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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ A direct port entry facility was launched at the V O Chidambarnar port in Tuticorin by Union minister of state for shipping and minister of state for Chemicals and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya.
- ❖ Chhattisgarh Assembly passes Bill to negate the Centre's recently-notified agriculture legislations.
- ❖ The Vice President of India launched virtual festival of 'Parampara Series 2020 - National Festival of Music and Dance'.
  - It is organized by Natya Tarangini in partnership with the United Nations.
- ❖ The President of India has promulgated an ordinance to constitute an air quality commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and the areas adjoining it.
- ❖ The Puducherry government has proposed to provide an internal reservation of 10 percent MBBS seats to students of government schools in the Union territory.
- ❖ En Thozhi Scheme was initiated by the Railway Protection Force at the Chennai Division of Southern Railway Zone for women who are travelling alone in the Express Trains.
- ❖ Bangladesh Government launched the 'no mask, no service' policy to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

## TAMIL NADU

### Executive Route under Article 162

- ❖ In a rare move, the Tamil Nadu government issued an executive order that is a Government Order (G.O).
- ❖ It is granting 7.5% horizontal reservation for NEET-qualified students of State government schools in undergraduate medical admissions.
- ❖ The above horizontal reservation shall be provided in each category of vertical reservation followed in the State of Tamil Nadu within the 69% reservation from the academic year 2020-2021.
- ❖ The students who have studied from 6th to 12th standard in State government schools will get benefits.
- ❖ Though the Bill on the quota was pending before Governor Banwarilal Purohit for assent.



- ❖ The Bill was passed in the Legislative Assembly on September 15.
- ❖ However, the Governor has given his assent to that bill after the G.O has been issued by the State Government.
- ❖ The State government noted that under Article 162, executive power is coextensive with legislative power, pending a decision of the Governor.
- ❖ The State Government said in the G.O. that the Government quota was not violative of Articles 14 and 15 of the Constitution.
- ❖ The quota initiative was based on the recommendations of a committee, headed by retired Madras high court Justice Kalaiyaran.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Suspension of Delhi University Vice Chancellor**

- ❖ Yogesh Tyagi, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Delhi has been suspended on President Ram Nath Kovind's orders.
- ❖ President also allowed the inquiry against the vice chancellor who was accused of "misconduct" and "dereliction of duty" by the education ministry.
- ❖ Yogesh Tyagi was appointed as Vice-Chancellor of University of Delhi on March 10, 2016.

### **Land at Jammu and Kashmir**

- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs notifies the new rules that allow any Indian citizen to buy land except agricultural land in Jammu & Kashmir.
- ❖ Under the notification, for the first time the spouse of a J&K domicile shall also be deemed as a domicile.
- ❖ Earlier, spouses of Permanent Resident Card holders were considered at par but were not considered domiciles.
- ❖ Children of central government officials posted for over ten years in Jammu and Kashmir will also continue to be considered domiciles.
- ❖ After the J&K's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution was withdrawn on 5 August 2019, the reorganisation Act bifurcated the erstwhile state into two union territories - J&K and Ladakh.
- ❖ The Non-tribal people and outsiders can't buy any land under Sixth Schedule areas.

- ❖ The Sixth Schedule consists of provisions for the administration of tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram under Article 244 of the Indian Constitution.

### ESI in Arunachal Pradesh

- ❖ The Union Labour and Employment Ministry has extended the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Scheme for the first time to Arunachal Pradesh, with effect from 1 November 2020.
- ❖ All factories located in Papum Pare of Arunachal Pradesh employing 10 or more persons shall become eligible for coverage under the ESI Act 1948.
- ❖ All employees with wages up to ₹21,000 a month and ₹25,000 for persons with disabilities will be eligible for the scheme.

