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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ India-born woman research scholar Rajalakshmi Nandakumar, from the University of Washington, won the Paul Baran Young Scholar Award for 2018 for using smartphones to detect life-threatening symptoms.
- ❖ Gurnihal Singh Garcha won bronze in junior men's shooting at the 52nd ISSF World Championships in Changwon, South Korea.
- ❖ Indian cricketer Jhulan Goswami became the first bowler in women's cricket to pick 300 international wickets.
- ❖ India-UAE Partnership Summit (IUPS) will be held in Dubai to promote the strategic partnership between India and the UAE.
- ❖ Samsung Electronics Ltd opened its biggest mobile store in the world in Bengaluru. It already launched the world's largest mobile phone-manufacturing factory in Noida.
- ❖ Archaeological Survey of India (Delhi Circle) of Ministry of Culture has discovered a hoard of 254 Copper Coins in the premises of Khirki Mosque.
- ❖ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has prohibited the manufacture for sale, sale or distribution for human use of 328 Fixed Dose Combinations (FDCs) with immediate effect.
  - It has also restricted the manufacture, sale or distribution of six FDCs subject to certain conditions.
- ❖ Greater Chennai Corporation has tenders to outsource for waste management work in eight more zones of the city.
  - Already in Adyar, Kodambakkam and Teynampet zone's wastes are maintained by the private agencies.
- ❖ Health and family welfare department of Tamil Nadu released a government order for banning manufacture, sale, distribution, trade, marketing, import and possession of the electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) or e-cigarettes.
- ❖ Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) is gearing up to undertake sea trials of India's first missile tracking ship VC 11184. It will be first of its kind ocean surveillance ship of India.
- ❖ The government of Andhra Pradesh launched a mobile platform, e-Rythu (e-farmer in Telugu). It enables small-scale farmers to market their produce at reasonable prices.

- ❖ Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu inaugurated the state's first Sainik School at Niglok. This school began its first academic session from August 27 this year with 60 students.
  - It would provide an opportunity to the youth to pursue a career in the armed forces.
- ❖ Alibaba founder Jack Ma announced his retirement and announced Daniel Zhang as his successor from September 10, 2019.
- ❖ The 150-year old festival 'Marbat' festival was celebrated in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- ❖ The government of Gujarat relaunched 'Mission Vidya'. This is a one-month-long curative teaching programme targeted more than 200,000 Class VI-VIII children with poor achievements in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- ❖ Goa government's Women and Child Development Ministry launched a universal helpline service (181) for women in distress in the coastal state.
- ❖ US National Cancer Institute has given the "Outstanding Investigator Award" to Indian-Origin Professor Arul Chinnaiyan, from the University of Michigan.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Tamil Nadu receives five awards from Centre**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has received five awards from the central government for effectively implementing the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme.
- ❖ Municipal administration and rural development Minister S.P Velumani received the award for Excellence in NREGA Administration.
- ❖ The state government has also received an award for the initiatives under Geo-MGNREGA, performance in Aadhaar seeding and conversion.
- ❖ Tuticorin district administration got a national award for achieving self-sufficiency under seven schemes under Grama Swaraj Abhiyan.
- ❖ District Collectors Annadurai and Prashant M Wadnere have been honored for effective implementation of the scheme in Thanjavur and Tiruvannamalai districts.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan- PM-AASHA**

- ❖ Union Cabinet approved a new Umbrella Scheme “Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan’ (PM-AASHA).
- ❖ It aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce as announced in the Union Budget for 2018.
- ❖ This umbrella scheme includes the mechanism of ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers and is comprised of:
  - Price Support Scheme (PSS),
  - Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS),
  - Pilot of Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme (PPPS).
- ❖ Other existing schemes of Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) and Ministry of Textile for cotton and jute will be continued for providing MSP.

### **Cabinet approves Various MoUs**

- ❖ Union Cabinet approved the MoU between India and Brunei Darussalam on Cooperation in the operation of Telemetry Tracking and Telecommand station for satellite and launch vehicles, and for cooperation in the field of Space Research, Science and Applications.
- ❖ Union Cabinet approved the MoU between India and South Africa on cooperation in the exploration and uses of outer space for peaceful purposes.
- ❖ Union Cabinet approved the MoU between India and Egypt for cooperation in the field of agriculture & allied sectors.
- ❖ Union Cabinet approved the MoU between India and Malta for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism.
- ❖ Union Cabinet approved for introduction of NID Act- 2014 amendment bill to include the four new National Institutes of Design (NID) viz., Amaravati/Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh; Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh; Jorhat, Assam and Kurukshetra, Haryana within the ambit of the NID Act- 2014 and to declare them as Institutions of National Importance (INIs).

### **Selection Committee to pick up Dronacharya and Dhyanchand Awardees**

- ❖ Justice Mukul Mudgal was named a chairman of the 11-member selection committee to pick this year's Dronacharya and Dhyanchand awardees.
- ❖ He was a former chief justice of the Punjab and Delhi High court.
- ❖ Dhyanchand award is bestowed on sportspersons for their lifetime achievements and contribution to sport during both their active career and after retirement.
- ❖ Dronacharya award is presented to coaches for their outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis over a period of four years.

### **Chairman of Lok Sabha ethics panel**

- ❖ L.K.Advani has been re-nominated as the chairman of the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee by Speaker of Lok Sabha.
  - ❖ This Committee examines complaints relating to unethical conduct by members of Parliament.
  - ❖ It is also free to take up suo moto investigation into the matters relating to ethics and unethical conduct by a member.
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