

**October – 19**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ **Social Entrepreneur Suheil F. Tandon** has won the **International Olympic Committee's Sport and Active Society Commission's Grant Award** for his contribution to sports for development.
  - Suheil is the founder of Pro Sport Development (PSD) and Executive Director of Martha Farrell Foundation.
- ❖ Nokia and the government-owned telecom operator BSNL announced to work together to leverage 4G LTE technology for enabling greater operational efficiency at Nokia's Chennai plant and prepare it for the 5G era with smart manufacturing.
- ❖ The **Nilgiris district** has won the **JRD Tata Memorial Award** for the best implementation of government programmes in hygiene, drinking water, sanitation, child health, reproductive health and women empowerment.
  - The award was instituted in **1997 by the Population Foundation** of India to honour the best performing state and districts.
- ❖ Former Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand Chief Minister Narayan Dutt Tiwari passed away in New Delhi. He was 93-year-old. He is only Politician who has served as CM of two states.
  - He was three-time CM of Uttar Pradesh and was the first elected CM of Uttarakhand as well. The Birth date and Death date is same for him (October 18).
- ❖ Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun has signed two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) to launch 'Prakriti' programme.
  - The two MoUs have been signed for a period of 10 years.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **5th World Tamils Economic Conference**

- ❖ Puducherry CM along with Guyana PM has recently inaugurated the 5th World Tamils Economic Conference at Puducherry along with Pondicherry Global Economic Summit 2018.

- ❖ It was organized by World Tamils Economic Foundation and Madras Development Society with the support of Durban-Indian community.
- ❖ The last conference was held at Durban in South Africa.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Social Entrepreneur of the Year (SEOY) 2018**

- ❖ Prema Gopalan, founder of Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP), has been honored as the India Social Entrepreneur of the Year (SEOY) 2018.
- ❖ It has been awarded for her work in promoting women's entrepreneurship at the grassroots and ensuring rural livelihood.
- ❖ The SEOY award was jointly founded by Jubilant Bharatia Foundation and Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship in 2010.
- ❖ It recognizes promising and high-impact social entrepreneurs who implement practical and sustainable solutions.
- ❖ The Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship is a sister organization of the World Economic Forum (WEF).

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **World's first non-stop flight**

- ❖ The World's longest non-stop flight has made history by taking off from Singapore to fly directly to New York.
- ❖ Singapore Airlines (SIA) is re-launching the service for the first time in five years as the flight was originally too expensive.
- ❖ The luxury Singapore Airlines A350-900ULR airbus landed at Newark International Airport near New York City after 17 hours and 52 minutes of flight.

### **Fulpati Festival**

- ❖ The festival of Fulpati has recently celebrated with traditional gaiety and religious fervour in various parts of Nepal.

- ❖ Fulpati is observed on the 7th day of Dashain festival (Navaratri).
- ❖ In Nepali, “Phool” means flower and “Pati” means leaves and plants.
- ❖ The tradition started during the period of King Prithvi Narayan Shah.

### **‘Break into India Strategy Committee’ – Sri Lanka**

- ❖ Sri Lanka has constituted an 8-10 member ‘Break into India Strategy Committee’ to formulate strategy to help Sri Lankan businesses invest more into the Indian market.
- ❖ This was constituted by the Ministry of Development strategies and International trade of Sri Lanka.
- ❖ It would be led by Export Development Board (EDB) Chairperson Indira Malwatte and Former Chairman of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce Suresh Shah.
- ❖ The committee is mandated with preparing an interim report and a market entry strategy by 2018.

## **ECONOMY**

### **India’s first Cryptocurrency ATM**

- ❖ India’s first Cryptocurrency ATM has been opened at the Kemp Fort Mall in Bengaluru, Karnataka.





- ❖ The ATM allows customers to deposit and withdraw a minimum amount of Rs 1000, and transact in cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, Ethereum and others.
- ❖ The virtual currency exchange, Unocoin, has installed the currency deposit and dispensing ATM.

## STATES

### **Bharosa - women's centre for victims of violence**

- ❖ Hyderabad Police Commissioner V C Sajjanar inaugurated a women's centre for victims of violence named 'Bharosa'.
- ❖ It is a 24-hour state-of-the-art centre to support women and children who are victims of violence and in distress.
- ❖ The centre would help these women along with dealing in POCSO cases.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### **Carnot Prize - Piyush Goyal**

- ❖ The University of Pennsylvania School of Design has bestowed its top prize in energy policy to Piyush Goyal, India's minister for Coal and Railways.
- ❖ The University's Kleinman Center for Energy Policy will award the 4th annual Carnot Prize to Goyal.
- ❖ He has been recognized for his fast-track effort to electrify 18000 villages of remote India and bridging the country's energy divide.
- ❖ The Carnot Prize is named in memory of French scientist Sadi Carnot.
- ❖ The Carnot Prize is intended to honour those leading revolutions in energy policy to further progress and prosperity.

### **2018 Fukuoka Arts and Culture Prize**

- ❖ Dr. Teejan Bai, the folk artist from Chhattisgarh, has won the 2018 Fukuoka Arts and Culture Prize, one of the top honours of Japan.
- ❖ It was the first time she had been formally recognised abroad for her art, Pandavani.

- ❖ Pandavani, a narrative singing of the ancient Indian epic “Mahabharata”.
- ❖ Teejan was awarded a Padma Bhushan for her art in 2003.

## SPORTS

### Youth Olympic Games 2018

- ❖ Akash Malik (Haryana) became India’s first silver-medallist in archery at the Youth Olympic Games being held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- ❖ India concluded the youth Olympics with three gold, nine silver, and one bronze.

### Gold Medallists

- ❖ Jeremy Lalrinnunga became the first-ever Indian gold medallist at the YOG after he aced the men’s 62 kg weightlifting category.
- ❖ Manu Bhaker – Gold (women’s 10 metre air pistol).
- ❖ Saurabh Chaudhary – Gold (Men’s 10m air pistol).

### 2018 Formula Three (F3) European title

- ❖ 19 years old Mick Schumacher, son of Formula One legend Michael Schumacher, won the 2018 Formula Three (F3) European title in Hockenheim, Germany.
- ❖ Mick Schumacher finished at 2nd position in the second race of the day and won his first junior championship with 347 points.
- ❖ With his first F3 title he has qualified for a FIA (Federation Internationale de l’Automobile) ‘super licence’.
- ❖ FIA ‘super licence’ is a prerequisite to participate in Formula One races.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Food Day – October 16

- ❖ World Food Day is celebrated every year on 16 October in honour of the founding date of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945.



- ❖ This year's theme is "Our actions are our future. A #ZeroHunger world by 2030 is possible".

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

- ❖ Every year, October 17 is observed as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
- ❖ This year marks the 25th anniversary of the declaration of October 17 as International Day for the Eradication of Poverty by the UN General Assembly.
- ❖ The theme for the year 2018 is— Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity.



- ❖ It is notable that this year also marks the 70th anniversary of the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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