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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Serial entrepreneur Babita Singh has been conferred as a Global Peace Ambassador at the India International Conclave 2022 held in collaboration with Asia Africa Consortium.
 - He was awarded for promoting Peace through Education, Sports, Art, Culture & Diplomacy.
- ❖ Every year on April 23rd, the Spanish Language Day is celebrated as the second most spoken language in the world.
 - It's also a day to honor the most revered writer in the Spanish language, Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra.
- ❖ British Prime Minister Boris Johnson opened JCB's new export-focused factory in Halol near Vadodara, Gujarat.
 - The factory will fabricate parts for global production lines.

NATIONAL

India's first International Cruise Conference



- ❖ India's first International Cruise Conference - 2022 will be hosted in Mumbai.

- ❖ The two-day event in Mumbai is being organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Mumbai Port Authority, and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit 2022

- ❖ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi will open the summit at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ❖ The three-day conference will bring together key policymakers, entrepreneurs, investors, startups, and other national and international players.
- ❖ The summit will enable them to discuss innovation and how India can become a global Ayush destination for entrepreneurship.



Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization conference

- ❖ The three-day “Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization” conference kicked off in Surat.
- ❖ The event is being organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in collaboration with Surat Smart City Corporation Development Ltd.
- ❖ The Best City award went to Surat and Indore, and the Best State award went to Uttar Pradesh.

State of India's Children

- ❖ The latest report on the State of India's Children: Status and Trends in Multidimensional Child Development will be jointly developed and launched by NITI Aayog and UNICEF India.
- ❖ This is the India's first report on State of India's Children.



- ❖ The report will create frameworks for understanding health and nutrition, education, water and sanitation, household living standards, and a child-friendly environment across states.



Principal scientific advisor



- ❖ Ajay Kumar Sood, an eminent physicist has been appointed as the central government's principal scientific advisor.
- ❖ He is a member of the Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council to the prime minister.
- ❖ He has been appointed to the post for a three-year period.
- ❖ He is known for his work on graphene.

- ❖ Also, he is a physics professor at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.
- ❖ The appointment has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
- ❖ He will be succeeding in renowned biologist K VijayRaghavan.

India's Oil production in FY22

- ❖ The crude oil production of India fell 2.67 percent in the fiscal year that ended on 31st March 2022.
- ❖ The production of ONGC was less than the target.
- ❖ But KG production by Reliance-BP's natural gas output rose.
- ❖ In 2021-22 (April 2020 to March 2022) the crude oil production was 29.69 million tonnes.
- ❖ Which is 2.63 percent lower than the 30.5 million tonnes output in 2020-21.
- ❖ The primary reason for the decline in the country's crude oil production is the aging fields where natural production is declining.

UPI in UAE



- ❖ NPCI International Payments Ltd has announced that across the UAE, BHIM UPI is live on NEOPAY terminals.
- ❖ This initiative will be empowering the millions of Indians who travel to the UAE to make payments in a convenient and safe manner.
- ❖ The payments can be made using BHIM UPI across the NEOPAY-enabled merchant stores and shops.

- ❖ NEOPAY is Mashreq Bank’s payment subsidiary.
- ❖ NIPL partnered in 2021 with NEOPAY to create the UPI acceptance infrastructure in the country.

INTERNATIONAL

China-Solomon Islands Security Agreement



- ❖ A security pact has been signed between China and the Solomon Islands.
- ❖ This agreement has been signed to enhance the existing cooperation arrangements with the Solomon Islands.
- ❖ With the announcement of the pact, concerns are rising about the impact of this pact as it gives China a foothold in this South Pacific region.

Cyber defence exercises



- ❖ Cyber defence exercises called Locked Shields conducted by NATO in Estonia.
- ❖ A cyber organisation recognised by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation will undertake the world’s largest and most complicated “live-fire” cyber defence drills.

- ❖ The biennial Locked Shields event is designed to improve the skills of cyber security experts protecting national IT systems and vital infrastructure against real-time attacks.

ECONOMY

Fincluvation

- ❖ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has announced the launch of Fincluvation
- ❖ Fincluvation is a joint initiative to collaborate with the Fintech Startup community to co-create and innovate solutions for financial inclusion.
- ❖ Fincluvation is an Industry first initiative to create a powerful platform to mobilize the start-up community toward building meaningful financial products aimed at financial inclusion.
- ❖ Fincluvation will be a permanent platform of IPPB to co-create inclusive financial solutions with participating start-ups.



STATES

World-Class Data Centre

- ❖ A Memorandum of Understanding has been inked between the government of Tripura and the NIXI-CSC Data Services Centre to establish an international standard Data Centre in the state.
- ❖ To set up this proposed data centre, CSE e-governance services Ltd and the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) have floated a joint venture.

- ❖ The international standard Data Centre will be located at Indranagar, Tripura.

SPORTS

Asian Wrestling Championships



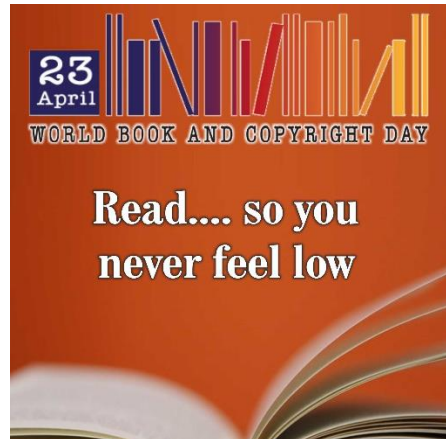
- ❖ Sarita Mor (59kg) and Sushma Shokeen (55kg) won bronze medals for India in their respective women's freestyle weight categories at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2022.
- ❖ It took place in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Book and Copyright Day - April 23

- ❖ It is observed to promote awareness of the benefits of reading books.
- ❖ It is organized as an annual event by UNESCO since 1995
- ❖ The day is dedicated to pay respect to renowned authors like William Shakespeare, Miguel Cervantes, and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega who died this day.
- ❖ This year, the Mexican city of Guadalajara is taking up the mantle of World Book Capital.

- ❖ The theme for this year is - Read, so you never feel low.



English Language Day - April 23



- ❖ The day aims to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity by exploring the language.
- ❖ English Language Day marks both the birthday and date of the death of famed writer William Shakespeare.

