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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir Government plans to open 18 AMRIT stores in all the Medical colleges' Hospitals and prominently associated hospitals of the State to provide quality and affordable medicines to the end users.
 - Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) pharmacies operate under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ❖ A team of scientists from CSIR-NEIST in Assam has developed a chemical process that turns 'dirty' coal into a biomedical 'dot' to help detect cancer cells.
- ❖ The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) organised the fourth edition of National Yoga Olympiad for school children in New Delhi.
 - Observed since 2016, this Olympiad aims to create awareness about a scientific and holistic way of living.
- ❖ IndusInd bank has acquired India's leading microfinance company BFIL, earlier known as SKS Microfinance.
 - The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) adjudicated and approved this merger.

NATIONAL

6 Naval Submarines

- ❖ The Government of India has issued the Expression of Interests (EOI) for shortlisting of potential Indian Strategic Partners for construction of six conventional submarines.
- ❖ They will be constructed under P-75(I) Project of the Indian Navy.
- ❖ The submarines will be built under Strategic Partnership Model (SPM).

SPM

- ❖ SPM is an initiative under make in India program.
- ❖ It aims to boost to the indigenous design and construction capability of submarines in India.
- ❖ Under this one private Indian company will partner with foreign original equipment manufacturers.

- ❖ Indian company will have 51% ownership.

Operation Sankalp

- ❖ The Indian Navy launched 'Operation Sankalp' in Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman to reassure safe passage of Indian flagged vessels transiting through area.
- ❖ 2 oil-tankers of Norway and Japan were recently attacked in the region.
- ❖ Gulf of Oman offers the only entrance from Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean into Persian Gulf.
- ❖ Persian Gulf lies between Arabian Peninsula and Iran, extending from Shatt al Arab delta to Strait of Hormuz.
- ❖ Indian Naval Ships, INS Chennai and INS Sunayna have been deployed in region to undertake maritime security operations.
- ❖ The Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) of Indian Navy keeps a close watch on movement of ships in Gulf region.



GI tag to Kolhapuri Sandals

- ❖ The Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the ethnic leather Kolhapuri chappals was awarded to four districts in each state of Maharashtra and Karnataka.
- ❖ Maharashtra - Kolhapur, Sangli, Solapur and Satara districts
- ❖ Karnataka - Belgaum, Dharwad, Bagalkot and Bijapur districts

- ❖ Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj of Kolhapur encouraged its production and 29 tanning centres were opened during his rule in Kolhapur.



Balakot Strike Code Names

- ❖ The Balakot strike was code named by Indian Air Force as “Operation Bandar”.
- ❖ The Indian Army had code-named its heightened operational alert and shoring up of defences along the border as “Operation Zafran”.
- ❖ Indian Navy did not give any specific name to its deployment of warships and submarines in Arabian Sea as it was already involved in operation-ready exercise Tropex-2019.

INTERNATIONAL

Guthi Bill

- ❖ In Nepal, thousands of people protested and demanded their government to scrap the controversial “Guthi Bill”.
- ❖ Guthis are traditional socio-economic institutions (trusts).
- ❖ They do religious, public service or social roles using incomes from cultivated or leased land assets.
- ❖ Nepali government plans to nationalise them.
- ❖ People protested that this move could be a threat to the centuries-old culture and traditions of Nepal and favours land mafias.

