

**November – 21**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ The Hospitality firm OYO has announced that it has appointed the former IndiGo President Aditya Ghosh as the Chief Executive Officer for India and South Asia, effective from December 1, 2018.
- ❖ Indian-American Thomas Kurian, the former Oracle President of product development and technologist, will become the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Google Cloud in early 2019.
  - Thomas Kurian will replace Diane Greene.
- ❖ Stephen Barclay, the Junior Health Minister who voted to leave the European Union in the 2016 referendum has been appointed as the new Brexit Secretary by the British Prime Minister Theresa May.
  - Stephen Barclay replaced Dominic Raab who resigned over Theresa May's draft plan for leaving EU.
- ❖ The India-Taiwan SME Development Forum was held in Taipei, Taiwan.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **B Pugalenti - New Judge of the Madras High Court**

- ❖ The Additional Advocate General of Tamil Nadu B Pugalenti has been appointed as the new judge of the Madras High Court.
- ❖ With his elevation, the total judges' strength of the High Court has touched 60 against the sanctioned strength of 75.

## **NATIONAL**

### **India's First Elephant Hospital**

- ❖ India's first specialized hospital for elephants was unveiled at Churmura village in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ It is promoted by Wildlife SOS which had established first elephant conservation and care centre in 2010.
- ❖ The hospital is located close to the elephant conservation and care centre.

- ❖ Wildlife SOS is a non-profit organisation in the conservation sector.
- ❖ It was established in 1995 with the primary objective of rescuing and rehabilitating the wildlife in distress across the country and preserving India's natural heritage.

### **26<sup>th</sup> Conference of Central and State Statistical Organization (COCSSO)**

- ❖ The 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Central and States Statistical Organizations was held at Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The two-day conference was organized by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- ❖ The theme of this year's Conference is "Quality Assurance in Official Statistics".

### **Aadi Mahotsav festival**

- ❖ 15-day Aadi Mahotsav festival commenced in the National Capital of Delhi on November 16, 2018.
- ❖ The theme of the festival is 'Celebration of the spirit of tribal culture, craft, cuisine and commerce'.
- ❖ There are 2 venues of the festival - Delhi Haat and Central Park in New Delhi.
- ❖ It will feature the exhibition-cum-sale of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, fabric, jewellery and much more through one hundred stalls.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Karnataka bank launches new SB scheme "KBL SB – TASC"**

- ❖ The Karnataka Bank has launched the Current & Saving Accounts (CASA) campaign for the Financial Year of 2018-19 starting from 15th November 2018 to 28th February 2019.
- ❖ It also introduced a new SB scheme "KBL SB – TASC" a specialized product for Trusts/Associates/Societies/Clubs.
- ❖ Under this nationwide campaign, the Bank intends to open more than 4.18 lakhs Current & Savings accounts by active involvement of its 8000 + work force in all the 823 branches across India.

## STATES

### Gau Samridhi Plus scheme

- ❖ The Kerala Chief Minister has recently launched the ‘Gau Samridhi Plus scheme’ or ‘Cow Samridhi Plus Scheme’ to offer insurance coverage to dairy farmers in Kerala.
- ❖ The government subsidized scheme will give insurance coverage to dairy farmers at low premium rates.
- ❖ The farmers belonging to the general category will receive 50% subsidy on premiums.
- ❖ While those belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) category would get 70% subsidy on the premium.

### Nongkrem dance festival

- ❖ Nongkrem dance festival was celebrated by the people of the Khasi Hills, in Meghalaya on 11th and 12th November of 2018.



- ❖ This festival is celebrated annually and the People pray for good harvest, peace, and prosperity of the community.
- ❖ A unique dance named “Ka Shad Mastieh” is performed by the male members of Hima Khyrim, a sub-tribe of the indigenous Khasi tribe.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS**

### **President of ASI - Raghu Ram**

- ❖ The Eminent breast cancer surgeon Raghu Ram who is also the director of KIMS Ushalakshmi centre for breast diseases has been elected the President of Association of Surgeons of India (ASI).
- ❖ He defeated Tamonas Chaudhuri from Kolkata and got elected to the post.
- ❖ The result was declared at ASI Headquarter in Chennai by Mr. Arvind Kumar who acted as the chief election officer.
- ❖ Raghu Ram is a recipient of Padma Shri award and B.C. Roy National Award.
- ❖ ASI, regarded as “Voice of Surgery” in India is the largest surgical Association of the Asia Pacific Region.
- ❖ The American College of Surgeons is the largest surgical association of the world.

## **SPORTS**

### **Chess India Blitz Tournament**

- ❖ 5-time world champion Viswanathan Anand has won the inaugural Tata Steel Chess India Blitz Tournament in Kolkata.
- ❖ Viswanathan Anand beat Hikaru Nakamura of Japanese-American.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **"Qaumi Ekta Week" (National Integration Week) - November 19-25**

- ❖ The "Qaumi Ekta Week" (National Integration Week) will be observed all over the country from November 19 - 25.
- ❖ It has been observed to foster and reinforce the spirit of Communal Harmony and National Integration.
- ❖ As part of the week-long programmes, 19<sup>th</sup> November will be observed as National Integration Day.
- ❖ The National Foundation for Communal Harmony, an autonomous organisation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, organises ‘Communal Harmony Campaign’ coinciding with the Qaumi Ekta Week.

- ❖ The Communal Harmony Flag Day is observed on 25th November, during the celebrations.

### **International Men's Day (IMD) - 19 November**

- ❖ The International Men's Day (IMD) is an annual international event celebrated on 19<sup>th</sup> November every year.
- ❖ It aims to highlight the positive role models and to raise the awareness of men's well-being.
- ❖ The theme of the day for the year 2018 is 'Positive Male Role Models'.
- ❖ The observance of the day was inaugurated in February, 1992 by Thomas Oaster.
- ❖ The observance of the day was re-initialised in 1999 in Trinidad and Tobago by Jerome Teelucksingh.
- ❖ He chose the day to honour his father's birthday and also the 1989 qualification of Trinidad and Tobago for the Football World Cup.
- ❖ The International Men's Day is followed by the Universal Children's Day on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

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