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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu State Government has officially notified that from April 5, 2019 Chennai Central Railway station will henceforth be renamed as Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.MGR Central railway station.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Foodgrains Marketing Yard (TNFMY) and Madurai American College have signed an agreement to develop flavoured brown rice milk, which has health benefits; non-chemical jaggery from sugarcane juice and millet waffle for children.
- ❖ Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and India International Exchange (India INX) have signed a memorandum of understanding with Moscow Exchange (MOEX) to connect investor community and companies in both countries.
 - BSE and India INX are the first Indian exchanges to enter into the MoU with Moscow exchange.
- ❖ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has given approval to Paytm Money , the investment and wealth management platform of the mobile payments company, to start offering broking services.
- ❖ All India Football Federation president Praful Patel was elected as a FIFA Council member, becoming the first Indian to enter the prestigious panel.
- ❖ IT industry body NASSCOM has declared that it had appointed Keshav Murugesh - CEO of WNS Global Services Group as its chairman for 2019-20.
- ❖ Vikram Kirloskar, CMD of Kirloskar Systems and vice-chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor, has assumed office as president of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2019-20.

NATIONAL

Transport Infra

- ❖ The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and Roadis, a private investor and operator of transport infrastructure worldwide and have jointly set up a platform to invest 2 billion dollars in road projects in India.
- ❖ NIIF is India's first sovereign wealth fund that was set up by the Government of India in 2015.

- ❖ The objective behind creating this fund was to maximize economic impact mainly through infrastructure investment in commercially viable projects, both Greenfield and Brownfield.
- ❖ Capital for NIIF is raised from both domestic and international institutional investors.

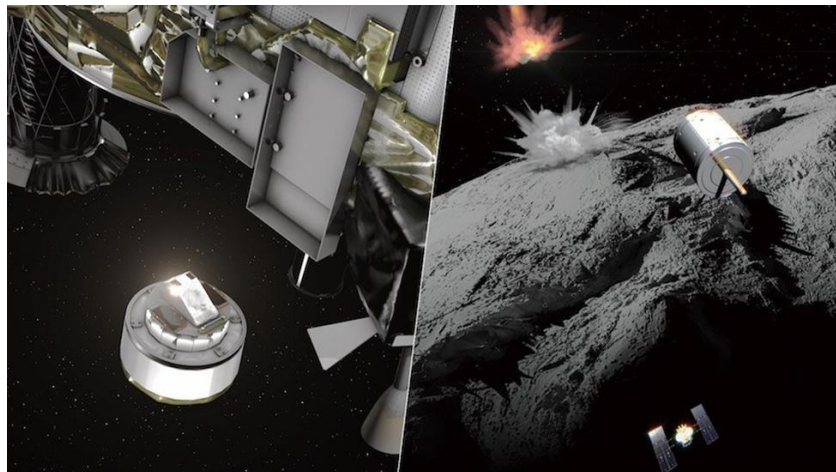
Standardisation and Conformity Assessment

- ❖ The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has inked an MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D) to collaborate in the field of standardisation and conformity assessment.
- ❖ IIT Delhi is expected to provide infrastructure support for research and development projects of relevance to standardisation and BIS will provide financial support to IIT Delhi for projects.
- ❖ BIS is the National Standards Body of India established under the BIS Act, 2016. Surina Rajan is the Director General of BIS.

INTERNATIONAL

Hayabusa - 2

- ❖ Japan's spacecraft Hayabusa-2 recently dropped an explosive on an asteroid to make a crater.
 - It's aims to collect underground samples to find possible clues to the origin of the solar system.



Nationwide 5G Network

- ❖ South Korea has launched the world's first nationwide 5G mobile network communication.
- ❖ 5G will use spectrum in the existing LTE frequency range (600 MHz to 6 GHz).
- ❖ 5G will provide smartphones with near-instantaneous connectivity, 20 times faster than 4G.
- ❖ This allows users to download entire movies in less than a second.
- ❖ The 5G technology is crucial for the future development of devices such as self-driving vehicles.



ECONOMY

Lakshmi Vilas Bank

- ❖ Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) and India Bulls Housing Finance (IBHF) boards have approved merger of the two entities.
- ❖ The new entity will be called Indiabulls Lakshmi Vilas Bank.
- ❖ CAR is the ratio of a bank's capital in relation to its risk weighted assets and current liabilities.
- ❖ This rate is decided by RBI to prevent commercial banks from taking excess leverage and becoming insolvent in the process.

LCR Norms

- ❖ In a bid to further improve the cash position of banks, the RBI has provided additional 2 per cent liquidity window to the lenders by tweaking liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) norms.
- ❖ The LCR indicates the proportion of highly liquid assets held by banks to ensure their ability to meet short-term obligations.

ENVIRONMENT

Monsoon prediction

- ❖ Skymet, a private weather forecaster, has predicted the likelihood of below-normal rains this year's monsoon season.
- ❖ Indian Meteorological Department has also predicted a weak Southwest monsoon season.
- ❖ The forecaster pegged rainfall in the country during the 2019 monsoon (June-September) at 93%.
- ❖ LPA is defined as the average annual rainfall over a 50-year period.

Level of Rainfall on LPA	Status of Rainfall
Less than 90%	Deficient
96-104%	Average or Normal
90-96%	Below Normal
104-110%	Above Normal
Above 110%	Excess

Komodo Dragon

- ❖ Indonesian authorities are considering banning tourists from Komodo Island, the island home of the ancient Komodo dragon, to allow for conservation efforts and to prevent smuggling.



- ❖ Indonesian islands are the only place in the world where Komodo dragons can be seen in their natural habitat.
- ❖ The IUCN status of Komodo dragons is 'Vulnerable'.

STATES

West Bengal

- ❖ The National Green Tribunal has directed the West Bengal state government to submit a quarterly report on the issue of solid waste management.
- ❖ According to the green panel, the state only treats 49 percent of the wastewater before dumping it into the Ganga River.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

World Bank's New President

- ❖ David Malpass, a top U.S. Treasury official in Trump administration, has been unanimously selected as the new President of the World Bank.
- ❖ Since the bank's creation following World War II, all of its Presidents have been American men.
- ❖ Incidentally any national citizen can become World Bank President but none have become President till date.

SPORTS

FIFA

- ❖ FIFA – the International governing body of football - has released World Football rankings on April, 04 2019.
- ❖ India rose two points and gets 101st rank while Belgium tops the list.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Mine Awareness Day

- ❖ International Mine Awareness Day and Assistance in Mine Action 2019 was observed on April 4, 2019.
- ❖ In 2005, the UN General Assembly declared that 4th April of each year shall be observed as the International Day for Mine Awareness.
- ❖ The theme of this year was ‘United Nations Promotes SDGs – Safe Ground – Safe Home’.
- ❖ The theme links mine action, converting mine fields into safe sporting grounds and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).