



**August – 12**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Meghalaya hosted the 5th 'Act East business show' to strengthen between ASEAN countries and North-Eastern states. The show was organised by the Indian chamber of commerce in association with Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER)

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Justice R Ragupathi Commission**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu High court orders the suspension of Justice R.Ragupathi Commission.
- ❖ It was constituted in 2011 by AIADMK govt. to probe the irregularities in the construction of new Assembly-cum-Secretariat complex between 2006 and 2011.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Telangana signs MoU with ICRISAT**

- ❖ Telangana has signed MoU with 'International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics' (ICRISAT).
- ❖ Its objective is to conduct a research on the impact of Mission Kakatiya programme.
- ❖ Kakatiya programme is a program for restoring all the minor irrigation tanks and lakes in Telangana.

### **Representation of People (Amendment) Bill, 2017**

- ❖ Lok Sabha has passed Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2017 by voice vote to extend the facility of 'proxy voting' to overseas Indians, on the lines of service voters.
- ❖ The Bill seeks to amend Representation of People Act (RPA), 1950 and Representation of People Act (RPA), 1951 to allow for proxy voting and make certain provisions of these Acts gender-neutral.



- ❖ The Bill replaces the term 'wife' with 'spouse' in both Acts.
- ❖ Currently, only service personnel are permitted to vote through proxy.

#### **4 additional battalions of NDRF**

- ❖ Union Cabinet has given approval for raising of four additional battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to strengthen the India's disaster response set up.
- ❖ These four battalions will initially be raised as
  - 2 battalions in Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and
  - 1 battalion each in Assam Rifles (ARs) and Border Security Force (BSF).
- ❖ Later these four battalions will be converted into NDRF battalions.
- ❖ These battalions will be placed in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Delhi National Capital Region based on their disaster vulnerability profile.

### **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

#### **GPS enabled watches for MP employees**

- ❖ The Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) in Madhya Pradesh will track its 10,000-odd employees through Global Positioning System (GPS)-enabled wrist watches that will be provided to them
- ❖ It is the first of its kind initiative in the country.

### **STATES**

#### **Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana**

- ❖ Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched 'Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana', a scheme for the girl child.
- ❖ The scheme will provide Rs.54,100 for a girl child from her birth until she graduates.
- ❖ This is to express the State government's resolve for the empowerment of women.

- ❖ The 'scheme will be run by three departments namely education, health and social welfare.
- ❖ The Chief Minister also made several other announcements like
  - Increasing the amount under the 'Bicycle Yojna' from ₹2500 to ₹3000.
  - Doubling of amount for purchase of sanitary napkins to ₹300 from existing ₹150 under the 'Kishori Swasthya Yojna'.

### **Swachha meva Jayate**

- ❖ The Karnataka government has launched a rural cleanliness and sanitation campaign "Swachhameva Jayate" to make every citizen in rural Karnataka take a pledge of cleanliness.
- ❖ The aim of the campaign is to boost the Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018 (SSG 2018) survey in all the districts with the help of school children.

## **SPORTS**

### **European Tour Title**

- ❖ Indian golfer Gaganjeet Bhullar claimed his maiden European Tour title by winning over Anthony Quayle of Australia at the Fiji International.
- ❖ It was Bhullar's first win on the European Tour, ninth Asian Tour and 10th crown overall.



- ❖ He thus became the most successful Indian player on Asian Tour and the first Indian to win on Australasia Tour.

### **Women's Hockey Tournament**

- ❖ Netherlands has been crowned the world champions for a record 8th time in Women's Hockey World Cup 2018.
- ❖ The defending champions recorded a stunning 6-0 victory over Ireland in the summit clash at London, UK.



- ❖ Kitty van Male was the top scorer at the Women's Hockey Tournament.
- ❖ Spain won the 3rd-place match by beating Australia 3-1 to claim their first ever World Cup medal.
- ❖ India finished the tournament at the 8th spot.

### **Nepal – Netherland ODI**

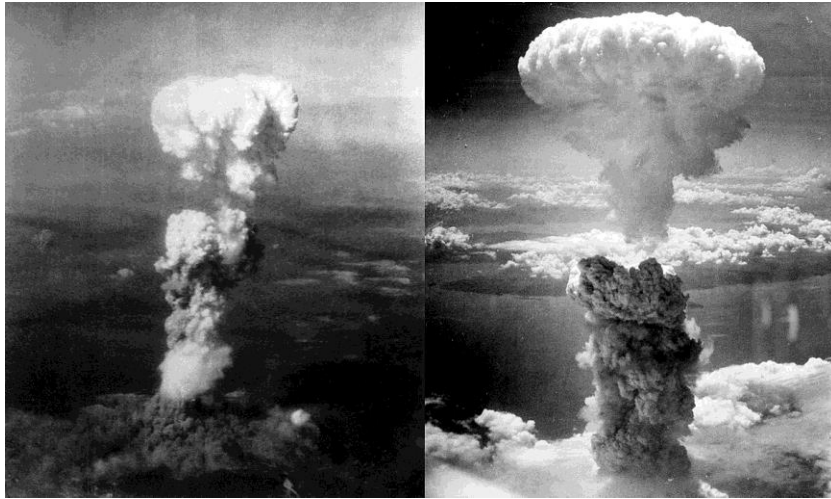
- ❖ Nepal created history by defeating the Netherlands to record their first ever one-day international victory.
- ❖ At 15 years and 335 days, Rohit Kumar Paudel (Nepal) becomes the 4th youngest cricket player in the history to play One Day Internationals.
- ❖ Pakistan's Hasan Raza remains the youngest to play an ODI. He made his debut against Zimbabwe in 1996, when he was just 14 years and 233 days.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Hiroshima Day - 06 August

- ❖ Hiroshima Day commemorates 6 August 1945, the day when an atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.
- ❖ It marks the 73rd anniversary of atomic bombing in World War II.



- ❖ On August 6, 1945, the US bomber Enola Gay dropped the first atomic bomb nicknamed 'Little Boy' ever used in military combat on Hiroshima.

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