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# **TNPSC BITS**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi confers Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
  - o It was awarded on the occasion of Civil Services Day (April 21).
- ✤ The Tamil Nadu government has decided to set up four Olympic training academies in the four zones of the state.
  - $\circ$   $\,$  The announcement had been made under Rule 110 in the Assembly.
- The much-anticipated Women Cricket's Indian Premier League (IPL) is all set to get underway in 2023.
  - Franchise-based model is likely to have 6 teams in the inaugural season.
- Procter & Gamble India appointed LV Vaidyanathan, who leads the company's business in Indonesia, as the new chief executive officer.
  - $\circ~$  He takes over from Madhusudan Gopalan who will move into a new role at the parent company.
- Digit Insurance has appointed Jasleen Kohli as the company's new managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO).
  - o She succeeds Vijay Kumar.

## **TAMIL NADU**

#### **TANUVAS**







- The Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS) has been ranked first among the 15 State veterinary universities in India.
- It was ranked by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in its recent (2020) rank list.
- TANUVAS has taken 12th place on the list of agriculture, veterinary, horticulture, and fisheries universities across the country.
- It is a significant achievement because it has moved from the 41st rank in 2017 to the 12th rank in 2020.

# INTERNATIONAL

#### **Hello Payment system**

- Russian Central Bank has included a new payment system called HELLO into the national register of credit institutions.
- Russian commercial bank TransKapitalBank will be the operator of the system's payment infrastructure services.
- The payment system HELLO is a set of payment services and institutions that facilitates money transfer transactions.



#### Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile

- It is an intercontinental ballistic missile recently successfully test-launched by Russia.
- The new missile complex has the highest tactical and technical characteristics and is able to overcome all modern means of anti-missile defense.
- The name Sarmat is based upon the nomadic Sarmatian tribes





They used to live between the 6th and 4th century BC in the current territories of Russia, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan.

# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

#### **Space Bricks**

- Researchers from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a way to make 'space bricks'.
- The team has demonstrated that the slurry-casting method is used to make 'space bricks' from Martian soil with the help of bacteria and urea.
- These 'space bricks' can be used to construct building-like structures on Mars that could facilitate human settlement on the red planet.



### **STATES**

#### **Electric three-wheeler plant**



✤ Telangana is to host the world's largest electric three-wheeler plant with the California-based Biliti Electric Inc.





- It plans to set up a factory, in phases, to produce 2.40 lakh EVs a year in the State.
- ✤ It will be the world's largest electric three-wheeler factory.

#### Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia



- Health and Medical Education Minister of Karnataka, K. Sudhakar launched the 'Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully' (SAANS).
- SAANS is a campaign that has been launched to ensure early detection and greater awareness of pneumonia in children under the age of five.
- Pneumonia is a lung infection that is caused due to viral, bacterial, or fungal infection.
- ♦ As per SRS 2018, Karnataka's under-five mortality is at 28 per 1000 live births.
- ✤ To achieve the National Health Policy goals, pneumonia mortality has to be reduced to less than 3 deaths per 1,000 live births.





 In India, childhood pneumonia contributes to 15 percent of the nation's underfive deaths.

#### **Parboiled rice issue**

STATE	STOCKS
Andhra Pradesh	0.66
Telangana	16.52
Chhattisgarh	1.49
Odisha	2.07
Jharkhand	2.98
Kerala	3.00
TamilNadu	12.09
West Bengal	0.43
Karnataka	0.1
Bihar	1.09
Haryana	0.11
Punjab	0.04
TOTAL	40.58

- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao and members of his Cabinet staged a dharna at Telangana House of New Delhi, demanding a uniform paddy procurement policy.
- The protest came after the Centre said it was stopping the purchase of excess parboiled rice, of which Telangana is a major producer.
- The Centre has said demand is low and it cannot waste money on buying the excess quantity of parboiled rice.
- The expression parboiled rice refers to rice that has been partially boiled at the paddy stage, before milling

#### **Digital bus service**

Maharashtra State Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray inaugurated the city's first completely digital bus on the Gateway of India to Churchgate route of Mumbai.





Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST) is India's first bus service to go completely digital.



## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

#### T Rama Rao



- Veteran director-producer Tatineni Rama Rao of Andhra Pradesh has passed away.
- ✤ He passed away in Chennia at the age of 84.
- ✤ He was popularly known as T Rama Rao.

### **SPORTS**

#### Wisden's 'Cricketers of the Year'

- India captain Rohit Sharma and Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah have been named as the five players in Wisden's 'Cricketers of the Year' in the 2022 edition of the Almanack.
- They have been named along with New Zealand batter Devon Conway, England pacer Ollie Robinson and South African women star Dane van Niekerk.





- Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 2022 is a cricket reference book published in the United Kingdom.
- ✤ It is the 159th edition of the most famous sportsbook in the world.
- ✤ It is published every year since 1864.



#### **Invictus Games**



- ✤ The 2022 edition of the Invictus Games opened in The Hague, Netherlands.
- The Invictus Games' first edition was held in London in the year 2014.
- The games have been held in Orlando, the US in 2016, Toronto, Canada in 2017, and Sydney, Australia in 2018.
- Dusseldorf, Germany will be hosting the 2023 edition of the games.





- It is an international sporting competition that is similar to the Paralympics but is meant for the injured, wounded, and sick military war veterans and service personnel.
- ✤ The Games has drawn inspiration from poet William Ernest Henley's poem 'Invictus'.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### World Earth Day - April 22

- ✤ It is also known as International Mother Earth Day.
- The Day will be celebrated all over the world to spread awareness for Earth's wellbeing and to encourage people to support environmental protection.
- World Earth Day 2022 will mark the 52nd Anniversary of the day since it started being observed in 1970.
- Earth Day was renamed officially by the UN in 2009 as International Mother Earth Day.
- ✤ The theme of Earth Day 2022 is to 'Invest in our planet'.



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