

**April – 10**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ The inflow of foreign capital into India’s stock market in the month of March hit a high of \$ 4.89 billion, the biggest foreign inflow into Indian stocks since February 2012.
  - Investments by Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) and Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) in India are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) while the ceilings on such investments are maintained by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- ❖ In wake of the attack on CRPF convoy in Pulwama, the J&K government has banned the movement of civilian traffic on a 270-km stretch (Udhampur-Baramulla) of the Jammu-Srinagar-Uri NH-1.
  - The ban will be enforced 2 days a week (Wednesday and Sunday) between 4 AM – 5 PM and it extends till May 31, 2019.
- ❖ YouTube’s CEO Susan Wojcicki confirmed in their annual flagship event “Brandcast” that India has become YouTube’s largest and fastest growing market.
  - According to ComScore data, YouTube has more than 265 million monthly active users in India.

## **NATIONAL**

### **VVPAT verification**

- ❖ The Supreme Court has increased Voter Verified Paper Audit Trial (VVPAT) verification to five random Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in each Assembly segment/constituency.



- ❖ Under the earlier guidelines of Election Commission of India (ECI), the VVPAT slips from only one EVM in every Assembly segment/constituency was subjected to physical verification.
- ❖ ECI's sample verification for the April-May Lok Sabha polls would cover 4,125 EVMs and VVPATs.

### VVPAT

- ❖ Voter-verified paper audit trail (VVPAT) is a device which dispenses a slip with the symbol of the party for which a person has voted for.
- ❖ The slip appears on a small window for seven seconds and then drops in a box. The voter cannot take it home.
- ❖ VVPAT displays candidate's serial number, Name of the candidate and Corresponding symbol for whom the vote has been cast.

### **Bold Kurukshetra 2019**

- ❖ The 12th edition of India-Singapore joint military exercise, 'Bold Kurukshetra 2019' began at Babina Cantonment, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The three-day exercise is being conducted to develop military technology, boost maritime security and bolster the fight against terrorism.
- ❖ The two countries had signed a cooperation agreement to strengthen the defence ties between Indian Military and Singapore Armed Forces in November, 2017.

### **Jurisdiction No bar**

- ❖ Supreme court has ruled that a woman, who is forced to leave her matrimonial home due to dowry harassment or cruelty can file a case against her husband and in-laws, right from the place where she resides thereafter.
- ❖ She can initiate criminal proceedings under Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code without any jurisdictional constraints.
- ❖ Section 177 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) had made it compulsory that a criminal case shall be filed and the trial should be conducted in courts which had jurisdiction over where a crime occurred.
- ❖ This important judgement was delivered in the Rupali Devi vs State of Uttar Pradesh and others.

### **Battle of Kangla Tongbi**

- ❖ The Platinum Jubilee of the Battle of Kangla Tongbi War was commemorated on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 by Army Ordnance Corps at Kangla Tongbi War Memorial near Imphal.
- ❖ It is considered one of the fiercest battles of World War II.
- ❖ It was fought by ordnance personnel of 221 Advance Ordnance Depot (AOD) on the night of 6/7 April 1944 against Japanese forces.



- ❖ This battle was one of the turning points of the Japan's Burma Campaign, part of the South-East Asian Theatre of the Second World War.
- ❖ The Battle of Kohima was simultaneously fought alongside this battle. Japan faced one of its largest defeats in both the battles.

### **Domkhar Rock Art Sanctuary**

- ❖ The sanctuary is located at Domkhar village in Leh of Kashmir, next to the banks of Indus River. It has 500-odd petroglyphs.
- ❖ It has numerous rocks carved figures, thought to date back between 2000 and 4000 years.
- ❖ This was established in 2012 by the efforts of Stanzin Thangjuk, a farmer who has been instrumental in single-handedly protecting these pre-historic rock carvings.



- ❖ Petroglyphs are images created by removing part of a rock surface by incising, picking, carving, or abrading, as a form of rock art.
- ❖ Recently it was in news due to its damaged conditions.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Highest Remittances

- ❖ According to the 2019 edition of the World Bank's Migration and Development Brief, India retained its position as the world's top recipient of remittances.
- ❖ Indian diaspora has remitted \$79 billion back to the country in 2018.
- ❖ Banks were the most expensive remittance channels, charging an average fee of 11 per cent.

