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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres appointed Arunabha Ghosh (India) to a High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities.
  - Arunabha Ghosh is the CEO of the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW), a climate and energy think tank.

## TAMIL NADU

### Tamil Nadu Public Health Act

#### THE TAMIL NADU PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (1939)

- A Pioneering Act – 1939
- Steered by Great Scholar and Minister for Health Dr.T.S.S.Rajan
- The Death Relief Act
- To improve the Health of the people of Madras province

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has withdrawn its notification issued under the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939.
- ❖ This is to ensure that all notified offices were occupied by persons vaccinated against COVID-19.
- ❖ The Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine withdrew the November 18, 2021 notification.

## NATIONAL

### Broadcast Seva Portal

- ❖ Anurag Thakur, the Information and Broadcasting Minister has launched the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's Broadcast Seva Portal.
- ❖ The country's media and entertainment sectors are rapidly growing.

- ❖ In the next two years, it will reach the USD 30 billion mark, and currently, it is at USD 25 billion.
- ❖ The country has over 1762 multi-service operators, more than 900 satellite TV channels, over 380 FM channels, and 350 community radio stations.
- ❖ The Broadcast Seva Portal falls in line with the Make in India, Ease of Doing Business, and Digital India initiatives.



## Genome-edited Plants



- ❖ The Indian government has issued an order for the first time exempting certain types of crops that are genome-edited from the stringent regulations that are applicable in the country on genetically modified or GM crops.
- ❖ This order will give a boost to their development and research.

- ❖ The SDN1 and SDN2 genome-edited plants have been exempted by the ministry of environment and forest from Rules 7-11 of the Environment Protect Act (EPA).
- ❖ They are exempted for the purpose of manufacturing, importing, or usage or exporting and storage of microorganisms that are hazardous or organisms or cells that are genetically engineered rules-1989.
- ❖ This order would help the government to notify and approve the guidelines related to genome-edited plants that are pending since 2020.
- ❖ In 2012, genome editing was discovered.

### **Operation Upalabdh**

- ❖ As part of a month-long pan-India operation on illicit ticketing, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) detained 1,459 touts and blocked 366 IRCTC agent IDs and 6,751 personal IDs, the Railways announced on the 2nd of April, 2022.
- ❖ The 'Operation Upalabdh' push was launched following the reinstatement of long-distance train services, with the expectation that the festival and summer rush would result in a sharp increase in demand for reserved train tickets.



### **Hurun Richest Self-Made Women in the World 2022**

- ❖ Three Indian women Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw of Biocon, Falguni Nayar of Nykaa, and Radha Vembu of Zoho have been featured in the latest Hurun Richest Self-Made Women in the World 2022 (Hurun list of women self-made billionaires).
- ❖ Wu Yajun, a Beijing-based property developer in China has topped this list.
- ❖ Her estimated worth is USD 17 billion.
- ❖ CEO and Founder of Nykaa, Falguni Nayar with 7.6 billion dollars has been placed in the top 10 richest list.
- ❖ Radha Vembu is India's second-richest self-made woman billionaire with USD 3.9 billion.
- ❖ On the Hurun list, she has been placed on the 25th rank.

- ❖ Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, founder and executive chairperson of Biocon Biologics and Biocon Limited, has been placed 26th on the list with a wealth of USD 3.8 billion.



## INTERNATIONAL

### WWF Report on Online Wildlife Trade



- ❖ The World Wildlife Fund has released a report stating that in Myanmar illegal purchases of wildlife online are increasing.
- ❖ It is causing a threat to both endangered species and public health.

- ❖ Following the 2021 military takeover causing political turmoil, enforcement of bans on such transactions has weakened.
- ❖ By 74 percent, such dealings rose in over a year.
- ❖ Out of 173 species traded, 54 are facing global extinction.
- ❖ 639 Facebook accounts have been identified that belong to wildlife traders.

## STATES

### India Boat & Marine Show

- ❖ The 4th edition of the India Boat & Marine Show (IBMS) was held at Bolgatty Palace in Kochi in Kerala.
- ❖ IBMS is India's only and most influential Boat and Marine industry-related exhibition.
- ❖ The event is organized by Kochi-based Cruz Expo.



## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Grammy Awards 2022

- ❖ At The Grammy Awards 2022, the highest honors in the music industry were bestowed on deserving artists in Las Vegas.
- ❖ This time the venue was shifted also from Los Angeles to Las Vegas in USA.
- ❖ The show will be hosted by Trevor Noah.

- ❖ Olivia Rodrigo won the Grammy for Best New Artist as well as for Best Pop Vocal Album.
- ❖ Doja Cat and SZA won for Best Pop Duo/ Group.
- ❖ Jon Batiste won Best Album Of The Year.

Best new artist: Olivia Rodrigo  
Song of the year (songwriter's award): "Leave the Door Open," Silk Sonic (Brandon Anderson, Christopher Brody Brown, Dernst Emile II and Bruno Mars)  
Best rap performance: "Family Ties," Baby Keem featuring Kendrick Lamar  
Best country album: "Starting Over," Chris Stapleton  
Best music video: "Freedom," Jon Batiste  
Producer of the year, non-classical: Jack Antonoff  
Best R&B song: "Leave the Door Open," Silk Sonic  
Best R&B performance: (tie) "Leave the Door Open," Silk Sonic, and "Pick Up Your Feelings," Jazmine Sullivan  
Best music film: "Summer of Soul"  
Best dance/electronic album: "Subconsciously," Black Coffee  
Best global music: "Mohabbat," Arooj Aftab  
Best global music album: "Mother Nature," Angélique Kidjo  
Best traditional blues album: "I Be Trying," Cedric Burnside  
Best contemporary blues album: "662," Christone "Kingfish" Ingram  
Best folk album: "They're Calling Me Home," Rhiannon Giddens with Francesco Turrisi  
Best historical album: "Joni Mitchell Archives, Vol. 1: The Early Years (1963-1967)"  
Best Pop Duo / Group Performance: Doja Cat and SZA for "Kiss Me More"  
Record of the year: "Leave the door open" by Bruno Mars and Anderson Paak  
Album of the year: "We Are" by Jon Batiste

## SPORTS

### ICC Women's World Cup



- ❖ Australia beat England by 71 runs to lift the ICC Women's World Cup 2022 trophy.
- ❖ This is the seventh World Cup title for Australian women.
- ❖ ICC Women's World Cup 2022 Player of the Tournament and Player of the Match went to Australia's Alyssa Healy.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action - April 04**

- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness about landmines and progress toward their eradication.
- ❖ "Mine action" refers to a range of efforts to clear landmines and explosive remnants of war and to mark and fence off dangerous areas.
- ❖ In 2022 the United Nations Mine Action Service marks the Day under the theme "Safe Ground, Safe Steps, Safe Home."



### **International Day of Conscience - April 05**

- ❖ This day serves to remind people to self-reflect, follow their conscience, and do the right things.

- ❖ The first International Conscience Day was observed in 2020.



### **National Maritime Day - April 05**

- ❖ This year is the 59th edition of the National Maritime Day.
- ❖ The National Maritime Day is celebrated every year day to illustrate the awareness of supporting intercontinental commerce and the global economy as the most well-organized, safe, and sound, environmentally responsive approach to transporting goods from one corner to another corner of the world.
- ❖ The theme of the National Maritime Day is “Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19”.

