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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ An Alliance Air flight from Chennai touched down at Jaffna (Yaazpaanam) International Airport, Sri Lanka. It marked the commencing of commercial operations at the airport after a gap of 40 years following the LTTE-led civil war in the island nation.
  - The airport has been partially funded by India.
- ❖ Blue Star, one of the largest manufacturers of room air conditioners in the country has announced Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli as its new brand ambassador. The tag line of the new ad campaign is 'Owned by Virat, Loved by Virat'.
- ❖ Ishrat Rasheed has become Kashmir's first female international specially-abled basketball player. Ishrat is all set to play in the International Wheelchair Basketball Tournament to be held next month in Thailand.
- ❖ World trauma day is observed every year on October 17. The day highlights the increasing rate of accidents and injuries causing death and disability across the world and the need to prevent them.

## TAMIL NADU

### India's First Intelligent Flood Warning System

- ❖ Tamil Nadu is all set to deploy an 'intelligent flood warning system' in Chennai.
- ❖ It will enable officials to get area-wise inundation details during the monsoon.
- ❖ Chennai thus becomes first city in India to get an intelligent flood warning system

### CFLOWS

- ❖ The technology, called CFLOWS, is India's first integrated coastal flood warning system.
- ❖ CFLOWS is a Web GIS-based decision support system
- ❖ It integrates data and outputs derived from weather forecast, hydrologic, hydraulic and hydrodynamic models.
- ❖ It has 6 modules, including 3D visuals of flooding in infrastructure, buildings, roads and ward boundaries.
- ❖ It can provide forecast on potential inundation 10 days in advance.

### Agencies Involved



- ❖ Conceptualised by the office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Union Government, the Ministry of Earth Sciences and TN government have jointly developed it.
- ❖ The link to the fully-operational CFLOWS will be formally handed over to the State Disaster Management Cell by the National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR).

### **Madras High Court Chief Justice AP Sahi**

- ❖ The Supreme Court collegium has recommended that Justice AP Sahi, the incumbent Chief Justice of the Patna High Court to be appointed as Chief Justice of Madras High Court.
- ❖ He will replace Justice Vineet Kothari, who is the acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court.
- ❖ Sanjay Karol, the present Chief Justice of Tripura High Court will replace Justice AP Sahi as the Chief Justice of Patna, as per the collegium's resolution.

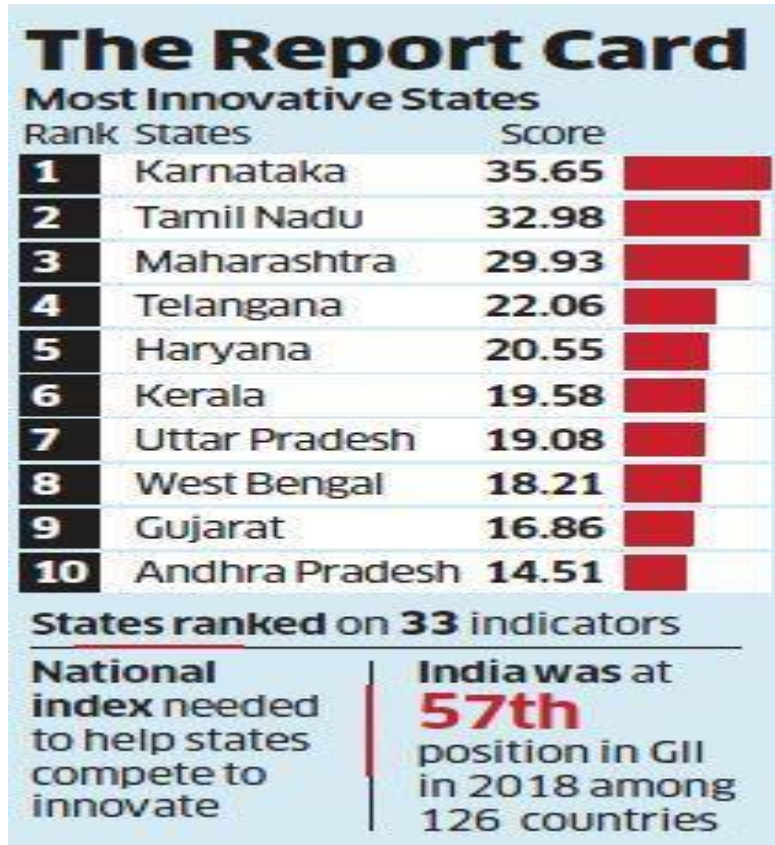
## **NATIONAL**

### **First India Innovation Index**

- ❖ Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Telangana and Haryana have been ranked as top five states in innovation in NITI Aayog's first Innovation Index released recently.
- ❖ The index has been released by Aayog's vice chairman Rajiv Kumar and CEO Amitabh Kant.
- ❖ It has been developed into the lines of Global Innovation Index (GII).
- ❖ The index ranks the states based on
  - their innovation capability
  - the challenges and opportunities that lie for states
  - actions needed by policy makers to foster innovation.

