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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The central government appointed economist Suman Bery as the vice-chairman of NITI Aayog after Rajiv Kumar resigned from the post.
  - Kumar had been appointed as the vice-chairperson of NITI Aayog five years ago.

## TAMIL NADU

### Dog breeding center



- ❖ Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS) has decided to set up a native dog research center in the Tenkasi district.
- ❖ This is “to restore and conserve the breeds”.
- ❖ TANUVAS will breed and sell Rajapalayam, Chippiparai, Kanni, and Kombai, the breeds of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ They are known for their guarding and hunting capabilities.
- ❖ TANUVAS has been running poultry farms and research centers for native cattle breeds.
- ❖ This is the first time it has launched a project for breeding native dogs.

## NATIONAL

### All India Police Science Congress

- ❖ The Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 48th All India Police Science Congress (AIPSC).

- ❖ It was organized by the Bureau of Police Research and Development.
- ❖ The two-day event was held at the Central Academy of Police Training in Bhopal.
- ❖ The main objective of this event is to provide a common platform for various police forces, units, social scientists, forensic experts, and other stakeholders to deliberate on selected themes of topical interest to the Indian police.
- ❖ For the first time, the AIPSC will be attended by police forces, units, social scientists, forensic experts and stakeholders along with the officers of the department of correctional administration.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Paris Book Festival 2022

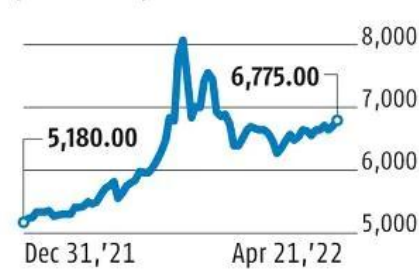


- ❖ India is designated as the Guest of Honour Country at the Paris Book Festival 2022.
- ❖ The last time India was invited to the event was in 2007.
- ❖ France will be the guest of honor at the New Delhi World Book Fair postponed to May 2022.

### **Palm oil exports – Indonesia**

#### **BOILING POINT**

Malaysian crude palm oil  
(MYR/tonne)



Palm oil imports in 2021  
(\$ mn)

Malaysia	4,052
Indonesia	3,944
Thailand	583
Singapore	419
Papua New Guinea	242
Nepal	234

Source: Commerce Ministry

- ❖ Indonesia has decided to ban the export of palm oil from April 28.
- ❖ The decision has been taken to control skyrocketing domestic prices and ensure the availability of food products at home.
- ❖ Indonesia is the world's biggest exporter of palm oil.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Dhanlaxmi Bank**



**Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs**

Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India

**DhanlaxmiBank**  
established 1927



**Income Tax Department**  
Government of India

- ❖ For the collection of taxes, Dhanlaxmi Bank has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- ❖ Dhanlaxmi Bank said in a regulatory filing that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has authorized the bank to collect different taxes based on a recommendation from the Controller General of Accounts.
- ❖ Dhanlaxmi Bank is based in Kerala.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Paxlovid antiviral covid pill

- ❖ WHO made a strong recommendation for nirmatrelvir and ritonavir, sold under the name Paxlovid, for mild and moderate COVID-19 patients at the highest risk of hospital admission.
- ❖ WHO calls it the best therapeutic choice for high-risk patients to date.



## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### John F. Kennedy award





- ❖ The Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is among five people named as recipients of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for acting to protect democracy.
- ❖ Zelensky was chosen because of the way he has marshaled the spirit, patriotism, and untiring sacrifice of the Ukrainian people in a life-or-death fight for their country.

### **Entrepreneur Leadership Awards**

- ❖ The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce has picked the Indian-American chief executive of General Atomics Global Corporation Vivek Lall for the prestigious Entrepreneur Leadership Awards.
- ❖ This is being given in appreciation of his contribution to the defense sector.
- ❖ The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1968.
- ❖ It is the premier bi-lateral chamber for India-US commercial cooperation.



### **Lifetime Achievement Award**



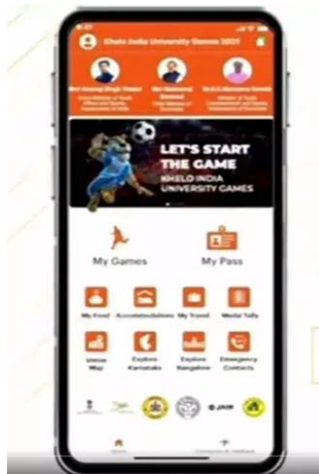


- ❖ The Biologist, natural historian, and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough has been awarded a "Champions of the Earth" Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ❖ The award is provided by the UN's Environment Programme.
- ❖ The award is the UN's highest environmental honor given to individuals, groups, and institutions that have made their mark on environmentalism.

## SPORTS

### Khelo India University Games - app

- ❖ In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the second edition of the Khelo India University Games will have its own mobile application.
- ❖ It is being held in Bengaluru.
- ❖ 'Khelo India Uni Games 2021' mobile app promises to be a one-stop-shop for all information regarding the prestigious event.



