

**September - 16**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ The Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) has recently launched an indigenously designed and developed India's first 205T Electric Drive Rear Dump Truck (Model BH205-E) in its Mysuru plant for use in the project of Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL), Singrauli.
- ❖ The India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has partnered with payments technology company 'Financial Software and Systems (FSS)' to create payments network for unorganized retail.
- ❖ Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has made it mandatory for unlisted public companies to issue new shares or transfer of all shares in dematerialized or demat (i.e. in electronic form) form beginning October 2, 2018.
- ❖ The 23rd Meeting of India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC) was held at Moscow. The Indian delegation was led by the External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.
  - The IRIGC-TEC is a standing body which annually meets and reviews ongoing activities of bilateral cooperation.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Sagarmatha Friendship - 2018**

- ❖ The 2nd edition of the 10-day Nepal-China joint military exercise "Sagarmatha Friendship - 2018" was held at Chengdu, the capital of China's southwestern Sichuan Province, from September 17.
- ❖ The aim of the exercise is to share expertise in disaster management and to fight terrorism, among others.



- ❖ This comes at a time when Nepal refuses to participate in the first-ever BIMSTEC military exercise “MILEX-18”, which was started in India on September 10.

### **Sudan's New PM**

- ❖ Moutaz Mousa Abdallah has become Sudan's new Prime Minister.
- ❖ A 21-member cabinet was sworn-in at the presidential palace in Khartoum.



- ❖ Mousa Abdallah is also holding the finance portfolio in a bid to revive the country's ailing economy.
- ❖ The 31-member cabinet is to be slashed to just 21 portfolios, as the country grapples with an acute foreign exchange shortage and inflation above 65%.



## **ECONOMY**

### **RBI to buy G-Secs in Open Market**

- ❖ The Reserve Bank is to purchase government securities (G-secs) worth Rs 10,000 crore on September 19, a move aimed at inducing liquidity in the system.
- ❖ The purchase of the government securities will be done through Open Market Operations (OMO).
- ❖ When the RBI thinks there is excess liquidity in the market, it resorts to the sale of securities.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Erratic monsoon rainfall in India - Study**

- ❖ According to a recent study by scientists from IIT Kanpur, erratic behavior of monsoon rainfall can be attributed to the rising air pollution.
- ❖ The study has found that high pollution levels are not just changing cloud shape and size and depth, but also its microstructure.
- ❖ This is for the first time that the study has given details of the exact changes that take place in clouds over India as a result of an increase in aerosols.

### **Global Climate Action Summit 2018**

- ❖ The Global Climate Action Summit 2018 was held at San Francisco, California, United States.
- ❖ Delegates from various countries attended the summit and showed their commitments to achieve the goals set by the Paris Agreement.
- ❖ The co-chairs of the Summit are Governor of California Edmund G. Brown Jr. and UN's Special Envoy for Climate Action Michael R Bloomberg.



## STATES

### **Agricultural festival of Nuakhai**

- ❖ The agricultural festival of Nuakhai has started in Odisha on 13th September 2018.
- ❖ The word 'nua' means new and 'khai' means food, so the name means the farmers are in possession of the newly harvested rice.
- ❖ The festival is seen as a new ray of hope, held the day after the Ganesha Chaturthi festival.
- ❖ The Nuakhai Juhar is a major ritual of the festival.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### **'Shilp Guru' and National Award**

- ❖ Union Minister of Textiles presented 'Shilp Guru' and National Award to Master craft persons at a function held at Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ Eight 'Shilp guru' and 25 National awards were presented for the year 2016.
- ❖ 'Shilp Guru' is the highest award in the Handicraft sector in India.

## SPORTS

### **Silesian Open Boxing**

- ❖ Indian five-time world boxing champion MC Mary Kom clinched her third gold medal of the year in 48 kg category at the 13th Silesian Open Boxing Tournament for women in Gliwice, Poland.
- ❖ She defeated Kazakhstan's Aigerim Kassanayeva to pick up India's lone senior category gold at the event.



- ❖ Jyoti Gulia out-classed Poland's Tatiana Pluta and picked up the country's lone gold in 51 kg of the youth category.
- ❖ Former world champion Sarita Devi, however, signed off with a bronze medal in the senior category.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer: September 16**

- ❖ International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was observed on 16th September throughout the world.
  - ❖ The theme for International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2018 was 'Keep Cool and Carry On: The Montreal Protocol'.
  - ❖ This day aims to create awareness on issues related to climate change and ozone depletion.
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