

**June - 02**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Tata Trusts signs MoU with the government to provide development support in Naxal-hit districts in Chhattisgarh. These eight worst Naxal-affected districts are covered under Transformation of aspirational districts Programme of NITI Aayog.
- ❖ Indian Navy inducted Landing Craft Utility MK-IV LCU vessel L54 at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Island. It is fourth of total eighth Mark IV LCU vessels to be inducted into Indian Navy.
- ❖ The main event of 4th International Yoga Day celebrations (IDY-2018) will be held on 21st June 2018 at Dehradun in Uttarakhand.

## **NATIONAL**

### **NCDRC president**

- ❖ Justice R K Agrawal, who retired as Supreme Court judge earlier, was appointed the president of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
- ❖ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Justice (retd.) Agrawal's appointment as the president of the commission



- ❖ He will succeed Justice D K Jain, who completes his term on May 31.
- ❖ The NCDRC is a quasi-judicial authority to decide on consumers' complaints.

- ❖ It was established in 1988 and is headquartered in New Delhi.
- ❖ The commission is headed by sitting or retired judge of Supreme Court of India.
- ❖ Anybody aggrieved over goods and services, for values over Rs one crore, can approach the commission for grievance redressal.

### **Deputy National Security Advisor**

- ❖ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Saran's appointment as the deputy NSA for a period of two years
- ❖ Saran is currently India's Ambassador to Russia.
- ❖ Former chief of the Intelligence Bureau, Ajit Doval is the National Security Adviser (NSA).



- ❖ The NSA is the chief executive of National Security Council (NSC) and primary advisor to Prime Minister on national and international security issues and oversees strategic issues.
- ❖ It is NSA to whom intelligence agencies such as Research & Analysis Wing (RAW) and Intelligence Bureau (IB) report, rather than directly to Prime Minister.
- ❖ The post of NSA was created in November 1998 by Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government. Brajesh Mishra was first to be appointed NSA of India.
- ❖ Since the inception of the post, all NSAs appointed belong to Indian Foreign Service (IFS) except M K Narayanan and incumbent, Ajit Doval, who belong to Indian Police Service.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Coast Guard Talks between India and Pakistan**

- ❖ Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) held talks, addressing issues pertaining to boundary violations by fishermen from both sides and enhancing cooperation in the area of maritime search and rescue, and combating pollution at sea.
- ❖ The high-level meeting was conducted for envisaging cooperation between ICG and PMSA under the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the two agencies in 2005.
- ❖ The MoU was extended for five years in 2016.
- ❖ This annual meeting was not held last year after Indian Special Forces conducted “surgical strikes” against terror launch pads in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir in September 2016 and a Pakistani military court awarded the death sentence former Indian Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav in April 2017.

### **World Health Assembly Meet and Resolution on Digital Health**

- ❖ The 71st World Health Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland
- ❖ It has adopted a resolution on Digital Health.
- ❖ The resolution was initiated by India and was co-sponsored by 20 countries.
- ❖ Digital health technology has a huge potential for supporting Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and improving accessibility, quality, and affordability of health services
- ❖ It includes using modern advanced technologies such as deep machine learning, artificial intelligence (AI), internet of things (IoT) and other emerging disciplines like genomics.
- ❖ World Health Assembly was established on 7 April 1948, it succeeded the Health Organization, which was an agency of the League of Nations.
- ❖ It is a member of UN Development Group (UNDP).
- ❖ It is headquartered at Geneva.
- ❖ The World Health Assembly (WHA) is the forum through which the World Health Organization (WHO) is governed by its 194-member states. WHO flag features the Rod of Asclepius as a symbol for healing.

- ❖ It is the world's highest health policy setting body and is composed of health ministers from member states.
- ❖ The members of the World Health Assembly generally meet every year in May in Geneva, the location of WHO Headquarters.

## ECONOMY

### Swadeshi Samriddhi SIM cards

- ❖ Baba Ramdev launched Swadeshi Samriddhi SIM cards, in alliance with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).
- ❖ Initially, only the employees and office bearers of Patanjali will be able to avail the benefits of the SIM card.
- ❖ After its full-fledged launch, people will get discount of 10 percent on Patanjali products with this card.
- ❖ Just with the recharge of Rs 144, one would be able to make unlimited calls across the country, get 2 GB data pack and send 100 SMS.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Rustom-2 Drone

- ❖ The Rustom-II Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), which is being developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), will be delivered to the armed forces by 2020.



