

August - 27

## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ In a first for Karnataka, it will have three Deputy Chief Ministers – Govind M. Karjola, Dr Ashwath Narayana and Laxman Savadi have been named as deputy CMs in Yediyurappa's cabinet.
- ❖ The Union Minister for Textiles, Smriti Irani launched Project SURE, a move towards sustainable fashion at Lakmé Fashion Winter/Festive 2019, in Mumbai.
  - SURE stands for ‘Sustainable Resolution’ a commitment from the industry to move towards fashion that contributes to a clean environment.
- ❖ In a massive push for women hygiene, the Union government will slash price of sanitary napkins sold from its Jan Aushadhi Kendras to just Re 1 per piece from Rs 2.50 currently.
  - The biodegradable sanitary napkins 'Suvidha' will be available at the subsidised price at designated centres from August 27, 2019.

## TAMIL NADU

### First Electric Buses in Tamilnadu

- ❖ As part of measures to check air pollution, the Tamil Nadu government unveiled a battery-powered electric air-conditioned bus.



- ❖ It would be initially operated on a trial basis on routes specified by the Metropolitan Transport Corporation, Chennai.

- ❖ These 32-seater buses are fitted with GPS, fire detection and suppression system and can travel upto 120 km on a single charge.
- ❖ They are manufactured by Ashok Leyland.
- ❖ In June 2018 the State government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with England-based C-40 Cities Climate Leadership Group to manufacture electric buses.
- ❖ Shortly, 525 more such buses are expected to ply all over major cities of Tamilnadu under Phase-II of Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India Scheme (FAME India Scheme).

### **Microchipping Chippiparai Dogs – Nellai Veterinary College**

- ❖ Veterinary College and Research Institute, Tirunelveli has embarked on creating a database of the native Chippiparai dog breed and has done microchipping of around 100 such dogs for the first time in the country.
- ❖ Microchipping is mandatory for dogs that are members of the Kennel Club of India (KCI).
- ❖ This has gained Chippiparai a status on a par with elite exotic dog breeds in the country.
- ❖ Chippiparai has also gained distinction as a ‘universal donor’ of canine blood.



## **NATIONAL**

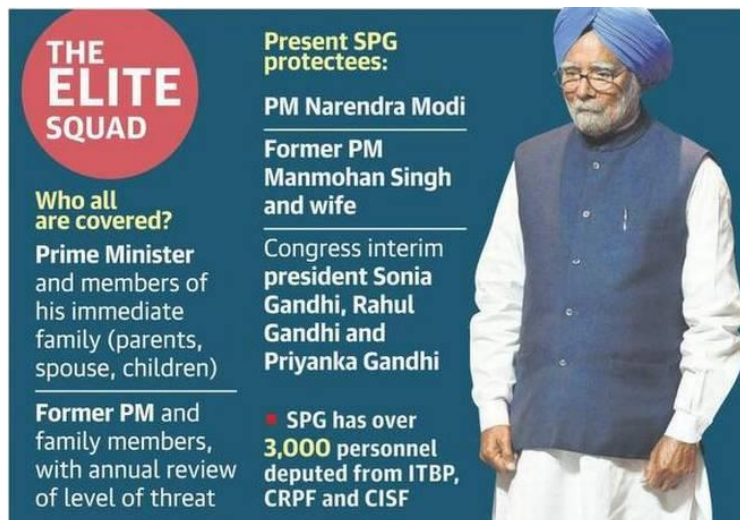
### **SPG Protection Withdrawn for Former PM Manmohan Singh**

- ❖ The Government of India is likely to withdraw the SPG (Special Protection Group) from former PM Manmohan Singh’s security.
- ❖ But however, he will continue to have the “highest category” Z-plus protection, to be provided by CRPF.

