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TNPSC BITS

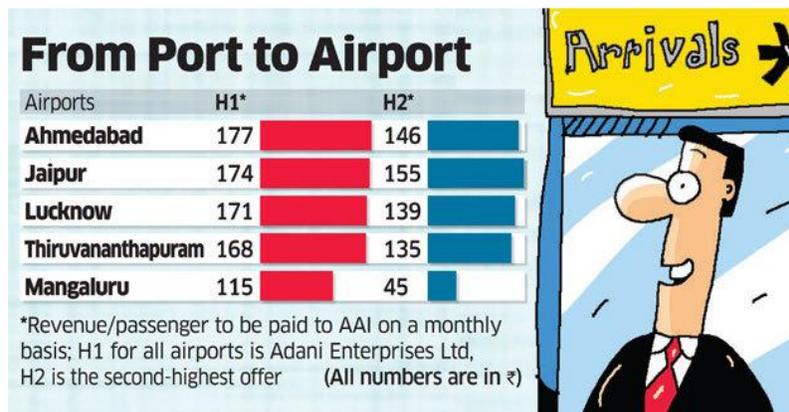
- ❖ Madras High Court ruled that MPs as well as MLAs are liable to refund salaries and other emoluments, along with penalty, if a court of law declares their election to be illegal.
 - This null and void verdict is applicable either before or after the completion of their tenure.
- ❖ TN state government has extended the tenure of the Justice A. Arumugasamy Commission for another four months.
 - On September 25, 2017, the state government had appointed this one-man commission to probe the circumstances leading to the death of former CM J. Jayalalithaa.
- ❖ TN state government has announced that New frozen semen station with high pedigree country and cross bred bull will be established in the Integrated livestock park, Salem at the cost of Rs 100 crore.
- ❖ The Indian Air Force (IAF) carried out air strikes at the biggest training camp of the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terror group in Balakot of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province in Pakistan, eliminating over 300 terrorists and their trainers. For this, Miraj 2000 class aircrafts were used.
- ❖ RBI is working on a set of rules that would link salaries of banks CEOs to parameters like balance sheet size of a bank, loan delinquency, profits and governance record.
- ❖ Union Cabinet gave its nod to issue the Triple Talaq ordinance, Third Time in less than one year on February 19.
 - It makes the practice of instant triple talaq by Muslim men a penal offence.
- ❖ Government of Maharashtra celebrates 19th February as a Maharaja Shivaji day to commemorating Shivaji's birthday (Shivaji Jayanti).
- ❖ Actress Kareena Kapoor Khan has been appointed as an ambassador of Swasth Immunised India campaign.
 - The Swasth Immunised India campaign has been launched by Serum Institute of India (SII) and Network 18.
- ❖ Ministry of Home Affairs directed to Assam Rifles to shift their battalion headquarters from capital city of Mizoram, Aizawl to Zokhawsang area by May 31.
 - Presently, the Assam Rifles' headquarters is located in Treasury and Zodin square in Aizawl city.

- ❖ India's Tennis player Prajnesh Gunneswaran achieved his career-best ATP ranking, rising to 94th in the latest list.

NATIONAL

5 Airports Operation under Adani Group

- ❖ Adani group has won the bid to operate five out of six airports put up for privatisation by the government.
- ❖ Adani group won the bid of the Ahmedabad, Thiruvananthapuram, Lucknow, Mangaluru and Jaipur airports. Guwahati airport will be opened later.
- ❖ This move to manage the six airports on PPP basis is the part of an initiative to provide world-class infrastructure and services to stakeholders.



Poem on Jallianwala massacre

- ❖ Poem on the Jallianwala Bagh massacre was written and presented by Punjabi writer Nanak Singh, also known as 'Father of Punjabi Novels' on 13th April, 1919.
- ❖ The poem was a scathing critique of the British Raj and was banned soon after its publication. Its manuscript was subsequently lost.
- ❖ After 99 years, the poem has been rediscovered and now translated into English by the author's grandson and diplomat, Navdeep Suri.
- ❖ It will be published by Harper Collins India next month to mark the centenary of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

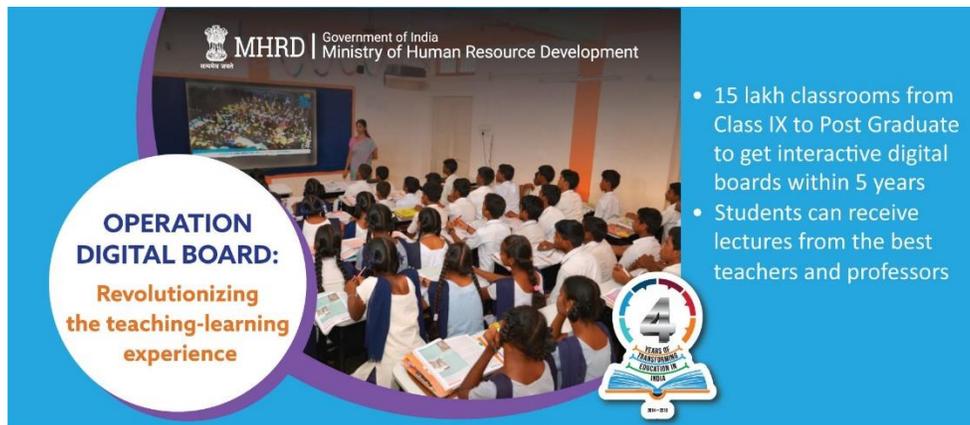
New rules for deemed-to-be Universities

- ❖ University Grants Commission (UGC) has instituted new rules for educational bodies that seek Deemed to be University status.

