of Drama’s (NSD) Theatre in Education (TIE) Company.
- ❖ Its main aim was to bring theatre into prominence as it has lost its sheen in modern era because of the digital medium.
- ❖ It will witness 21 productions from India and 3 foreign groups including Sri Lanka (non-verbal), Switzerland (English) and Indonesia (Javanese).



3 new members of National Commission for Women

- ❖ The Ministry of Woman and Child Development (WCD) has nominated three members to the National Commission for Women (NCW) in pursuance to Section 3 of the NCW Act, 1990.
- ❖ They are Chandramukhi Devi, Soso Shaiza, and Kamlesh Gautam.
- ❖ The new appointments now leave two positions vacant in the NCW.
- ❖ Rekha Sharma is the current chairperson of NCW.

INTERNATIONAL

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit 2018

- ❖ The 2-day Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit 2018 was concluded recently in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.
- ❖ It was hosted by the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, Peter O'Neill.
- ❖ All the 21-member countries of APEC participated in the Summit.
- ❖ It is the 1st such summit in its 25-year history which failed to agree on a formal joint statement.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Decision Support System (DSS)

- ❖ IIT Kharagpur researchers have devised the Decision Support System (DSS) to help maximise the LPG connections in BPL (below poverty line) households under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.
- ❖ It is a first of its kind for analysis of the national level energy policy.
- ❖ It is a computer programme that helps in making the sound rational decisions using the mathematical programming and operation research techniques.
- ❖ The mathematical model has found
 - The optimum number of total (BPL) connections required in a region,
 - Number of dealerships that need to be commissionedin a region over the policy time frame.

STATES

KONNICHI WA PUNE

- ❖ The first 2-day Indo-Japan Business Council - KONNICHI WA PUNE Festival concluded in Pune, Maharashtra.
- ❖ It was organized by the Indo-Japan Business Council (IJBC).
- ❖ The festival aimed to boost investment, promote businesses and cultural exchange between India and Japan.

Maratha Reservation Bill

- ❖ Maharashtra government has recently passed the Maratha Reservation Bill.
- ❖ As per the bill, Maharashtra will create a new category called SEBC (socially and educationally backward class) in order to give reservation to Marathas.
- ❖ This has been passed for reservation by citing 'extraordinary circumstance' as rights of neither OBCs nor Marathas are affected.
- ❖ This move has been recommended by the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission headed by Justice N G Gaikwad (retired).

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Universal Acceptance Thought Leader award

- ❖ Global internet Body ICANN-supported UASG (Universal Acceptance Steering Group) has conferred "Universal Acceptance Thought Leader award" on Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje.
- ❖ The award recognizes the exemplary work of the Chief Minister and the IT department of the State for
 - launching 'Rajmail' email service providing email address for the citizens of Rajasthan in Local 'Indic' script.
- ❖ The technology for Rajmail was developed by Data XGen Technologies, a Rajasthan based firm.



- ❖ Vasundhara Raje was also awarded the ‘Chief Minister of the Year’ award in 2018.

New President of Interpol

- ❖ Kim Jong Yang of South Korea was elected as the new Interpol President.
- ❖ He has been elected for two-year term by member countries at 87th General Assembly of Interpol, held for first time in Dubai.
- ❖ He secured at least two-thirds of votes cast at general assembly and defeated Russia’s Alexander Prokopchuk.
- ❖ He will serve until 2020, completing the four-year mandate of his predecessor, Meng Hongwei, who was detained in China over corruption charges.

INTERPOL

- ❖ Interpol is a global police co-operation agency.
- ❖ It was established as the International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC) in 1923.
- ❖ Its headquarters is located at Lyon, France. It is the World’s largest international police organization, with 194-member countries as members (including India).
- ❖ It is the second-largest international organization after the United Nations in terms of the international representation.

SPORTS

Acrobatic Gymnastics world cup

- ❖ The two-day event of FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics World cup was held at the National Gymnastic Arena in Baku, the Capital of Azberijan for the first time.
- ❖ India won two bronze medals in the men's and women's group events.
- ❖ Prins Aris, Siddhesh Bhosle, Rushikesh More and Rejilesh Suribabu scored 20.560 to bag bronze medal.
- ❖ The Indian women's trio of Ayushi Ghodeswar, Prachi Parkhi and Mrunmayi Walde scored 18.200 and bagged bronze medal.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Television Day – 21 November

- ❖ The World Television Day is celebrated all across the World on November 21st every year.
- ❖ This year (2018) is the 23rd annual World Television Day.
- ❖ In December 1996, the UN General Assembly proclaimed 21 November as the World Television Day commemorating the date on which the first World Television Forum was held.

World Fisheries Day – 21 November

- ❖ The World Fisheries Day is celebrated across the World every year on November 21.



- ❖ It aims to highlight the importance of healthy oceans ecosystems and to ensure sustainable stocks of fisheries in the World.
- ❖ Fisheries play a vital role in the economy of the country with the practice contributing about 1.07 per cent to the GDP (Gross Domestic Product).

World Hello Day - 21 November

- ❖ The World Hello Day is a secular holiday observed annually on November 21. This year (November 21, 2018) marks the 46th World Hello Day.
- ❖ It aims to express that conflicts should be resolved through communication rather than the use of force.
- ❖ The World Hello Day began in response to the conflict between Egypt and Israel in the Fall of 1973.
- ❖ Since then, the World Hello Day has been observed by the people in 180 countries.
- ❖ The concept was created by Brian McCormack, a Ph.D. graduate of Arizona State University, and Michael McCormack, a graduate of Harvard University.
