

**October – 03**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Prime Minister has inaugurated the Sikkim’s first ever Airport on Sep 24th, 2018 at Pakyong. The airport is India’s 100th functional airport. It has to be noted that Sikkim was the only state in India until now, without a functional airport.
- ❖ The Supreme Court dismissed a petition seeking a declaration that a person cannot be permitted to perform the dual role of a lawyer and a legislator (MP/MLA) and ruled that it cannot restrict MPs and MLAs from practising law.
- ❖ Chennai Kamarajar Port has created Record by unloading 56,750-metric tonne consignment of Sand imported from Malaysia through the Vessel, M.V. Aurelia within 48 hours.
- ❖ A statue of Tiruvalluvar has been unveiled at the Colombo Tamil Sangam.
- ❖ The Measles-Rubella Vaccination campaign was launched across Jammu district for children between 9 months to 15-year age group. The campaign marks the introduction of the rubella vaccine in [India's childhood immunisation programme](#) **for the first time.**

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Dr. A Edwin Joe Committee Report**

- ❖ The two-member committee under Dr A Edwin Joe, Director of Medical Education, submitted its report to health secretary, J Radhakrishnan.
- ❖ The committee has been appointed by the state health department to investigate the organ transplant racket.
- ❖ The Committee suggests 3 separate “Waitlists” for patients awaiting Organ transplants
  - Patients within Tamil Nadu
  - Patients from other states
  - Patients from abroad

## NATIONAL

### Disqualification of charge sheeted MPs/MLAs

- ❖ Supreme Court held that candidates contesting elections cannot be disqualified, in case they have charges framed against them in a criminal case.
- ❖ The court also directed that each candidate shall declare such charges to the election commission before contesting an election.



- ❖ The judgment came on a batch of petitions filed by advocate, Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, former Chief Election Commissioner JM Lyngdoh and NGO Public Interest Foundation.

### 4th India International Science Festival

- ❖ The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of India International Science Festival will be inaugurated by President of India in Lucknow on October 6, 2018.
- ❖ Theme of the Festival – “Science & Technology- Building Partnerships, Impacting Societies”.
- ❖ The Focal Theme of the festival is “Science for transformation”.

- ❖ It will be organized by Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences in association with Vijnana Bharati.
- ❖ In IISF 2018, a world record attempt will be made to "isolate DNA" by 500 students from classes VIII to X.
- ❖ The festival would be dedicated to the former PM, Atal Bihari Vajpayee who coined the slogan "Jai Vigyan" for developing Science.
- ❖ The 3<sup>rd</sup> IISF was held at IIT, Madras and Anna University, Chennai in Tamil Nadu in October, 2017.

### **Quit-line number for tobacco users**

- ❖ India has launched a quit-line number '1800-11-2356' on all the tobacco products packaged from Sep 1, 2018.



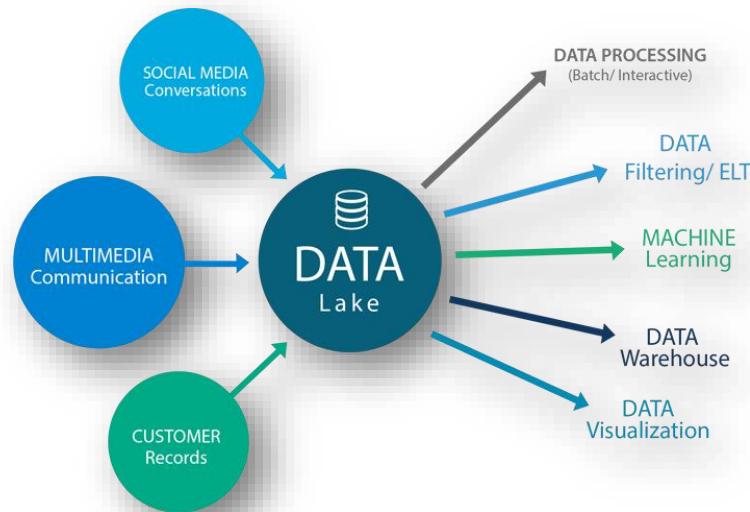
- ❖ India is the 4th such country in Asia after Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia to have a helpline number dedicated for helping people quit tobacco products.
- ❖ India is also the only SAARC country to launch the helpline number.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Centralised Information and Management System**

- ❖ RBI has shortlisted 5 IT firms for the implementation of 'Centralised Information and Management System' (CIMS).

