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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry launched the Online enrolment facility for enrolling as an advocate in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.
- ❖ India's Bengaluru is ranked among top 10 Asia-Pacific cities for cross-border investments in real estate according to CBRE South Asia Ltd consultant firm's Asia Pacific investor intensions survey 2019 findings.
- ❖ India's first ever smart electric bike has unveiled by Revolt Intellicorp. This motorcycle will be the India's first AI enabled electric bike as it will come equipped with a 4G eSIM.
- ❖ Centre has taken out the National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD) from environment ministry and made it an integral part of the 'Jal Shakti' ministry which will now be responsible for rejuvenation of all rivers across the country.
- ❖ Qatar Airways have won four prestigious prizes at this year's 2019 Skytrax World Airline Awards, including the highest accolade of 'World's Best Airline'.
 - It becoming the only airline in the competition's history to win it five times (2011, 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2019).
- ❖ Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, are banning motorbikes from the city's streets as part of an effort to reduce crime.
- ❖ China donated a batch of security equipment to the Sri Lankan Parliament to ensure the safety of the public and legislators.
- ❖ Victoria, An Australian state has enacted euthanasia laws to allow terminally-ill patients to end their lives with lethal medication.
- ❖ New Zealand captain Kane Williamson has become the fastest batsman to reach 1,000 ODI runs in England.
 - He reached the landmark in 17 innings, overtaking India's Rohit Sharma, who achieved the feat in 18 innings.

TAMIL NADU

Guidelines to end bonded labour

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government has passed an order approving the labour department's proposal for a standard operating procedure to end bonded labour in the state.

- ❖ TN, incidentally, has recorded the fifth highest number of human trafficking cases in the country.
- ❖ The government has come up with a uniform procedure in identification, rescue and rehabilitation of bonded labourers to guide the implementing agencies of the Bonded Labourer System (Abolition) Act and the Central Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers 2016

BREAKING THE CHAINS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Depending on a complaint, a multi-disciplinary team shall be formed having two or more women officers ➤ There should be two independent witnesses ➤ NGOs/ social workers should be part of the team ➤ Release certificate should be issued within 	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 hours of rescue ➤ ₹20,000 should be given to each beneficiary as immediate relief ➤ FIR should be filed within 24 hours of rescue ➤ Welfare assistants: Aadhaar, ration card, community certificate, house site/land patta, voter ID
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Green Award 2018

- ❖ Tamil Nadu state government presented green awards to Collectors, industrial houses and officials who played a key role in protecting the environment.
- ❖ The Green Award is conferred by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.
- ❖ It recognises the excellent contribution towards protection of environment by Industries in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Nilgiris Collector J Innocent Divya, former Collector of Madurai G Veera Raghava Rao and former Collector of Tirunelveli Sandeep Nanduri received the award for 2018.
- ❖ The green awards for industrial houses for efficient pollution prevention and environment protection for 2018:
 - Adani Marine Infrastructure Developer Private Limited,
 - Jayavishnu Tex Processors Private Limited and,
 - Ramco Cements Limited.
- ❖ The green awards for educational institutions were bagged by:

- Sri Venkateswara Engineering College in Kancheepuram,
 - Mepco Schlenk Engineering College,
 - Ramco Vidyalaya, Virudhunagar district.
- ❖ Green awards for efficiently implementing the State government order on banning throwaway plastics.
- Food Protection and Drug Control Commissioner-P Amutha,
 - Tirunelveli District Collector-Shilpa Prabhakar Satheesh.



NATIONAL

President's "third retreat" proposal

- ❖ Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on requested central to have the "third retreat" of the President in the Northeast.
- ❖ Currently, there are two Presidential Retreat in India-The Retreat Building in Shimla and the Rashtrapati Nilayam in Hyderabad.
- ❖ Every year, President of India spends two weeks in Shimla during the summer and another two weeks in Hyderabad in winter.

