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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ A perimeter wall is coming up around Chennai Nanmangalam reserve forest along its boundaries to prevent garbage dumping and encroachment.
 - Nanmangalam Reserve forest is mostly a thorny scrub jungle and it is home to the highly endangered Great horned Indian Owl.
- ❖ UK government has released a white paper on 'Online harms'. It plans to make individual executives of Internet tech companies legally liable for harmful content spread on their platforms.

TAMIL NADU

Kalingarayan Canal

- ❖ Dumping of garbage, including plastic and thermocol, industrial effluents and poultry waste continue to affect the 737-year-old Kalingarayan canal in Erode district.
- ❖ The 90.5 km. long canal helps in irrigating 15,743 acre located on both the sides of the canal from Bhavani to Kodumudi.



- ❖ Kalingarayan Canal was constructed by Kongu chieftain Kalingarayan in 1283.
- ❖ The canal's source is the Kalingarayan Dam near Bhavani, Erode.
- ❖ The canal connects Bhavani and Noyyal rivers, two major tributaries of the Kaveri.



NATIONAL

ITBP Votes

- ❖ The soldiers of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) were the first to cast their vote for the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in Arunachal Pradesh as Service Voters.
- ❖ The first vote of the country was cast by DIG Sudhakar Natarajan, head of ATS ITBP.
- ❖ Service voters belonging to defence and paramilitary forces have the option of either voting through postal ballot or through a proxy voter duly appointed by him/her.

Service Voters

- ❖ A wife of a service voter will be enrolled as a service voter but not a son or daughter.
- ❖ The following category of people are deemed to be service voters.

Member of Armed Forces

Member of Assam Rifles, CRPF, BSF, ITBF, GREF in Border Roads Organization and Central Industrial Security Force.

Employed by the Government of India in a post outside India.

Member of an armed police force of a state, and serving outside that state.

Uncertified Advertisements

- ❖ The Election Commission of India (ECI) has prohibited political advertisements on polling day and a day prior to it unless they are pre-certified by screening committees.
- ❖ Media Certification and Monitoring Committee at the state and district level are to examine and pre-certify all such advertisements.
- ❖ At present, electronic media is barred from showing election publicity material during the last 48 hours before the conclusion of polling.

Greenery and Landscaping

- ❖ National Seminar on “Greenery and Landscaping” was organized by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD).
- ❖ The seminar focused on Green Urban Areas which play an important role in the social and natural sustainability and improve quality of life.
- ❖ Green Urban Areas refer to green spaces such as parks and sports fields as well as woods and natural meadows, wetlands or other urban ecosystems.

NIRF Rankings

- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind has released the The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Rankings 2019 for Institutes and Universities.
- ❖ NIRF was approved and launched by Minister of Human Resource Development on 29th September 2015.
- ❖ The First rank list was released in 2016.
- ❖ The parameters of ranking broadly cover Teaching, Learning and Resources, Research and Professional Practices, Graduation Outcomes, Outreach and Inclusivity and Perception.
- ❖ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, topped the overall national ranking of higher institutes.

CATEGORY	TOP INSTITUTE/ UNIVERSITY
Overall	IIT Madras
Engineering	IIT Madras
Law	National Law School of India University, Bengaluru
Architecture	IIT Kharagpur
Medical Institutes	AIIMS New Delhi
Colleges	Miranda House
Pharmacy	Jamia Hamdard



Indian Management institutes	IIM Bangalore
Universities	IISc Bangalore

- ❖ Various Tamilnadu based colleges have made it to the top rankings.

Category	Name	Rank
COLLEGES	Presidency College	3
	Loyola College	6
UNIVERSITY	Anna University	7
	Amrita Viswa Peedam	8
ENGINEERING	IIT Madras	1
	Anna University	9
	NIT Trichy	10
PHARMACY	JSS College, Nilgiris	10
ARCHITECTURE	NIT Trichy	7
	Anna University	12
MEDICINE	CMC, Vellore	3
	Amrita Viswa Peedam	5
	JIPMER, Pondicherry	8
	SRMC, Chennai	11
MANAGEMENT	IIM, Trichy	14
OVERALL	IIT Madras	1

ARIIA

- ❖ The Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) under the NIRF was introduced this year (2019) for the first time.
- ❖ ARIIA rankings for Institutions and Universities in India are exclusively given on indicators related to “Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development” among students and faculty.
- ❖ IIT Madras was the number 1 ranked institute under ARIIA.



INTERNATIONAL

Iran-US

- ❖ US President Donald Trump announced designating of Iran's 'Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)', an elite military force, as a terrorist organization.
- ❖ It is for the first time that the United States designated another nation's military as a terrorist organization.
- ❖ In retaliation, Iran declared the US Central Command, CentCOM- the Middle East based armed forces of America, as a terrorist organization.
- ❖ The IRGC was formed after the 1979 Islamic revolution in Iran with a mission to defend the clerical regime.
- ❖ It is now Iran's most powerful security organization.

Libyan Crisis

- ❖ India has evacuated its entire contingent of peacekeeping forces comprising of 15 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel from Tripoli, Libya.
- ❖ The situation in the war-hit nation has suddenly worsened.
- ❖ Libyan Crisis started in 2011 with the popular uprising which overthrew and ended dictator Muammar Gaddafi's long rule.
- ❖ Libya is currently ruled by the internationally recognized government headed by Fayeze al-Sarraj, the UN-backed Government of National Accord (GNA) but it is opposed by various militias.
- ❖ Libya, a North African country, has the largest oil reserves in entire Africa.

STATES

Kerala

- ❖ 22-year-old Sreedhanya Suresh from Kerala's Wayanad district became the first tribal girl (Kurichiya Community) from Kerala to clear the civil service examinations.
- ❖ She secured the 410th rank in the examination.



Arunachal Pradesh

- ❖ The Indian Army has recovered a wreckage of a World War II vintage US Air Force aircraft in Roing district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Over 400 American soldiers are believed to have gone missing in aircraft crashes while crossing 'The Hump' from India to China.
- ❖ The Hump, over the Himalayas, was the main supply route between India and China during World War II, after Myanmar was captured by Japanese troops.





IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

- ❖ Every year April 6 is observed as International day of Sport for development and peace.
- ❖ The day is observed since April 6, 2014 based on a resolution passed by General Assembly of the United Nations.
- ❖ This date commemorates the inauguration, in 1896, of the first Olympic games of the modern era, in Athens (Greece).
- ❖ IDSDP is an annual celebration of the power of sport to drive social change, community development and to foster global peace and understanding.

