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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Deccan Queen, the first deluxe train, introduced between two premier cities of Maharashtra Pune and Mumbai on June 1, 1930, completes 88 years of service. This was the first deluxe train introduced on the railway to serve two important cities of the region and was aptly named after Pune, which is also known as Queen of Deccan (Dakkhan ki Rani).
- ❖ A two-day Conference of Governors and Lieutenant Governors was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. This will be the 49th such Conference which will be presided by President Ram Nath Kovind.
- ❖ Indian Navy launched Operation 'Nistar' to evacuate 38 stranded Indian nationals in and around Socotra. Indian Naval Ship Sunayna, which was currently deployed for a mission in the Gulf of Aden, was directed to evacuate 38 Indian nationals stranded on the Yemeni island of Socotra in the aftermath of cyclone Mekenu.
- ❖ In its efforts to develop the financial capital into a fintech hub, the Maharashtra Government has announced the opening up of a 'sandbox' to boost start-ups.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Tamil Nadu to ban use of plastic**

- ❖ On World Environment Day, Tamil Nadu chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami announced a "Plastic Free Tamil Nadu policy" under which plastic will be banned from January 2019.
- ❖ Earlier, former CM J Jayalalithaa introduced the Tamil Nadu Plastic Articles (Prohibition of Sale, Storage, Transport and Use) Bill in 2002 and subsequently a committee was formed and the recommendations are now being implemented.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana 2018**

- ❖ The Madhya Pradesh state cabinet headed by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan approved the Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana 2018, outstanding power bill waiver scheme for labourers and poor families.

- ❖ The state cabinet also approved Mukhyamantri Jan Kalyan (Sambal) Yojana 2018 (a scheme to provide subsidised power) in the meeting.
- ❖ Under the subsidised power scheme, registered labourers of the unorganised sector and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families would be provided electricity at a cost of Rs 200 per month.
- ❖ Power connection under the Mukhyamantri Jan Kalyan (Sambal) Yojana would be provided free of cost to the beneficiaries.

### **Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana (BBMY)** **Power bill waiver for labourers & BPL**

**MP Govt to waive-off electricity bills of labourers & BPL families**

**ELIGIBILITY: Labourers & BPL families in MP**

**BENEFITS: Power bill waiver / bill mafi**

### **UN Global Compact Network India convention**

- ❖ Global Compact Network India (GCNI), a local network of the United Nations Global Compact in New York, is holding its 13th National Convention on the theme of 'Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Bengaluru.
- ❖ This year, the GCNI convention is of a greater significance as it is coinciding with the UN India Business Forum.
- ❖ As part of a long-term association, Accenture, will support the event as the Knowledge Partner of GCNI.
- ❖ D K Hota, CMD, BEML is the convention's chairman, while Shashi Shanker, CMD, ONGC, will be its president.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR EVENT		
Launch of Accenture-GCNI CEO Study 2018	Exclusive CEO Panel	UN India Business Forum
Concurrent Sessions on SDGs	SDG Best Case Presentation and Awards	

KEY OBJECTIVES	WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launch of Accenture- GCNI CEO Study 2018</li><li>• Explore how everyone, from the CEO to a Janitor can contribute to the SDGs.</li><li>• Understand the potential of concepts such as circular economy.</li><li>• Gain intellectual stimulation by listening to the best practices for SDGs within India able actions for achieving the SDGs.</li><li>• Driving businesses from discussions, pilots and elementary initiatives to taking concrete, scalable and sustainable actions for achieving the SDGs.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chief Executive</li><li>• Chief Sustainability Officers/CXOs</li><li>• Policy Makers</li><li>• Head - CSR /Policy &amp; Engagement / Partnership</li><li>• Manager- CSR / Social Inclusion / Programme</li><li>• Corporate Communication Head</li><li>• Government Officials, Academicians, Researchers</li><li>• Civil Society Leaders and Practitioners</li></ul>