- ❖ The drone is being developed for use by all three services of the Indian Armed Forces, primarily for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) operations.
- ❖ The medium-altitude prototype can fly at over 22,000 feet and is a long-endurance UAV that has a 20-hour approximate flight time.
- ❖ After perfecting the vehicle, the manufacturing will be done by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd and Bharat Electronics Ltd, as per the contract.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Extreme Weather Warnings

- ❖ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is teaming up with state-run Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to send extreme weather warnings to people
- ❖ The BSNL has come up with a technology.
- ❖ If the IMD sends an alert, they will pass it on to all BSNL numbers in Delhi (about an impending extreme weather event warning like a thunderstorm, dust storm, heatwave).

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### CEAT Awards

- ❖ India skipper Virat Kohli won the International Cricketer of the Year Award at the CEAT Cricket Rating awards
- ❖ India opener Shikhar Dhawan was presented the International Batsman of the Year Award, while New Zealand pace special Trent Boult won the International Bowler of the Year Award.
- ❖ Afghanistan's leg-spinner Rashid Khan was presented with the T20 Bowler of the Year Award.
- ❖ New Zealand's opening batsman Colin Munro won the T20 Batsman of the Year Award.
- ❖ Indian cricketer Harmanpreet Kaur won the Outstanding Innings of the Year Award.
- ❖ Mayank Agarwal was given the Domestic Player of the Year Award.
- ❖ Eighteen-year-old Shubhman Gill was the U19 Player of the Year.

- ❖ West Indian batsman Chris Gayle was presented with the Popular Choice Award.
- ❖ The Lifetime Achievement Award was bestowed on former India stumper Farokh Engineer.

### **Linnean Medal**

- ❖ Indian botanist Kamaljit S. Bawa received the prestigious Linnean Medal in Botany from the Linnean Society of London.
- ❖ He was the President of Bengaluru-based non-profit Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE).



- ❖ Dr. Bawa is the first Indian to win the award ever since it was first constituted in 1888.
- ❖ He is being recognized for his pioneering research on the evolution of tropical plants, tropical deforestation, non-timber forest products and for decades of work on the biodiversity of forests in Central America, the Western Ghats, and the Eastern Himalaya.
- ❖ His best efforts were seen in establishing the open-access interdisciplinary journal Conservation and in 2003, the online citizen-science repository 'India Biodiversity Portal' and ATREE (ranked second in Asia and 18th globally among the world's environment think tanks)
- ❖ It is a good recognition of our work on conservation and sustainability.
- ❖ It is awarded to a biologist every year by the Linnean Society of London.

- ❖ The world's oldest active biological society was founded in 1788 and named after famous Swedish biologist Carl Linnaeus who gave us one of the systems of naming plants and animals.
- ❖ Incidentally, the first scientist to receive the Linnean Medal was Sir Joseph D. Hooker who compiled the monumental seven-volume Flora of British India, the first ever comprehensive account of India's plants.

## SPORTS

### Monaco Grand Prix 2018

- ❖ Australian Formula One racer Daniel Ricciardo handed Red Bull a victory in their 250th race in the Formula One at Monaco Grand Prix.
- ❖ Daniel Ricciardo won the Formula One Monaco Grand Prix from Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel and Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World No Tobacco Day – May 31

- ❖ World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) is observed around the world every year on 31 May.
- ❖ The member states of the World Health Organization (WHO) created World No Tobacco Day in 1987.



- ❖ The focus of World No Tobacco Day 2018 is "Tobacco and heart disease."

- ❖ A Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS-2) report shows that India is the second largest consumer of tobacco products with 28.6 percent of the population addicted to it in any form.

### **World Milk Day – June 1**

- ❖ In 2001, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) selected June 1st as World Milk Day
- ❖ It celebrates the important contributions of the dairy sector to sustainability, economic development, livelihoods, and nutrition.
- ❖ The Global Dairy Platform is coordinating global celebrations on June 1, 2018.
- ❖ Celebrations this year has a special campaign carried out by the Global Dairy Platform called “Raise a Glass” and a campaign hashtag: #WorldMilkDay.

### **Global Day of Parents – June 1**

- The Global Day of Parents is observed on the 1st of June every year.
- The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2012 with resolution and honors parents throughout the world.

-----