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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Six new medical colleges will be formed in Tamilnadu at Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Nilgiris, Dindigul, Tirupur and Namakkal.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Tamilnadu Local body Elections**

- ❖ The State Election Commission of Tamilnadu notified that the elections for the following posts shall be held on party basis
  - Ward members of town panchayats,
  - Councillors of municipalities and corporations,
  - Chairmen of town panchayats and municipalities,
  - Mayors of corporations,
  - Ward members of panchayat unions
  - Ward members of district panchayats.
- ❖ Chennai and other municipal city corporations in the state of Tamil Nadu will be directly voting in their respective mayors.
- ❖ The state election commission has notified direct elections to the offices of mayors of municipal corporations.
- ❖ This means that elected councillors will no longer be voting to pick the mayor.
- ❖ The state election commission will use ballot papers for election of
  - member of village panchayat ward,
  - president of village panchayat,
  - member of panchayat union ward
  - member of district panchayat.
- ❖ The electronic voting machines will be used in urban local bodies and urban voters will elect
  - ward member of corporation
  - mayor of corporation,
  - chairman of town panchayat
  - chairman of municipality

## **NATIONAL**

### **Food Safety Mitra - FSSAI**

- ❖ In a bid to improve the ease of doing business, apex food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has launched a scheme called Food Safety Mitra (FSM).
- ❖ The scheme will support small and medium scale food businesses in compliance to the food safety laws.
- ❖ A Food Safety Mitra is an individual professional certified by FSSAI who assists in compliances related to FSS Act, Rules and regulations.
- ❖ Depending upon their respective roles and responsibilities they can be - Digital Mitra, Trainer Mitra or Hygiene Mitra.

### **Carcinogens in Milk**

- ❖ Traces of Aflatoxin M1 (AFM1), a deadly carcinogen, were found in some of the milk samples tested as part of a national survey by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- ❖ The final results of the milk survey were released on October 18, 2019.
- ❖ Out of the 6,432 total milk samples that were tested, 368 (5.7 per cent) were found to have aflatoxins beyond permissible limits.
- ❖ The highest rates of aflatoxin contamination were found in
  - Tamil Nadu (88 out of 551 samples)
  - Delhi (38 out of 262 samples)
  - Kerala (37 out of 187 samples)
- ❖ The carcinogen was found to be more prevalent in 'processed' rather than raw milk.
- ❖ Consumption of food containing aflatoxin concentrations of one milligram/kilogram or higher has been suspected to cause aflatoxicosis.
- ❖ Aflatoxicosis acute liver failure, jaundice, lethargy and nausea, eventually leading to death, according to a World Health Organization (WHO) study in February 2018.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Palindrome Day – October 9

- ❖ A Palindrome Day happens when the day's date can be read the same way backward and forward.
- ❖ The dates are similar to word palindromes in that they are symmetrical.
- ❖ Palindrome Date of 9-10-2019 is Rare.
- ❖ It is the same when you read backward and forward (9102019).
- ❖ But the date formats are not the same in all the countries.
- ❖ They are different from one country to another.



### World Day Against the Death Penalty – October 10

- ❖ It is a day to advocate for the abolition of the death penalty and to raise awareness of the conditions and the circumstances which affect prisoners with death sentences.
- ❖ The day was first organized by the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty in 2003.
- ❖ 142 countries -representing 74% of the UN member states- have already stopped using the capital punishment, by either removing it from their penal code or not carrying out executions for a long time.
- ❖ The Council of Europe has been a pioneer in the abolition process which has made Europe a de facto death-penalty-free zone since 1997.
- ❖ The day is a European contribution to the World Day against the Death Penalty, which is held annually on the same day.

## **National Post Day – October 10**

- ❖ National Postal Day is celebrated in India on 10 October every year.
- ❖ The day is observed to commemorate the role played by the Indian postal department for the past 150 years.
- ❖ Indian postal Day celebrated as an extension of World Post Day, which is celebrated on 9 October.



**India Post**  
Celebrates  
**NATIONAL POSTAL WEEK**  
9 - 15 October, 2019

Date	Day	Description
9 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	Wednesday	World Post Day
10 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	Thursday	Banking Day
11 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	Friday	PLI Day
12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	Saturday	Philately Day
14 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	Monday	Business Development Day
15 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019	Tuesday	Mails Day

- ❖ The India post was founded in 1854 by Lord Dalhousie.
- ❖ It functions under the Ministry of Communications.
- ❖ Under the postal department, the 6-digit PIN system was introduced by the Union Ministry of Communications on 15 August 1972.
- ❖ The word PIN in pincode stands for Postal Index Number.
- ❖ The first digit of the PIN code marks the region.
- ❖ The second digit denotes the sub-region.
- ❖ The third digit marks the district.
- ❖ The last three digits show the post office under which a particular address fall.
- ❖ National Postal Week is also celebrated in October 9th to October 15th.

### **World Egg Day – October 11**

- ❖ World Egg Day falls on the second Friday of October every year.
- ❖ This year it was celebrated on 11th October 2019.
- ❖ It was established at the International Egg Commission's (IEC) Vienna conference 1996.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh was planning to celebrate World Egg Day in Vijayawada.
- ❖ The theme of 2019 is "Eat Your Egg Today and Every Day".

### **World Obesity Day – October 11**

- ❖ World Obesity Day is observed on October 11.
- ❖ This day is meant to raise awareness about causes and preventive tips for obesity.
- ❖ World Obesity Day was established in 2015 by World Obesity Federation.
- ❖ World Obesity Day 2019 will give way in 2020 to the launch of a new World Obesity Day on March 4th 2020 to respond to the need for a global and unified voice.



### **International Day of the Girl Child - October 11**

- ❖ It is an international observance day declared by the United Nations.
- ❖ October 11, 2012 was the first International Day of the Girl Child.
- ❖ This year theme is "GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable".
- ❖ In 1995, the Fourth World Conference on Women was convened by the UN at Beijing, China.
- ❖ It determined to recognize the rights of women and girls as human rights.
- ❖ The conference saw the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action: the most comprehensive policy agenda for the empowerment of women.



### **World Standards Day - October 14**

- ❖ It is also known as International Standards Day.
- ❖ The aim of World Standards Day is to raise awareness among regulators, industry and consumers as to the importance of standardization to the global economy.
- ❖ 14 October was specifically chosen to mark the date, in 1946, when delegates from 25 countries first gathered in London and decided to create an international organization focused on facilitating standardization.
- ❖ While the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) was formed one year later, the first World Standards Day was celebrated in 1970s.
- ❖ Theme of this year is “Video Standards Create a Global Stage”.