INTERNATIONAL

Free UAE visa for tourists

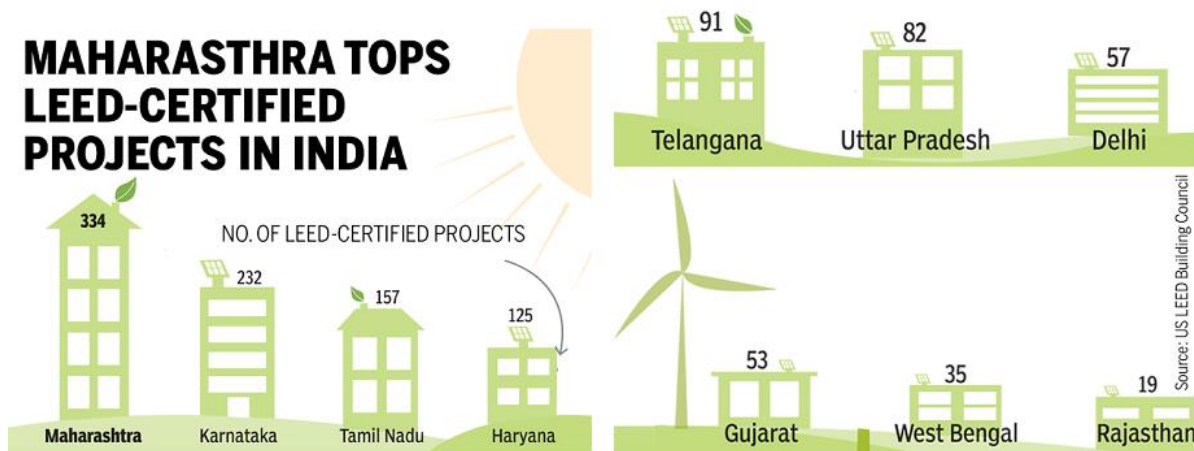
- ❖ United Arab Emirates announced that no tourist visa fees will be charged for children below 18 years who are accompanying their parents to the UAE.
- ❖ This visa fee waiver will only be enjoyed by the U-18s entering the emirates between July 15 and September 15 each year.
- ❖ The exemption was first announced by the UAE Cabinet in September last year.
- ❖ This will be the first year of its implementation.

Khaan Quest 2019- Annual Military Exercise

- ❖ The annual multinational peacekeeping exercise Khaan Quest-2019 kicked off in Mongolia.
- ❖ It having the participation from 38 countries including as Mongolia, China, Germany and India.
- ❖ Peacekeepers from seven countries, namely, Benin, Zambia, Moldova, Rwanda, Togo, Israel and Jordan are taking part in the exercise for the first time.

US green building council's list

- ❖ US Green Building Council's (USGBC) listed the India's top ten states that have maximum number of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified green buildings.
- ❖ Maharashtra bagged the top slot, followed by Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, in the second edition of the USGBC report.
- ❖ LEED is an international symbol of sustainability excellence that signifies a building with:
 - Lowering carbon emissions,
 - Conserving resources and cutting costs,
 - Prioritizing sustainable practices and
 - Creating a healthier environment.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

'Ravana-1' satellite

- ❖ Ravana-1 was successfully launched into orbit from the International Space Station along with two other BIRDS 3 satellites from Japan and Nepal.
- ❖ This satellite was sent to the ISS on April 17, through the assistance of Cygnus-1 spacecraft from the US.
- ❖ It is expected to fulfil five missions including the capturing of pictures of Sri Lanka and surrounding regions, active attitude stabilization.

SPORTS

1st Hearing impaired shooter won national medal

- ❖ Dhanush Srikanth (16) became the first shooter with hearing impairment to win a national-level medal in regular category top in the U-21 category of 10m air rifle.
- ❖ He shot better than the senior world record of by Alexander Dryagin of Russia and junior record of by China's Yuefeng Wang.
- ❖ He already clinched gold in the 10m air rifle event of the U-21 category at the Khelo India Games.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Yoga Day-June 21

- ❖ International Yoga Day is celebrated every year on 21 June to raise awareness worldwide about the benefits of Yoga in daily life.
 - ❖ Indian Prime Minister performed yoga along with other participants at Ranchi.
 - ❖ The theme of 5th International Yoga Day 2019 is "Climate Action".
 - ❖ The United Nations General Assembly on December 11, 2014, announced that June 21 will be seen as International Yoga Day or World Yoga Day.
 - ❖ Since 2015, International Yoga Day is been celebrated worldwide.
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