### Evidence of dairy production

- ❖ For the first time it has been proved scientifically that dairy production was in place in the Indus Valley civilization in 2500 BCE.
- ❖ It is the earliest known evidence of dairy production.
- ❖ The results were based on molecular chemical analysis of residue in shards of pottery found at the archaeological site of Kotada Bhadli located in Gujarat.
- ❖ 2020 marks 100 years of discovery of Indus Valley Civilisation.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Feni Bridge

- ❖ The Feni bridge is 1.8 km long joining Sabrum of Tripura in India with Ramgarh in Bangladesh.
- ❖ The bridge is to be built over Feni river.
- ❖ After completion, the bridge will be the only land link between India's eastern states and its western states other than Assam.
- ❖ The Foundation stone for this bridge was laid by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in June 2015.
- ❖ The Feni River originates in South Tripura district.
- ❖ It flows through Sabrum town and then enters Bangladesh.



### Samsung Chairman Lee Kun-Hee

- ❖ Samsung Electronics chairman Lee Kun-hee (78) recently passed away.
- ❖ Lee inherited the chairmanship of the Samsung group in 1987.
- ❖ His father is Lee Byung-chul who founded the Samsung in 1938.
- ❖ Now Samsung is the world's largest producer of smartphones, televisions and memory chips.
- ❖ The firm's overall turnover today is equivalent to a fifth of South Korea's GDP.
- ❖ South Korea is the World 12th Largest Economy.



### **UN Global Climate Action Award**

- ❖ The Global Himalayan Expedition (GHE) wins UN Global Climate Action Award for combating climate change through the promotion of solar energy.
- ❖ The GHE is an Indian corporation that strengthens technology and tourism.
- ❖ It supports the remote group of villages to gain solar energy.



### **75th Anniversary of UN Commemorative Stamp**

- ❖ The Department of Posts (DOP), Ministry of Communications released a commemorative postage stamp on the 75th anniversary of the United Nations Organisations.
- ❖ The Department of Posts has previously released similar such commemorative postage stamps on the UN's 9th, 40th, and 50th Anniversaries in 1954, 1985, and 1995 respectively.



### **World's Best Employer 2020**

- ❖ The National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) is on the top on the list of Indian PSUs under the 'World's Best Employer 2020', published by Forbes.
- ❖ In May 2010, NTPC was conferred Maharatna status by the Union Government of India.
- ❖ It is the largest power company in India founded in 1975.

### **UN Treaty of banning Nuclear Weapons**

- ❖ Around 50 countries have ratified the UN Treaty to ban Nuclear Weapons.
- ❖ UN officials said the 50th ratification from Honduras had been received
- ❖ This has triggered the treaty into force.
- ❖ The Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is the first multilateral binding instrument of nuclear disarmament.
- ❖ It bans the use, development, production, testing, stationing, stockpiling and threat of use of such weapons.
- ❖ It was adopted by the 193 member UN General Assembly in July 2017 with the approval of 122 countries.
- ❖ The major nuclear powers such as Russia, United States, Britain, France and China opposed the treaty.
- ❖ India along with Pakistan, North Korea and Israel abstained from voting for the treaty.



## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Low Cost Technology anti-ageing Compound**

- ❖ The researchers from IIT Guwahati developed a low-cost method to produce anti-ageing compounds.
- ❖ The product does not use organic solvents as done by the other commercial industry.
- ❖ This is the main reason for the low cost of the anti-ageing product.
- ❖ The cosmetics in India are regulated by the Drug and Cosmetic Act, 1940.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Climate Change Law in European Union**

- ❖ European Union Environment Ministers strike a deal on climate law.
- ❖ The landmark climate change law will be forming a basis for Europe's plan of slashing greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
- ❖ It aims to make 2050 zero emissions target of the bloc legally binding.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **59th ITBP Raising Day - October 24**

- ❖ The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) is India's primary border patrol organization with its border with Tibet (China).
- ❖ The ITBP was raised in the aftermath of the 1962 Chinese aggression.
- ❖ It was raised on 24 October 1962, under the CRPF Act.
- ❖ It is one of the seven Central Armed Police Forces of India (CAPF) or Paramilitary Forces of India.
- ❖ CAPF refers to uniform nomenclature of five security forces in India under the authority of Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ❖ Their role is to defend the national interest mainly against the internal threats.
- ❖ They are the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Assam Rifles (AR) and National Security Guard.



