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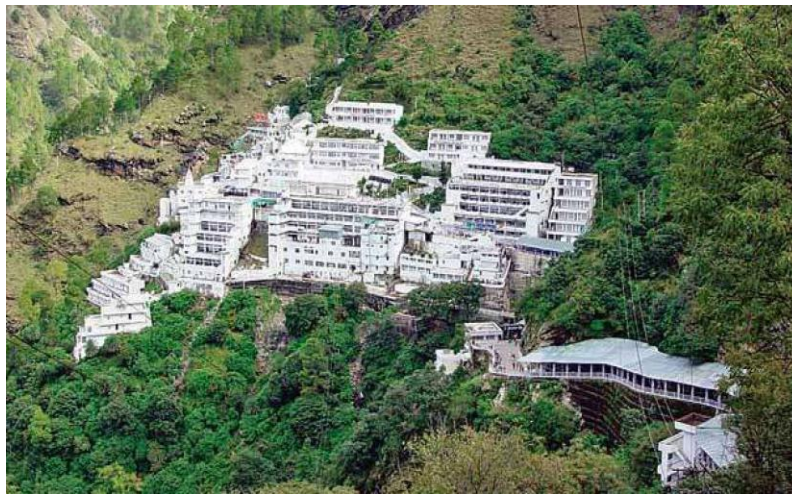
TNPSC BITS

- ❖ In a bid to boost India's relations with its neighbours, the government has entered into agreements with Bangladesh and South Korea to broadcast DD (Doordarshan) India channel in the two countries.
 - State channels of Bangladesh (BTV World) and South Korea (KBS World) will be shown on DD Free Dish in India.
- ❖ Tech-enabled logistics start-up company Rivigo has launched National Freight Index (NFI) that will provide live freight rates for different lanes and vehicles across the country.
 - This is a step towards easing logistics sector crisis and also streamlining the sector.
- ❖ Union Minister for Environment Prakash Javadekar has informed the Lok Sabha that India's forest cover has increased by 1% in last one year period and over 24.39% of India's geographical area now constitutes of green cover.
- ❖ Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Viral Acharya has resigned from his position 6 months before the end of his term citing reason as unavoidable personal circumstances.
 - At 45 years, he became the youngest deputy governor to serve RBI when he joined the central bank in January 2017.
- ❖ India clinched the women's FIH Series Finals Hockey Tournament by beating hosts Japan 3-1 at the Hiroshima Hockey Stadium in Japan.
- ❖ Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar along with Jammu and Kashmir governor Satyapal Malik distributed Doordarshan (DD) Free Dish Set Top Boxes to people living in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir region in Srinagar.
- ❖ Pranati Nayak of India won bronze medal in vault event held at Senior Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships 2019 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
 - She is India's 3rd major vaulting medallist after Dipa Karmakar and Aruna Reddy.

NATIONAL

Vaishno Devi Shrine

- ❖ Mata Vaishno Devi shrine located in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) will get a dedicated in-house disaster response force by September 2020.
- ❖ Select temple employees will be trained by National Disaster Response Force team for a 6 week period in safety and rescue operations.
- ❖ The pilgrimage shrine lies atop Trikuta hills, in Reasi district of Jammu region.



Chikungunya Vaccine

- ❖ The Institute of Life Sciences (ILS) has successfully developed antibodies against the Chikungunya viral infection.
- ❖ Chikungunya is a viral disease which is transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes, most commonly, Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus.
- ❖ The name chikungunya originates from a verb in the Kimakonde language spoken in Tanzania.
- ❖ It means 'to become twisted'.

ILS

- ❖ ILS was formed in 1989 at Odisha.
- ❖ It is an autonomous institute of higher education for research and education in life sciences under Department of biotechnology.



Power Generation

- ❖ NTPC and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) have signed an agreement to set up National Electricity Distribution Company Limited.
- ❖ PGCIL owns India's largest power transmission network.
- ❖ This joint venture will distribute power to various states and union territories.

DRDO's Medicine

- ❖ Hemant Pandey head of the Herbal Medicine Division of DRDO's Defence Institute of Bio-energy Research (DIBER), Pithoragarh has developed an herbal medicine called 'lukoskin'.
- ❖ He was awarded the prestigious "Science Award" for his discovery.
- ❖ This herbal drug is used to treat leukoderma, a skin condition in which white patches develop on the skin.
- ❖ June 25th is marked as International Vitiligo Day.

INTERNATIONAL

Nehru Centre

- ❖ Renowned Author Amish Tripathi has been named as the new director of London's Nehru Centre, under Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- ❖ He is the author of best-selling books such as 'Secret of the Nagas' and 'Sita – Warrior of Mithila'.
- ❖ The Nehru Centre is a cultural centre located at the South Audley Street, London in United Kingdom (UK).
- ❖ It was established in 1992 with the goal of promoting cultural exchange between India and UK.

