

**July – 28**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Renowned historian Ramachandra Guha has penned a new book titled "Gandhi: The years that changed the world (1914-1948)". It will be published by Penguin Random House India.
- ❖ Indian Prime Minister has announced to build a Gandhi Heritage Centre in Uganda's Jinja, where a statue of Mahatma Gandhi now stands.
- ❖ The NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission and MyGov platform jointly launched the '#InnovateIndia Platform', a collaboration between both the platforms. The #InnovateIndia portal will serve as the common point for all the innovation happening across the nation.
- ❖ West Bengal Governor K N Tripathi inaugurated the 18th International Children's Film Festival in which 36 films from 17 countries would be screened. The festival was being organized by Cine Central, one of the oldest cine clubs of the country in collaboration with the UNICEF.
- ❖ The Supreme Court collegium has recommended Patna Chief Justice Rajendra Menon to take over as the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. Acting Chief Justice of the Delhi HC Justice Gita Mittal has been recommended for appointment as Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir HC.
- ❖ The Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched a contest, '#Childline1098' to mark the World Day against Trafficking in Persons on July 30, 2018. CHILDLINE is India's first 24-hour, free, emergency phone service for children in need of aid and assistance.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Resolution to rename State as 'Bangla'**

- ❖ The West Bengal Assembly has passed a resolution to change the name of the State as 'Bangla' in three languages — Bengali, English, and Hindi.
- ❖ The name change will only become official when resolution gets approval from the Union Home Ministry and Parliament passes Bill.
- ❖ The proposal has been pending since August 2016, when the Assembly passed a resolution to change the name to 'Bengal' in English, 'Bangla' in Bengali and 'Bangal' in Hindi.



<b>NEW BEGINNING</b>	
<p><b>1999</b>   Left Front proposed Bangla but it was rejected</p> <p><b>2011</b>   Trinamool sent the proposal Paschimbanga but it was rejected</p> <p><b>2016</b>   Three names, Bengal in English, Bangla in Bengali and Bangal in Hindi</p> <p><b>2016</b>   Centre asked for one name</p> <p><b>2018</b>   State proposed Bangla for approval</p>	<p><b>The road ahead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ This will require an amendment in the Constitution</li> <li>➤ Union home ministry will have to approve it and prepare a cabinet note</li> <li>➤ The cabinet must approve an amendment to the Schedule 1 of the Constitution</li> <li>➤ A Constitution amendment bill will be introduced in the Parliament, which must be approved with a simple majority</li> <li>➤ The President must give its assent</li> </ul>
<p>We all had been asking for this for long. Feeling happy, this is what I had wanted. We all had known this place as Bangla since our childhood days. Hence renaming it after the partition as West Bengal was totally illogical</p> <p><b>Sirshendu Mukhopadhyay</b></p> 	
<p>I have no problem if our state is known as Bangla from now on</p> <p><b>Soumitra Chatterjee</b></p> 	
<p>It will enable Bengalis to think they have a state of their own. Like the way the people in Bangladesh feel that the Bengalis have a country of their own in this world</p> <p><b>Goutam Ghose</b></p>  <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Agencies</p>	

- ❖ The Centre, however, turned it down in 2017, objecting to having three names in three languages.
- ❖ The Mamata Banerjee government's move to rename West Bengal as 'Paschim Bango' in 2011 was also turned down by the Centre.

### **Government constitutes 2 high-level committees**

- ❖ Two high-level committees have been constituted by the central government to suggest ways and legal framework to effectively deal with incidents of mob violence and lynching.
- ❖ Four-member committee headed by Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba to suggest measures and legal framework to effectively deal with incidents of mob violence and lynching.
- ❖ The Four-member panel will submit its recommendations to a ministerial committee, headed by Home Minister Rajnath Singh.
- ❖ The ministerial committee will submit its recommendations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❖ The move came after the recent Supreme Court direction to the central government on the issue of mob violence and lynching.

## INTERNATIONAL

### International conference of female parliamentarians

- ❖ Ireland will hold an international conference of female parliamentarians in September 2018.
- ❖ Organised by the Irish Women's Parliamentary Caucus (IWPC), a cross-party forum for female parliamentarians within the Irish parliament, the conference will be held at Dublin Castle, Ireland.
- ❖ Named "The International Congress of Parliamentary Women's Caucuses", The conference will conclude with a Dublin Declaration.