- ❖ These new rules will also apply to those existing deemed to be universities seeking to maintain such status as.
- ❖ The first criterion is that the institution should provide courses at undergraduate, post-graduate and research degree levels.
- ❖ Secondly, an institution applying to be declared as an Institution Deemed to be University should be in existence for not less than twenty years.
- ❖ Also, it must have a valid accreditation by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with at least 3.26 CGPA for three consecutive cycles.
- ❖ In the case of technical institutions, two-thirds of the eligible technical programmes must be accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA).

Operation Digital Board

- ❖ Union Human Resource Minister, Prakash Javadekar launched Operation Digital Board to leverage technology to boost quality education in the country.
- ❖ Operation Digital Board (ODB) is a revolutionary step which will make both learning as well as the teaching process interactive and popularize flipped learning as a pedagogical approach.
- ❖ It has been launched on the lines of Operation Blackboard to provide better digital education in schools.

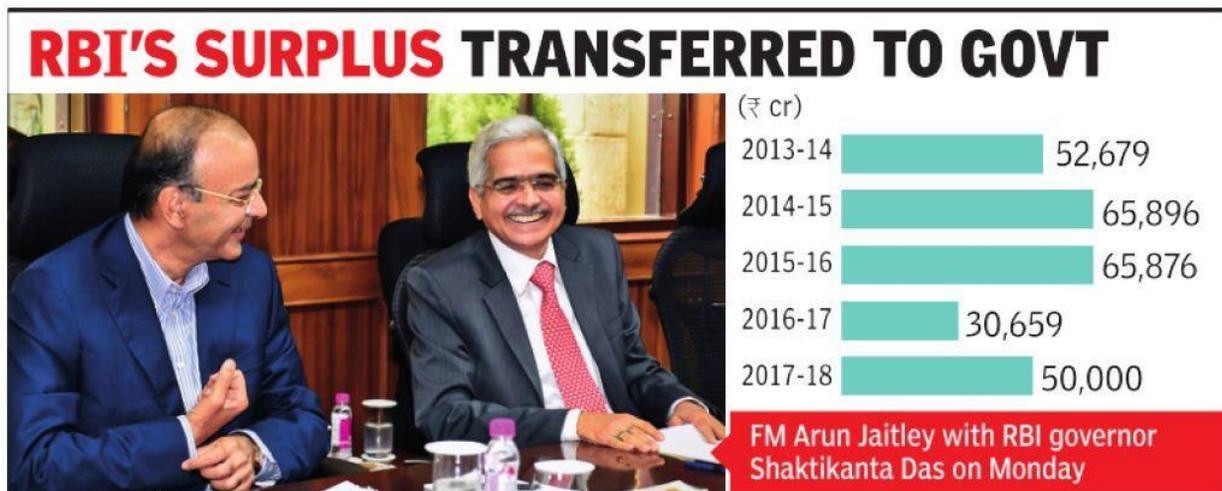


- ❖ UGC will be the implementing agency for ODB in Higher Education institutions.
- ❖ Central government will implement the scheme in the schools in association with state government.

ECONOMY

Interim surplus transfer to government

- ❖ RBI board approved transfer Rs 28,000 crore interim dividend to the government.
- ❖ This is the second successive year that the Reserve Bank transferring an interim surplus.
- ❖ RBI's financial year ends in July and the interim dividend will be usually transferred to the Government by March.
- ❖ While the government was seeking up to Rs 40,000 crore as interim dividend but the audit committee of the central bank opted for Rs 28,000 crore after taking into account policies and requirements of the RBI.
- ❖ The government has already received Rs 40,000 crore from the central bank during the financial year 2018-19.



STATES

Mallakhamb World Championship

- ❖ The two-day first Mallakhamb World Championship was held at Shivaji Park in central Mumbai.
- ❖ It has seen participants almost from 15 countries.
- ❖ The team championship was won by India, while Singapore stood second with Malaysia as third.



SPORTS

Strandzha Memorial Tournament

- ❖ Asian Games gold-medallist Amit Panghal (49 kg) claimed a second successive gold at the Strandzha Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- ❖ Nikhat Zareen and Meena Kumari Devi became the first Indian women boxers to win gold medals at this tournament.



- ❖ Manju Rani (48 kg) settled for a silver after a defeat from Filipino Josie Gabuco.
- ❖ Pwilao Basumatari (64 kg), Neeraj (60 kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (69 kg) had settled for bronze medals after losing their semi-final.

- ❖ India signed off with three gold, a silver, and three bronze medals in this 70th edition of the boxing event.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Central Excise Day 2019 - February 24

- ❖ Central Excise Day is commemorated every year all across the India on 24th of February to encourage the employees of excise department to carry out the central excise duty all over the India in better way.
- ❖ It is encouraging the equality among the officers of the Central Board of Excise and Customs Department as well as assist them to ensure better tax observance.
- ❖ It is celebrated to commemorate the establishment of the Central Excise and Salt Act on 24th of February in the year 1944.

World NGO Day - February 27

- ❖ World NGO Day is an international calendar day annually observed on the 27th of February.
- ❖ It was officially recognized and declared by the 12-member countries of the 9th Baltic Sea NGO Forum of the Council of the Baltic Sea States in 2010.



- ❖ First time it was marked by the UN, EU leaders and international organizations in 2014.



- ❖ The universal concept of the World NGO Day is “Celebrate, Commemorate and Collaborate” the various NGOs around the world, and the people behind them.