Mauritania Elections

- ❖ For the first ever time elections were conducted in the North West African country Mauritania.
- ❖ It gained independence from France in 1960.
- ❖ But it was ruled by military dictators and non-elected governments.

- ❖ Mohamed Ould Ghazouani has been elected as the President.

Bangladesh Iron Ore

- ❖ For the first time in Bangladesh, iron ore mine has been discovered at Isabpur village in Dinajpur.
- ❖ The percentage of iron in the mine was 65 which indicates the high quality of the ore.
- ❖ In most other countries like Canada, China, Brazil, Sweden and Australia the percentage is below 50.
- ❖ Mining is expected to bring new revenues for Bangladesh.

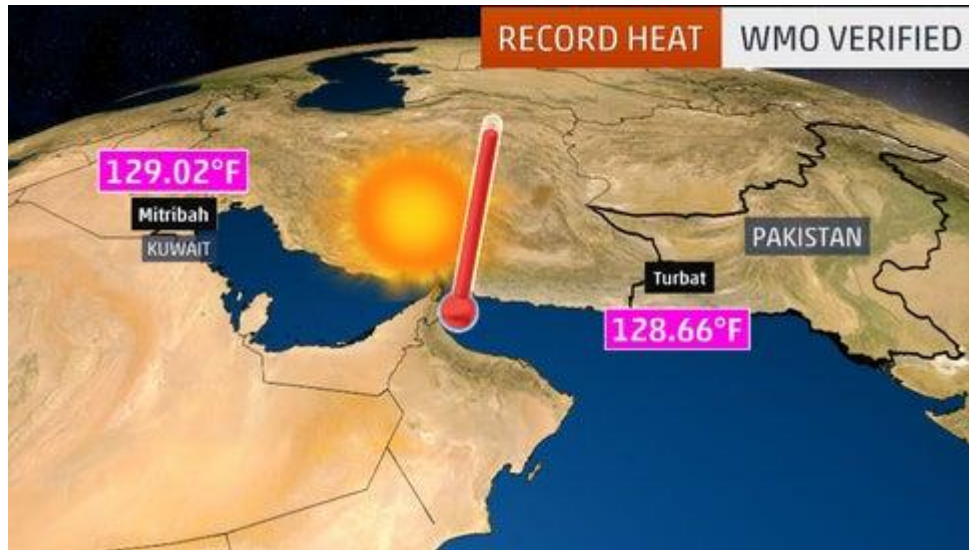
ENVIRONMENT

Bangkok Declaration

- ❖ The Bangkok Declaration on Combating Marine Debris in ASEAN Region has been adopted by leaders of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).
- ❖ According to Ocean Conservancy report 2017 China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Thailand alone dump more than half of the eight million tonnes of plastic waste in oceans every year.
- ❖ The Bangkok declaration has not mentioned about bans on single use plastic.

Weather Extremes

- ❖ The United Nations' World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has officially evaluated temperature record extremes of 54.0 °C at two locations.
- ❖ One was recorded in Mitribah, Kuwait on 21 July 2016 and a second in Turbat, Pakistan on 28 May 2017.



Bihar Model

- ❖ The Bihar Government recently announced ban on felling of trees in different cities of Bihar.
- ❖ The order been passed under Forest Conservation Act (FCA),1980 and applies only for state properties.
- ❖ It cited increasing pollution as well as a fatal heatwave in the state as reason for the ban.
- ❖ The current heatwave in Bihar is also considered a reason for the death of more than 150 children by acute encephalitis syndrome.
- ❖ Bihar's capital Patna is the 7th most polluted city in the world.

SPORTS

Olympic headquarters

- ❖ On the 125th anniversary of Olympic games International Olympic Committee has formally opened its new headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- ❖ The inauguration of new headquarters comes exactly 125 years after Olympic Games were revived by Pierre de Coubertin.
- ❖ The IOC is the governing body of the National Olympic Committees (NOCs).
- ❖ It is responsible for conducting both Summer and Winter Olympics.

Snooker Championship

- ❖ India's Pankaj Advani defeated Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon of Thailand with 6-3 in final to clinch the 35th men's Asian Snooker Championship.
- ❖ Pankaj Advani won has thus completed a career grand slam in cue sports.
- ❖ He has now become the only player to win Asian and World championships in all formats.
- ❖ He is also only one to do it in both billiards and snooker.
- ❖ This premier non-professional Asian snooker tournament was started in 1984.
- ❖ The Asian Confederation of Billiard Sports organises the event.



Women's Rugby

- ❖ Indian Women's Rugby team claimed their 1st ever international women's 15s victory.
 - ❖ They defeated Singapore in the Asian Women Rugby Championship Division 1 in Manila, Philippines.
 - ❖ They won a bronze medal and crated history.
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