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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Kerala based Catholic Syrian Bank has been renamed as CSB Bank Ltd with effect from June 10, 2019.
- ❖ The Hong Kong government has approved over \$900,000 for relief and rehabilitation work in cyclone Fani-hit Odisha that could benefit around 45,100 victims.
- ❖ India's first Design Development Center 'Fashionova' was launched in the Textile city Surat.

TAMIL NADU

PMJAY – Tamilnadu's claims

- ❖ Tamil Nadu ranks second in the country in the cash amount claimed under the Ayushman Bharat –Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).
- ❖ Gujarat topped the list with a claim amount of nearly ₹641 crore followed by Tamil Nadu with a claim amount of ₹399 crore.
- ❖ AB-PMJAY is centre's flagship health insurance scheme
- ❖ Tamilnadu ranks fourth in terms of total number of claims.

World Tamil Conference – Chicago

- ❖ The 10th World Tamil Conference was held in Chicago from July 4 to July 8.
- ❖ The ninth edition was held at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia in 2015.
- ❖ The International Association of Tamil Research (IATR) organised the event.
- ❖ It was held in USA for the first time.
- ❖ Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America (FeTNA) will concentrate on "Keezhadi - Nam Thaa Madi (Keezhadi Excavations - in our Tamil Mother's lap) and would be dedicated to the late Tamil scholar, Rev GU Pope, during his 200th birth anniversary.



- ❖ New historicist, scientific and comparative study of the antiquity, Tamil language, literature, culture, civilisation, modern literature and Tamil computing is the overall theme of the conference.
- ❖ The theme is based on the eight research subjects
 - Classical Tamil literature (Sangam literature),
 - Ancient Tamil civilisation,
 - Tholkappiyam,
 - Thirukkural,
 - Contributions of Tamil scholars,
 - Tamil music and performing arts,
 - Modern Tamil literature and
 - Tamil language and linguistics.

IIRSI 2019

- ❖ The annual conference of the Intraocular Implant and Refractive Society of India (IIRSI) Chennai 2019 was inaugurated by Chief Minister in Chennai.
- ❖ The IIRSI 2019 witnessed the “Ophthalmic Premier League”, where participants will showcase their most challenging cataract cases through videos.

NATIONAL

Kisan Credit Card extension

- ❖ The Union Government has extended the facility of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to fisheries and animal husbandry farmers.
- ❖ It is to help them meet their working capital needs.
- ❖ Under Kisan Credit Card facility, for the existing KCC holders the credit limit is three lakh rupees to meet their working capital requirements.

Budget 2019-2020

- ❖ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the maiden budget of Narendra Modi 2.0 government in the Lok Sabha on July 05, 2019.

- ❖ **“Gaon, Garib and Kisan”** (Village, Poor and Farmer) is the centre of all policies of the Modi 2.0 Government.
- ❖ This is the 89th Union Budget.
- ❖ Excluding interim budgets, it is the 29th budget post economic liberalisation in 1991.
- ❖ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman became only the second woman in the history of independent India to present the Union Budget.



- ❖ Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was the first and only woman till now to have presented the Union Budget.
- ❖ In 1970, she presented the Union Budget of India for 1970-71, after she took over the finance portfolio following the resignation of Morarji Desai as finance minister.

Economic Survey

- ❖ The Economic Survey was tabled in Parliament by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on July 04.
- ❖ The Survey was authored by the Chief Economic Advisor Krishnamurthy V. Subramanian.
- ❖ As per the survey, India now stands at 4th in wind power, 5th in solar power and 5th in renewable power installed capacity.

Key Agenda

- ❖ Sustained real GDP growth rate of 8% needed for a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25.
- ❖ It aims for the following targets



- Moving From 'Beti Baco Beti Padhao' to 'BADLAV' (Beti Aapki Dhan Lakshmi Aur Vijay Lakshmi).
- Moving From 'Swachh Bharat' to 'Sundar Bharat'.
- Moving From 'Give it up' for the LPG subsidy to 'Think about the Subsidy'.
- Moving From 'Tax evasion' to 'Tax compliance'.

ECONOMY

Digital Udaan

- ❖ Reliance Jio has announced a digital literacy initiative for the first-time Internet users in the country.
- ❖ As part of the "Digital Udaan" initiative in collaboration with Facebook, Jio will engage with its users every Saturday to help them learn about Jio Phone features, use of various apps and Internet safety including use of Facebook.
- ❖ The "Digital Udaan" initiative will have audio-visual training in 10 regional languages.

ENVIRONMENT

International Sunflower Seed and Oil Conference

- ❖ India will host the 3rd International Sunflower Seed and Oil Conference (ISSOC) 2019 on July 19 and 20 in Mumbai.
- ❖ First 2 conferences were held by China and Ukraine respectively.
- ❖ India is the largest importer of sunflower oil.
- ❖ The International Sunflower Oil Association (ISOA) was established in 2015 in Rome by National Associations and Companies from China, Ukraine, Russia, Hungary, Spain and Argentina.

Six metros – Nitrogen Oxide pollution

- ❖ Based on analysis by environmental NGO Greenpeace India, several Indian cities are major hotspots for rising levels of nitrogen oxide.



- ❖ Nitrogen Oxide is a dangerous pollutant which contributes to the formation of ozone.
- ❖ Metros namely Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Hyderabad are Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) hotspots due to high vehicular population and diesel consumption.

STATES

West Bengal – Reservation

- ❖ The Bengal cabinet approved 10% reservation for economically weaker sections (EWS) in the general category in state government jobs and educational institutions.
- ❖ Bengal so far had a total quota of 48%.
- ❖ After the new reservation, reservation quota will be 53.2%.
- ❖ By this, Bengal has become the fourth state after Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Telangana to cross the 50% reservation cap.

SPORTS

Kutno Athletics Meet

- ❖ Star Indian sprinter Hima Das won her second international gold in women's 200m with a top finish (23.97 seconds) at the Kutno Athletics Meet in Poland.
- ❖ National record holder Muhammed Anas also won the gold in men's 200m race with a time of 21.18 seconds.
- ❖ 400m hurdles
 - MP Jabir – Gold (1st place)
 - Jithin Paul (3rd place)



World Youth Cup - Karate

- ❖ Arinjeeta Dey has won a silver medal in the World Youth Cup (Karate).
- ❖ Arinjeeta won the medal in the under-12 age group category.
- ❖ She hails from West Bengal.
- ❖ The tournament was organised by World Karate Federation affiliated to the International Olympic Association.

MISCELLANEOUS

Book on Amit Shah

- ❖ Book: Amit Shah and the march of BJP.



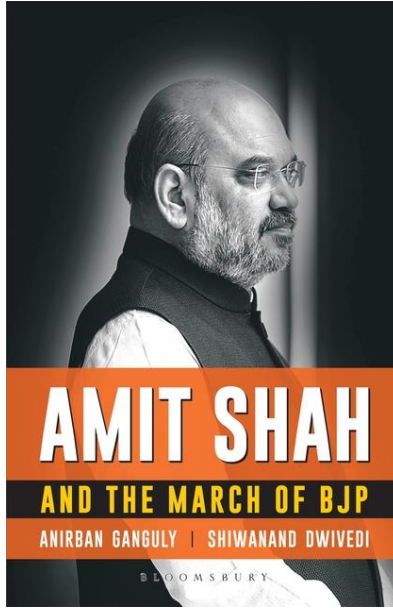
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