

**March – 11**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government launched a scheme of Online Verification of old land documents and issue land patta at Sub Registrar offices.
  - This scheme was introduced on Pilot basis in Perambalur district.
- ❖ Chennai City was crowned champions of the 12th I-League by defeating East Bengal.
- ❖ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved re-employment of Bhaskar Khulbe as Secretary to the Prime Minister for a period of six months beyond March 31, 2019.
- ❖ Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas, a book containing selected speeches of Prime Minister has been released by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.
- ❖ Lawyer and activist Sudha Bharadwaj is among the women honoured at this year's Harvard Law School International Women's Day Portrait Exhibit.
  - 21 honourees are there including lawyer Menaka Guruswamy, who had argued for the decriminalisation of homosexuality in India.
- ❖ The Union Government has doubled the income tax exemption limit for gratuity to Rs 20 lakh. It will be applicable to those who are now retiring as well as those who retired over the last 12 months.
- ❖ The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor in Varanasi. The project envisions a massive renovation of the holy shrine and its surrounding areas.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Model Code of Conduct**

- ❖ The Election Commission imposed 'Model Code of Conduct' (MCC) on the entire nation with immediate effect on March 10, 2019.
- ❖ This is for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, following its announcement of the complete election schedule.
- ❖ The Lok Sabha election 2019 will be held in seven phases this year, and counting will start on 23 May 2019.
- ❖ The term of the present 16<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha ends on June 3.

- ❖ MCC deals with eight key provisions – general conduct, meetings, processions, polling day, polling booths, observers, the party in power and election manifestos.
- ❖ If a party violates the MCC, they cannot be charged for violating a section of the code as it has no statutory backing.

### **Unlocking NATional Energy Efficiency potential (UNNATEE)**

- ❖ The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has developed a national strategy document for accelerating energy efficiency in India.
- ❖ The strategy document was titled UNNATEE (Unlocking NATIONAL Energy Efficiency potential).
- ❖ It describes a plain framework and implementation strategy to establish a clear linkage between energy supply-demand scenarios and energy efficiency opportunities.

### **Nari Shakti awards- 2018**

- ❖ The President Ram Nath Kovind presented the Nari Shakti awards-2018 on the occasion of International Women's Day on 8th March.
- ❖ Nari Shakti awards are the highest civilian honour for women in India.
- ❖ 44 Nari Shakti awards were presented for the year 2018 and the awardees include Scientists, entrepreneurs, environmentalists, social workers, farmers, artists, masons, marine pilot, commando trainer, journalists and film-makers.
- ❖ TN State Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Department got the award for exceptional progress in improving child sex ratio at birth under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.

### **Nari Shakti Awards**

- ❖ Nari Shakti Awards, earlier known as Stree Shakti Awards, were constituted by the Government of India in the year 1991.
- ❖ Nari Shakti Awards are conferred on eminent women and institutions rendering distinguished service to the cause of women.
- ❖ This award is given by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- ❖ The recipients include both institutions and individuals.

## ECONOMY

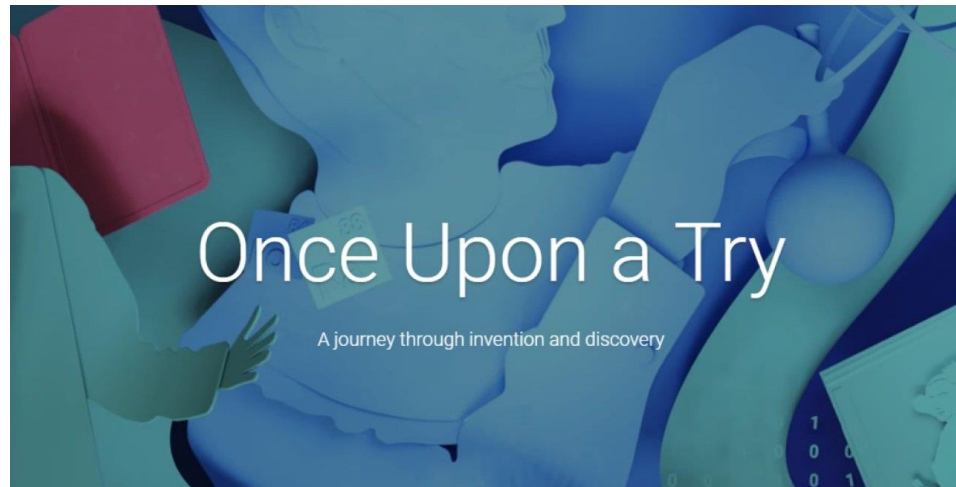
### New benches of NCLT

- ❖ The Government has approved the establishment of two new benches of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
- ❖ One will be at Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh and the other will be at Indore in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ This step has been taken keeping in view of the increasing case load, especially under the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code 2016.
- ❖ NCLT is a quasi-judicial body in India that adjudicates issues relating to Indian companies.
- ❖ It was established under the Companies Act 2013 and was constituted on 1 June 2016.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Largest interactive online exhibition

- ❖ The National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) has collaborated with Google Arts & Culture and launched an interactive online exhibition titled “Once Upon a Try: Epic journeys of invention and discovery”.
- ❖ This exhibition showcases the World’s greatest discoveries and inventions and the inventors behind them and humanity’s greatest leaps in science and technology under 400 interactive stories.
- ❖ NCSM has contributed 6 India specific stories under the following titles:
  - Historic Beginnings,
  - Ayurveda,
  - Susrutha Samhitha,
  - Rasashala,
  - Literature and
  - Musical instruments from the subcontinent.
- ❖ NCSM is an organization under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.



