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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ TN government introduced a Bill for the establishment of a private unitary university in Tamil Nadu by trusts or societies or not-for-profit companies.
  - The proposed private university would be both a greenfield and multidisciplinary.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Innovation Grand Challenge (TNIGC), a start-up competition was organised by TN's Entrepreneurship Development & Innovation Institute (EDII).
- ❖ Hina Jaiswal, the Chandigarh-origin lieutenant, becomes the first woman flight engineer of the IAF (Indian Air Force). Until last year, the Flight Engineer branch was exclusively the men's domain.
- ❖ The Union Home ministry has designated Dera Baba Nanak land post located in Punjab's Gurdaspur district as an authorised immigration checkpoint to exit and enter for visiting Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara in Pakistan.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Amendment of TN Manual Workers Welfare Scheme 1994**

- ❖ The Registered construction workers in the city will be able to avail free food at Amma Unavagam as a new scheme will be introduced through the amendment of Tamil Nadu Manual Workers (Construction Workers) Welfare Scheme -1994.
- ❖ The municipal administration and water supply department will be passing a government order for it based on a proposal from the Greater Chennai Corporation.
- ❖ The scheme will allow workers to avail food free of cost and their monthly bills, to be maintained by the canteens.
- ❖ It will be settled by the Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board (TNCWWB).

### **Penalty for the violators of plastic ban**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government introduced a bill in the state legislative assembly to amend the municipal laws to fix the penalties.



- ❖ The fine for a first-time offence of storage, supply, transport, sale and distribution of use-and-throw plastics will be 25,000.
- ❖ It will be 50,000 for the second time and Rs1 lakh for the third offence.
- ❖ Use and distribution of use-and-throw plastics in large commercial establishments such as malls, textile shops and super markets will invite a penalty of 10,000, 15,000 and 25,000 for the first, second and third offences.
- ❖ The bill will amend the following Acts
  - Chennai City Municipal Corporation Act, 1919,
  - Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920,
  - Madurai City Municipal Corporation Act, 1971, and
  - Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation Act, 1981

## **NATIONAL**

### **Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill 2018**

- ❖ The Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill, 2018 was passed in last session of 16<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha.
- ❖ Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1951 provided for the erection of a National Memorial in memory of those killed or wounded on April 13, 1919, in Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar.
- ❖ 1951 Act also provided for a Trust to manage the National Memorial consist of,
  - Prime Minister, as Chairperson,
  - President of the Indian National Congress
  - Minister in-charge of Culture,
  - Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha,
  - Chief Minister and Governor of Punjab,
  - Three eminent persons nominated by the central government.

### **2018 Amendment**

- ❖ 2018 amendment bill removes the President of the Indian National Congress as a Trustee.
- ❖ Further, the bill clarifies that when there is no Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, the leader of the single largest opposition party in the Lok Sabha will be the Trustee.



- ❖ 1951 Act provided that the three eminent persons nominated by the central government will have a term of five years and will be eligible for re-nomination.
- ❖ 2018 bill added a clause to allow the central government to terminate the term of a nominated trustee before the expiry of his term without assigning any reason.

### **Guidelines DODO CNG stations**

- ❖ On the Side-lines of the Petrotech 2019, the Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas released the guidelines for setting up of Dealer Owned and Dealer Operated (DODO) CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) stations in India.
- ❖ New guidelines will act as an advisory for bringing the uniform system in line with DODO policy.
- ❖ It will help further in bringing hygiene and cleanliness in the environment.
- ❖ This new guideline will help to easy availability of CNG across the country and encourage more people to switch to eco-friendly and economical CNG.

### **CAG report on Rafale deal**

- ❖ The Comptroller and Auditor (CAG) report on the Rafale deal was presented to the President of India and it was tabled in both the Houses of Parliament.
- ❖ This CAG document was titled “Capital Acquisitions of the Indian Air Force”.
- ❖ It runs into two volumes and one volume talks about the Rafale deal and throws light upon the pricing and the acquisition process of the deal.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

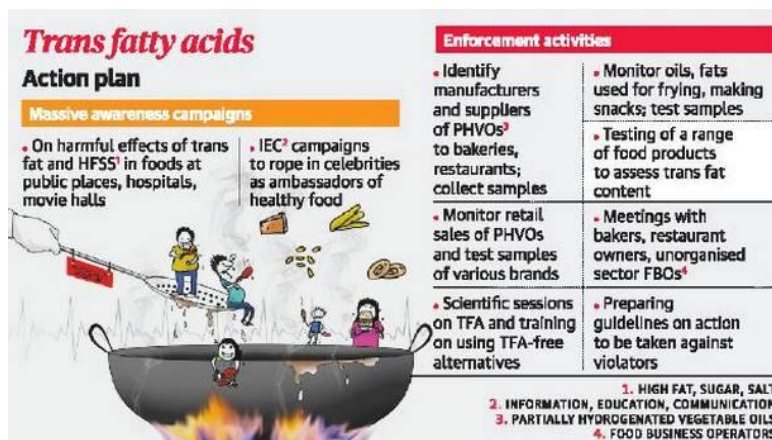
### **Indo-German Environment Forum**

- ❖ Third Indo-German Environment Forum with the theme "Cleaner Air, Greener Economy" was held at New Delhi.
- ❖ The one-day event through panel discussions and parallel sessions focuses on challenges, solutions and necessary framework conditions of air pollution control, waste management and circular economy.
- ❖ It also focusses the implementation of NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) and SDGs based on Paris Agreement and Agenda 2030 of UN.

## STATES

### Awareness of Trans Fatty Acids (TFA)

- ❖ The Health Department of Kerala has drawn up an action plan to generate public awareness on the harmful effects of trans fatty acids (TFA) in commercially available food items.
- ❖ It also encourages the local food industry to meet the current statutory limits set for TFA.
- ❖ This Year-long action plan has specific components on
  - Trans fat amongst food business operators (FBOs) and
  - Giving them scientific sessions and training on how they can keep their food TFA-free.
- ❖ As per WHO Statements
  - Trans-fat intake be limited to less than 1% of total energy intake.
  - It has called for the total elimination of TFAs in global food supply by 2023.
- ❖ FSSAI has proposed to limit TFA limit in foods to 2% and eliminate trans fats from foods by 2022.



## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit Award

- ❖ During the External Affairs Minister's 3 nations visit, the Spanish government will confer a prestigious award the 'Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit' to her (Sushma Swaraj).



- ❖ This award will be given to the Minister as recognition by the Spanish government for India's "swift response" through Operation Maitri.
- ❖ Operation Maitri was a rescue and relief operation which rescued 71 Spanish nationals from Nepal in April 2015 during the disastrous earthquake.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **BAFTA FILM AWARDS 2019**

- ❖ BAFTA awards are presented in an annual award show hosted by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) to honour the best British and international contributions to film.
  - ❖ The Favourite, an English movie dominated in the Bafta film awards, picked up seven awards.
  - ❖ Mexican film Roma bagged 4 awards.
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