

**June – 18**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Nashik police in Maharashtra have set up a 'Nirbhaya squad' to check incidents of eve-teasing and harassment of women.
- ❖ Rohit Sharma has now hit the most sixes (358) for India in the international cricket.
  - He achieved this in the World Cup match against Pakistan.
- ❖ For the first time, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has appointed two women scientists to head the India's second Moon mission Chandrayaan-2.
  - Ritu Karidhal will serve as Mission director and Muthayya Vanitha as Project Director.
- ❖ The South African leg-spinner Imran Tahir became the 1<sup>st</sup> spinner in World Cup history to bowl the 1st over.
  - He achieved this feat in the opening match of World Cup 2019 against England.
- ❖ Karnataka government has launched 'Pink Sarathi' vehicles which will be used to attend to the grievances of women passengers in city buses.
- ❖ Bancha in Betul district, Madhya Pradesh is the first village in India to have zero wooden stoves and almost no use for LPG cylinders with all its 75 houses relying on solar-powered stoves to meet their cooking needs.
- ❖ The Dzukou Valley of Nagaland has officially declared a 'No Plastic Zone' on the event of World Environment Day.
- ❖ Indian-American Congresswoman, Pramila Jayapal has become the first South Asian American woman to preside over the US House of Representatives.
- ❖ The Punjab and Haryana High Court has recently ruled that all animals are legal persons entitled to legal rights like human beings in Haryana.
  - The landmark judgement was given in the case titled Karnail Singh and others v State of Haryana.

## NATIONAL

### Jan Aushad Drugs

- ❖ The Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) has found 25 batches of drugs of 18 pharmaceutical companies to be of substandard quality since January 2018.
- ❖ BPPI functions under the Department of Pharmaceuticals.
- ❖ It is the nodal agency that implements Union government's flagship affordable medicine scheme Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).
- ❖ There are 4,677+ Janaushadhi Kendras functional in the country, as on December 31, 2018.



**Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya  
Janaushadhi Pariyojana**

- ✔ Launched during the 11th plan period in November, 2008
- ✔ Number of Jan Aushadhi stores: 3000 by March 2017
- ✔ Coverage: All the Districts in the Country
- ✔ Number of medicinal products: 1000
- ✔ Type of Products: Medicines, Surgicals & Consumables, Stents & Replacements etc

  
**Bureau of Pharma PSU of India (BPPI)**  
Under the Aegis of Department of Pharmaceuticals  
Government of India

### Operation Sunrise 2

- ❖ The armies of India and Myanmar carried out a three-week-long coordinated operation in their respective border areas.
- ❖ This joint exercise is named as Operation Sunrise 2.
- ❖ Assam Rifles also joined the operation.
- ❖ They targeted several militant groups operating in Manipur, Nagaland and Assam.
- ❖ Myanmar shares a 1,640-kilometre long border with Assam and militancy-hit Nagaland and Manipur.

## **Namaste Thailand**

- ❖ Namaste Thailand Film Festival, a two-day event was held in Delhi from 15 June to 16 June 2019.
- ❖ This year was the 3rd edition of Thai film extravaganza event that celebrates Thai Culture's Diversity.
- ❖ It was organised by Royal Thai Embassy and was inaugurated by Mr. Chutintorn Gongsakdi, Ambassador of Thailand to India.

## **Chief of IMD**

- ❖ Mrutyunjay Mahapatra, the renowned scientist and cyclone warning specialist, has been appointed as the chief of India Meteorological Department (IMD).
- ❖ He is popularly known as "Cyclone Man of India".
- ❖ He and his Cyclone warning team had given accurate forecasts on Phailin (2013), Hudhud (2014) and Titli (2018) cyclones.

## **ECONOMY**

### **India International Mega Trade fair**

- ❖ The second edition of India International Mega Trade fair (IIMTF) was inaugurated on 15 June at Bidhannagar (or Salt Lake) city in Kolkata.
- ❖ It is a 10-day-long event which will continue till June 23.
- ❖ IIMTF was first founded in 1994.
- ❖ Since its inception it has evolved as a major event for business community throughout the country.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **World's highest weather stations**

- ❖ The National Geographic Society has installed world's highest operating weather stations on Mount Everest.
- ❖ It will provide researchers, climbers, and the public with near real-time information about mountain conditions.



- ❖ The team has installed the world's two highest operating automated weather stations at Balcony area (8,430 m) and South Col (7,945 m), as well as three other weather stations on Mount Everest.
- ❖ The other stations were placed at Phortse (3,810 m), Everest Base Camp (5,315 m) and Camp II (6,464 m).

### **UNEP's New Chief**

- ❖ Denmark's Inger Andersen recently took charge as the new Executive Director (ED) of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- ❖ She will hold the designation for period of 4-years.



- ❖ She has served as Director General of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) between January 2015 and May 2019.
- ❖ UNEP is headquartered in Nairobi and has 6 regional offices across the globe.

- ❖ It is also responsible for coordinating UN's environmental activities, assisting developing countries in implementing environmentally sound policies and practices.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### Akshya Patra – BBC Awards

- ❖ Akshaya Patra has been awarded the BBC World Service Global Champion Award for the programme.
- ❖ It is a non-profit organisation running one of the world's largest school meals project in India.
- ❖ The award was presented at the BBC Food and Farming Awards in Bristol.
- ❖ The award recognises a person or project that is changing the way the world produces, processes, consumes or thinks about food for the better.



### Order of the distinguished rule of Nishan Izzudeen'

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the "Order of the distinguished rule of Nishan Izzudeen" (Nishan Izzudeen Award) by the Maldivian Government
- ❖ The award was given in recognition of his services in the past to cement the long-standing and amicable ties between the two countries.
- ❖ Nishan Izzudheen Award is the highest award offered by the Maldivian Government to foreign dignitaries.



## SPORTS

### Quickest 11000 runs

- ❖ Virat Kohli broke Sachin Tendulkar's record of being the quickest to 11,000 ODI runs.
- ❖ Kohli took 222 innings to reach the 11k club while Tendulkar needed 276 innings.
- ❖ The India captain has joined the elite club by becoming the third Indian and ninth player overall.
- ❖ The other 2 India players are
  - Sachin Tendulkar - 18,426 runs
  - Sourav Ganguly - 11,363 runs.



**FASTEST TO 11,000 RUNS IN ODIs**

PLAYER	INNINGS
VIRAT KOHLI	222
SACHIN TENDULKAR	276
RICKY PONTING	286
SOURAV GANGULY	288
JACQUES KALLIS	293

### **Pacific International Billiards - Peter Gilchrist**

- ❖ Multiple times world champion Peter Gilchrist defeated India's Sourav Kothari in final to win the 2019 Pacific International Billiards Championship.
- ❖ The event was held at Melbourne, Australia.



## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **Sustainable Gastronomy Day - June 18**

- ❖ Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed annually on June 18.

- ❖ It emphasizes the need to focus the world's attention on the role that sustainable gastronomy can play.
- ❖ The UN General Assembly resolution designated 18 June as annual Sustainable gastronomy day by its 2016 resolution.
- ❖ This day acknowledges gastronomy as a cultural expression related to the natural and cultural diversity of the world.



### **International Picnic Day – June 18**

- ❖ 18th of June is celebrated as International Picnic day across the globe.
  - ❖ It first originated in France after the French Revolution (1789) where people had the opportunity to eat out in the open air over bountiful conversation.
  - ❖ This day celebrates gathering together outdoors to eat and enjoy one another's company, which has traditionally been called Picnic.
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