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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Quantela Inc, a Hyderabad and Silicon Valley-headquartered digital technology company, was awarded World Economic Forum’s ‘Technology Pioneers’ award 2019.
- ❖ The Centre has declared the entire State of Nagaland as a “disturbed area” for six more months under the AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Powers Act).
  - It empowers security forces to conduct operations anywhere and arrest anyone without prior notice.
- ❖ India has ratified Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures (MLI) to prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS).
  - This Multilateral Convention (MLI) is an outcome of OECD or G20 Project to tackle Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (called as BEPS Project).

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Blue Flag beach pilot program**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government has chosen Mahabalipuram beach as a pilot project, in accordance with the principles of blue flag beach programme.
- ❖ As of now around 4,000 Blue Flags are waving around the world.
- ❖ Right now, there are two “Blue Flag” certified beaches in India, in Odisha and Gujarat.



## NATIONAL

### Over the Counter Drugs

- ❖ The Delhi High Court today directed the Union government to provide a partial list of Over the Counter (OTC) drugs to doctors and pharmacists by 12<sup>th</sup> September.
- ❖ The Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) will be the authority to finalise and release the list.
- ❖ The list of OTC drugs would allow people to treat or manage many health conditions conveniently and successfully.

### OGAS status to paramilitary forces

- ❖ Central government accorded the Organised Group A Service status to senior officers of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).
- ❖ Cabinet also approved extension of benefit of Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU) and Non-Functional Selection Grade (NFSG).

- ❖ It will benefit about 11,000 serving officers and a few thousand more who have retired since 2006 from the five primary CAPFs or paramilitary forces such as:
  - Central Reserve Police Force,
  - Border Security Force,
  - Central Industrial Security Force,
  - Indo-Tibetan Border Police and
  - Sashastra Seema Bal.

### **India International Cooperatives Trade Fair**

- ❖ The first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF) will be held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from October 11-13, 2019.
- ❖ It is a unique initiative for taking farmers, artisans and other members of cooperatives directly to the international trade arena.
- ❖ The event is organized by:
  - National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) with the support of Network for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia and the Pacific (NEDAC),
  - Three Ministries,
  - Four State Governments and
  - Several apex level Indian cooperative organizations.



## INTERNATIONAL

### India Aiding Palestinians

- ❖ India has pledged to contribute USD 5 Million in 2019 to the UN Palestine refugee agency.
- ❖ The Indian Government is also assisting 150 Palestinian professionals every year under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation programme.

### ILO Report on Global warming

- ❖ The International Labour Organisation (ILO) released a report named 'Working on a Warmer Planet: The Impact of Heat Stress on Labour Productivity and Decent Work'.
- ❖ It stated that India is projected to lose 5.8% of working hours in 2030 equivalent to 34 million full-time jobs due to global warming.
- ❖ It will mainly impact agriculture and construction sectors.
- ❖ India will be the most affected country because of its large population.

## ECONOMY

### Reappointed of RBI deputy governor

- ❖ N S Vishwanathan was re-appointed as the deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for one more year with effect from July 4, 2019.
- ❖ He is in charge of regulation of banks, non-banking finance companies, and cooperative banks.
- ❖ Besides N S Vishwanathan, B P Kanungo and M K Jain were the two other deputy governors of RBI.
- ❖ He is also a member of the Bimal Jalan committee which looks into the appropriate economic capital framework for RBI.

## STATES

### Kerala Fishermen

- ❖ The Indian Space Research Organisation has distributed 250 NavIC Messaging Receivers to fishermen of Kerala on a trial basis.



- ❖ The device will provide Emergency Warning Alerts like cyclone, high waves and Tsunami.
- ❖ It also provides information on Potential Fishing Zone and International boundary crossing based on the position information from NavIC.

### **First airport with face recognition system**

- ❖ Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport has initiated Face Recognition (FR) system on a trial basis for passengers for entry.
- ❖ The trials which are being carried out under Centre's Digi Yatra programme.
- ❖ Digi Yatra is a facility which help to paperless travel and avoid identity check at multiple points.

## **SPORTS**

### **Sports Journalists Federation of India 2019 Awards**

- ❖ The annual general meeting of Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI) 2019 was held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ❖ It honours the sports-persons for their contribution to sport and for record-breaking reign in the National and international scene.
- ❖ List of awards and winners:

| <b>Awards</b>                             | <b>Winners</b>   |
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| <b>SJFI Medal (SJFI's Highest Honour)</b> | Prakash Padukone (Badminton)   |
| <b>Sportsperson of the Year 2019</b>      | Pankaj Advani (Billiards and Snooker) and Bajrang Punia (Wrestling). |
| <b>Emerging Talent of the Year 2019</b>   | Saurabh Choudhary (shooting)   |
| <b>Team of the Year 2019</b>              | Vidarbha cricket team  |

### **21<sup>st</sup> Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019**

- ❖ Odisha State Table Tennis Association (OSTTA) will host the 21<sup>st</sup> Commonwealth Championship for the year 2019.
- ❖ It will be held from July 17-22, 2019 at the Jawaharlal Indoor Stadium in Cuttack, Odisha.



- ❖ The previous two Commonwealth Championships were held in India in 2013 and 2015.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Sports Journalists Day - July 2**

- ❖ World Sports Journalists Day was observed on every year July 2.
- ❖ It is celebrated to mark the services of sports journalists for the promotion of sports.
- ❖ It was established by the International Sports and Press Association in 1994 to mark the 70th anniversary of its foundation.

### **World UFO day - July 2**

- ❖ World UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) day was observed all over the world on every year July 2.
- ❖ It is celebrated to increase awareness among people about the existence of UFO.
- ❖ The first World UFO Day was celebrated in 2001.
- ❖ Earlier, the day was celebrated on June 24, but World UFO day Organization declared July 2 as the world UFO day to celebrate it on a larger scale.

### **USA Independence Day - July 4**

- ❖ United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States on every year July 4.
- ❖ It is the anniversary of the publication of the declaration of independence from Great Britain in 1776.
- ❖ The Congress had voted to declare independence of the thirteen American colonies two days earlier, on July 2, but it was actually declared on July 4.

### **Thomas Jefferson**

- ❖ Thomas Jefferson who was the principal author of this Declaration.
- ❖ He was the Founding Father of the USA.
- ❖ He served as the third President of the United States from 1801 to 1809.

- ❖ Previously, he had served as the second vice president of the United States from 1797 to 1801.
- ❖ Jefferson was a proponent of democracy, republicanism, and individual rights.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **First battery-powered cruise ship voyage**

- ❖ The world's first cruise ship propelled partially by battery power is set to head out from northern Norway on its maiden voyage.
- ❖ It is named after the Norwegian explorer- "Roald Amundsen" who navigated the Northwest Passage in 1903-1906 and was first to reach the South Pole in 1911.
- ❖ This ship heads for the Arctic from Tromsø and will sail the Northwest Passage to Alaska at last it will reach Antarctica.

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