- ❖ SPG would be tasked with protecting only PM Modi, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her children Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

### About

- ❖ SPG is an armed force of the Union for providing proximate security to – PM, Former PM, members of their immediate families.
- ❖ It was formed in 1985 after Indira Gandhi assassination.
- ❖ Later on, it became a statutory body under Special Protection Group Act, 1988.
- ❖ Initially SPG provided security to PM only.
- ❖ Post Rajiv Gandhi assassination, SPG Act was amended in 1991 to provide security to former PMs and their immediate families.



### **Indo Pacific Chiefs of Defence Conference**

- ❖ The 2019 Indo Pacific Chiefs of Defence (CHOD) Conference will be held in Thailand's capital city Bangkok.
- ❖ It will see participation of Chiefs of Defence of more than 33 countries.
- ❖ India will be represented by Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) and Chief of the Air Staff- Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa.
- ❖ Theme of the conference: "Collaboration in a free and Open Indo – Pacific".

### **FSSAI Lab @ Ghaziabad, UP**

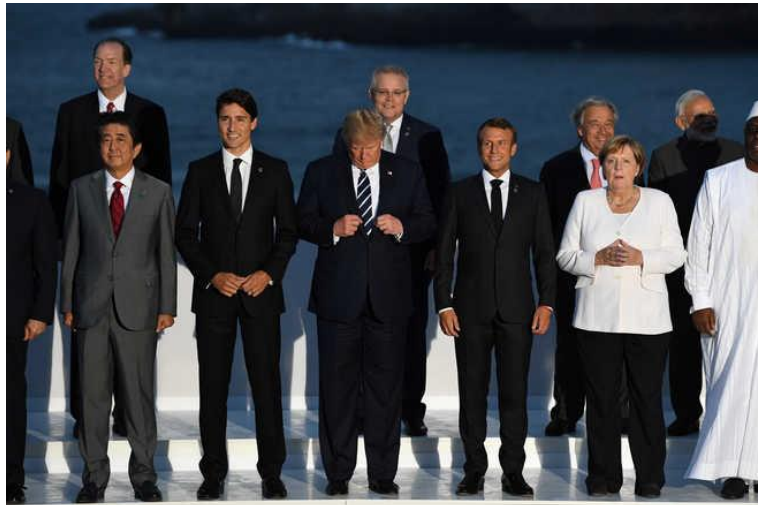
- ❖ Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan inaugurated regulator Food Safety and Standard Authority of India's (FSSAI) National Food Laboratory, in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

- ❖ It was inaugurated on the occasion of 13th anniversary of enactment of Food Safety and Standards Act, (FSSA) 2006.
- ❖ NFL is one of two premier referral laboratories under direct administrative control of FSSAI.
- ❖ The other lab is at Kolkatta.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 45th G7 Summit at Biarritz, France

- ❖ The 45th G7 summit was held on 24–26 August 2019, in Biarritz, France.
- ❖ Attendees of the 45th summit of the G7 includes the leaders of the seven G7 member states (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States) and representatives of the European Union.
- ❖ 9 Countries including India were invited as guests – Australia, Burkina Faso, Chile, Egypt, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa and Spain.



