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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Delhi government cleared the proposal to make metro and bus travel free for women in the national capital territory.
- ❖ ONGC has toppled Indian Oil Corp (IOC) to become the country's most profitable public sector company.

## TAMIL NADU

### Third Gender - Multi specialty Hospital

- ❖ Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital in Chennai will have a full-fledged wing to attend to the healthcare requirements of persons of the 'third gender'.
- ❖ This is for the first time in the country for a hospital to have separate wing for transgenders.



- ❖ The clinic would attend to the health care needs of the transgender on all days.
- ❖ Ten years ago, for the first-time free sex-change surgery was done on a transgender at the RGGG hospital in May 2009.

## NATIONAL

### Punjab Mail – 107 years

- ❖ The Punjab Mail is one of the oldest long-distance trains in the country.
- ❖ It has completed 107 years on June 01, 2019.
- ❖ The “Punjab Limited” (former name) made its first journey on June 1<sup>st</sup> 1912 from Mumbai to Peshawar.
- ❖ Peshawar is now part of Pakistan.
- ❖ It was known to be the fastest train of British India.
- ❖ Before Partition, the train ran from Ballard Pier Mole station in Mumbai all the way to Peshawar, covering a distance of 2,496 km in 47 hours.



- ❖ Now it starts from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and its northward journey ends at Firozpur Cantonment, after covering 1,930 km within 34 hours and 15 minutes.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Lunar Library – Beresheet

- ❖ The world’s first ever lunar library consists of 30 million pages.
- ❖ It flew to the moon on Israel’s Beresheet lander has survived the spacecraft’s crash landing on April 12.
- ❖ It will remain there for five billion years.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Mount Etna

- ❖ Mount Etna has erupted volcano for the first time this year.
- ❖ Mount Etna, on the Italian island of Sicily, has been largely dormant for the past two years.
- ❖ It is the highest active volcano in Europe at two-and-a-half times the next largest, Mount Vesuvius.



## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### Highest Civilian Award of Mexico for foreigners

- ❖ The Former President of India Pratibha Patil has been conferred “Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca” (Order of the Aztec Eagle), the highest civilian award of Mexico given to foreigners.
- ❖ She is the second Indian President after S. Radhakrishnan to receive this honour.
- ❖ Patil was India’s first women President (2007-2012).

## **National Security Advisor**

- ❖ The government reappointed retired Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Ajit Doval as National Security Adviser (NSA).
- ❖ He has been accorded the Cabinet rank.



- ❖ He becomes the first NSA to get Cabinet status in the table of precedence.
- ❖ In his previous stint as an NSA, he had the stature of a Minister of State (MoS).
- ❖ The NSA's post was first created in 1998 when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister.
- ❖ Brajesh Misra, an Indian Foreign Service Officer, was the first NSA of India.
- ❖ Ajit Doval is a 1968-batch IPS officer who retired as Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB) in 2005.

## **SPORTS**

### **400 Grand Slam**

- ❖ Roger Federer played his 400th match in Grand Slams against Casper Ruud.
- ❖ The Swiss becomes the first player, male or female, to reach this milestone at Majors.



- ❖ Second on the list of most Grand Slam matches played is Serena Williams.
- ❖ Serena Williams defeated Japan's Kurumi Nara in the French Open second round. It was her 382nd match.
- ❖ Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal are third and fourth players to have played the greatest number of grand slam matches.

### **Nihal Sarin – 2600 rating**

- ❖ India's Nihal Sarin became the World's third youngest player to cross 2600 Elo points on FIDE's rating list.
- ❖ The 14-year-old is from Kerala.
- ❖ He is also India's youngest ever to reach the milestone, beating the record set by Parimarjan Negi in 2009 as a 15-year-old.

### **Chess Rankings – India**

- ❖ Five-time World champion Viswanathan Anand is ranked No 9 in the World.
- ❖ Pendyala Harikrishna is the next-best ranked Indian at No 25.
- ❖ Three other Indians – Vidit Gujarati, B. Adhiban and Krishnan Sasikiran – are in the top 100.
- ❖ Nihal is ranked at No 240.
- ❖ World champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway continues to be the World No 1.

- ❖ India's Koneru Humpy is the World No 4 among women.
- ❖ Dronavalli Harika is ranked No 14.

### **Under-20 Eurasian Athletics**

- ❖ Indian athletes won five gold and three silver medals at the Under-20 Eurasian Athletics Championships held in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Sreekiran Nandakumar won the boys' 800m gold at the U-20 Eurasian athletics championships which was conducted at Almaty, Kazakhstan.

<b>Athlete</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Medal</b>
Gurindervir Singh	100 m	Gold
Vikrant Panchal	400 m	Gold
Sreekiran	800 m	Gold
Abdul Razak, Priscilla Daniel, Florence Barla, Vikrant Panchal	4x400m mixed relay	Gold
Rohit Yadav	Javelin throw	Gold
Abdul Razak	400 m	Silver
Priscilla Daniel	800 m	Silver
Sahil Silwal	Javelin throw	Silver

### **UEFA Championship – Liverpool**

- ❖ Liverpool became champions of Europe for the sixth time after they defeated Tottenham by 2-0.



- ❖ Mohamed Salah and Divock Origi scored the 2 goals.
- ❖ It is first trophy in seven years for Liverpool team.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **Financial Literacy week: June 3-7**

- ❖ The Financial Literacy Week is an initiative of RBI to promote awareness on key topics every year through a focused campaign.
- ❖ Financial Literacy Week 2019 will be observed from June 3-7 on the theme of “Farmers” and how they benefit by being a part of the formal banking system.
- ❖ The RBI will undertake a centralized mass media campaign during the month of June on Doordarshan and All India Radio to disseminate essential financial awareness messages to farmers.

### **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression – June 04**

- ❖ The United Nations’ International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression was observed on June 4.
- ❖ This day is to acknowledge the pain children who are victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse, throughout the World.
- ❖ It was established on 19 August 1982.
- ❖ It was originally focused on victims of the 1982 Lebanon War and made universal later.

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