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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ The Fifteenth Finance Commission has constituted a high-level group to explore and give recommendations for a balanced expansion of the health sector. It will be headed by Dr.Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi and shall consist of eminent experts in health sector from across the country.
- ❖ Rajinder Singh, who is the Senior Vice President of HI, was named the president of Hockey India (HI), following Mariamma Koshy's resignation from the post.
- ❖ Gurusochkaur has been inducted as the first woman turbaned Sikh auxiliary police officer in the US Department of the New York Police Department. She is the first Indian woman to be appointed to this position.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Samagra Shiksha scheme**

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) launched Samagra Shiksha scheme to improve quality of school education.
  - ❖ The scheme subsumes three existing schemes:
    - Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA),
    - Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and
    - Teacher Education (TE)
- to treat school education holistically, from pre-school to Class XII.
- ❖ Samagra Shiksha is first integrated scheme extending unified support to states from pre-school to senior secondary levels.
  - ❖ It encapsulates elements of previous scheme and focuses on digital education by giving emphasis on integration of 2Ts – Teacher, and Technology.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **71st World Health Assembly**

- ❖ The 71st World Health Assembly was held in Geneva, Switzerland.

- ❖ The Event was held under the theme "Health for All: Commit to Universal Health Coverage".
- ❖ The Indian Delegation was led by Union Health Minister of India, Mr. J P Nadda at World Health Assembly.
- ❖ Mr. Nadda also inaugurated 'Walk the Talk' event and gave a call 'Health for all, Yoga for all'.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) Reconstituted**

- ❖ The Union Government has reconstituted Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) to include secretaries from revenue department as well as Ministry of Information Technology (MeitY).
- ❖ It will include Chairman of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- ❖ FSDC is a super-regulatory body for regulating financial sector which is vital for bringing healthy and efficient financial system in the economy of the country.
- ❖ Union Finance Minister is chairman of FSDC and it was set up in 2010 by then Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Data Visualisation App**

- ❖ The UNICEF (United Nations Children's Emergency Fund) launched Data Visualisation App to provide a user-friendly visual representation of complex analytics of education scenario in India.
- ❖ It was developed with technical inputs from the UNICEF, in collaboration with
  - National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and
  - National Institute of Education Planning and Administration (NIEPA)
- ❖ The app uses UDISE (Unified District Information System for Education), NAS (National Assessment survey) and demographic data.
- ❖ It can be used as a visual tool to address gaps and monitor programs in the field of education.

- ❖ UNICEF India in partnership with Ministry of Human Resource Development organized Shiksha Mela Education Open Day.

## STATES

### My MP Rojgar Portal

- ❖ The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched 'My MP Rojgar Portal'.
- ❖ It aims to provide jobs to youths as per their educational qualification, skills, and interest and ensure availability of able candidates to employers as per the need of their business.
- ❖ The portal was launched as a part of the 'Ham Chhu Lenge Asman' Mukhya Mantri Career Counselling programme 'Pahal' in Model School of Bhopal.
- ❖ It was prepared by the Madhya Pradesh Skill Development and Employment Generation Board under youth empowerment mission.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### India Biodiversity Award 2018

- ❖ Arunachal Pradesh-based NGO Singchung Bugun Community Reserve (SBVCR) won the India Biodiversity Award 2018 in the “Conservation of wildlife species” category.
- ❖ It was awarded for its efforts to conserve rare Critically Endangered bird Bugun Liocichla.
- ❖ The award is a joint initiative of
  - Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC),
  - National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and
  - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- ❖ It recognizes the contribution of a range of stakeholders towards the conservation of biodiversity.
- ❖ It is given in four categories viz.
  - Conservation of Threatened Species,
  - Sustainable use of biological resources

- Successful models for access and benefit sharing
- Biodiversity Management Committees
- ❖ The bird was identified as a new species in 2006 and is reportedly only new bird species to have been discovered in India since 1947.



- ❖ It has been named after Bugun tribe because of their conservation efforts.

## **SPORTS**

### **Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 Championship**

- ❖ Coimbatore racer Bala Prasath has won the Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 Championship in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
  - ❖ The Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 Championship, organized by MECO Motorsports, was introduced in 2016 to provide a platform to drivers coming out of the winter season to prepare for the National Championships.
  - ❖ An FMSCI-approved event, it is open to anybody over 14 years holding a valid FMSCI (Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India) National Racing license.
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