

**September – 22**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Prime Minister laid foundation stone of India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC) Dwarka, New Delhi. On completion, it will be biggest indoor exhibition space in India and also rank among the top 10 in the world.
- ❖ Renowned scientist Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas has been appointed the secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy and chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. Mr Vyas, who is at present Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), has been appointed in place of Shekhar Basu.
- ❖ State-owned India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and Private Life Insurer Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Co Ltd (BALIC) entered into a strategic partnership to provide life insurance solutions, especially at the doorstep of every household in the country.
- ❖ For the first time in the history of FIFA international football team rankings, two teams are sharing the top spot after World Cup 2018 semi-finalists Belgium joined World Cup winners France at the top of the rankings.
- ❖ Indian tennis legend Vijay Amritraj was unanimously elected as the president of the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA) at its Annual General Meeting in Chennai. The year of service will be for a term of 3 years until 2021.
  - He will replace MA Alagappan, who had completed 9 years in office.
- ❖ Around 11 lions died within a week in Dalkhania range of Gir forest in Amreli district of Gujarat. According to the 2015 census, Gir is home to 520 lions.
- ❖ Union Transport Minister felicitated Bollywood actor Anushka Sharma with Smita Patil award for best actor during the 34th anniversary of Priyadarshni Academy Global Award, in Mumbai.
- ❖ Financial Commissioner of Delhi Anindo Majumdar has been appointed as Secretary of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

## **NATIONAL**

### **Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna**

- ❖ The ESI (Employee's State Insurance) Corporation has approved a Scheme named “Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna” for Insured Persons (IP) covered under the Employees’ State Insurance Act, 1948.

- ❖ This scheme is a relief payable in cash directly to their Bank Account in case of unemployment and while they search for new engagement.

### **National Database on Sexual Offenders**

- ❖ Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has launched India's National Database of Sexual Offenders (NDSO).
- ❖ With this, India became the 9th nation to maintain such thorough database.
- ❖ NDSO is initiative under National Mission for Safety of Women aimed at curbing crimes against women and children.
- ❖ It will be maintained by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) and the State Police will regularly update the database from 2005 onwards.

#### **Tightening the grip**

A lowdown on the National Sex Offenders Registry, which is aimed at curbing crimes against women and children

#### **Who will maintain the database?**

The National Crime Records Bureau will store the data. It can be accessed only by the law enforcement agencies and will be out of bounds for the general public

#### **Which other countries have similar database?**

The U.S., the U.K., Canada, Australia, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, and Trinidad & Tobago

#### **What are the details stored with the registry?**

Name, address, photograph and fingerprint details of those convicted in sexual assault cases

#### **How long will the data be stored by the NCRB?**

Will be stored for 15 years for those posing low danger, 25 years for those posing moderate danger, and lifetime for habitual offenders involved in violent crimes like gang-rapes

#### **How many entries have been made so far?**

4.4 lakh entries of convicts from year 2005 have been included in the registry till date

### **Aviandra 18**

- ❖ India and Russia joint air exercise Aviandra 18 was held in Lipetsk, Russia from September 17 to 28, 2018.
- ❖ The 2nd session of Aviandra 18 will be conducted in Jodhpur, Rajasthan from December 10 Dec to 22, 2018.
- ❖ Exercise Aviandra is Air Force level exercise between India and Russia.



- ❖ The aim of this exercise is focused towards anti-terrorist operations in bi-lateral scenario.
- ❖ It was conducted for first time in 2014 and since then it is conducted bi-annually in both countries.

### **MSME Insider**

- ❖ Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) has launched its monthly e-newsletter MSME Insider.
- ❖ The e-newsletter will give information of activities undertaken by MSME Ministry and also act as bridge between Ministry and stakeholders.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Saudi Arabia to join CPEC**

- ❖ Pakistan has invited Saudi Arabia to join \$50 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as the third strategic partner.
- ❖ Formal request in this regard was made after Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan visited Saudi Arabia during his first foreign trip after getting elected.
- ❖ Saudi Arabia is first country that Pakistan has invited to become partner in CPEC.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response**

- ❖ Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has signed MoU with ISRO to set up of state-of-the-art Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response (ICR-ER).
- ❖ ICR-ER will cater to the requirement of disaster management as well as internal security.

### **ISRO Technology Incubation Centre**

- ❖ Tripura CM inaugurated ISRO's first Space Technology Incubation Centre (STIC) at the National Institute of Technology Agartala via remote from Bengaluru.

- ❖ The Centre was launched at the first edition of 'Spacetrionics' organised by the India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA).

### **Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children portal**

- ❖ Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has launched Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children (CCPWC) portal ([www.cybercrime.gov.in](http://www.cybercrime.gov.in)) to check objectionable online content.
- ❖ The portal will allow citizens to lodge complaints on objectionable online content related to child sexual abuse material.
- ❖ The complaints registered through this portal will be handled by police authorities of respective State/UTs.

### **Nuclear facilities under IAEA safeguards**

- ❖ India has decided to place four more reactors under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards.
- ❖ It was announced at the 62nd General Conference of IAEA held in Vienna, Austria.
- ❖ The four reactors include
  - 2 Russian-designed Pressurised Light Water Reactors and
  - 2 Pressurised Heavy Reactors being built with Indian technology.
- ❖ With this, total of 26 Indian nuclear facilities will be now under IAEA safeguards.

## **STATES**

### **Star-rating system for industries**

- ❖ Odisha CM has launched a 'Star Rating program' for industries to strengthen State Pollution Control Board's (SPCB) regulatory efforts to reduce pollution.
- ❖ It is a first-of-its-kind transparency initiative to categorise industries from one to five stars compliant to pollution standards.
- ❖ Odisha's program is first in India to utilize continually monitored emissions data captured in real time from major industrial plants.

## SPORTS

### 72nd National swimming championship

- ❖ Richa Mishra's performance became the best Indian performance in the women's 400m Individual Medley of the Glenmark 72nd National swimming championship at Kerala.



- ❖ Mishra clocked 4:59.17 and became the first Indian woman to breach the five-minute mark.

### Junior World wrestling championship

- ❖ Anshu Malik beat Russia's Alina Kazymova and won bronze at the junior World wrestling championship in Trnava, Slovakia.
- ❖ Anshu lost her semifinal to Sae Nanjo of Japan.

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