

**March – 10**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Dr N Kalai selvi, a scientist from Tamil Nadu has become the first woman director of CSIR-CECRI (Central Electrochemical Research Institute) at Karaikudi in Sivagangai district.
- ❖ Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu has been conferred an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Peace for his contribution “to the Rule of Law, democracy and sustainable development in India”.
  - He received the degree of ‘Doctor of Philosophy’ (Doctor Honoris Causa) from the Dean of the University in the Costa Rican capital of San Jose.
- ❖ Asian Games gold medallist Manjit Singh Chahal clinched the gold in men's 1500 m race in the Indian Grand Prix series.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath declared that Gondi language will be included in the primary education curriculum of the state’s tribal-dominated districts.
  - This move took place due to the rising concern of a rapid decline in the number of people who speak that tongue.
- ❖ Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport, New Delhi was declared as the best airport in the category of over “40 million passengers per annum (MPPA)” in Asia Pacific by Airports Council International (ACI) in the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Programme for 2018.
- ❖ A stray dog Mera becomes the first dog to scale a Himalayan peak Mera. It appears to be a cross between a Tibetan mastiff and a Himalayan sheepdog. It scaled Baruntse, a 7000-metre high peak in the Himalayas just south of Mount Everest.
- ❖ Krishna Kumari Kohli become the Pakistan’s first female senator from the Hindu Dalit community.
- ❖ European Union included Pakistan in its new list of 23 “high risk third countries” with strategic deficiencies in their anti-money laundering and counter-terror financing frameworks.
- ❖ Bernard Arnoult, the chairman of Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE (LVMH) has overtaken Warren Buffett to become the third-richest person of the world, on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Communication satellite 'ChinaSat 6C'

- ❖ China sent a new communications satellite into orbit from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province.
- ❖ This satellite was named "ChinaSat 6C" and it was launched by a Long March-3B carrier rocket.
- ❖ It will provide high-quality radio and TV transmission services.
- ❖ This can cover China, Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific island countries.
- ❖ This launch marks the 300<sup>th</sup> mission of the Long March carrier rocket series developed by the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.



**ZHONGXING 6C (CHINASAT 6C)**  
LAUNCHING: MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 - 11:30 AM EST (16:30 UTC)

**MISSION**  
THE CHINASAT 6C SATELLITE PROVIDES COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITH TWENTY-FIVE C-BAND TRANSPONDERS AND SUPPORTS HIGH-QUALITY AND RELIABLE UPLINK AND DOWNLINK TRANSMISSIONS OF PROGRAMS FOR THE RADIO AND TV STATIONS AND CABLE TV NETWORKS. IT WILL BE POSITIONED AT THE ORBITALSLOT OF 130° EAST.

**LAUNCH PROVIDER**  
CASC

**MISSION PAYLOAD**  
ZHONGXING 6C (CHINASAT 6C)

**ORBIT**  
GEO

**MISSION TYPE**  
COMMUNICATION

**LAUNCH VEHICLE**  
LONGMARCH 3B/E

**LAUNCHING FROM**  
XICHANG LAUNCH CENTER

THE SATELLITE IS BEING MANUFACTURED BY CAST AND WILL BE LAUNCHED ONBOARD A CZ-3B/G2 LAUNCH VEHICLE.

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### First all-female spacewalk

- ❖ NASA will conduct the first-all female spacewalk on March 29.
- ❖ It will almost 35 years after Soviet's Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to perform a spacewalk on July 25 1984.

- ❖ The spacewalk will be carried out by American astronauts Anne McClain and Christina Koch at the International Space Station.
- ❖ This expedition is being held to replace batteries that were installed last summer and the spacewalk is expected to last for about seven hours.
- ❖ NASA, celebrating March as the Women’s History Month, has a dedicated page for information on women working in various fields such as engineering, space, mathematics, etc at the space agency.



## STATES

### **Atal Aahar Yojana**

- ❖ Maharashtra government launched a special scheme for construction workers in the state called “Atal Aahar Yojana”.
- ❖ This will be implemented in some areas of the state on a pilot basis and later the scope of the scheme will be expanded.
- ❖ Under the Atal Aahar Yojana, construction workers will be provided nutritious food at their workplace for just Rs 5.
- ❖ Previously under the Shramev Jayate Yojana, a pension of Rs 3,000 was given to construction workers above the age of 60 years.

### **Awards for Arts & culture**

- ❖ Assam government announced various awards in the field of culture as a recognition for the talent and efforts on promotion of dance and music.
- ❖ Srimanata Sankardev Award 2017
  - It was conferred to noted Satriya exponent Basistha Dev Sharma of Barpeta Satra for his works on promotion of Satriya dance and music as well as folk culture of the state.
- ❖ Madhavdev Award 2016
  - It will be given to Jugadananda Chandra Goswami of Mayamora Dinjoy Satra.
  - He has taken remarkable steps for recognition of Satriya dance and music at National level and preservation of manuscripts in the Mayamora Dinjoy Satra.
- ❖ Madhavdev Award 2019
  - It would be given to Dr. Sunil Kothari who is an eminent dance historian, critic and scholar.
  - He enriched the cultural field of the country with his 12 books on different forms of Indian classical dance and allied forms.
- ❖ Kalicharan Brahma Award 2018
  - It would be bestowed on Borongajuli Srimanta Sankardev Satra of Udalguri Harekrishna Mahanta.

### **PM's Uttar Pradesh Visit**

- ❖ PM inaugurated Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology and unveiled a statue of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya at the campus in Greater Noida of Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ He laid foundation stone of two Thermal Power Projects, one at Khurja, Uttar Pradesh and other at Buxar, Bihar.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2019

- ❖ The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has won the First Prize in the category of TV Cinema Spot at the prestigious international Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2019 at Berlin, Germany.
- ❖ The awards were given for the following promotional films and TV commercials produced under the Incredible India 2.0 Campaign:
  - Yogi of the Racetrack
  - The Reincarnation of Mr. and Mrs. Jones
  - Sanctuary in Paris
  - Maharani of Manhattan and
  - The Masala Master Chef
- ❖ The Incredible India 2.0 Campaign was started by the Ministry of Tourism in September 2017.



### Chameli Devi Jain Award 2018

- ❖ Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Journalist for 2018 has been given to Priyanka Dubey.





- ❖ She was chosen for her multi-faceted, interrogative and investigative reports. She helped to uncover the reality underlying in the social and political issues.
- ❖ Chameli Devi Jain Award has been awarded to women journalist for upholding standards of excellence through a sustained body of work for the past 37 years.
- ❖ Chameli Devi was a freedom fighter. This award is the countries media award for women.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **India and ASEAN: Co-creating the Future' report**

- ❖ 'India and ASEAN: Co-creating the Future' report was released by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and consulting major KPMG.
- ❖ According to this report, India and 10 member ASEAN are among the fastest growing economies in the world.
- ❖ India and ASEAN show a faster growth rate even for e-commerce and digital trade sectors.
- ❖ Global E-commerce Sector was topped by China.

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