

**September - 10**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Union Government has announced that the treatment of childhood cancer will be covered under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- ❖ Supreme Court of India ordered that three-year insurance policy for four wheelers and five-year policy for two-wheelers for third party at the time of sale and registration should be made mandatory.
  - This verdict was given based on the recommendations of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety headed by former Supreme court judge KS Radhakrishnan.
- ❖ Ayushman Bharat call centre was inaugurated in Bengaluru by CEO of Ayushman Bharat Dr. Indu Bhushan.
- ❖ India's ace sprinter Hima Das was appointed as Sports Ambassador of Assam to inspire budding players of north eastern state to aim big and young generation to take up sports seriously.
- ❖ Novak Djokovic clinched his third US Open title and overall 14th Grand Slam title by defeating world number three Juan Martín del Potro.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Sustainable Smart Cities India Conference**

- ❖ 4th Annual Sustainable Smart Cities India Conference was held at Bengaluru.
- ❖ It was officially supported by Smart City Mission, Government of India, Swachh Bharat, Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation and City Manager Association Karnataka.
- ❖ The event was intended to discuss activities, reforms, development and barriers taking place in the Smart Cities India projects.
- ❖ It also focused on sharing best practices and collaboration of technology, products and services for the empowerment of urban development.

## INTERNATIONAL

### International Geriatric Orthopaedic Conference

- ❖ Union Home Minister inaugurated the 6th International Geriatric Orthopaedic Society of India Conference at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi.
- ❖ The theme of this conference was “Increased Longevity with Reduced Fragility and Enhanced Mobility”.
- ❖ Geriatric medicine was focused on health care of elderly people. It aims to promote health by preventing and treating diseases and disabilities in older adults.
- ❖ The first national conference of the Geriatric Orthopaedic Society of India (GOSI) was held at Bangalore in 2013.

### World Summit on Accreditation (WOSA-2018)

- ❖ World Summit on Accreditation (WOSA-2018) was inaugurated by Union Minister for Human Resource Development (HRD), New Delhi.
- ❖ It was organized by National Board of Accreditation (NBA).
- ❖ The theme of WOSA 2018 is “Challenges and Opportunities in Outcome Based Accreditation” and the sub-themes are:
  - Achieving Excellence through Learning Outcomes.
  - Role of Industry in Technical Education.
  - Ranking and Rating of Higher Education Institutions – Do they have a Role in Quality Improvement?
  - Linking Government Funding with Quality.
  - Use of ICT in Accreditation in Large Jurisdictions

### COMCASA Treaty

- ❖ India and the United States initiated a new generation of military and security cooperation by signing Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA).
- ❖ This agreement finalized the end of 2+2 ministerial dialogue between the two countries.



- ❖ It will facilitate access to advanced defence systems and enable India to optimally utilise its existing US-origin platforms.
- ❖ Also, India and the U.S. would conduct a first-ever tri-service exercise on the east coast of India in 2019.
- ❖ Prior to this, India and U.S. signed the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) few years ago.

### **India & USA Combat Exercise**

- ❖ Armies of India and the US will hold their annual combat exercise "Yudh Abhyas" at Chaubatia in Uttarakhand from September 16 to 29.
- ❖ It aims to enhance inter-operability between the two forces and also focus on enhancing counter-terror cooperation.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

