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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has recently announced the USA Cricket as its 105th member.
- ❖ A report by the World Economic Forum said that India is set to become the world's third largest consumer market behind only USA and China by 2030.
- ❖ The Standard Chartered Bank released its long term forecast which states that India will surpass the U.S to become the world's second largest economy by 2030 while China will be at 1st position.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet has recently approved the Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to 6 communities of Assam. The communities that are proposed to be extended ST status include, Koch Rajbongshi, Tai Ahom, Chutiya, Matak, Moran and the tea tribes.
- ❖ The Deen Dayal Veterinary University in Uttar Pradesh proposed to set up the first goat fertility lab in the state under Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojna.
  - The University has entered into a contract with the Pradeshik cooperative Dairy Federation for marketing.
- ❖ The England cricketer Sophie Ecclestone has been named as ICC Women's Emerging Player of the Year, whereas the New Zealand cricketer Suzie Bates has been named as the Captain ICC Women's ODI Team of the Year.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **'Police-E-Eye' app**

- ❖ The Coimbatore city traffic police has launched a mobile application 'Police-E-Eye' for the public to report on traffic violations to police and to keep a check on the same.
- ❖ The app was developed by Aveon Infotech Pvt. Ltd under its Corporate Social Responsibility.
- ❖ The violations so filed can be photographed which will be sent to the police along with the location, time and date with the help of GPS.



## NATIONAL

### “Web- Wonder Women” Campaign

- ❖ The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, has launched an online campaign, ‘#www: Web – Wonder Women’.



- ❖ Its objective is to recognize the exceptional women who have been driving positive agenda of social change via social media.
- ❖ The partners of the campaign are Breakthrough and Twitter India.

### MSMEs initiatives to promote Ease of Doing Business

- ❖ In the World Bank’s Doing Business (DB) rankings for 2019, India has climbed 23 spots to rank 77th globally.
- ❖ The various digital interventions have been a great contributing factor for India in making this significant improvement.
- ❖ To increase the ease of doing business rankings, it is a pre-requisite for India to give a special focus towards MSMEs (Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises).
- ❖ The MSME has introduced various digital initiatives in this regard and they are,
  - Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum – A self-declaration format for MSME’s to register itself.



- MSME Samadhaan Portal – To register cases relating to delayed payments by government.
- MSME Sambandh Portal - To monitor the implementation of the Public Procurement from MSMEs by CPSEs.
- MSME Sampark Portal - Digital platform for job seekers to register.

### **First Island to operate seaplanes under UDAN-3**

- ❖ The Ministry of Civil Aviation has approved operations of seaplanes in the Andaman Islands under UDAN-3 (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik).
- ❖ It thus made Andaman, the first island of India to operate seaplanes.



- ❖ The Islands of Andaman that would be connected through seaplanes are Campbell Bay, Car Nicobar, Havelock, Hutbay, Neil, Long island and Diglipur.
- ❖ The Operation of Seaplanes which are commonly used in Maldives and Mauritius is a part government's ambitious regional connectivity scheme.

### **IFoS to be renamed as IFTS - DoPT**

- ❖ The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) proposed renaming of the Indian Forest Service as Indian Forest and Tribal Service.
- ❖ The move was made for the IFoS to be more receptive towards tribal and forest dwellers.
- ❖ This was made after a directive from the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) suggested to do so.

## **Rashtriya Gokul Mission**

- ❖ The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing the scheme of Rashtriya Gokul Mission to conserve and develop indigenous breeds in a focused and scientific manner.



- ❖ The scheme comprises of two components namely
  - National Programme for Bovine Breeding (NPBB) and
  - National Mission on Bovine Productivity (NMBP).

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2018**

- ❖ The UN office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has recently released a latest Global Report on “Trafficking in Persons”.
- ❖ As per the report, Children now account for 30% of those being trafficked, and far more girls are detected than boys.
- ❖ This report shows that more victims of human trafficking were reported to the United Nation’s agency in 2016 than at any time over the past 13 years.
- ❖ Trafficking for sexual exploitation is the most prevalent form in European countries.
- ❖ In sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East, forced labour is the main factor driving the illicit trade.



## **ECONOMY**

### **RBI allows 'tokenisation'**

- ❖ The RBI has allowed tokenization of debit, credit and prepaid card transactions to enhance the safety of the digital payments' ecosystem in the country.
- ❖ Tokenisation acts as an additional layer of security as it masks sensitive card data such as the 16-digit Account Number, expiration date and security code.
- ❖ The central bank has allowed card schemes like Visa, Mastercard and others to start issuing tokens for third party payment applications as well.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Impact of increase in salinity on Gangetic Dolphins**

- ❖ A five-year study by researchers
  - Sangita Mitra (National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai) and
  - Mahua Roy Chowdhury, (a marine biologist Calcutta)has been published in the Journal of Threatened Taxa.
- ❖ The research has found that raising water salinity level is threatening the habitat of Gangetic river dolphins.
- ❖ Gangetic Dolphins are the only surviving freshwater dolphin in India.
- ❖ Gangetic Dolphins are found in the river systems of Ganga, Brahmaputra, Meghna and Karnaphuli- Sangu in Nepal, India and Bangladesh.
- ❖ The IUCN status of the Gangetic Dolphin is Endangered. Gangetic Dolphin is the National Aquatic Animal of India.

## STATES

### Polavaram project enters Guinness Book of World Record

- ❖ The Polavaram project of Andhra Pradesh got its place in the Guinness book of world record.



- ❖ This project entered the Guinness by pouring 32,315.5 cubic meters of concrete non-stop in 24 hours.
- ❖ This project surpassed the leading record of 21,580 cubic metres which was achieved by Abdul Wahed Bin Shabib project.

### State law commission – J&K

- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir Law Department set up a State law commission, for three years, under the chairmanship of Justice (Retd) M K Hanjura.
- ❖ It will have a chairperson, two full-time members and two part-time members.
- ❖ The Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Secretary Achal Sethi will be the ex-officio member of the commission.





### Functions of the Commission

- It will identify redundant and obsolete laws that can be repealed and suggest measures for quick redress of public grievances
- It will examine the laws that affect the poor and carry out post-audit of socio-economic legislations
- It will ensure speedy clearance of arrears and reduction in costs and quick and economical disposal of cases

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### Confederation of African Football Player of the Year award 2018

- ❖ Liverpool's Mohamed Salah was conferred with the 2018 Confederation of African Football Player of the Year award, for the second time, in Senegal.



- ❖ He also won the BBC African Footballer of the Year award for the second time in December 2018.
- ❖ Among other awardees, Houston Dash and South Africa forward Thembi Kgatlana was named Women's Player of the Year.

### African Cup host nation

- ❖ The Confederation of African Football's (CAF) Executive Committee announced that Egypt will host African Cup for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in 2019.

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