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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Prime Minister of India laid the foundation of India's first Skill Development University, Sri Vishwakarma Skill Development University in Palwal district of Haryana.
- ❖ The Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has released a book named 'Radio Kashmir – In Times of Peace & War' written by Dr Rajesh Bhat in New Delhi.
 - The book has been published by Stellar Publishers.
- ❖ The Maldives cabinet has approved to re-join the Commonwealth, two years after withdrawing from the 53-nation grouping. The proposal will be sent to Parliament for ratification.
 - The country left the Commonwealth during former President Abdulla Yameen's administration in October 2016.

NATIONAL

4th International Congress on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine

- ❖ Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 4th International Congress on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine.
- ❖ It was held along with the Asia Pacific Geriatric Medicine Network Conference at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
- ❖ The vision of the conference is to improve old age care around the World.
- ❖ The conference was held on the theme - 'Future of Geriatric Medicine practice – Are you Ready?'
- ❖ The Congress focuses on sensitisation and reorientation of health care professionals.

Industrial Park Rating System

- ❖ The Union Commerce Minister, Suresh Prabhu has released a report on Industrial Park Rating System.
- ❖ The report was prepared by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

- ❖ It would help to increase the competitiveness of industries and promotion of the manufacturing sector as it would assess the parks against global standards.
- ❖ The system would assess 200 such parks on several parameters such as sewage effluent and treatment; and water treatment.

All India Heads of Police Communication Conference

- ❖ The two-day conference was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Communication (I/C) and Railways Manoj Sinha in New Delhi.
- ❖ The theme of the conference was “Modernization of Police Communication and challenges thereof.”

Vajra Prahar

- ❖ India, US Joint Special Forces Exercise 2018 named Vajra Prahar commenced at Mahajan Field Firing Range (MFFR), Bikaner in Rajasthan.
- ❖ The exercise was called between the Special Forces of both countries to deal with operations for counter-terrorism.

INTERNATIONAL

IMD World Talent Ranking 2018

- ❖ India has slipped two places to 53rd Position in the Global Annual talent ranking released by the renowned IMD Business School, Switzerland.
- ❖ India has been ranked at 51st Position in the year 2017.
- ❖ Switzerland retained the top Position for the fifth consecutive year.
- ❖ Denmark attained the 2nd rank followed by Norway, Austria and the Netherlands.
- ❖ Canada, which ranked at 6th, is the only non-European nation in the top-ten rankings.
- ❖ Singapore also topped the Asia region with 13th Rank while China is ranked at 39th.
- ❖ The rankings are based on three factors: Investment and Development, Appeal, and Readiness.

Voreqe Bainimarama re-elected as Fiji PM

- ❖ The Incumbent Fijian Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama was re-elected for a second term after his ruling Fiji First Party won this year's general election.
- ❖ President, Major- General (Retired) Jioji Konrote administered the oath of the office to the PM at State House.
- ❖ This is Fiji's second general election since a military coup in 2006 and the last election took place in 2014.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

'NSE goBID'

- ❖ The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) launched a mobile app NSE goBID and web-based platform for retail investors to buy government securities.
- ❖ This platform will allow investors to invest in treasury bills (T-Bills) of 91, 182 and 364 days and government bonds from one year to almost 40 years.
- ❖ The NSE goBID app will be available to all registered retail investors.

GROWTH - India telescope's first science observation

- ❖ The 0.7 m GROWTH-India telescope located at the Indian Astronomical Observatory in Hanle, Ladakh has made its first observation which is a follow-up study of a nova explosion.



- ❖ The GROWTH-India is a part of multi-country collaborative initiative known as Global Relay of Observatories Watching Transients Happen (GROWTH) to observe the transient events in the Universe.
- ❖ The Universities and Research Institutes of USA, Japan, India, Germany, Taiwan, UK and Israel are part of this Initiative.
- ❖ GROWTH-India is India's first fully robotic telescope designed to capture cosmic events.

AirSewa 2.0 web portal

- ❖ The upgraded version of AirSewa 2.0 web portal and mobile app was launched in New Delhi.
- ❖ AirSewa 2.0 will address air passengers' grievances like flight delays, problem in a refund, long queues and complaints of lost baggage.
- ❖ The Ministry of Civil Aviation launched AirSewa web portal and mobile app in November 2016.
- ❖ Suresh Prabhu and Jayant Sinha presented the **champion award** to **Chennai airport** which achieved 100 % timely closure of grievances in one year.

SPORTS

Taipei OEC Open tennis

- ❖ India's Ankita Raina and Karman Kaur Thandi, playing together for first time, won doubles title at Taipei Open.
- ❖ In the final match, they defeated Russian pair of Olga Doroshina and Natela Dzalamidze.
- ❖ This win marks the first WTA (Women's Tennis Association) title for an Indian since Sania Mirza's success came on WTA Tour and Grand Slam stage.

Taipei Open

- ❖ Taipei Open is a tournament for the female professional tennis players played on indoor carpet courts.
- ❖ It is currently classified as WTA 125K tournament.
- ❖ It has been held annually in November in Taipei City, Taiwan.

Hong Kong Open 2018

- ❖ Yonex-Sunrise Hong Kong Open 2018 was held at Hong Kong Coliseum, in Kowloon, Hong Kong.



- ❖ Son Wan Ho (South Korea) beat Kenta Nishimoto (Japan) and won the Men's Singles title.
- ❖ Nozomi Okuhara (Japan) beat Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand) and won the Women's Singles title.

MISCELLANEOUS

National Institute of Inter-faith Studies

- ❖ The centre has proposed to set up a first-of-its-kind institute of Inter-Faith Studies in Amritsar, Punjab.
- ❖ The announcement for this proposal came as a part of the year-long activities to commemorate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak in 2019.
- ❖ The decision was taken at a meeting of the National Implementation Committee (NIC) headed by the Home Minister Rajnath Singh.
- ❖ The NIC was constituted by the Prime Minister for the purpose of commemorating the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak.
