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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The first edition of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22) was held in Goa and in the Arabian Sea.
  - The objective of the exercise was to enhance the interoperability of the navies of member nations in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.
- ❖ Maharashtra and Telangana, Delhi have made masks not compulsory.
  - They have announced complete relaxation of the Covid-19 norms starting from April in view of the steady decline in the Covid-19 pandemic situation.
- ❖ The state government of Manipur has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Samsung Data System India Pvt Ltd and Abhitech IT Solutions Pvt Ltd.
  - This is for setting up a world-class “Sports Digital Experience Centre” as a domain of Manipur Olympian Park and Khuman Lampak Sports Complex.

## TAMIL NADU

### Supreme Court on Vanniyar reservation

- ❖ The Supreme Court upheld the Madras High Court judgment striking down the law (Tamil Nadu Special Reservation Act, 2021) brought in Tamil Nadu last year providing 10.5 percent reservation to Vanniyars, within the Most Backward Classes community.
- ❖ The reservation was in government jobs and admissions to educational institutions.
- ❖ The top court said it was done solely on the basis of numbers without adequate data to show the relative backwardness of the Vanniyar community.
- ❖ The court also ruled that though there is no fetter placed on the power of the state to legislate.
- ❖ For that caste can be the basis of such internal reservation, it cannot be the sole basis

### Anaikatty resident

- ❖ A tribal resident of Anaikatty in Sigur in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve buffer zone is one of 41 women water champions.

- ❖ It is recognized as part of an initiative by the Government of India and the UNDP-SIWI Water Governance Facility.



## **NATIONAL**

### **Varnika**

- ❖ Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) has set up an Ink Manufacturing Unit named “Varnika” in Mysuru, Karnataka.
- ❖ It has an annual ink manufacturing capacity of 1,500 MT.
- ❖ It can enhance the security of banknotes.
- ❖ BRBNMPL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of RBI.
- ❖ Shaktikanta Das (Governor of RBI) has dedicated the Ink Manufacturing Unit to the nation.
- ❖ It is a boost to the ‘Make in India’ initiative.

### **Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre**

- ❖ India and Sri Lanka signed a Memorandum of Understanding.
- ❖ This is to set up a Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre by Bharat Electronics Ltd in Colombo.

- ❖ This agreement is important for both nations as it will enhance the maritime security cooperation in the region of a part of the Indian Ocean where the rivalry between India and China has taken a centre stage.

### **India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement**

- ❖ Under this agreement, Australia will be providing duty-free access for over 95 percent of Indian goods like leather, textiles, sports products, and jewelry in its market.
- ❖ India is the 9th largest trading partner of Australia.
- ❖ While for India, Australia takes the 17th rank among the trading partners.



## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Anti-Lynching Act**



- ❖ Joe Biden, the president of the US has signed a law that makes lynching a hate crime in the United States of America.

- ❖ The Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act is named after Emmett Till.
- ❖ He is a Black boy of 14-years of age.
- ❖ In the year 1955, he was brutally killed in Mississippi after he was accused of offending a white woman in the grocery store.

### **Public Emergency in Sri Lanka**

- ❖ Sri Lanka's president Kotapaya Rajapaksa has declared a state of emergency in the country
- ❖ Which gives sweeping powers to the country's security forces.
- ❖ This was declared after hundreds of citizens of the county tried to storm his house seething with anger over the economic crisis Sri Lanka is facing.
- ❖ Inflation in the country has hit 18.7 percent.
- ❖ Food prices have soared by 30.1 percent.
- ❖ Diesel shortages have also sparked outrage across the country.
- ❖ Daily 13-hours of a power cut is being imposed as there is no diesel for running the generators.



## **ECONOMY**

### **RAMP program**

- ❖ The government authorized a World Bank-backed program costing USD808 million.

- ❖ It is called the “Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance” (RAMP) program.
- ❖ RAMP is a new scheme and would commence in FY 2022-23.
- ❖ It has been launched to aid and improve the functioning of the country’s Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises.



## ENVIRONMENT

### Chandrapur - hottest city

- ❖ According to the El Dorado weather website, Chandrapur in Maharashtra was the third hottest city in the world.
- ❖ It had a maximum temperature of 45.3 degrees Celsius.
- ❖ Kayes city of Mali is the hottest place on earth.
- ❖ Segou of Mali is second on the list.
- ❖ According to the Regional Meteorological Centre, Nagpur was also the hottest city in Vidarbha followed by Akola.

### Warmest Days in 121 Years

- ❖ The analysis of the India Meteorological Department has shown that India has recorded its warmest March days, on average, in 121 years.
- ❖ The maximum temperature across the nation crossed 1.86°C above normal.
- ❖ This figure was mostly due to large deviations in the northwest and central India’s maximum temperature.



- ❖ The primary reasons were the lack of rainfall and consistent hot and dry westerly winds that was blowing into central and northwest India.

## STATES

### India's top vegetable producer

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh has become the top producer of vegetables.
- ❖ It got back its first position by demoting West Bengal to the second position
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh remains the top fruit producer.

Fruits production (mt)			Vegetables production (mt)		
	2020-21	2021-22		2020-21	2021-22
Andhra Pradesh	17.70	18.01	Uttar Pradesh	29.16	29.58
Maharashtra	11.74	12.30	West Bengal	30.33	28.23
Uttar Pradesh	11.23	11.26	Madhya Pradesh	21.33	20.59
Karnataka	7.99	8.55	Bihar	17.84	17.77
Gujarat	8.24	8.24	Maharashtra	14.21	16.78
<b>All India</b>	<b>102.48</b>	<b>102.92</b>	<b>All India</b>	<b>200.45</b>	<b>199.88</b>

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Most valued celebrities

Rank	Name	Brand Value (in Millions)
1	Virat Kohli	USD 185.7
2	Ranveer Singh	USD 158.3
3	Akshay Kumar	USD 139.6
4	Alia Bhatt	USD 68.1
5	MS Dhoni	USD 61.2
6	Amitabh Bachchan	USD 54.2
7	Deepika Padukone	USD 51.6
8	Salman Khan	USD 51.6
9	Ayushmann Khurrana	USD 49.3
10	Hrithik Roshan	USD 48.5

- ❖ Indian Cricketer Virat Kohli was ranked as the most valued celebrity for the 5th consecutive time in 2021.

- ❖ This is according to the Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021 (7th Edition) titled “Digital Acceleration 2.0.” released by Duff & Phelps (Now Kroll).
- ❖ Alia Bhatt has ranked 4th and has become the most valued female celebrity.
- ❖ She is the youngest celebrity among the top 10 and she is the most valued brand amongst female Bollywood actors.

## **Aprajita Sharrma**



- ❖ Ms. Aprajita Sharrma has been appointed vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Administration and Management at the International Telecommunication Union’s Council sessions in Geneva from March 21 to March 31, 2022.
- ❖ Aprajita will continue to serve as vice-chairperson of the Council Standing Committee in 2023 and 2024.
- ❖ She will serve as chairman in 2025 and 2026.

## **SPORTS**

### **Khelo India University Games**





- ❖ Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur and Governor of Karnataka, TC Gehlot launched the logo, jersey, mascot, and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2021.
- ❖ The theme song has been composed by Kannada rapper Chandan Shetty.
- ❖ This will be the second edition of KIUG.
- ❖ The first edition was hosted by Odisha in 2020.

