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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Ravi Thapar (IFS: 1983), presently Ambassador of India to Panama, has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Costa Rica.
- ❖ The Central Reserve Police Force launched 'Madadgaar Helpline', a distress helpline for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, with the aim of providing immediate assistance to locals.
- ❖ The Cauvery Water Management Authority set up by the Union ministry of water resources to resolve the inter-state water dispute is all set to have its first meeting on July 2 in Central Water Commission's headquarters in New Delhi.
  - The meeting will be led by CWC chairman S Masood Husain, nominated by the ministry as chairman of the authority.
- ❖ Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan has been appointed Chief Justice of Hyderabad High Court for the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Presently, he is serving as the Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court.
- ❖ The Democratic National Committee (DNC) of United States has appointed Indian American Seema Nanda as its new CEO. Democratic National Committee (DNC) is the decision-making body of the Democratic Party in the United States.
  - Seema Nanda has become the first Indian American to be appointed as operational head of a major American political party.
- ❖ Chennai-based United India Insurance Company announced the appointment of K B Vijay Srinivas as its Director and General Manager. Prior to taking up the new role, he was serving National Insurance Company Ltd as its Chief Marketing Officer and General Manager.
- ❖ Jharkhand CM Raghubar Das announced that The first 'Khadi mall' of the country will be opened in Jharkhand soon.
- ❖ Senior journalist Rajat Sharma beat World Cup winning Indian cricketer Madan Lal by 517 votes to become the new president of Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA).
- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh Government launched 'Commercial Tax at your door steps' on the occasion of Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day celebration at the offices of commercial tax on July 1, 2018. The scheme will run from July 1 to August 31, 2018.

## NATIONAL

### Rajasthan govt. Clarifies on reservation

- ❖ The Rajasthan government has clarified that five castes, including Gujjars, under the most backward classes (MBC), are also entitled to the 21 % quota under the OBC category for admission to educational institutions and recruitment in government jobs in the state.
- ❖ The five castes under the most backward class (MBC) include
  - Banjara/Baldia/Labana
  - Gadia-Lohar/Gadalia
  - Gujjar/Gurjar
  - Raika/Rebari
  - Galaria (Gadri)who were initially enlisted in the OBC since 1994.
- ❖ The candidates of these five castes of MBC if not selected on the basis of merit in the general category will be considered first under the OBC (21%) and then under the MBC (1%) in admissions and recruitments.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### National Maritime Search and Rescue Award

- ❖ Milan Shankar Tare, a fisherman from Maharashtra's Palghar district, has been selected for this year's National Maritime Search and Rescue Award.
- ❖ The fisherman had saved the lives of 12 people from a sinking fishing boat named Shivneri in May 2018.
- ❖ National Maritime Search and Rescue Award was instituted by the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board.

## SPORTS

### Hockey Champions Trophy 2018

- ❖ Australia defeated India in the final of the 37th and last edition of the Champions Trophy Hockey 2018 in Breda, Netherlands.
- ❖ Australia bagged their 15th (the highest ever) Champions Trophy title - having won the title in 1983, 1984, 1985, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1999, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016.
- ❖ India finished runners-up for the second time in their history.

### 2018 Kabaddi Masters Dubai title

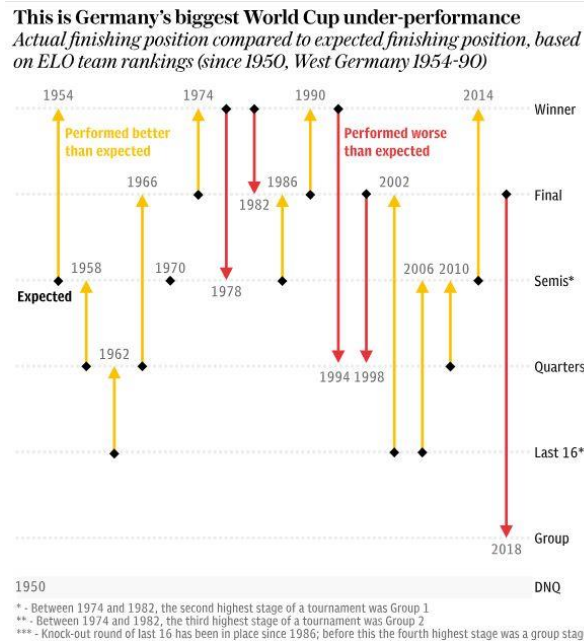
- ❖ Ajay Thakur-led Indian kabaddi team defeated Iran 44-26 in the finals and clinched the Kabaddi Masters Dubai 2018 title.
- ❖ Presently, India are the reigning world champions and they have now won the Kabaddi Masters trophy as well.

### Austrian Grand Prix

- ❖ Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Austrian Grand Prix 2018 title in Austria.
- ❖ Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen finished in the second spot.
- ❖ Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel finished in the third spot.
- ❖ Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton retired from the race due to a mechanical issue in his car.

### Germany knocked out of the World Cup 2018

- ❖ The defending champions Germany were knocked out of the World Cup 2018 after they lost against South Korea 2-0.
- ❖ Though South Korea do not go through to the knock-out stages, the win is the first in their history against Germany.
- ❖ Germany are the fourth defending champions to be eliminated from the Group Stage at the World Cup in the last five tournaments (also France 2002, Italy 2010, Spain 2014).



- ❖ Germany, the four-time champions who had competed in the past 16 editions of the World Cup, fail to make it past the first hurdle of the tournament since 1938.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### DISHA Week

- ❖ DISHA Week is being celebrated from 25th to 29th June, 2018 to mark the successful completion of 2 years of the District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA).
- ❖ District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DDCMC) is named as "DISHA" by the Ministry of Rural Development.
- ❖ The Chairperson of the committee will be the senior most Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) elected from the district, nominated by the Ministry of Rural Development.
- ❖ The other Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha) representing the district will be designated as Co-Chairpersons
- ❖ Chhattisgarh is among the five States which received an "award of appreciation" for exemplary work towards regular holding of DISHA meetings.
- ❖ The other States include Jharkhand, Kerala, Mizoram and Uttarakhand.

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