ECONOMY

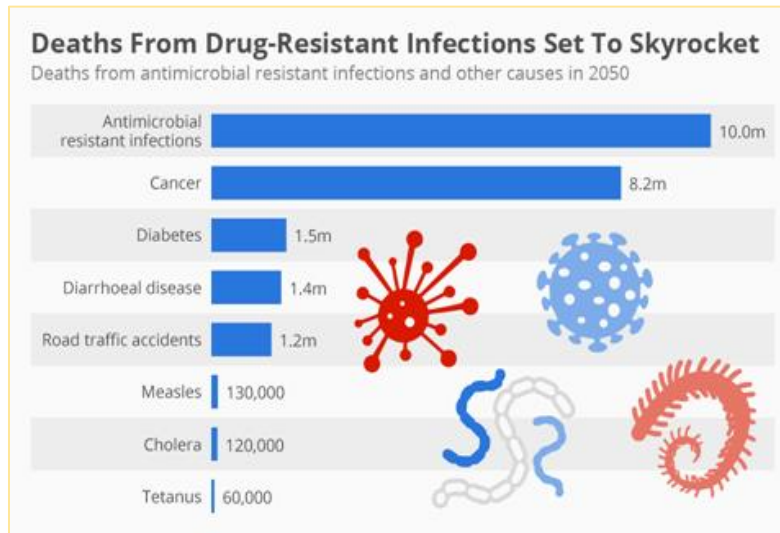
IGST refunds

- ❖ The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has introduced manual checks in IGST refunds to prevent frauds and loss to exchequer.
- ❖ The Government has assured all genuine exporters that they would continue to get IGST refunds in a timely manner in a fully automated environment.
- ❖ IGST is levied for interstate transfer of goods.
- ❖ It is shared between Union and state governments.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Antimicrobial Resistance

- ❖ World Health Organisation (WHO) has launched a global campaign urging governments to adopt a tool called “AWaRE” (for Access, Watch, and Reserve).
- ❖ It aims to reduce the spread of antimicrobial resistance, adverse events and costs.
- ❖ The AWaRe tool was developed by the WHO Essential Medicines List to contain rising resistance and make antibiotic use safer and more effective.
- ❖ It classifies antibiotics into three groups:
 - Access: Antibiotics that are used for the most common and serious infections.
 - Watch: Antibiotics that should be available at all times in the healthcare system.
 - Reserve: Those that must be used sparingly or preserved and used only as a last resort.



STATES

Sadikpur Sinauli

- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has started the process of declaring the site at Sadikpur Sinauli, Uttar Pradesh as a place of national importance.



- ❖ The site was the largest necropolis of the late Harappan period of the early 2nd millennium BCE.
- ❖ Three chariots, legged coffins, shields, swords and helmets were some of the objects unearthed from there.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Yoga Development Award

- ❖ Prime Minister's Awards for outstanding contribution for Promotion and Development of Yoga - 2019 has been announced.
- ❖ The award is given for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of Yoga.
- ❖ The awardees are: Swami Rajarshi Muni of Life Mission, Gujarat, Ms. Antonietta Rozzi of Italy, Bihar School of Yoga, Munger and Japan Yoga Niketan, Japan.

PM Awards for
*Outstanding Contribution for promotion &
Development of Yoga -2019.*

| Award/Category | Individual | Organization |
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| National | Swam Raja Rishi Muni, Life of Mission | Bihar School of Yoga, Munger. |
| International | Antonietta Rozzi, Italy | Japan Yoga Niketan, Japan. |

Indian representative to ICAO

- ❖ Senior bureaucrat Shefali Juneja was appointed as representative of India (JS Level) in council of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), Montreal, Canada.
- ❖ ICAO is a specialized agency of United Nations.
- ❖ It is charged with coordinating and regulating international air travel.
- ❖ ICAO was established in 1944 by Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention).



SPORTS

Khelo India

- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind said the new government has decided to widen the spectrum of the 'Khelo India Programme' to cover the entire country.
- ❖ He announced this during his address in the joint sitting of the two houses of parliament.
- ❖ Under this programme 2,500 talented players have been selected and are being trained.
- ❖ An additional 2,500 players would get the same facility every year.

Khelo India Games

- ❖ It aims to is to revive the sports culture in India at the grass-root level.
- ❖ It is an annual event. First edition – 2018 Delhi; Second edition – 2019 Pune
- ❖ 1000 players will be selected from Khelo India Games and will be given 5 Lakh rupees scholarship per year for the next 8 years.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Summer Solstice – June 21

- ❖ The summer solstice day June 21 is the longest day of 2019.
- ❖ It is the start of summer season for regions north of equator.
- ❖ Scientists have estimated that the longest day in Earth's history so far likely occurred in 1912.
- ❖ The summer solstice occurs when the sun is directly over the Tropic of Cancer or 23.5 degrees north latitude.
- ❖ In the Northern Hemisphere “peak” sunlight usually occurs on June 20, 21, or 22 of any given year.

