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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved extension in the term of re-employment of Umesh Sinha as Deputy Election Commissioner.
  - This is on a contract basis for a period of one year.
- ❖ India women's recurve team comprising of Deepika Kumari, Komalika Bari, and Ankita Bhakat bagged a gold medal at the Archery World Cup Stage 3 in Paris.
  - The team defeated Mexico in the finals.
- ❖ Ukraine and the United States launched joint naval exercises “Sea Breeze drills” in the Black Sea.
  - The Sea Breeze drills have taken place 21 times since 1997.
- ❖ A book titled “Policymaker’s Journal: From New Delhi to Washington, DC” authored by Kaushik Basu released soon.
  - Kaushik Basu is an Indian economist who was the Chief Economist of the World Bank from 2012 to 2016.
- ❖ Neeraj Chopra won the bronze medal in Javelin throw at the Kuortane Games in Finland.
  - He finished behind Johannes Vetter of Germany and Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad and Tobago.

## TAMIL NADU

### **New and 30<sup>th</sup> Director General of Police - Tamil Nadu**

- ❖ Dr C Sylendra Babu has been appointed the 30<sup>th</sup> Director General of Police in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ He will take charge from July 1, 2021.
- ❖ He will hold office for a tenure of two years up to 2023.
- ❖ The incumbent DGP JK Tripathy retired on June 30, 2021.
- ❖ Sylendra Babu was previously serving as the Director General of Police of Railways in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ He also held the portfolio of the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services as its director.

- ❖ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced the name of Sylendra Babu after a meeting of top officials including Chief Secretary Irai Anbu, incumbent DGP J.K. Tripathi and Home Secretary S.K. Prabhakar.



### **S.Peter Alphonse**



- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has reconstituted the State Minorities Commission.
- ❖ He named the former Congress legislator S. Peter Alphonse as its chairperson.
- ❖ Mr. Alphonse had been elected to the State Legislative Assembly from Tenkasi constituency in 1989 and 1991.



- ❖ The State Minorities Commission was constituted to safeguard the rights and interests of both religious and linguistic minorities.
- ❖ The constitution of the State Minorities Commission was ordered through a G.O. in 1989.
- ❖ It was done under the DMK government headed by Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi.
- ❖ An Act was passed to make it a statutory body in 2010.

## **NATIONAL**

### **New Definition of Small and medium companies**

- ❖ The Ministry of corporate affairs has expanded the definition of small and medium sized companies (SMCs).
- ❖ As per expanded definition, Small & Medium Companies is an unlisted company, a bank, an insurance or a financial institution with sales up to Rs 250 crore and borrowings up to Rs 50 crore.
- ❖ Earlier limit for sales was Rs 50 crore and for borrowings was Rs 10 crore.
- ❖ Now, SMCs are permitted to avail number of exemptions under Company (Accounting Standards) Rules 2021.
- ❖ It will reduce complexity of regulatory filings for smaller firms.

### **Attorney General K.K. Venugopal tenure extended**



- ❖ The government has extended the tenure of Attorney General K.K. Venugopal by a year.
- ❖ Mr. Venugopal will continue as the government's top law officer till June 30, 2022.



- ❖ This is the second time the Centre has extended his tenure.
- ❖ Mr. Venugopal was appointed Attorney General in July 2017 for a three-year tenure.
- ❖ He received his first extension of term in 2020.
- ❖ The 89-year-old took over as the 15th Attorney General.

### **Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan**

- ❖ The central government launched a website for its Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan.
- ❖ It is a campaign against substance abuse, to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.
- ❖ The website was launched by Social Justice and Empowerment minister Thawarchand Gehlot.

### **New Special Director of CBI**

- ❖ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Praveen Sinha as the Special Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation.
- ❖ The Special Director is the second senior-most position in the agency after the Director.
- ❖ The post was vacant since the last three years.
- ❖ It was earlier held by Rakesh Asthana.
- ❖ The committee is composed of the Prime Minister of India, who is the Chairman, and the Minister of Home Affairs.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Report on Racial Justice and Equality**

- ❖ The United Nations published its report on Racial Justice & Equality.
- ❖ It called to immediately dismantle systemic racism against black people worldwide to avoid repeating outrages such as killing of George Floyd.
- ❖ The UN report was triggered by death of Floyd.
- ❖ He was murdered by US police officer, Derek Chauvin.

### **Mobile World Congress**

- ❖ The Mobile World Congress is world's biggest mobile event of the 2021.



- ❖ It started on June 28 in Barcelona of Spain.
- ❖ The Mobile World Congress is an annual event focused on innovations in telecom industry.
- ❖ It is being hosted by Global System for Mobile Association.
- ❖ This event is attended by major telecom operators, component manufacturers, smartphone companies, trade insiders, media, and representatives from telecom ministries across the world.



### **UK bans World's Largest Crypto Exchange**



- ❖ The Financial Conduct Authority of Britain has banned world's largest cryptocurrency exchanges, Binance.
- ❖ Binance is a cryptocurrency exchange from Cayman Islands.
- ❖ It provides a platform to trade several cryptocurrencies.
- ❖ It was founded in 2017.



- ❖ This cryptocurrency exchange was founded by Changpeng Zhao.
- ❖ It was initially based in China.
- ❖ But due to increased regulation of cryptocurrency in China, it moved headquarters out of China.

## **STATES**

### **SALT programme**

- ❖ Andhra Pradesh has started a Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) programme.
- ❖ This programme is to transform foundational learning in government schools for which the World Bank has approved a loan of 250 million dollars.
- ❖ The main objectives of the programme are strengthening foundation schools and providing training and skill development to teachers.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award**

- ❖ Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE) has awarded the Delhi Metro's Phase I, II, and III projects with the prestigious 'Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award' for the year 2020.
- ❖ The Delhi Metro project was dubbed a "High-Quality Infrastructure Development Project" by the JSCE.
- ❖ This award is given to highly selective projects showcasing the advancement of civil engineering technology across the world.

### **Fukuoka Grand Prize for 2021**

- ❖ The Journalist Palagummi Sainath has been awarded the Fukuoka Grand Prize for 2021.
- ❖ He is a committed journalist who has continued to investigate impoverished farming villages in India.
- ❖ The award was established by Japan's Fukuoka city and the Fukuoka City International Foundation.
- ❖ It is given to individuals and organisations for their work in preserving Asian culture.



- ❖ He received the United Nation's Food & Agriculture Organization's Boerma Prize in 2001.
- ❖ He also received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for outstanding contribution to Asian journalism in 2007.