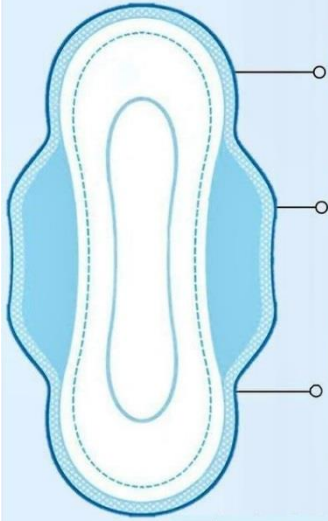
### **‘Janaushadhi Suvidha’**

- ❖ The Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Mansukh L Mandaviya, launched the ‘Janaushadhi Suvidha’, the oxo-biodegradable sanitary napkin, under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) in Delhi.
- ❖ The product also comes with a special additive, which makes it biodegradable when it comes in contact with oxygen after being discarded.
- ❖ According to the National Family Health Survey 2015-16, about 58 percent of women aged between 15 to 24 years use locally prepared napkins, sanitary napkins and tampons.

### **BACKGROUND**

- ❖ ‘Jan Aushadhi’ is a project launched by the Union Government in 2008 to provide quality medicines at affordable prices for all.
- ❖ The campaign was undertaken through sale of generic medicines through exclusive outlets by the name ‘Jan Aushadhi Medical Store’ in various districts of the country.
- ❖ The first ‘Jan Aushadhi Medical Store’ was opened on November 25, 2008 at Amritsar in Punjab.

**SUVIDHA, a special gift for all Women on the occasion of International Women's Day**



- Affordable- Rs. 2.50 per pad**
- Environment Friendly- 100% Oxo-biodegradable Sanitary Napkin**
- Easily Available- Over 3,200 Janaushadhi Kendras across India would ensure 'Swachhta, Swasthya and Suvidha' for the underprivileged Women of India**

### **'Krishi Kalyan Abhiyaan'**

- ❖ The Ministry of Agriculture and farmer's welfare in line with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of doubling farmers' income by 2022 has launched the Krishi kalyan Abhiyaan from 1st June to 31st July, 2018.
- ❖ The purpose of the scheme is to aid, assist and advice farmers on how to improve their farming techniques and raise their incomes.
- ❖ The Krishi kalyan Abhiyaan will be undertaken in 25 Villages with more than 1000 population each in Aspirational Districts identified in consultation with Ministry of Rural Development as per directions of NITI Ayog.
- ❖ In districts where number of villages (with more than 1000 population) is less than 25, all villages will be covered.
- ❖ Farm science centres called Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) will coordinate and implement the programme.

## **2nd National Health Editors' Conference**

- ❖ The Minister of State for AYUSH (Independent Charge), Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated the 2nd National Health Editors' Conference on Yoga at the National Media Centre in New Delhi.
- ❖ The conference is being organized by the
  - Ministry of AYUSH in association with Press Information Bureau (PIB),
  - Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and
  - Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (M/o AYUSH)as a part of celebrations of the 3rd International Day of Yoga on 21 June 2017.
- ❖ The theme of this year's conference is "Yoga for Health and Harmony".
- ❖ The first National Health Editors' Conference on Yoga was organized by Ministry of AYUSH and PIB in 2016.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **e-waste generation**

- ❖ According to a recent study by ASSOCHAM-NEC, India continues to be among the top five countries generating e-waste.
  - ❖ The other countries topping the chart of e-waste generation are China, USA, Japan and Germany.
  - ❖ The study was published coinciding with "Environment Day" (June 5).
  - ❖ In India, Maharashtra contributes the largest e-waste of 19.8 per cent but recycles only about 47,810 TPA (tonnes per annum).
  - ❖ Whereas as its counterparts' Tamil Nadu (13 per cent) recycles about 52,427, Uttar Pradesh (10.1 per cent) recycles about 86,130.
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