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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Rajasthan government will distribute mobile phones to women who under the Below Poverty Line (BPL), under the Bhamashah Yojana.
  - The scheme aims to transfer financial and non-financial benefits of governmental schemes in a transparent manner.
- ❖ International Aviation Summit began in New Delhi. This summit has been jointly organised by the Airports Authority of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation and International Air Transport Association (IATA).
- ❖ Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela became the first set of Indian shooters to secure quota places for the 2020 Olympics by winning a silver and finishing fourth respectively in the women's 10m air rifle event of the ISSF World Championship.
- ❖ Union Ministry of Home Affairs approves proposal of Jharkhand government to rename a Nagar Untari town and railway station as Banshidhar Nagar in Garhwa district.
  - As per the government's guidelines for renaming villages, towns, cities as well as railway stations, all states must obtain a No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ❖ NITI Aayog constituted group of experts has submitted report titled 'Inventory and Revival of Springs in the Himalayas for Water Security.'
  - It has mentioned that nearly 30% of springs crucial to water security of people are drying and 50% have reported reduced discharge.
- ❖ 71st Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia held in New Delhi
- ❖ US-based non-profit 'The Internet Society and the Internet Service Providers Association of India' (ISPAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that will look into securing routers which is vital for a healthy Internet infrastructure.
- ❖ Dr Arif ur Rehman Alvi (69) was elected as 13th President of Pakistan. He is one of founding members of ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party. He will take oath of office of President on September 9, 2018.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Draft charter of Patients' Rights**

- ❖ Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released draft Charter of Patients' Rights prepared by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
- ❖ The Ministry plans to implement the Charter of Patients' Rights through State governments for provision of proper health care.
- ❖ This charter is expected to act as a guidance document for the Union Government and State Governments to formulate concrete mechanisms.

### **National Clean School Award**

- ❖ Pavendhar Bharathidasan government primary school from koonichampattu, Puducherry has bagged top position in National Clean School Award out of 52 schools across the country.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu conferred second position in National Clean School Award. Third position was shared by Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat.
- ❖ National Clean School Award ranking and the list were issued by Union Ministry of Human Resource Development and was prepared by National Institute of Cleanliness Education and Research (NICER).

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)**

- ❖ China has pledged a \$60 billion fund to bolster industry, counter hunger, and enhance security in Africa continent.
- ❖ It was announced by Chinese President Xi Jinping in his inaugural address at third Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) held in Beijing.



- ❖ FOCAC is an official forum between China and all states in Africa (except Eswatini). It was started as Ministerial Conference in 2000 in Beijing and since then it is held triennially in China and Africa alternatively.

### **KAZIND 2018**

- ❖ Indo-Kazakhstan Joint Army Exercise 'KAZIND' will be conducted between the Indian and Kazakhstan Army from 10 to 23 Sep 2018 in Otar region, Kazakhstan.
- ❖ This is the third joint military exercise between the two countries which have a history of extensive cooperation in the defence arena.
- ❖ Second edition of the exercise was held in India last year.
- ❖ Aim of the exercise is to build and promote bilateral Army to Army relations and exchange skills and experiences between Kazakhstan Army and the Indian Army.

### **Indian and Bangladesh Bi-annual talks**

- ❖ The bi-annual talks between the Indian and Bangladeshi border forces began in New Delhi.
- ❖ The talks are aimed at increasing bilateral cooperation in checking trans-border crimes such as smuggling of drugs and narcotics, cattle lifting and gun running across the international border between the two countries.
- ❖ This is the 47th DG-level conference between the two sides since it began in 1975. The last DG-level talks were held in April 2018 in Dhaka.

### **US military cancels aid to Pakistan**

- ❖ US military has decided to cancel 300 million dollars' aid to Pakistan over its failure to take decisive actions against terror groups.
- ❖ Trump in August last year unveiled his new South Asia policy and asked Pakistan to do more against such groups.
- ❖ Previously, US in January this year suspended more than 1.15-billion-dollar security assistance to Pakistan, accusing it of harbouring terror groups and showing unwillingness to take decisive actions against them.

### **Ukraine-NATO Joint Military Exercises**

- ❖ The Rapid Trident 2018 drills was started on September 3 at western region of Lviv.
- ❖ It is a joint military exercises of Ukraine and 10 NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) countries.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Internal Ombudsman (IO) Scheme 2018**

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) asked all scheduled commercial banks with more than 10 branches to appoint an Internal Ombudsman.
  - ❖ All Regional Rural Banks are excluded from its directive.
  - ❖ An ombudsman is a person officially charged with investigating and addressing public complaints or violation of rights.
  - ❖ The implementation of IO Scheme-2018 will be monitored by the bank's internal audit mechanism apart from regulatory oversight by RBI.
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