

**October – 10**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Vice president M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated Smart City Expo India-2018 in Jaipur.
- ❖ The Government constituted a seven-member ministerial panel headed by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi to examine modalities for revenue mobilisation in case of natural calamities and disasters.
- ❖ The Portuguese Environment Ministry and Goa Public Works Department (PWD) has signed a MoU for Water and Sewage Management.
- ❖ Teenage shooting star Manu Bhaker was named as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the 3rd Youth Olympic Games to be held in Buenos Aires from October 6-18.
- ❖ National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has partnered with Tata Steel Adventure Foundation (TSAF) and launched a month-long rafting expedition, which will be led by the first Indian woman to scale Mount Everest Ms. Bachendri Pal.
  - The expedition will start from Haridwar on October 5th 2018 and will conclude in Patna in Bihar.
- ❖ Rakesh Kumar took charge as the 36th Chairman and Managing Director of Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Competition Law Review Committee**

- ❖ Union Finance Ministry has constituted nine-member Competition Law Review Committee to ensure that legislation is in tune with changing business environment.
- ❖ It will be chaired by Corporate Affairs Secretary Injeti Srinivas.
- ❖ It includes Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) Chairperson M S Sahoo and Competition Commission of India (CCI) Chairperson as members.
- ❖ The Competition Act was passed in 2002 and Competition Commission of India (CCI) was set up in 2009.

## COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Competition Commission of India is a body of the Government of India responsible for enforcing The Competition Act, 2002 throughout India and to prevent activities that have an adverse effect on competition in India. It was established on 14 October 2003. It became fully functional in May 2009 with Dhanendra Kumar as its first Chairman

### **BCCI brought under RTI**

- ❖ The Central Information Commission brought the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) under the RTI (Right to Information) Act.
- ❖ The commission, the top appellate body in RTI matters, concluded that the status, nature and functional characteristics of the BCCI fulfil required conditions of Section 2(h) of the RTI Act.



- ❖ Section 2(h) of the Act defines criteria under which a body can be declared as public authority under the RTI Act.

### **“Swachh Campus rankings”**

- ❖ Union Human Resource Development Ministry has announced the “Swachh Campus rankings” under various categories.

- ❖ The rankings were decided on the basis of a survey under the 'Swachhta Hi Sewa' campaign.
- ❖ Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham in Coimbatore has topped the Cleanest Technical Institutions' category under "Swachh Campus rankings".
- ❖ Maharashi Dayanand University of Haryana has topped the Cleanest 'Government Universities'
- ❖ Symbiosis International University of Pune has topped the Cleanest Residential Campuses of 'Private Universities'

## INTERNATIONAL

### New president of Iraq

- ❖ Iraq's parliament elected veteran politician Barham Salih as the country's eighth president.
- ❖ Mr Salih ran against the Fuad Hussein.



- ❖ According to the Iraqi constitution, the president-elect needs to gather at least two thirds of the votes of the 329 parliament members.
- ❖ Barham Ahmed Salih was former prime minister of Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdistan from 2001 to 2004.

### Background

- ❖ According to an informal power-sharing arrangement dating back to the 2003, United States-led invasion, senior government roles are divided between the predominant ethno-sectarian groups – with
  - The Prime minister being a Shiite Arab,
  - The Speaker of parliament a Sunni Arab, and
  - The President a Kurd.



## **ECONOMY**

### **States with Maximum Average AUM**

- ❖ According to Association of Mutual Funds of India's (AMFI) statistics, Maharashtra tops the chart for state with the maximum penetration and Assets Under Management (AUM).
- ❖ It is followed by Delhi and Karnataka.
- ❖ Also, as per August, average assets under management (AUM) of mutual funds rose to an all-time high of Rs 25.2 lakh crore across the country.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **World's First Human Case of Rat Hepatitis E**

- ❖ World's first ever human case of the rat version of the hepatitis E virus (HEV) has been detected in a 56-year-old Hong Kong man.
- ❖ This is the first study in the world that proves that, rat HEV can infect human beings and cause clinical infection.
- ❖ Rat hepatitis E virus is very different from human hepatitis E virus variants.

## **STATES**

### **Wage Compensation Scheme**

- ❖ Assam has become the first Indian state to offer a Wage Compensation Scheme for pregnant women working in the tea gardens of the state.
- ❖ The scheme is aimed at providing better health and nutrition supplements to the pregnant women.
- ❖ Under the scheme, an amount of Rs 12,000 will be given in 4 instalments and they would also be given a maternity leave.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### Ekalabya Puraskar – 2018

- ❖ Hockey player Lilima Minz, who hails from Odisha will receive the prestigious 26th Ekalabya Puraskar for the year 2018.



- ❖ The annual award is instituted by IMPaCT, the charitable wing of Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys (IMFA).
- ❖ Minz was also part of the Indian team that won the gold medal in Women's Hockey Asia Cup after a gap of 13 years in Japan on November 5, 2017.

## SPORTS

### Deaf ICC T20 World Cup

- ❖ India will host the Deaf ICC T20 World Cup slated to begin from November 23-30 in Gurugram.
- ❖ The tournament will be hosted by the Deaf Cricket Society (DCS), the apex governing body.
- ❖ DCS is affiliated to the Deaf International Cricket Council.

### Aspin Cup 2018

- ❖ India's Vikram Malhotra defeated the world junior champion Mostafa Asal of Egypt to win the Aspin Cup 2018.

- ❖ It is a Professional Squash Association (PSA) challenger tour event held at Charlottetown, Canada.
- ❖ This is Vikram's seventh PSA title overall and second this year.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Post Day – 09 October

- ❖ World Post Day is celebrated each year on October 9 to commemorate the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU).
- ❖ Its aim is to create an awareness about the postal sector in the everyday activities of people and its contribution to the social and economic development.
- ❖ But in India, the day is celebrated on October 10 as an extension of World Post Day.
- ❖ The day commemorates the anniversary of the establishment of the “Universal Postal Union” (UPU) in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland.
- ❖ In 1948, the UPU become an agency of the United Nations.
- ❖ It was celebrated since 1969, when it was declared by the “Universal Postal Union Congress” held in Tokyo, Japan.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### 1st Indian woman to be elected to the board of the IRU

- ❖ Dr Nandini Azad has become the 1st Indian woman to be elected to the board of the International Raiffeisen Union (IRU) in Germany.
- ❖ She is the president of the Indian Co-operative Network for Women (ICNW).
- ❖ IRU is the world’s oldest cooperative union and is a worldwide voluntary association of national cooperative organisations.
- ❖ The ICNW, headed by Dr. Azad, is a multi-State cooperative, including Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

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