



## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 10, 2019**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **Tamil Nadu Health Department – issues order on the recommendations of the 7-member committee set up on the directive of Madras High Court**
- ✓ As per the new order, doctors in government service will be given up to 30% above their NEET scores as incentive for admission to postgraduate medical courses each year
- ✓ The doctors are divided into four categories based on their workplace viz Hilly regions, difficult areas in the plains, remote and rural areas
- ✓ Doctors working in hilly regions, difficult areas in the plains, remote and rural areas will get 10%, 9%, 8% and 5% above their NEET scores respectively
- ✓ It means a doctor working in hilly region can get 10% of marks more than their NEET score every year and after 3 years or more of their service, they can get a maximum of 30% of marks over their NEET score for admission in PG medical courses
- ✓ 50% of the seats in diploma courses will be reserved for in-service candidates
- ✓ These incentives will not be available to the doctors working in urban areas, including medical college hospitals
- ✓ Doctors working in public health department in the urban areas as 'health officers' will get an incentive of 10%, but they can choose only 'community medicine' as their PG course
  
- **'Mother Sago' – A new scheme through which Sago (Javvarasi in Tamil) will be distributed by the Government through the Public distribution system (PDS) outlets soon**
- ✓ The scheme will be implemented through 30,000 ration shops in the state, benefitting around 2.01 crore card holders

## STATES

- **Mizoram – to bring back Prohibition in the state after four years**
- ✓ The state cabinet approved the 'Mizoram Liquor Prohibition Bill, 2019' to be tabled in the upcoming assembly session
- ✓ The Christian-majority state, Mizoram had complete Prohibition in the state for 17 years till 2015, when the ban was relaxed
- ✓ After the relaxation of norms, buyers could acquire 'liquor cards' and purchase a stipulated amount of alcohol using them

## NATIONAL

- **The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), under the Union Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers – reduces the prices of 390 Anti-Cancer Non-Scheduled Medicines up to 87%**
- ✓ The revised prices of these anti-cancer drugs came into effect from March 8, 2019
- ✓ These 390 anti-cancer drugs brands make up about 91% of the 426 brands reported by manufacturers
- ✓ This move is expected to benefit 22 lakh cancer patients in the country and would result in annual savings of around Rs. 800 crores to the consumers
- ✓ Earlier on February 27, 2019, the NPPA had put 42 anti-cancer drugs under 30% Trade Margin cap

## PERSONALITIES

- **Lawyer-Activist Sudha Bharadwaj – has been honoured in the 6<sup>th</sup> Harvard Law International Women's Day portrait exhibition**



- ✓ Along with her, Supreme Court lawyer 'Menaka Guruswamy', instrumental in the campaign for the decriminalization of homosexuality in India was also honoured
- ✓ The two Indian women feature in the list of 21 women recognized for 'astounding contributions of women around the world to the areas of law and policy'

- ✓ Sudha has been arrested in the Bhima Koregain case seven months back and currently jailed in Pune
- ✓ Sudha had worked in Chhattisgarh for decades, defending the rights of tribals and underprivileged
- **Kane Tanaka from Fukuoka, Japan - has been officially confirmed as the oldest person living at 116 years 66 days old as of 9 March 2019**



- ✓ Kane was born prematurely on 2 January 1903, the same year the Wright brothers became the first to achieve powered flight!
- ✓ 116-year-old Kane is six years shy of the record for oldest person ever, which has been held by Jeanne Louise Calment (France) for the past 22 years.

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**

- **A new reading-tutor app 'Bolo' – was launched by Sundai Pichai, the CEO of Google at a Municipal school in DN Nagar, Andheri, Mumbai on March 8**



- ✓ During the launch, Pichai interacted with the students and answered their questions
- ✓ The application, launched mainly to help rural students, uses speech recognition and text-to-speech technology to help students learn in English and Hindi
- ✓ The programme was jointly organized by Piramal Foundation and Google

## SPORTS

- **‘Chennai City FC’ – crowned as the I-League champions**



- ✓ On the final day of the championship, the Coimbatore-based football club had defeated Minerva FC to stay clear of the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed East Bengal by a solitary point
- ✓ CCFC scored 43 points in 20 matches while East Bengal finished with 42 points in as many matches
- ✓ East Bengal had never won the I-league and their last National football league title was in 2000-2001 season, before NFL was re-christened as I-league
- ✓ Real Kashmir FC finished at third pace with 36 points
- ✓ The CCFC became the first team from Tamil Nadu to win the National league, three years after their inception in the top tier of Indian football
- ✓ CCFC had finished eighth in both the last two I-league seasons
- ✓ Pedro manzi (CCFC) and Willis Plaza (Churchill) topped with 21 goals as the leading scorers in this season
- ✓ This is the last season of the I-league as Indian football’s premier football tournament

# INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **50<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) – March 10, 2019**
- ✓ In a first for any paramilitary, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 50th Raising Day celebrations of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on March 10 in Ghaziabad



- ✓ The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is a Central Armed Police Force in India
- ✓ It was set up under an Act of the Parliament of India on 10 March 1969 with a strength of 2,800
- ✓ It was subsequently made an armed force of the Republic of India by another Act of Parliament passed on 15 June 1983
- ✓ In April 2017, the government raised the sanctioned strength from 145,000 to 180,000 personnel
- ✓ Among its duties are guarding sensitive governmental buildings, the Delhi Metro, and providing airport security
- ✓ It is directly under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and its headquarters are at New Delhi.
- ✓ The CISF provides security cover to 300 industrial units, government infrastructure projects and facilities and establishments located all over India
- ✓ CISF plays a major role in Disaster Management, for Disaster Management course the personnel are trained from NISA, Hyderabad
- ✓ Another unique thing which the CISF has is a Fire Wing which helps during fire accidents in Industries where CISF is on guard.