

**October – 08**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ The ICICI Bank CEO and MD, Chanda Kochhar quit her position with immediate effect on October 4, 2018. Sandeep Bakhshi, who was appointed as the bank's COO in June 2018, has been named to succeed Kochhar as the bank's new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
  - He has been appointed for a period of five years until October 3, 2023.
- ❖ Senior diplomat Sanjay Verma has been appointed as India's Ambassador to Spain, who is presently Additional Secretary in the ministry of external affairs.
- ❖ Arindam Bagchi has been appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.
- ❖ India's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and the Russian Federation's SIRIUS has recently signed a MoU to promote innovative cooperation between students of India and Russia.
- ❖ The National Stock Exchange's (NSE) MD and CEO Vikram Limaye has been appointed as the chairman of the working committee and director on the board by the international industry body–World Federation of Exchanges (WFE).
  - The decision was taken at the global body's 58th general assembly and annual meeting held at Athens, Greece.
- ❖ Justice Surya Kant, on 5th October, sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh high court. He was administered oath of office by Governor Acharya Devvrat.
- ❖ India Chem 2018, the 10th Biennial International Exhibition & Conference was held at Mumbai. It is the largest event of Chemicals and Petrochemical Industry in India, which was held from 4th to 6th October.
- ❖ Ramon Laguarta assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer (6th CEO) of global beverage giant PepsiCo, succeeding India-born Indra Nooyi who had helmed the American company for 12 years.
  - She was appointed as CEO in 2006, becoming PepsiCo's 5th chief executive in its 41-year history, and the 1st woman.
- ❖ The First ever Regional Conference on 'Women in Detention and Access to Justice' was organised at Shimla by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), Ministry of Home Affairs in collaboration with the Himachal Pradesh Prison Department on October 4-5, 2018.



- ❖ Vadapalani police station in Chennai was recently conferred with the ISO certification for maintaining cleanliness and installation of various facilities in the station.
- ❖ According to Women and Child Development (WCD) ministry, the pilot project to test 'panic button' feature on mobile phones to ensure women safety has successfully completed its trial in Uttar Pradesh.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Compensation scheme for sexual assault/acid attack victims**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government has released a new Compensation Scheme for Women Victims/Survivors of Sexual Assault/Other Crimes based on the Supreme Court Verdict.
- ❖ The Scheme was announced based on the Supreme Court verdict given in the Nipun Saxena v Union of India case.
- ❖ By this, persons related to the victim can get the compensation as per the report from State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority.

## **NATIONAL**

### **19th India-Russia Annual Bilateral Summit**

- ❖ The 19th annual India-Russia bilateral summit was held at New Delhi's Hyderabad House.
- ❖ India and Russia have signed a USD 5.43 billion deal for India to procure the S-400 Triumf missile system from Russia.
- ❖ This could result in the US sanctions on India under the Countering America's Adversaries through Sanctions Act (CAATSA).

#### **S-400**

- ❖ S-400 is an upgraded version of the S-300 systems.
- ❖ It is a surface-to-air missile system that can take down enemies' aircraft in the sky from the surface itself.
- ❖ The missile system, manufactured by Almaz-Antey, has been in service in Russia since 2007.



## ECONOMY

### "Best 100 Global Brands 2018" report

- ❖ According to global brand consultancy Interbrand's "Best 100 Global Brands 2018" report, Apple displaced Google to become the top brand in the world in 2018.
- ❖ While Facebook, mired in data breach controversies, fell to 9th place in the top 100 brands globally.
- ❖ Amazon achieved a 56% growth to become the 3rd top brand globally.
- ❖ According to the ranking, Apple's brand value grew 16 % (year-on-year) to \$214.5 billion.
- ❖ It went on to become the first company in the US to hit the \$1 trillion market cap.

## ENVIRONMENT

### India's 1st 'Methanol Cooking Fuel Program'

- ❖ The Namrup-based Assam Petrochemicals Limited (APL) rolled out Asia's first cannisters based and India's first "Methanol Cooking Fuel Program" in Assam.
- ❖ The project has been promoted by NITI Aayog.
- ❖ The safe handling cannister based cooking stoves are from Swedish Technology.
- ❖ Ritu Bordoloi of Namrup has become the India's first owner and user of a cooking stove fuelled by methanol.
- ❖ The APL is the India's first public sector producer of methanol and formalin from natural gas as feed stock.

## SPORTS

### 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games - Doodle

- ❖ Google, on October 06, celebrated the start of 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games (3rd edition) with an animated doodle.
- ❖ It will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina till October 18.
- ❖ The GIF doodle was created by Cynthia Yuan Cheng and Vrinda Zaveri which shows various sports from the Games.



- ❖ The mascot for this year is Pandi - a teen jaguar, native to Argentina.
- ❖ The Games occur every four years in a different city and country with summer and winter editions.
- ❖ The first Games were held in Singapore in 2010.

### **Youngest Indian to score a century on Test debut**

- ❖ Prithvi Shaw at 18 years and 329 days became the youngest Indian to score a century on Test debut.
- ❖ The record was earlier held by Abbas Ali Baig (20 years and 126 days) and Gundappa Viswanath (20 years and 276 days).
- ❖ Shaw is also the youngest to score a hundred on Duleep Trophy debut in 2017.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Space Week – October 04 to 10**

- ❖ WSW (World Space Week) is observed annually from October 4 to 10 in different parts of the world.
- ❖ The Theme of the year 2018 is "Space Unites the World"
- ❖ World Space Week is officially described as "an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition".
- ❖ On December 6, 1999, the United Nations General Assembly declared World Space Week as an annual event.
- ❖ The selection of these dates was based on the recognition of two significant dates in space history.
  - 04 October 1957 - The launch of the 1st ever Earth satellite (human-made) called Sputnik 1
  - 10 October 1967 - The day of the Outer Space Treaty signing.

### **Wildlife Week in India – October 02 to 08**

- ❖ Wildlife Week is celebrated all over the country from October 2 to 8 every year with the view to preserve animal life.



- ❖ It was conceptualized in 1952 with the overall goal of raising awareness to safeguard the lives of wildlife through critical action.

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