### Asian Wrestling Championship





- ❖ Anshu Malik clinched a silver in the 57kg category at the Asian Wrestling Championships held at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- ❖ Radhika won silver in the 65kg category.
- ❖ Also, Manisha bagged a bronze in the 62kg division.

### **Kieron Pollard - retirement**

- ❖ West Indies all-rounder Kieron Pollard announced retirement from international cricket.
- ❖ The 34-year-old brought curtains down on his 15-year international career.
- ❖ Kieron Pollard had become the first player to represent West Indies in over 100 T20I matches and 123 ODI matches.
- ❖ He was a key member of the West Indies squad that had recorded a victory in the ICC T20 Cricket World Cup in 2012.



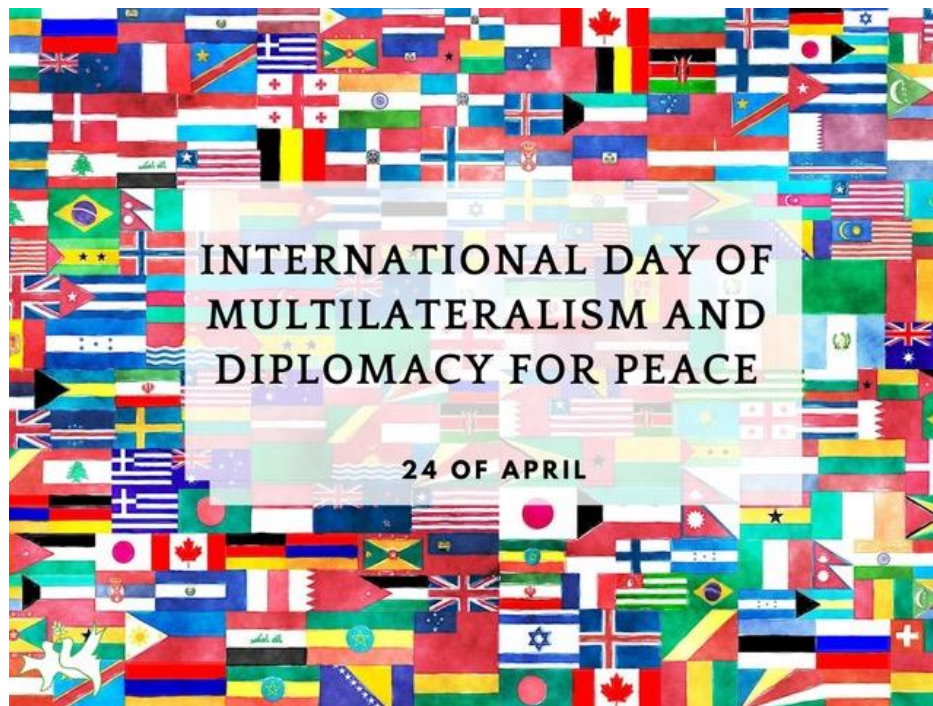
## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **National Panchayati Raj Day - April 24**



- ❖ The Ministry of Panchayati Raj organizes the National Panchayati Raj day or the National Local Self Government Day.
- ❖ India celebrated the first National Panchayati Raj Day in April 2010.
- ❖ 24th April 1993 marks a defining moment in the history of decentralization of power to the grassroots, with the institutionalization of Panchayati Raj, through the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992.
- ❖ Rajasthan was the first state that carried the Panchayati Raj System in 1959 during the times of late Prime Minister Jawarharlal Nehru.

### **The International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace - April 24**



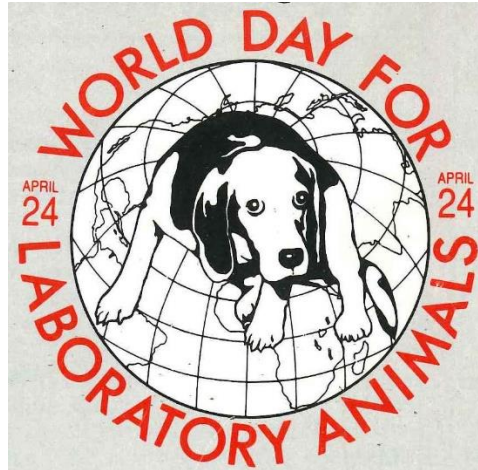
- ❖ The 'International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace' was first observed by the United Nations (UN) on April 24, 2019.
- ❖ The day aims to spread knowledge about the advantages of multilateralism and diplomacy for peace, including through educational and public awareness-raising activities.

### **The World Day For Animals In Laboratories - April 24**

- ❖ It is also known as World Lab Animal Day or World Day for Laboratory Animals.
- ❖ The day was instituted in 1979 by the National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS).



- ❖ The day aims to end the suffering of animals in laboratories around the world and promote their replacement with advanced scientific non-animal techniques.



### **World Immunization Week 2022 - April 24 to 30**

- ❖ World Immunization Week is celebrated in the last week of April.
- ❖ It aims to highlight the collective action needed and to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease.
- ❖ This year, WHO is going to celebrate World Immunization Week from April 24 to April 30.
- ❖ The theme of this year's Immunization Week is "Long Life for All".

