



**August – 10**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Both Houses of Parliament were adjourned for the day on 08.08.2018 after paying obituary to DMK chief M Karunanidhi who passed away on 07.08.2018. This is the first time the Parliament has been adjourned to pay tribute to a person who was never been a MP.
- ❖ Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha that, only citizens of India have the right to seek information under the provisions of Right to Information Act, 2005. Non-Resident Indians are not eligible to file RTI applications.
- ❖ Former Michigan state lawmaker Rashida Tlaib is set to become the first Muslim woman elected to United States of Congress after winning the Democratic primary for the House of Representative seat of the United States of Congress.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Election**

- ❖ National Democratic Alliance candidate Harivansh Narayan Singh won the Rajya Sabha deputy chairman elections held today with 125 votes.





- ❖ Opposition candidate B.K. Hariprasad of the Congress party received 105 votes.
- ❖ Singh is a Janata Dal (United) leader from Bihar and a former journalist.
- ❖ The post of the deputy chairman was lying vacant since June 2018 following the retirement of PJ Kurien, a Congress MP from Kerala.
- ❖ The current strength of the Rajya Sabha is 244 and support of 123 members is needed for a win in the full House.
- ❖ BJP is the largest party in the House with 73 members. Congress is the biggest opposition party with 50 MPs.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Pakistan - Russia signs agreement

- ❖ Pakistan and Russia have signed contract on admission of service members of Pakistan in Russia's Military Training Institutes.
- ❖ The agreement was signed at conclusion of first meeting of Russia-Pakistan Joint Military Consultative Committee (JMCC), the highest forum of defence collaboration between both countries held in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.
- ❖ This will be for first time; Pakistani soldiers will undergo training at Russian military institutes.

## ECONOMY

### Non-Official Directors

- ❖ Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved appointment of
  - Chartered Accountant Swaminathan Gurumurthy and
  - Businessman Satish Kashinath Maratheas another non-official director on Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ❖ They have been appointed for period of four years.

### Central Board of Directors composition

- ❖ It comprises RBI Governor, Deputy Governors (maximum 4).
- ❖ 4 non-official Directors, nominated by Central Government (each Non-official director represents the local Boards located in Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai representing 4 regions of India).



- ❖ 10 Non-official Directors nominated by RBI itself (persons having expertise in various segments of Indian Economy).
- ❖ Besides, there is 1 representative (usually Financial Services Secretary) of Central Government nominated under Section 8 (1) (d) of the RBI Act.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Niryat Mitra mobile app**

- ❖ Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry has launched Niryat Mitra mobile application for exporters and importers of the country.
- ❖ The app developed by Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), the largest exporters organisation of the country.
- ❖ FIEO is apex and largest trade promotion organisation in India, responsible for representing and assisting Indian entrepreneurs and exporters in foreign markets.
- ❖ It was jointly established in 1965 by Ministry of Commerce and private trade and industry, headquartered in New Delhi.

### **Multi Option Payment Acceptance Device (MOPAD)**

- ❖ India's largest bank State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its Multi Option Payment Acceptance Device (MOPAD) for digital payments convenience of merchants and consumers.
- ❖ It aims at providing digital convenience to customers and ease of doing business for merchants at the same time.
- ❖ It will allow customers to make payments through cards, Bharat QR, UPI and SBI Buddy (e-wallet) on single Point-of-Sale (PoS) terminal.
- ❖ It provides convenience to merchants by eliminating multiple machines that they keep in order to facilitate transaction from different sources.



## ENVIRONMENT

### **Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve in UNESCO's list**

- ❖ India's Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve, one of the highest ecosystems in the world, has been added to UNESCO's list of World Network of Biosphere Reserve (WNBR).
- ❖ The International Coordinating Council (ICC) of Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme, UNESCO, had designated Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve for inclusion in the World Network of Biosphere Reserve in its 30th session, which was held from July 23-27, 2018 at Palembang, Indonesia.
- ❖ In total, India has 18 biosphere Reserves, among which 11 have been internationally designated WNBR.
- ❖ The remaining seven are domestic designated biosphere reserves.