### **International Day of Diplomats - October 24**

- ❖ It is also the United Nations Day.
- ❖ It was first celebrated in Brasília on 24 October 2017.
- ❖ It was first proposed by Indian Poet-Diplomat Abhay K.
- ❖ India observes October 9 as the Indian Foreign Service Day.
- ❖ It is being observed since 2011 to commemorate the day when the Foreign Service was created by the Indian Cabinet in 1946.

### **World Stroke Day – October 29**

- ❖ Stroke is the world's second most common cause of death.
- ❖ The annual event was started in 2006 by the World Stroke Organization (WSO).
- ❖ The WSO declared stroke a public health emergency in 2010.

### **International Internet Day – October 29**

- ❖ The day marks the sending of the first electronic message which was transferred from one computer to another in 1969.
- ❖ Charley Kline, a student programmer at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), transmitted the first-ever electronic message.
- ❖ The message sent was the word "login".

### **World Thrift Day/ Savings Day – October 30**

- ❖ October 31 was declared World Thrift Day at the end of the first International Thrift Congress in 1924 in Milan, Italy.



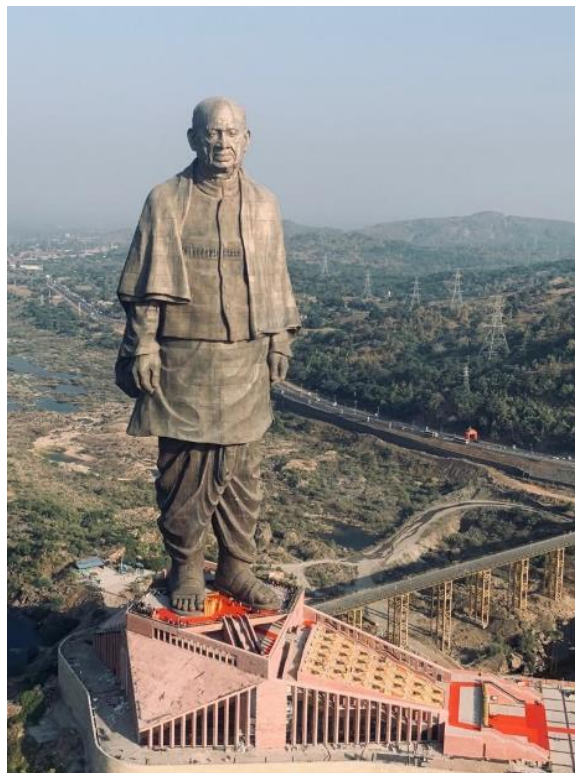
- ❖ In India, due to the death of late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on October 31, 1984, this day is celebrated on 30th October.
- ❖ It aims to promote the importance of savings for the country's economy and the individuals.
- ❖ The 2020 theme is "When you save a bit, big things follow."



### **World Cities Day – October 31**

- ❖ 2020 is the seventh global celebration since the day was launched on 31 October 2014 in Shanghai, China.
- ❖ The 2020 theme is 'Valuing our communities and cities'.

### **National Unity Day – October 31**



- ❖ It was introduced by the Government of India in 2014 to mark the birth anniversary of Iron Man of India - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- ❖ He is also famous as an Iron Man of India.
- ❖ He was the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of independent India.
- ❖ Patel played a crucial role in the integration of India from 560 princely states.
- ❖ On Patel's 143rd anniversary in 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Statue of Unity in Gujarat.
- ❖ It is the world's tallest statue with a height of 182 metres (597 feet).
- ❖ It is located on the Narmada River in the Kevadiya colony and faces the Sardar Sarovar Dam.

