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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has announced to name a Jewish Settlement in the Golan Heights after US President Donald Trump, who officially recognised the disputed area as Israeli territory.
 - Israel has also stated that in appreciation of the U.S. president, it intends to name a proposed train station near Jerusalem's Western Wall after him.
- ❖ Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has hired the services of a private firm Network Intelligence, to provide cybersecurity services to its members in line with the cybersecurity framework set by Securities and Exchange Board of India.
 - Network Intelligence will be using its own platform BlueScope to offer 24x7 cybersecurity operations to the members.
- ❖ SBI General Insurance has launched the product "cyber defence insurance" to protect businesses from financial and reputational losses due to cyber attacks.
- ❖ Fabio Fognini became the first Italian to win an ATP Masters 1000 title at the Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters. He defeated Dusan Lajovic of Serbia.
- ❖ Reliance retail has become the first Indian retail company to clock more than Rs 1 lakh crore in annual revenues.
 - It reported an income of Rs 1,30,556 crore for 2018-19, 89% more than the previous year's Rs 69,198 crore.
- ❖ North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and Russian President Vladimir Putin held summit talks for the time ever in the Pacific port city of Vladivostok.
- ❖ Recently the Reserve Bank of India has sold its entire stake in the National Housing Bank (NHB) and the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (Nabard) to the Union Government for Rs 1,450 crore and Rs 20 crore, respectively.

TAMIL NADU

Chronicler of Madras

- ❖ Heritage activist S. Muthiah, well known for his writings on the political and cultural history of Chennai city, recently passed away.
- ❖ Muthiah was the main brain behind the annual Madras Day celebrations held every year in Chennai city on August 22.

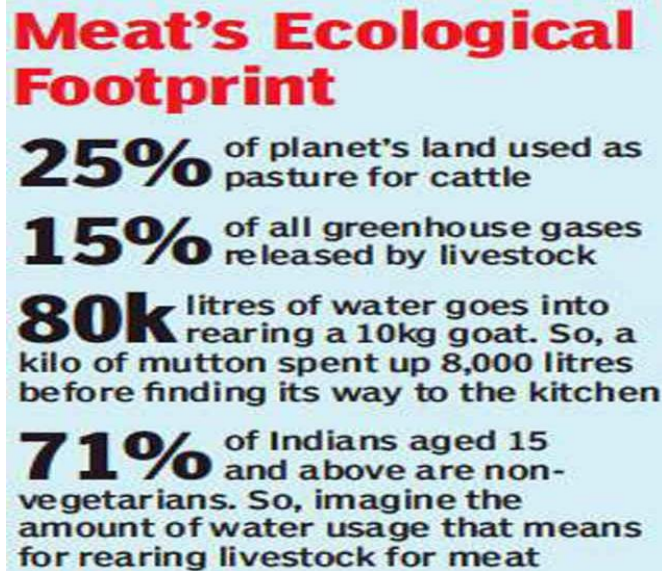


- ❖ He was awarded the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 2002 for his accomplishments.

NATIONAL

Ahimsa Mutton

- ❖ Hyderabad-based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and National Research Centre on Meat (NRCM) jointly plan to produce “ahimsa meat”.
- ❖ It is India’s first laboratory meat project.
- ❖ The scientists will develop mutton and chicken from stem cells, without animal rearing.
- ❖ India is among few countries where the government is funding the project to produce fat-free boneless meat.



ECONOMY

Jan Dhan

- ❖ The total deposits in Jan Dhan Account are set to cross Rs 1 lakh crore soon.
- ❖ On 3rd April, the total balance in the Jan Dhan accounts was at Rs 97,665.66 and the total number of Jan Dhan accounts crossed 35.39 crores.
- ❖ More than 27.89 crores account holders have been issued the Rupay debit cards.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Mars Quake

- ❖ National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) InSight lander spacecraft has detected what is widely believed to be a "mars quake" in the Mars planet.
- ❖ NASA's InSight stands for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport.
- ❖ It is the first outer space robotic explorer to study in-depth the "inner space" of Mars.
- ❖ Studying these internal structures will aid in answering the early formation of rocky planets in our inner solar system.

ENVIRONMENT

Penguin Colony

- ❖ Halley Bay site in Antarctica, the world's second-largest penguin colony, has almost disappeared.
- ❖ Researchers from the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) reported death of thousands of penguin chicks.
- ❖ Most of the penguin chicks drowned when "sea ice" in Antarctica's Weddell Sea was destroyed by storms in 2016.
- ❖ Climate change induced recurring storms in 2017 and 2018 nearly destroyed almost all chicks at this site.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Tagore Literary Prize

- ❖ The second edition of Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize in 'Literary' category was awarded to author Rana Dasgupta for his 2010 novel "Solo".
- ❖ The novel is a tale of estrangement and the ultimate failure of material existence.
- ❖ An amount of \$10,000, a Tagore statue and a certificate for contribution to literature was given to Dasgupta.



- ❖ Japan's Yohei Sasakawa was chosen for the same award in "Social Achievement" category.
- ❖ He was awarded for his incredible efforts to uproot leprosy and for his great contribution to the world peace.
- ❖ The annually awarded Tagore prize aims for revival of poetry and books that can change lives.

SPORTS

Asian Athletics Championship

- ❖ The 23rd edition of the Asian Athletics Championship concluded in Doha, Qatar.
- ❖ India with 17 medals (3 Gold, 7 silver and 7 bronze) finished fourth in the tournament.
- ❖ Gomathi Marimuth's gold-medal winning performance in the 800 metres event was widely acclaimed.
- ❖ Men's Event Medal Tally

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Shot Put	Tejinder Pal		
1500 metres		Ajay Kumar Saroj	
3000 m steeple chase		Avinash Sable	
10,000 metres (Men)			Gavit Murli Kumar
400 metres hurdles			Jabir Madari Palliyalil

- ❖ Women's Event Medal Tally

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
800 metres	Gomathi		
1500 metres	PU Chithra		
Javelin Throw		Annu Rani	
Heptathlon		Swapna Barman	
10,000 metres			Sanjivani Jadhav



200 metres			Dutee Chand
400 metres			M.R. Poovamma
5000 metres			Parul Chowdary
400 metres hurdles			Sarita Gaykwad
4 x 100m Relay		M.R. Poovamma Saritaben V.K. Vismaya Prachi	

- ❖ Mohammad Anas, M. R. Poovamma, Vismaya Velluvakoroth and Arokia Rajiv won Silver in 4 x 100 metres Mixed relay race category.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Panchayati Raj Day

- ❖ National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated every year on 24th April by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- ❖ Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh declared the first celebration of the day on 24th April 2010.



- ❖ This day marks the passing of Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 that came into force with effect from 24 April 1993.
- ❖ The amendment recognizes panchayats as 'Institutions of self-government'.



- ❖ It provides panchayaths with necessary powers and authority to help them to function as units of self-government.

World Creativity and Innovation Day

- ❖ The World Creativity and Innovation Day (WCID) is celebrated every year on 21st April.
- ❖ It is observed to encourage people to use creativity in problem-solving for all issues related to achieving Sustainable Development Goals.



- ❖ April 21, 2018 is the first ever WCID day observed by UN.