### Pakistan's first woman chief justice of the high court

- ❖ Chief Justice of Pakistan Saqib Nisar named Justice Tahira Safdar as the Chief Justice of the Balochistan High Court.
- ❖ With this, she became the first-ever woman chief justice of a high court of Pakistan.



- ❖ She made history in 1982 when she became the first woman civil judge in Balochistan.
- ❖ Justice Tahira is currently also a member of the three-judge special court conducting the trial of former president Pervez Musharraf for committing treason by proclaiming a state of emergency on November 3, 2007.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

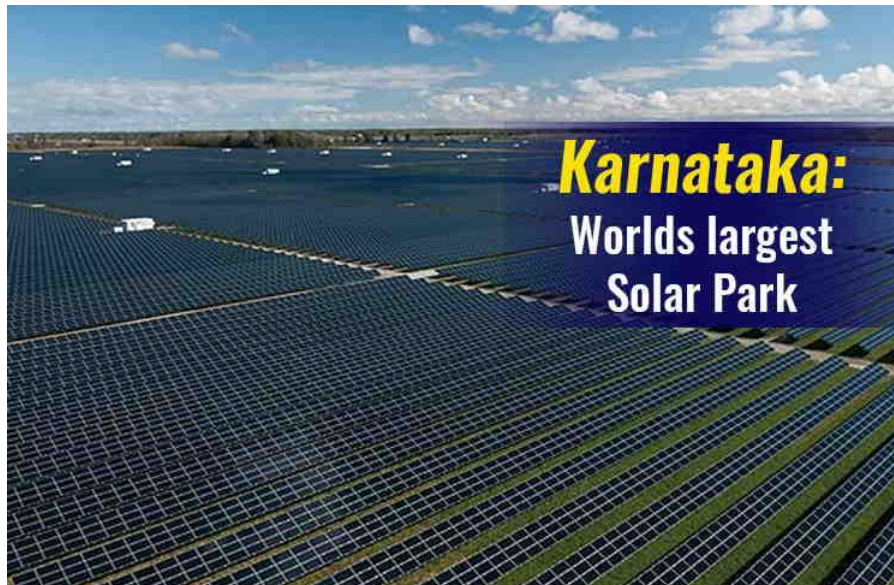
### 'Bijli Mitra'

- ❖ Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje has launched a mobile app 'Bijli Mitra' to register complaints about defunct transformers.
- ❖ The transformer would be replaced within six hours of the complaint.
- ❖ The scheme was being launched on a pilot basis from Jhalawara.

## ENVIRONMENT

### India's Top State in producing Renewable Energy

- ❖ Karnataka has emerged as the leading state for generating renewable energy in India this year, with a total installed capacity of 12.3 gigawatts (GW), as of March 2018.



- ❖ The report was done by 'The Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis' (IEEFA).
- ❖ Tamil Nadu ranks second in producing Renewable Energy.
- ❖ The world's largest solar park was set up at an investment of Rs 16,500 crore at Pavagada in Karnataka's Tumakuru district.
- ❖ This 2,000 MW park is named as 'Shakti Sthala'.

## STATES

### **'Mukhyamantri Kissan Aaye Badhotri Solar Yojna '**

- ❖ The Delhi Cabinet has approved a scheme under which farmers in the national capital can lease out part of their agricultural land for setting up solar panels for additional income.
- ❖ Under the Mukhyamantri Kisan Aaye Badhotri Solar Yojana,
  - Any farmer can rent out not more than one-third of his land to a private firm to set up solar panels at a rate of Rs. 1 lakh per annum per acre.
- ❖ These farmers will also get 1,000 units of free solar power without any investment.

### **Country's 1st State-Run All-Woman Hotel**

- ❖ The Kerala Tourism Development Corporation (KTDC) is all set to open India's first public sector hotel run entirely by women for women in the state capital of Thiruvananthapuram.
- ❖ The hotel named 'Hostess' is a flagship project of the Kerala Tourism Development Corporation (KTDC).

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### **Miss Asia (Deaf) 2018**

- ❖ Deshna Jain (20), who is from Tikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh, has been crowned the 2018 Miss Asia (Deaf) title and was the 3rd runner-up in the 2018 Miss International (Deaf) contest held in Taipei, Taiwan, from July 8-July 16.
- ❖ At 20, she is also the youngest contestant to take part in the event.



- ❖ It's the first time since 2009 that an Indian has won any title in the much coveted Miss and Mister Deaf International pageants.
- ❖ Earlier, Deshna became Miss India (Deaf) 2018 in Jaipur, Rajasthan and represented the country at an international platform.

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