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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Indian movie ‘Gully Boy’ was honoured with NETPAC (The Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema) Award for Best Asian Film at 23rd Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival (BIFAN) in South Korea.
 - The film directed by Zoya Akhtar revolves around the underground rap movement in India and inspired by the lives of Mumbai street rappers Vivian Fernandes (aka Divine) and Naved Shaikh (aka Naezy).
- ❖ Dr. Hameed Nuru of United Nation World Food Programme (UNWFP) in India and Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar have launched a book called “50 years of Partnership for Change”.
 - It showcases key milestones achieved by India in its efforts to make the country free from hunger and malnutrition and role played by WFP in support of India.
- ❖ According to property consultant CBRE, New Delhi’s Connaught Place (CP) is the 9th most expensive office location in the world.
 - Hong Kong’s Central district retained the top spot as the world’s most expensive market for prime office rents.
- ❖ France will impose green tax up to 18 Euros on plane tickets from 2020. The move aims to fund less-polluting transportation projects.
 - Since 2018, Sweden imposes a similar tax up to 40 Euros on flight travel to minimise the damage to the climate.
- ❖ Odisha government has decided to give monthly allowance of Rs 10,000 to Padma Shri award winners of the state to support them financially.

NATIONAL

National Investment and Infra Fund

- ❖ National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed an MoU with National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) for funding highway projects.
- ❖ NIIF is an investor-owned fund manager.
- ❖ It was set up in December 2016 with a planned corpus of ₹40,000 crore.
- ❖ The purpose of NIIF is to provide long-term capital to the country’s infrastructure sector.

- ❖ The Indian government has 49 % stake in NIIF with the rest held by marquee foreign and domestic investors.

Kaushal Yuva Samwad (KYS) - A Youth Dialogue

- ❖ The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has announced the launch of an initiative called “Kaushal Yuva Samwad” (A Youth Dialogue).
- ❖ It aims to collect direct feedback from the youth across all skill training centres and use it to improve overall efficiency of its projects.
- ❖ It has been launched to commemorate World Youth Skills Day on July 15, 2019 and celebrating the 4th Anniversary of the Skill India Mission.
- ❖ The National Skill Development Mission (Skill India Mission) was launched on July 15, 2015.

200% Duty on Pakistani Goods

- ❖ Parliament has adopted a “statutory resolution” for levying 200 % duty on all goods originating in or exported from Pakistan.
- ❖ A Statutory Resolution is a resolution passed in pursuance of a provision in the Constitution or an Act of Parliament.
- ❖ The original decision to levy 200% duty was taken on February 16, 2019.

First Private Train in India

- ❖ The Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express is set to be the first train in India to be operated by private players.
- ❖ It is a part of a 100-day agenda by Railway ministry to hand over operations of two of its trains to the private sector.



- ❖ The custody of the trains will be transferred to the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).

Indian Cinema Museum's Bulletin

- ❖ The Films division of National Museum of Indian Cinema has launched a fortnightly news bulletin called "NMIC".
- ❖ The country's first national film museum was started in January 2019 and it is located at Gulshan Mahal, Mumbai.
- ❖ It showcases the rich heritage of Indian cinema spanning across 100 years.

Haj Pilgrims and Digital India

- ❖ Indian Haj Mission in Saudi Arabia has adopted digital technology to reach out to a large number of pilgrims as part of the Government of India's initiative of Digital India.
- ❖ It has developed a mobile application called "Indian Haj Information System".
- ❖ The app connects Haj pilgrims with their state's Haj Coordinator called "Qadimul Hajjaj".
- ❖ The health status and medical history of Indian pilgrims is also being stored at online portal "e-MASIHA".

Nag Missile System (NAMIS) Test

- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) carried out 3 successful test firings of Nag missiles during both day and night in Pokhran firing ranges.
- ❖ With these successful trials, the Nag anti-tank guided missiles are in the final stages of being inducted into the Army.



- ❖ NAMIS system includes - a 3rd generation Anti-Tank Guided Missile, the NAG and Missile Carrier Vehicle (NAMICA).

INTERNATIONAL

Sharjah Golden Card Visa

- ❖ Sharjah's first Golden Card visa was issued to Indian expat businessman Lalu Samuel.
- ❖ It is a 10-year long-term visa eligible for investors and entrepreneurs and scientists so as to engage them in the development of the UAE.
- ❖ The card-holders are entitled to a host of privileges, a residency visa without a sponsor to them and their families (spouse and children).

ECONOMY

Three Year Roadmap for RBI

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) board has finalised a three- year roadmap to improve regulation and supervision, among other functions of the central bank.
- ❖ The program is named as Utkarsh 2022.

- ❖ It is in line with the best practices followed by global Central banks.

STATES

Plan Bee Project of Railways

- ❖ The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has been accorded the best innovation award in Indian Railways for the 2018-19 fiscal year.
- ❖ NFR implemented a unique plan called “Project Bee” to save elephants from meeting accidental deaths in railway tracks.
- ❖ It is an amplifying system imitating the buzz of a swarm of honey bees to keep wild elephants away from railway tracks.

About NFR

- ❖ The headquarters of NFR is at Maligaon, Guwahati in the state of Assam.
- ❖ It is responsible for rail operations in the entire Northeast India and parts of West Bengal and Bihar.

OBC Reservation in Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ The Madhya Pradesh cabinet has passed a resolution to increase the reservation quota for Other Backward Classes (OBC) from the existing 14 per cent to 27 per cent.
- ❖ Additional 10% reservation to EWS quota, makes total reservation in the state to 73 per cent.
- ❖ It is in violation of Supreme Court guidelines on the quota and against landmark judgment in Indra Sawhney vs Union of India case, 1993.

Japanese afforestation method in Telangana

- ❖ The Telangana Forest department has introduced the famous Japanese “Miyawaki” method of afforestation to boost its afforestation program and to grow urban forests.
- ❖ The Miyawaki method is well-known for growing mini urban forests in limited spaces in a relatively less time.
- ❖ It is used in developing dense plantations in a short time.

- ❖ It was developed by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki.

SPORTS

Concacaf Gold Cup

- ❖ Mexico's men's soccer team has won the 2019 CONCACAF Gold Cup by defeating United States men with 1-0 in the final.
- ❖ This is Mexico's record 8th Gold Cup title.

About Concacaf

- ❖ It is the international men's football championship of North, Central American, and Caribbean region.
- ❖ It was founded in 1963 and is a biennial event.
