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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ UAE’s Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship (ICA) has issued the first Golden Residence Permit in Abu Dhabi to investor Yousuf Ali, the Abu Dhabi-based Keralite billionaire tycoon.
 - This scheme is expected to encourage expatriates to make long-term investment goals and own a property. 30% of UAE’s total population comprises of Indian migrants.
- ❖ The Madras High Court has ruled that film music composer R. Ilaiyaraaja was entitled to “special moral rights” over 4,500 songs composed by him for more than 1,000 movies under Section 57 of the Copyright Act, 1957.
 - This Section protects the right of a composer to claim a right over his compositions even after assigning them wholly or partially to others.
- ❖ On the eve of World environment Day, 2019 (June 05), Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar launched #selfiewithsapling campaign and asked people to plant a sapling and post a selfie with it.
- ❖ The Nandan Nilekani committee on digital payments has recommended elimination of transaction charges, round the clock RTGS and NEFT facility, duty-free import of point-of-sales machines to increase digital payments in India.
 - It has also recommended for globalising Indian payment systems such as RuPay and BHIM UPI to ease remittances into India and to help Indian travellers make payments abroad.
- ❖ Food grains production for the agricultural year 2018-19 has been estimated at over 283 million tonnes.
 - Rice - 115 million tonnes (All time high record production); Wheat -101 million tonnes; Pulses - 23 million tonnes.
- ❖ The Navy expanded its Mission Based Deployments (MBD) in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and deployed P-8I long-range maritime surveillance aircraft for anti-piracy sorties from Salalah in Oman to patrol the Gulf of Aden.
 - Due to strategic importance of IOR, Indian Navy regularly conducts Presence and Surveillance Missions off critical choke points or sea lanes in the IOR.
- ❖ Researchers from ICAR-National Rice Research Institute (NRRI), Odisha have mapped out the diverse genes in rice that help in disease resistance against “rice blast” disease.

- A fungus *Magnaporthe oryzae*, causes rice blast which is one of the major diseases of the rice crop.
- ❖ The President of India Ram Nath Kovind greeted the citizens of India on the occasion of Idu'l Fitr.
 - It is a celebration to mark the end of Ramadan/Ramzan, the holy month of fasting and is celebrated on the first day of the month of Shawwal.
- ❖ The United States of America has withdrawn India's GSP (Generalised System of Preferences) trade benefits w.e.f. 5 June 2019.
 - In 2017 GSP program gave duty free access to 5.7-billion-dollar worth of Indian exports to US.
- ❖ Manipur has launched the "Yellow Line Campaign" to prevent sale of tobacco products near schools and colleges.
- ❖ The official mascot for FIFA Women's world cup 2019 is named as "Ettie".
- ❖ Deputy Speaker VP Sivakolundhu was elected as the new Speaker of the Puducherry Legislative Assembly.

NATIONAL

SDG Gender Index

- ❖ India has been ranked at 95th among 129 countries on the SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Gender Index.
- ❖ It is a new index developed to measure global gender equality.
- ❖ It has been developed by Equal Measures 2030, a joint effort of regional and global organisations.
- ❖ A score of 100 reflects the achievement of gender equality in relation to the targets set for each indicator.
- ❖ With score of 89.3 Denmark topped the rankings followed by Finland and Sweden.

Air Traffic Management

- ❖ The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed a technical assistance agreement with Boeing to develop and modernise India's Air Traffic Management.
- ❖ It is a comprehensive 10-year road map.

- ❖ The roadmap will be undertaken with a grant from the United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA).
- ❖ AAI owns and manages around 125 airports across India.

INTERNATIONAL

Special Kashmir Envoy

- ❖ The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has announced Yousef Aldobeah of Saudi Arabia as a Special Envoy for Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ With this the organisation aims to interfere and resolve the India-Pakistan dispute over Kashmir.
- ❖ The decision was taken at the 14th Islamic Summit of the OIC Member States held at Makkah, Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ India has raised strong objections to it.

OIC

- ❖ OIC is an international organization founded in 1969.
- ❖ It consists of 57 member states and is head quartered at Jeddah of Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ It aims to safeguard the interests and ensure the progress and well-being of Muslims all over the world.

ECONOMY

Global Entrepreneurship Summit

- ❖ The ninth edition of the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) was held in The Hague of the Netherlands.
- ❖ It was held for the first time in European Union. GES 2019 is jointly organised by Netherlands and USA
- ❖ Thirty-three Indian firms are taking part in GES 2019 across the subject areas of agriculture, water, energy, healthcare, and connectivity.

STATES

Nipah Virus

- ❖ Kerala has again reported suspected cases of Nipah virus.
- ❖ In the journal Science “Translational Medicine”, scientists have reported that an experimental drug called “Remdesivir” has protected monkeys against infection with Nipah virus.
- ❖ At present there is no cure or approved vaccine for Nipah.
- ❖ The only current treatment for Nipah virus infection is a monoclonal antibody that is still experimental.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Environment Day

- ❖ World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated on the 5th of June every year.
 - ❖ WED was established by the UN General Assembly in 1972 on the first day of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.
 - ❖ It was first observed on 1974 with the theme "Only One Earth".
 - ❖ It is a global day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment.
 - ❖ The theme for 2019 is "Air pollution". The host nation is China.
 - ❖ The theme for 2018 was "Beat Plastic Pollution". The host nation was India.
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