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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurated the CODISSIA (Coimbatore District Small Industries Association) Industrial Park Limited (CIPL) at Coimbatore. Established in 1969 as a small Industries Association, it celebrates its 50th year Golden Jubilee.
- ❖ TN government has appointed K Gnanadesikan, Additional Chief Secretary to the Industries department, as chairperson of the Tamil Nadu Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).
- ❖ Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated Cremica Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd in Village Singhain, Una District of Himachal Pradesh.
 - This is the first Mega Food Park operationalized in the State of Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ 2 day 2nd Joint Secretary Level meeting to assess the India-Nepal Trade Treaty was organized in Pokhara, Nepal to deliberate upon various bilateral issues and non-tariff barriers in bilateral trade.
- ❖ India and Norway signed a letter of Intent for establishing the India-Norway Marine Pollution Initiative.
- ❖ Ruchira Kamboj, currently serving as the High Commissioner of India to South Africa, was appointed as the Ambassador of India to Bhutan.
- ❖ Geneva banned elected officials and public employees to wearing visible religious symbols after 55% residents voted in favour of a controversial new “secularism law”.

TAMIL NADU

Codissia Defence Innovation and Incubation Centre

- ❖ Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the Defence Innovation Hub of Codissia (Coimbatore District Small Industries Association) in Trichy.
- ❖ She handed over a certification to its office-bearers during the launch of projects under Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor.



- ❖ This Codissia Defence Innovation and Incubation Centre (CDIIC) is the first of its kind hub in the country.

NATIONAL

PETROTECH -2019

- ❖ The 13th Edition of PETROTECH - 2019, India's flagship hydrocarbon Conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister at India Expo Centre, Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The 3-day event is the country's biggest hydrocarbon conference with the participation from over 95 Energy Ministers and 7000 delegates from around 70 countries.
- ❖ It is organized by the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- ❖ The 12th edition of PETROTECH was held in New Delhi on December, 2016
- ❖ India is the 3rd largest consumer of crude oil and petroleum products after United States and China.

Sena medal

- ❖ In Udhampur of Kashmir , 92 army men were awarded Sena medals at an investiture ceremony for their gallantry and distinguished services.
- ❖ In the event, 76 medals for gallantry services, 7 medals for distinguished services and 8 for Vishist Seva were presented to awardees.
- ❖ Lance Naik Nazir Ahmed Wani, a recipient of Ashok Chakra was also awarded with Bar to Sena Medal posthumously which was received by his wife.

INTERNATIONAL

40th anniversary of the Islamic revolution

- ❖ Iran has concluded the formal celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the Islamic revolution.
- ❖ Islamic Revolution or the 1979 Revolution overthrown the monarch of Iran, Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi.
- ❖ His government was replaced with an Islamic republic under the Grand Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, a leader of one of the factions in the revolt.



- ❖ The movement against the United States-backed monarchy was supported by various leftist and Islamist organizations and student movements.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Boeing heavy-lift Chinook helicopters

- ❖ India received the first 4 of 15 Boeing Co.'s Chinook helicopters from US at the Mundra port in Gujarat.
- ❖ This helicopter would replace the Russia-made Mi-17 medium-lift helicopters, the Mi-26 helicopters and Mi-35 attack helicopters.



- ❖ Chinooks can carry goods and cargo of up to 9.6 tonnes each. This includes men and machines like artillery guns and light armoured vehicles to high altitudes.
- ❖ It can also offer support during disaster relief, medical evacuation, search and rescue missions, aircraft recovery and parachute drops, according to Boeing.

STATES

Computer education on wheels

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister inaugurated the 'HP on Wheels-Mobile Computer School'.
- ❖ This school has been started in collaboration with the famous computer company HP India, and it will be operated through social organisation 'Sewa Bharti'.

- ❖ In this kind of a school, the materials and advance facilities related to the studies of students from class 1 to 12 will be provided in both English and Hindi languages.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Commonwealth of Learning Goodwill ambassador

- ❖ 96 years old, Kerala's oldest student Karthyayani Amma was appointed as a Commonwealth of Learning Goodwill ambassador.
- ❖ Despite not going to school in the past, she scored 98 out of 100 in 'Aksharalaksham' literacy programme and received a merit certificate from Kerala Chief Minister in October last year.
- ❖ The Commonwealth of Learning is an intergovernmental organisation of The Commonwealth headquartered in Metro Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- ❖ It aims to promote distance education and open learning among its 53-member nations.



Dan David Prize 2019

- ❖ Noted Indian historian Sanjay Subrahmanyam has won Israel's prestigious Dan David Prize for this year.
- ❖ This award was given for his work on inter-cultural encounters between Asians, Europeans and people of North and South America during the early modern era.

- ❖ He won the award in the category of 'past time dimension' for his work in macro history.
- ❖ He shares the USD 1 million award in this category with Prof Kenneth Pomeranz of University of Chicago.

International Dan David Prize

- ❖ Dan David Prize is a joint international enterprise endowed by the Dan David Foundation headquartered at Tel Aviv University.
- ❖ This Prize is awarded annually to those who have made outstanding scientific, technological and humanistic accomplishments in fields representing the past, present and future of human achievement.
- ❖ Three Dan David Prize are given every year.



SPORTS

MRF Challenge

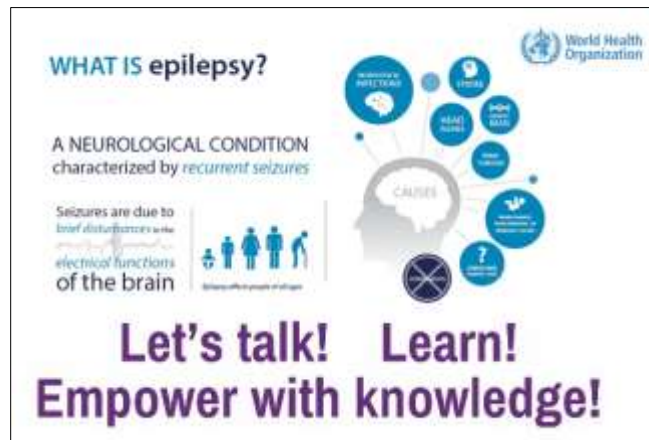
- ❖ England's Jamie Chadwick scripted history in the MRF Challenge.
- ❖ She became the first female driver to claim the championship in seven seasons.
- ❖ Belgium's Max Defourny won the second spot and Finland's Patrick Pasma took the third place in the race that took place at the MMRT near Chennai.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Epilepsy Day 2019

- ❖ International Epilepsy Day is observed on the 11th of February all over the world.
- ❖ Every year on the second Monday of February people join together to celebrate International Epilepsy Day.



- ❖ The global health event is celebrated to create awareness about the disorder, its impacts on the lives of patients, their families, personal lives, and career.
- ❖ The day was started and organized by the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) and the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE).



MISCELLANEOUS

Toll free cleft helpline number

- ❖ India's first toll free national cleft helpline named "Smile Train India cleft Helpline" was launched by Smile Train India on National Cleft Day (08 February 2019).
- ❖ The number 1800 103 8301 is accessible to people throughout India and they can receive 100% free, quality and safe cleft treatment.
- ❖ It will create awareness about cleft surgery support by Smile Train and their partner hospitals across India.