- ❖ CIMS will provide for seamless Data collection from about 130 entities or banks and enable big data analytics.



- ❖ The 5 IT firms are
  - Infosys
  - Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
  - Capgemini Technology Services India
  - IBM India
  - Larsen & Toubro Infotech

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### **Mysuraksha app**

- ❖ The Mysuru city police have come up with Mysuraksha app to ensure the safety and security of auto and cab passengers.
- ❖ The App has the SOS button which can be pressed in case of any trouble, which sends signals to the Police through the GPS and QR code fixed in the vehicle.



## ENVIRONMENT

### Citizen Science platform

- ❖ **Citizen Science platform** initiative was launched to save Hornbills in the country and to create awareness among public to conserve this unique bird.
- ❖ The platform was launched by scientists, Aparajita Datta and Rohit Naniwadekar from “Nature Conservation Foundation” and Ramki Sreenivasan and Vikram Hiresavi from “Conservation India”.
- ❖ It is introduced basically to provide the information on hornbill distribution in the country.
- ❖ An interactive web interface named the **“Hornbill Watch initiative”** ([www.hornbills.in](http://www.hornbills.in)) allows a person to report on hornbills anywhere in India.
- ❖ Hornbills are called the “Farmers of the forest”, which play a very important role in the dispersal of seeds that grow into trees.

## STATES

### Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh secured 1st place in the implementation of “Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana” by providing houses to 11 lakh poor families.
- ❖ Under the scheme launched in 2015 by the Prime Minister, a target was set to provide 20 million affordable homes by March 31, 2022.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### Global Goalkeepers Awards

- ❖ Global Goalkeepers Awards was to 3 Youngsters for making the world better than what it was when they were born.
- ❖ 18-year old Indian-origin Girl Amika George has won the “Campaign Award” for her “Period Poverty” campaign.
- ❖ 24-year-old Iraqi Girl Nadia Murad has won the “Changemaker” Award. It has to be noted that Nadia was also a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.



- ❖ She is the UN Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking.
- ❖ 28-year old Kenyan Boy Dymus Kisilu has won the “Progress” Award.
- ❖ Goalkeepers was started by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in 2017 to propel global action and track progress on the UN’s Sustainable Developmental Goals.
- ❖ Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards is popularly known as the Oscars for social progress.

## **SPORTS**

### **5th Track Asia Cup (cycling) 2018**

- ❖ Indian cyclists produced an impressive performance finishing on top with 6 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze medals at the Track Asia Cup that concluded at New Delhi.
- ❖ India were followed by Indonesian team with 4 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze while Hong Kong came third by winning 4 gold and 2 bronze.



❖ Indian Gold medal Winners

- Mayuri Lute – **Women’s junior 500 m**
- Esow, Abhishek, Jemsh Singh – **Men’s junior team sprint**
- E Chaoba Devi – **Women’s elite 3 km individual pursuit**
- Swasti Singh – **Women’s junior 2 km individual pursuit**
- Esow Alben – **Men’s junior 200 m sprint**
- Mayuri Lute – **Women’s junior 200 m sprint**

**2nd most “Capped” Cricketer in India**

- ❖ M S Dhoni becomes the 2nd most “Capped” Cricketer in India, after playing his 505th match against Pakistan on 23rd Sep, 2018.
- ❖ Before Dhoni, Rahul Dravid was the 2nd most capped player for India with 504 caps in international cricket.



- ❖ Sachin Tendulkar is the top most capped player for India with a record 664 matches for India.

### **International Silesian Women's Boxing Championship**

- ❖ MC Mary Kom (48kg) beat Kazakhstan's Aigerim Kassanayeva and clinched gold in the 13th International Silesian Women's Boxing Championships in Gliwice, Poland.
  - ❖ Manisha (54kg) lost in her final bout and settled for a silver.
  - ❖ In the Youth category, Jyoti Gulia, former World champion, won Gold in 51 kg category.
  - ❖ She is India's only boxer to have qualified for Youth Olympic Games in Argentina to be held in October 2018.
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