## STATES

### **Begging decriminalized in the national capital**

- ❖ Delhi High Court has declared 25 sections of Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959 which have been extended to Delhi, as "unconstitutional".
- ❖ With this, it has struck down legal provision criminalising begging in national capital.
- ❖ The Bombay Prevention of Begging Act prescribes penalty of more than 3 years of jail in case of first conviction for begging and person can be ordered to be detained for 10 years in subsequent conviction.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### **Kolkata man tops IQ world list**

- ❖ Amit Sahai, a 43-year-old senior professional from Kolkata has topped the prestigious Intelligence Quotient (IQ) World list along with two other Americans with a score of 148.
- ❖ He has a background in international sales of software, IT, ITes services and high-end audio and engineering products.



- ❖ He is also a member of the International High IQ Society.

## SPORTS

### Asian Nations Cup 2018

- ❖ The Indian women chess team clinched the gold in the Blitz event at the Asian Nations Cup 2018 held in Iran.



- ❖ It's India's first gold-medal finish at the event since 2014.

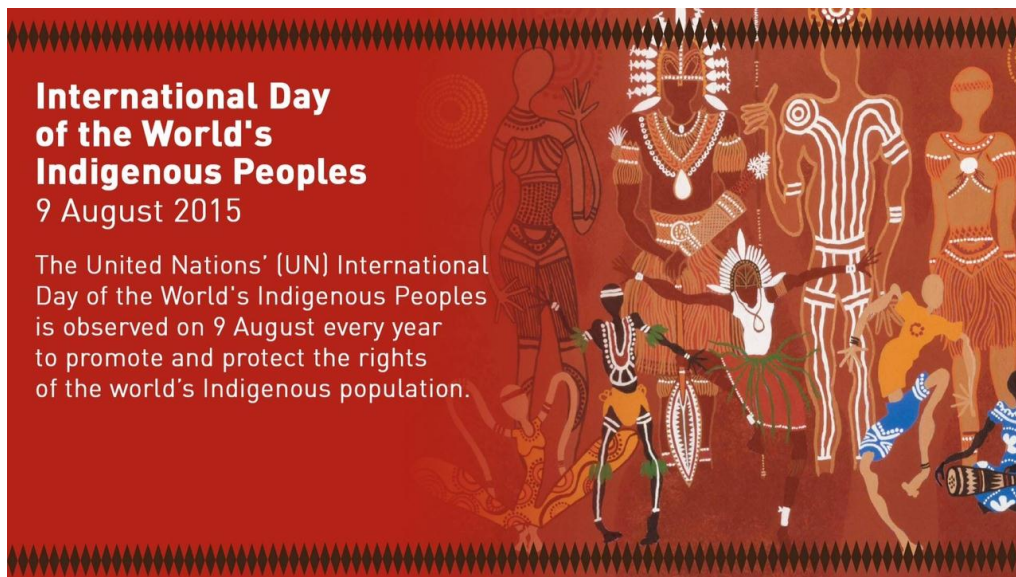


- ❖ They also won silver and bronze in the Rapid and Classical categories, respectively.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples – 09 August

- ❖ The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples was observed across the world on August 9.
- ❖ Its aim is to strengthen international cooperation for solving problems faced by indigenous peoples in areas such as human rights, the environment, education, health and social development.
- ❖ The theme of 2018 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples was '[Indigenous peoples' migration and movement](#)'.



- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) through its Resolution on 'Rights of Indigenous Peoples' proclaimed the year 2019 as **the 'International Year of Indigenous Languages'**.
- ❖ The UNGA on December 23, 1994 proclaimed 9 August as the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples through its resolution.
- ❖ The date marks the day of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in 1982.



### **International Cat Day – 08 August**

- ❖ International Cat Day is a celebration which takes place on 8 August, every year.
- ❖ It was created in 2002 by the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

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