



**February – 10**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ The Indo-Canadian filmmaker Deepa Mehta was named to the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the MoU between India and Brazil on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy.
- ❖ The Senior IPS officer A P Maheshwari has been appointed as Special Secretary (Internal Security) in the Home Ministry.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Government has introduced a new scheme, called Annadata Sukhibhava to give economic support to Annadatas (farmers).
- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard and the Airport Authority of India signed a MoU for coordination in the aeronautical and maritime search and rescue operations.
- ❖ Vidarbha claimed their second successive Ranji Trophy title and second overall beating Saurashtra in the final of the Ranji Trophy 2018-19.
- ❖ As per the new report, Philippines have the World's heaviest internet users where people spent an average of 10 hours a day online in 2018.
  - Brazil came in second place followed by Thailand.
- ❖ The World champion Indian weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu notched up a gold medal at the EGAT Cup in Thailand.
  - Chanu won the 48kg category gold in the silver level Olympic qualifying event.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the entire country in terms of overall GST collections.
  - Overall, Maharashtra tops the country at Rs 70,792 crore collection followed by Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.
- ❖ IIT-Madras has launched a research centre on Artificial Intelligence at its campus.
  - It is developed jointly in association with Robert Bosch, the Germany-based Electronics and Engineering firm.



## NATIONAL

### Darwaza Band – Part 2

- ❖ Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) launched the 'Darwaza Band Part 2' campaign for sustainability of the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status of villages across the country.
- ❖ This campaign is supported by the World Bank and will be rolled out countrywide immediately after the launch.
- ❖ This campaign was produced by the Union Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- ❖ Primary focus of the campaign is on behaviour change and promoting usage of toilets, at both community and village levels.

### India Size Project

- ❖ The Indian textiles minister Smriti Irani has launched the 'India Size' project in Mumbai.
- ❖ It aims to arrive at a standard Indian size for the ready-to-wear apparel industry, similar to the standards available in many Western countries.
- ❖ The project is being undertaken by her ministry in collaboration with the Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI).
- ❖ The Minister also launched a study of Apparel Consumption in India.

### Swasth Naari - Shakti Hamaari Campaign

- ❖ The Indian Cancer Society (ICS) launched a **"Swasth Naari, Shakti Hamaari"** campaign to spread awareness of cancer among underprivileged women and enable early detection of the disease.
- ❖ It was kicked off on the occasion of World Cancer Day (February 4).
- ❖ It has been organised in collaboration with pharmaceutical company Astra Zeneca.
- ❖ It aims to conduct free and specialized cancer-screening camps for women in high-priority districts of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka.

### **NIFTEM Bill 2019**

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the introduction of National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) Bill, 2019.
- ❖ Objective of the bill is to confer the status of Institutions of National Importance to following institutes.
  - National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) at Kundli, Haryana,
  - Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT) at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.

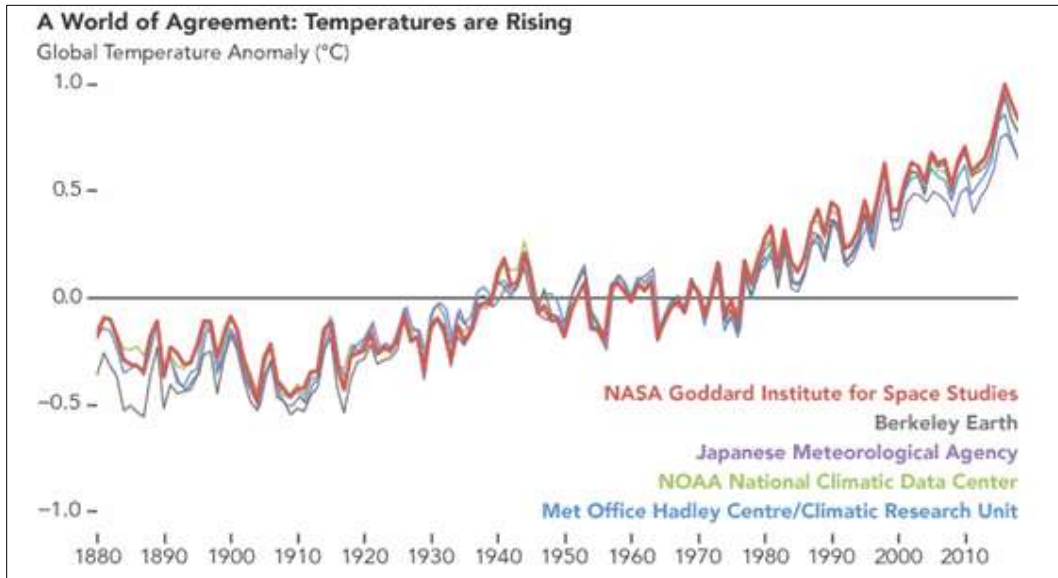
### **Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog**

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for establishment of Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog for Conservation protection and development of cows and their progeny.
- ❖ It will work in collaboration with Veterinary, Animal Sciences or Agriculture University or departments or organizations of the Central/State Government engaged in the task of research in the field of rearing of cow, organic manure, biogas etc.
- ❖ The setting up of Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog will lead to protection and development of cattle population in the country including development and conservation of indigenous breeds.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Fourth-hottest year on record**

- ❖ As per the NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Data 2018 was the fourth-hottest year since 1880.



- ❖ The previous three hottest years on record were 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- ❖ The average global surface temperature has risen about 2 degrees Fahrenheit (1 degree Celsius) since the 1880s.
- ❖ Global temperatures in 2018 were 1.42 degrees F (0.79 degrees C) above the 20<sup>th</sup> century average.

## STATES

### 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of Kolhapur International film festival

- ❖ The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the eight-day long Kolhapur International film festival began on February 7<sup>th</sup> of 2019 in Kolhapur, Maharashtra.
- ❖ Focus country of the festival is the Hungarian cinema.
- ❖ Veteran filmmaker Govind Nihalani was honoured with the Kalamaharshi Baburao Painter Award for his contribution to the film industry.

### Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme

- ❖ The government of Kerala has launched 'Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme'.
- ❖ The scheme has been introduced as part of welfare measures towards Pravasi Malayalis.



- ❖ Under the scheme, a regular pension would be provided to Non-Resident Keralites on a one-time payment of Rs 5 lakh.
- ❖ This onetime payment would be deposited with KIIFB (Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board) for financing infrastructure projects.

### **Rajiv Gandhi Career Portal**

- ❖ Rajasthan School Education Minister launched 'Rajiv Gandhi Career Portal' for students from classes 9 to 12.
- ❖ This portal aims to provide career guidance with information on entrance examinations, scholarships and employment-oriented courses.
- ❖ It is a big step of the government towards providing employment-oriented education to students.
- ❖ The portal is developed with support from UNICEF and is a first-of-its-kind in the country

### **KALIA Chhatravritti Yojana**

- ❖ The Odisha Chief Minister announced the new 'KALIA Chhatravritti Yojana'.
- ❖ It is a scholarship for the children of farmers.
- ❖ Under this scheme, the children of farmers will be provided scholarships for pursuing higher education in professional courses.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Aegis Graham Bell Award 2019**

- ❖ Winners for the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of Aegis Graham Bell Awards hosted by Government of Goa are announced in Goa at the Entertainment Society of Goa, Panaji.
- ❖ Aegis Graham Bell Awards (AGBA) has been promoting innovations and entrepreneurship in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) domain.



- ❖ This Awards is an initiative of Aegis School of Business, Data Science, Cyber Security and Telecom as a tribute to the father of the telephony, Sir Alexander Graham Bell.

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