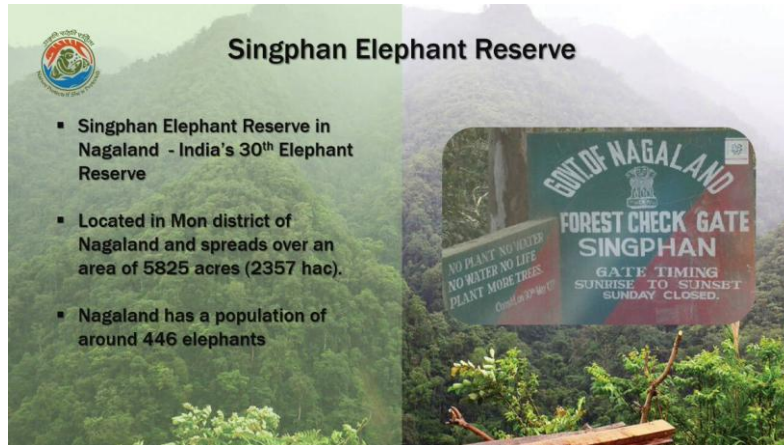
### **China's marine satellite**

- ❖ China launched a marine satellite to help improve understanding of maritime waters and climate change.
- ❖ This HY—1C satellite will help monitor ocean colour and water temperatures, providing basic data for research on the global oceanic environment.
- ❖ HY—1C detected chlorophyll and suspended sediment concentrations and dissolved organic matter, which can affect ocean colour, as well as temperatures on the sea surface.
- ❖ Its data will also be used in the survey of the resources and environment of China's offshore waters, islands and coastal zones, marine disaster relief and the sustainable utilisation of ocean resource.
- ❖ HY-1C is expected to improve China's ocean remote sensing capability, along with HY—1D, which is planned to be launched in 2019.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Singphan wildlife sanctuary**

- ❖ The Nagaland government has declared the Singphan Wildlife Sanctuary as an elephant reserve.
- ❖ It has become 30th reserve for elephants in the country.



- ❖ The reserve is located near Abhaypur Reserve Forest of Assam
- ❖ The Singphan Elephant Reserve is located at about 65 km from Mon, the district capital town of the state.

## STATES

### Home delivery of govt services

- ❖ Delhi government has launched its Home Delivery of Public Services on September 10 which is being done for the first time in the country.
- ❖ It aims to deliver 40 public services at the doorstep in the first phase including driving licences, community certificates, New water connections etc.
- ❖ The Government claimed this move as, 'home delivery of governance'.
- ❖ This doorstep delivery of public services was delivered through 'Mobile Sahayaks'.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### Air Force Academy – New Commandant

- ❖ Air Marshal Arvindra Singh Butola took over as the Commandant of Air Force Academy (AFA) at Dundigal.

- ❖ Butola is an alumnus of the prestigious Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and National Defence College, New Delhi.
- ❖ For his service, he was awarded with Vayu Sena Medal, Vishist Seva Medal, Chief of Air Staff Commendation and Air Officer Commanding in Chief Commendation.

### **Sarala Puraskar**

- ❖ The 39th edition of the award was announced by the Sarala Puraskar Committee.
- ❖ Odia poet Satrugna Pandav was honoured with the prestigious 'Sarala Puraskar' for his poetry collection 'Misra Dhrupad'.
- ❖ Pandeet Umesh Chandra Kar will be awarded the 'Ila Panda Sangeet Samman' and Binod Moharana will receive the 'Ila Panda Chitrakala Samman'.
- ❖ The 'Sarala Puraskar' was instituted by eminent Odia industrialist late Dr. Bansidhar Panda and late Ila Panda in 1979.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Sexual Health Day- September 04**

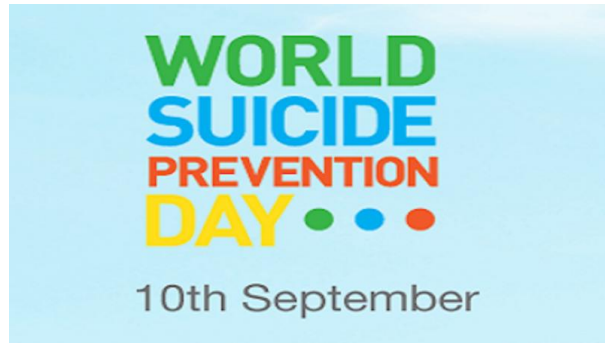
- ❖ World Sexual Health Day will be observed on every year September 4, in an effort to promote a greater social awareness on sexual health across the globe.



- ❖ This awareness day was managed by the World Association for Sexual Health — a global advocacy organisation committed to promote the best practices in sexual health.
- ❖ The first World Sexual Health Day was celebrated in 2010 with the slogan, 'Let's talk about it'.

## **World Suicide Prevention Day - September 10**

- ❖ World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is an awareness day observed on 10 September every year.
- ❖ It aimed to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides, with various activities around the world since 2003.



- ❖ International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) collaborates with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) to host World Suicide Prevention Day.
- ❖ This year was celebrated with the theme of “Working Together to Prevent Suicide”.

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