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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ 2-day Meeting of Expert Working Group on Paris Pact Initiative on Illicit Financial Flows deriving from the trafficking of Opiates originating in Afghanistan was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ In the 134th session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Italy's Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo won the right to host the 2026 Winter Olympics.
 - It will be the third Winter Games in Italy, after Turin (2006) and Ski Resort Cortina hosted it in 1956.

TAMIL NADU

New DGP – Tamilnadu

- ❖ Jalad K. Tripathy takes charge as the new Director-General of Police/Head of Police Force.
- ❖ He is a 1985-batch IPS officer.
- ❖ He replaces T.K. Rajendran.

Accolades

- ❖ Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration
 - For Beat Officers' System, Slum Adoption Programme and Complaint Box System initiatives.



- ❖ International Community Policing Award instituted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Washington.
- ❖ Gold medal for 'Innovation in Governance,' conferred by the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM), Glasgow.

New Chief Secretary – Tamilnadu

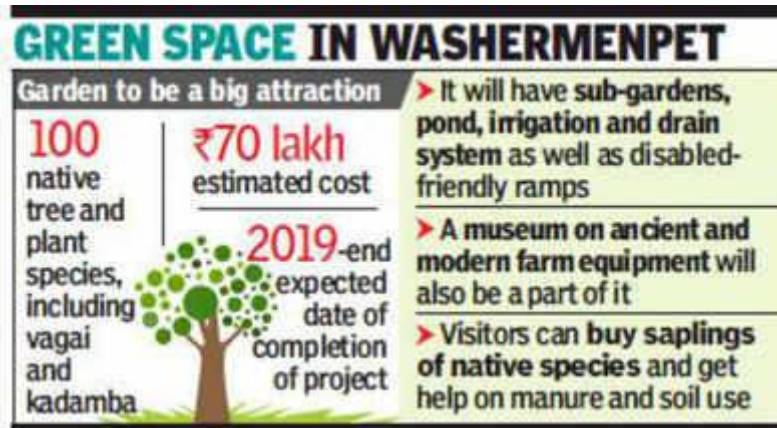
- ❖ The State government has announced the appointment of K. Shanmugam as 46th Chief Secretary.



- ❖ He is 1985-batch IAS officer.
- ❖ He is succeeding Girija Vaidyanathan.

Heritage Garden – Tamil Nadu

- ❖ The Chennai city will have its own heritage garden showcasing various native species of trees and plants, including those mentioned in Sangam literature.
- ❖ The garden will be set up at Washermenpet, Chennai.



GREEN SPACE IN WASHERMENPET

Garden to be a big attraction

- 100 native tree and plant species, including vagai and kadamba
- ₹70 lakh estimated cost
- 2019-end expected date of completion of project

- > It will have sub-gardens, pond, irrigation and drain system as well as disabled-friendly ramps
- > A museum on ancient and modern farm equipment will also be a part of it
- > Visitors can buy saplings of native species and get help on manure and soil use

- ❖ It is setup by Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency.

NATIONAL

Labelling norms – High sugar and salt

- ❖ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has decided to make it mandatory for food products that are high on fat, sugar and salt content levels to display red-colour coding on their labels.
- ❖ The FSSAI has defined different threshold levels for sodium and saturated fat content for various categories of food products.
- ❖ In case of sugar, the draft regulations propose display of red-colour coding, for those that have added sugar content value is more than 10 per cent of the total energy (kcal) provided by the 100 g/100 ml of the product.

INTERNATIONAL

G20 summit

- ❖ The 14th G20 Summit took place at Osaka, Japan on June 28 and 29.
- ❖ 19 members of the G20, except the US, reaffirmed their commitment to the "full implementation" of the Paris climate deal, agreeing to look into a wide range of clean technologies and approaches.
- ❖ Leaders of the G20 proclaimed "Osaka declaration" to make united efforts to address major global economic challenges.
- ❖ Ahead of the summit, JAI (Japan-America-India) Trilateral talk took place in Osaka.

- ❖ Also, RIC (Russia- India-China) Trilateral talk took place.
- ❖ Twenty-four countries and groupings signed a statement agreeing to the Osaka Track which was declared by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.
- ❖ India, Indonesia, Egypt and South Africa did not sign the declaration.
- ❖ “Osaka Track” is a framework to promote cross-border data flow with enhanced protections.
- ❖ This summit held under following 8 various themes:

1.Global Economy	5.Employment
2.Trade and Investment	6.Women’s Empowerment
3.Innovation	7.Development
4.Environment and Energy	8.Health

- ❖ The first G20 meeting took place in Berlin, Germany in 1999.
- ❖ The G20 Summit is formally known as the “Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy”.



RUSSIA-INDIA-CHINA TRILATERAL

The 2nd Russia-India-China Trilateral Summit took place in November, 2018 after a gap of 12 years!

The leaders met on the sidelines of G20 Summit in Buenos Aires, Argentina

AN OVERVIEW

- ▶ Established in 2002
- ▶ A platform for Russia, India & China to discuss global & regional issues of common concern
- ▶ Foreign Ministerial Meetings held annually

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Dragonfly – NASA

- ❖ NASA announced that it is sending a drone-style quadcopter to Titan, Saturn's largest moon.
- ❖ This Dragonfly spacecraft is scheduled to launch in 2026.
- ❖ It will reach Titan in 2034.