## ENVIRONMENT

### Star rating to More machines

- ❖ Microwave Ovens and Washing Machines will also now be assigned star rating to indicate their Energy efficiency.
- ❖ This programme of star rating of Microwave Ovens and Washing Machines will be implemented on a voluntary basis and will be valid up to December 31, 2020.
- ❖ The criteria approved for the washing machines also include water efficiency in addition to energy performance for grant of star rating.
- ❖ Ratings will be given by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).
- ❖ BEE is a statutory body set up under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.
- ❖ BEE assists government with strategies to reduce overall energy intensity of Indian Economy within the framework of Energy Conservation Act.

## STATES

### Mizoram Liquor Prohibition Bill - 2019

- ❖ Mizoram Cabinet approved the Mizoram Liquor Prohibition Bill - 2019.
- ❖ There was total prohibition in Mizoram from 1997 till January 2015 with the Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Act in force in the state.
- ❖ The previous government only allowed opening of Liquor shops in the state from March 2015.

### **Increase reservation quota of OBC**

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh government issued an ordinance increasing reservation quota for the Other Backward Classes (OBC) to 27 per cent from the current 14 per cent.
- ❖ With the issuance of the ordinance, Madhya Pradesh has become the only state in the country to have 27 per cent quota for OBCs.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS**

### **Yashwantrao Chavan National Award 2018**

- ❖ Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan has been chosen for the 'Yashwantrao Chavan National Award 2018.
- ❖ This is given for his contribution towards economic development.
- ❖ This will be presented the award at a function in Mumbai on March 12 on the occasion of 106th birth anniversary of late Yashwantrao Chavan.
- ❖ Chavan was the first Chief Minister of Maharashtra.



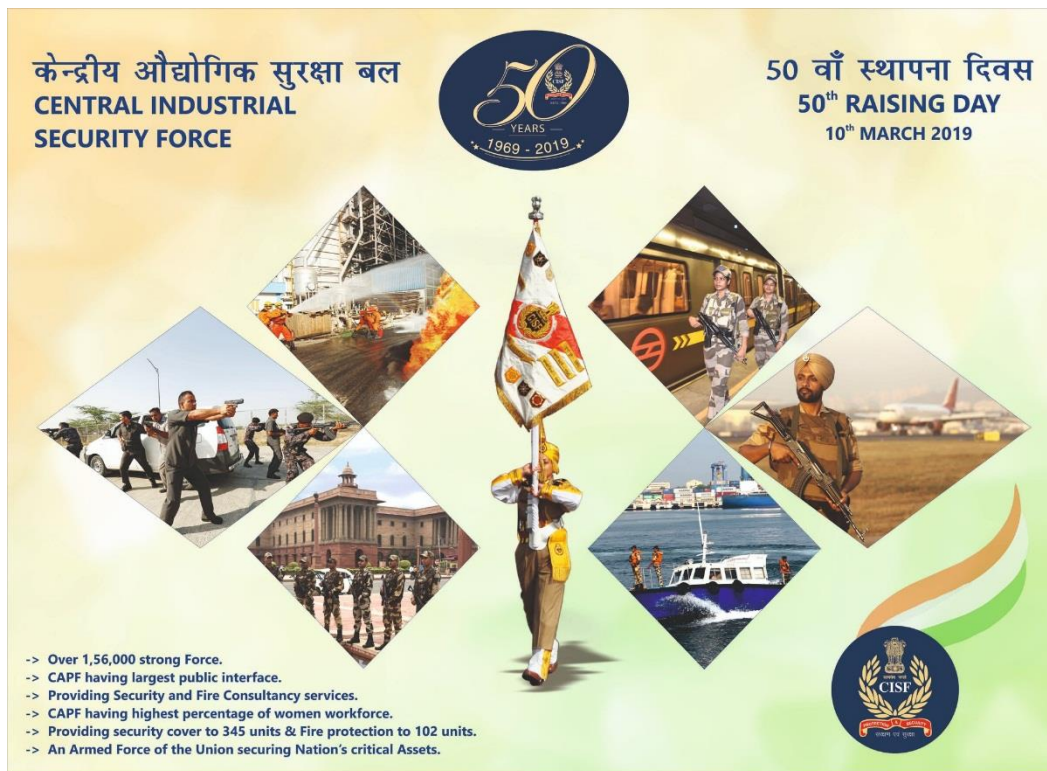
- ❖ The award is given every year by the Yashwantrao Chavan Prathisthan to individuals/institutions in recognition to economic development.

- ❖ It recognises the outstanding contribution towards national integration, democratic values, and social and economic development.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### CISF Raising Day- March 10

- ❖ Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day is celebrated on every year march 10.
- ❖ This year marks 50 years of formation day.
- ❖ On this day, in 1969, the CISF was set up under an Act of the Parliament of India with a strength of 2,800.
- ❖ CISF was subsequently made an armed force of the Republic of India by another Act of Parliament passed on 15 June 1983.
- ❖ It is directly under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and its headquarters are at New Delhi.



केन्द्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल  
CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL  
SECURITY FORCE

50  
YEARS  
1969 - 2019

50 वाँ स्थापना दिवस  
50<sup>th</sup> RAISING DAY  
10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019

-> Over 1,56,000 strong Force.  
-> CAPF having largest public interface.  
-> Providing Security and Fire Consultancy services.  
-> CAPF having highest percentage of women workforce.  
-> Providing security cover to 345 units & Fire protection to 102 units.  
-> An Armed Force of the Union securing Nation's critical Assets.

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