### Ambitions Beyond Growth

- ❖ "Ambitions Beyond Growth" is an annual report published by UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).
- ❖ According to the report, India needs to spend nearly \$2 (Rs140) per day per person to remove poverty till 2030 to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ❖ According to the 2014 'C Rangarajan committee on Poverty' report, India has around 363 million people living in poverty.

### UNESCAP

- ❖ The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is the regional development arm of the United Nations for the Asia-Pacific region.
- ❖ It is established in 1947 with its headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand.
- ❖ India is a founding member of UNESCAP.
- ❖ UNESCAP functions under UN ECOSOC (United Nations Economic and Social Council).

## **ECONOMY**

### **Currency Chest**

- ❖ RBI has issued new guidelines to set up Currency chests.
- ❖ The central bank has stipulated that the currency chests should have CBL (Chest Balance Limit) of Rs 1,000 crore, subject to reasonable restrictions.
- ❖ The new chests should have a processing capacity of 2.1 lakh pieces of banknotes per day in hilly, inaccessible areas and 6.6 lakhs pieces of note in all other areas.
- ❖ Currency chests are branches of selected banks authorised by the RBI to stock rupee notes and coins and to distribute them.

## **STATES**

### **Neelakurinji Blossom**

- ❖ A massive forest fire has eroded the forest lands of the Neelakurinji Sanctuary in Vattavada and Pampadum Shola National Park in Munnar, Kerala.
- ❖ Kerala forest officials suspect that the fire was man-made and deliberate.
- ❖ Kurinji or Neelakurinji (*Strobilanthes kunthianus*) is a shrub that is found in the shola forests of the Western Ghats in South India.
- ❖ Nilgiri Hills, which literally means the blue mountains, got their name from the purplish-blue flowers of Neelakurinji that blossoms only once in 12 years.



- ❖ It is the most rigorously demonstrated, with documented bloomings in 1838, 1850, 1862, 1874, 1886, 1898, 1910, 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006 and 2018.
- ❖ The Paliyan tribal people living in Tamil Nadu used it as a reference to calculate their age.
- ❖ Kurinjimala Sanctuary protects the approximately 32-hectare core habitat of the endangered Neelakurinji plant in Idukki district of Kerala State.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Homoeopathy Day

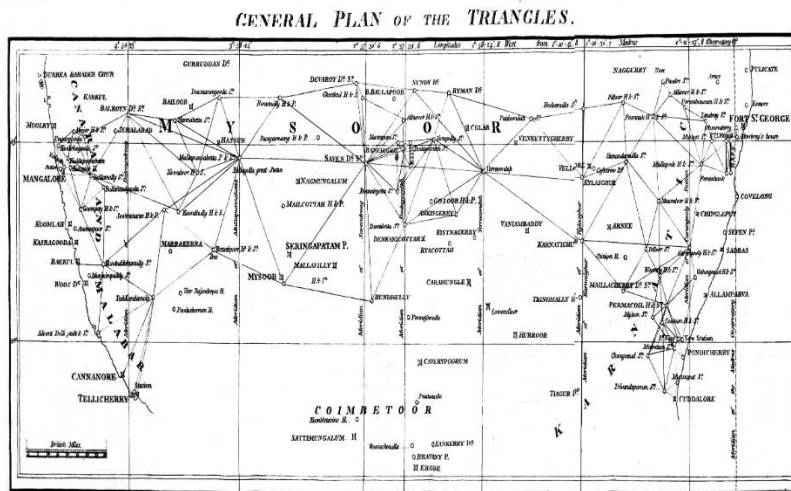
- ❖ The World Homoeopathy Day is observed on 10th April.
- ❖ It commemorates the birth anniversary of the founder of Homoeopathy, Dr Samuel Hahnemann of Germany.



- ❖ It aims to create awareness about the alternative system of medicine and to improve accessibility and success rates.
- ❖ AYUSH Ministry had convened a 2-day International Convention on Homeopathy in New Delhi.

### National Survey Day

- ❖ 10th April is celebrated as ‘Survey Day’ throughout India.
- ❖ This day has a special significance in the History of Surveying as it is on this day (April 10, 1802) that Major William Lambton started two important works.
  - The GTS (Great Trigonometrical Survey)
  - Measurement of Great Arc from the Cape Comorin to Bangalore.
- ❖ The Great Trigonometrical Survey was a project which aimed to measure the entire Indian subcontinent with scientific precision.



- ❖ The baseline for the Survey was Madras.

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