STATES

Krishi Kiosk – Haryana

- ❖ Haryana agriculture and farmers' welfare minister Om Prakash Dhankar has launched 'krishi kiosk' at Panchkula.
- ❖ The kiosk will give the farmers information about government schemes and also help them file claims under the 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana'.
- ❖ The kiosk comes under the state government's 'Digital Kisan Suvidha' plan which aims to bring services for farmers online.
- ❖ The minister also flagged off 'Suchana Rath' facility through which farmers will be encouraged to not burn crop residue and instead sow it in the fields through using a scientific method.
- ❖ The minister also released book titled 'Agri Scope'.

Bangla Shashya Bima – West Bengal

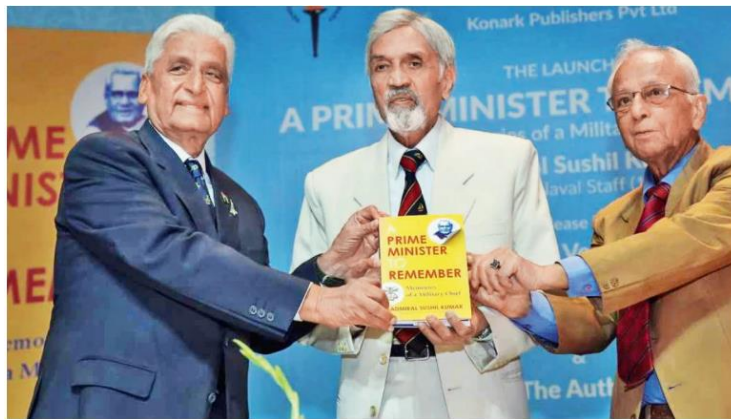
- ❖ West Bengal government has announced a crop insurance scheme in collaboration with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC), for the 2019 kharif season.
- ❖ The scheme called Bangla Shashya Bima (BSB) is applicable for farmers in 15 districts
- ❖ The crop insurance scheme would be free of cost for the farmers since the government will pay the full premium.
- ❖ The crops that will come under insurance are aman paddy, aus paddy, jute and maize.

- ❖ The insurance will be paid in four stages - for any losses suffered during planting, during cultivation, during the period post-cutting when crops are lying in the field, and for adverse weather situations.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

A Prime Minister to Remember

- ❖ A Prime Minister to Remember written by former navy chief Admiral Sushil Kumar was released on June 28.



- ❖ The book talks about AB Vajpayee and his relationship with three armed forces Chiefs after the attack by Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists on India's Parliament in 2001.

SPORTS

Black Forest Cup

- ❖ India's junior women boxers clinched seven medals, including five gold at the Black Forest Cup in Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany.
- ❖ The team was adjudged the best of the tournament.

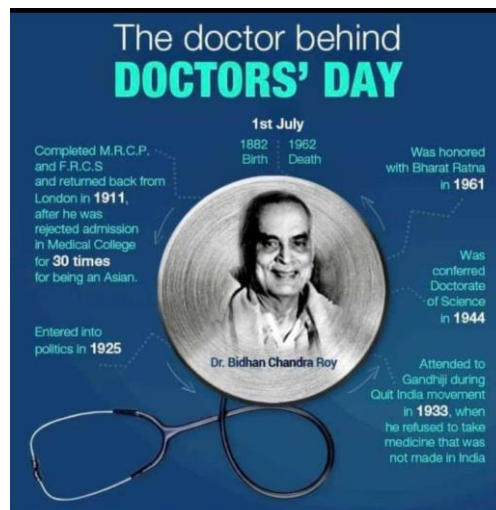


- Haryana's Neha (54kg) - Best boxer
- Karnataka's Anju Devi (50kg) - Promising player of the tournament respectively.
- ❖ Tamanna (48kg), H Ambeshori Devi (57kg), and Preeti Dahiya (60kg) were the other pugilits who returned with gold medals out of the 13-member Indian squad.
- ❖ Ten countries including India, Ukraine, Germany, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Hungary, Lithuania, Mongolia, Greece, and Poland took part in this tournament.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Doctor's Day - July 01

- ❖ National Doctor's Day in India is observed on 1st July every year from 1991.



- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the roles, importance and responsibilities of doctors.
- ❖ It also to promote medical professionals to come closer and take their responsibilities dedicatedly.
- ❖ The theme of National Doctor's Day 2019 is "Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment".
- ❖ This Day is observed to honour the legendary physician and West Bengal's second Chief Minister, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy whose birth and death anniversary coincides in the same day.

MISCELLANEOUS

Expensive Cities – Mumbai

- ❖ Mumbai is India's most expensive city and among the top 20 costliest cities surveyed in Asia.
 - ❖ Residential housing prices remain among the highest in the world.
 - ❖ The survey was released by Mercer group.
 - ❖ The other Indian cities in the list include, New Delhi at 118th place, Chennai (154), Bengaluru (179) and Kolkata (189).
 - ❖ The costliest city in the world for the second consecutive year is Hong Kong followed by Tokyo, Singapore and Seoul.
 - ❖ The world's least expensive cities for expatriates are Tunis (209), Tashkent (208), and Karachi (207).
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