### **Performance of States**

- ❖ Among north-eastern states, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have topped the index.
- ❖ Delhi, Chandigarh and Goa have topped the list among union territories.
- ❖ Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Jharkhand are at the bottom of the index.



### Shinyuu Maitri 2019: Indo-Japan Military Exercise

- ❖ The Indian Air Force will be carrying out a joint military exercise named 'Shinyuu Maitri' with Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) from 17 to 23 October 2019.
- ❖ The joint exercise will be held at Air Force Station Arjan Singh in Panagarh town, West Bengal.
- ❖ Another drill between 'armies' of same countries will also get underway in eastern theatre.
- ❖ IAF's C-130 J aircraft of Special Operations Squadron of and JASDF's C-130 H of Tactical Airlift Squadron will participate in the exercise.
- ❖ The first such bilateral military exercise was held in 2018 at Air Force Station Agra.



### **Global Surveillance Index - Data Privacy in India**

- ❖ UK-based Comparitech has assessed the privacy and state of surveillance in 47 countries and released the Global Surveillance Index.
- ❖ Countries are ranked based on
  - Constitutional protection
  - Privacy enforcement,
  - Biometrics
  - Data sharing etc.
- ❖ India is among the world's top three surveillance states, according to Compritech's global survey.
- ❖ It is next only to Russia and China when it comes to its surveillance framework and dubbed as a country with “systemic failure to maintain privacy safeguards”.
- ❖ Among European Union nations, Ireland, France, Portugal, and Denmark are among the top four with adequate safeguards.

## **STATES**

### **Maternity Benefits in Private Sector - Kerala**

- ❖ Kerala has become the first state to bring private schools and colleges under the ambit of the Maternity Benefit Act.



- ❖ The Union Government has recently given approval for the state cabinet decision to bring employees in the private educational sector including those working in the unaided sector, under the ambit of the act.

#### About the Act

- ❖ It provides protection to women during the time of maternity.
- ❖ It also gives women the cover of maternity benefit — to be absent from work without loss of pay while taking care of the child.
- ❖ The original Act of 1961 authorises women paid leave of 12 weeks.
- ❖ The amendment in 2017 extended it to 26 weeks.

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

### **Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration – Chandi Prasad Bhatt**

- ❖ Noted environmentalist and pioneer of the Chipko movement, Chandi Prasad Bhatt has been awarded the Indira Gandhi award for National Integration.
- ❖ The award was instituted by the Congress party in memory of the late prime minister.
- ❖ Bhatt has been awarded the award for the years 2017 and 2018 for his “services in promoting and preserving national integration in the country”.

#### About CP Bhatt

- ❖ He had founded the cooperative organisation Dasholi Gram Swarajya Sangh and led the first Chipko movement in Mandal, Uttarakhand in 1973.
- ❖ He is also a recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1982 for community leadership, Padma Shri in 1986, Padma Bushan in 2005 and Gandhi peace Prize in 2013.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - October 17**

- ❖ The International day for the eradication of poverty is observed every year on October 17.
- ❖ In 1992, the United Nations officially designated October 17 as poverty eradication day in memory of Father Joseph Wresinski.
- ❖ He had fought against poverty and social exclusion all through his life and launched the day originally in 1987.

- ❖ The global extreme poverty rates have dropped from 36 per cent in 1990 to 8.6 per cent in 2018.
- ❖ The theme of 2019 observance is “Acting together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty”.

### **CPI 100<sup>th</sup> year - October 17**

- ❖ October 17, 2019 marks an epoch-making moment in the history of the Communist movement in India.
- ❖ The Second World Congress of the Communist Third International set the ground for the formation of the Communist Party of India on October 17, 1920 at Tashkent with seven members - MN Roy, Evelyn Roy-Trent, Abani Mukherjee, Rosa Fitingov, Mohammad Ali, Mohamad Shafiq and Acharya.
- ❖ The CPI(M) kick-started its year-long celebration at the Netaji Indoor Stadium at Kolkatta.
- ❖ But the parent CPI asserts that the party was formed only in December 1925 at Kanpur.