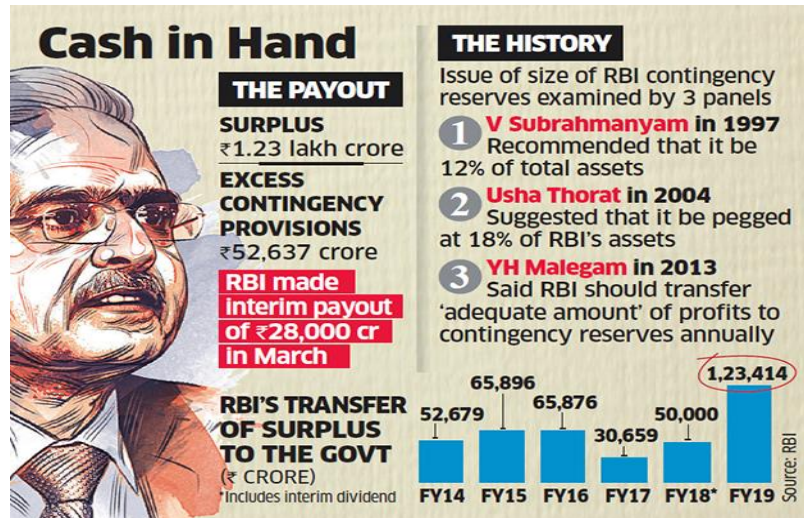
## ECONOMY

### 1.76 Lakh crore transferred: RBI to Central Government

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) board headed by Governor Shakti kanta Das has decided to transfer Rs 1.76 trillion in dividend and surplus reserve to the government.
- ❖ This follows the RBI board accepting the recommendation of a high-level panel headed by its former Governor Bimal Jalan on ‘transfer of excess reserves to the government’.



- ❖ The highest that RBI has ever transferred so far was Rs 65,896 crore in 2014-15.
- ❖ The transfer is expected to
  - Act as a fiscal stimulus to the economy
  - Help government meet fiscal deficit target



### TM Bhasin - Bank Fraud Board

- ❖ The Central Vigilance Commission has constituted Advisory Board for Banking Frauds (ABBF) to examine bank fraud of over 50 crore rupees and recommend action.
- ❖ The four-member board will be headed by former Vigilance Commissioner T M Bhasin.
- ❖ The banks will refer all large fraud cases above 50 crore rupees to ABBF.
- ❖ This will function as the first level of examination of all large fraud cases before interference of investigative agencies.

## ENVIRONMENT

### India's Air Quality Monitoring Sensors

- ❖ The Union Environment Ministry has tasked the CSIR-National Physical Laboratory with 'certifying' air quality monitoring instruments.
- ❖ The National Clean Air Campaign was launched in 2019 to reduce particulate matter (PM) pollution by 20%-30% in at least 102 cities by 2024.
- ❖ This has increased demand for low cost air quality monitoring instruments that can monitor levels of nitrous oxides, ozone and particulate matter.

- ❖ Delhi has maximum number of air quality sensors – around 35.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Eminent Engineer Award- Prabhakar Singh

- ❖ Prabhakar Singh, Director General, Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has been chosen for the elite and prestigious Eminent Engineer Award for Year 2019 by Institution of Engineers (India).
- ❖ He is chosen for his distinguished and exemplary Service in field of Engineering and Technology.
- ❖ He will be awarded on Engineers Day, observed on 15 September 2019 in New Delhi.

#### About

- ❖ Institution of Engineers (India) is the national organization of engineers in India.
- ❖ It was established on 13 September 1920 in Kolkata (West Bengal).

## SPORTS

### First Substitute Player in Test Match

- ❖ In the second Ashes cricket Test match (2019), Marnus Labuschagne of Australia became the first ever “concussion substitute” player for Steve Smith.
- ❖ He is also the first ever ‘substitute player’ to bat in a Test innings.
- ❖ ICC approved such a move in July 2019.

#### About concussion

- ❖ A Concussion temporarily affects brain functioning.



- ❖ Symptoms: Loss of consciousness, memory loss, headaches, difficulty with thinking and concentration or balance, nausea, blurred vision, sleep disturbances and mood changes.

### **129th Durand Cup – Kerala Team Wins**

- ❖ Gokulam Kerala FC won Durand Cup 2019 football tournament by beating West Bengal's Mohun Bagan team in final held at Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata.
- ❖ This was Gokulam Kerala FC's debut season.
- ❖ Golden Ball & Golden Boot award was won by Gokulam Kerala FC forward and captain Marcus Joseph.
- ❖ Golden Glove was won by the same team's goalkeeper CK Ubaid.
- ❖ Durand Cup or Durand Football Tournament is a football tournament in India founded in 1888.
- ❖ It is Asia's oldest football tournament and 3rd oldest football tournament in world.
- ❖ It is co-hosted by Durand Football Tournament Society (DFTS) and Osians.

