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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Salem emerges top participant in Great Backyard Bird Count 2023 with over 10,000 checklists uploaded through the four-day birdwatching event.
- ❖ Nagaland has got the approval to set up its first medical college since it got statehood in 1963.
- ❖ Union Bank of India, for the first time, secures 1st rank as per the report on EASE Reforms Index for Q3 FY 2022-23 published by Indian Banks' Association.

INTERNATIONAL

New Cuban President



- ❖ The National Congress of Cuba extended the five-year term of Cuban President, Miguel Diaz-Canel.
- ❖ In 2018, Diaz-Canel succeeded Raul Castro as president and first secretary in 2021 of the Cuban Communist Party, respectively.
- ❖ He is the first non-Castro person born after the 1959 revolution to hold both of those significant positions.
- ❖ In recent years, the Cuban economy has collapsed, with GDP falling 11% in 2020 after the pandemic struck.

- ❖ Inflation from January to October of last year was 40% at official rates.

ECONOMY

India's annual remittances - 100 billion mark

12% ANNUAL RISE	
2019	\$82.69 bn
2020	\$82.73 bn
2021	\$89 bn
2022	\$100 bn*

(*APPROX)

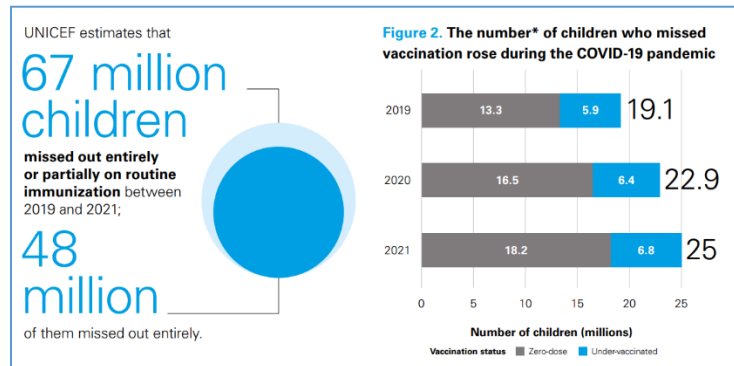
- ❖ India has become the first country in the world to cross the \$100 billion mark in annual remittances from overseas.
- ❖ According to the World Bank, private remittances or remittances from NRIs to relatives and friends in India crossed the threshold in 2022 with an impressive 12% year-on-year growth.
- ❖ The country is likely to retain the top remittance destination tag in FY23, which it beat China in FY21.
- ❖ The remittances to low-income and middle-income countries reached around \$630 billion in 2022, up 5% year-on-year.

REPORTS AND INDICES

World's Children 2023 report

- ❖ The UNICEF India released a report "The State of the World's Children 2023: For Every Child, Vaccination."
- ❖ This report highlights India as one of the countries with the highest vaccine confidence in the world.
- ❖ In Odisha, 90.5 percent of children fully immunized and it is higher than the national average of 76.4 percent.

- ❖ The importance of vaccines for children held firm or improved only in China, India and Mexico out of 55 countries studied.
- ❖ The vaccine confidence marks a decline in over a third of the studied countries, e.g., in the Republic of Korea, Papua New Guinea, Ghana, Senegal and Japan after the start of the pandemic.
- ❖ A total of 67 million children missed out on vaccinations between 2019 and 2021.
- ❖ Vaccination coverage levels decreasing in 112 countries.
- ❖ In 2022, the number of measles cases was more than double the total in the previous year.
- ❖ The number of children paralysed by polio was up 16 per cent year-on-year in 2022.
- ❖ When comparing the 2019 to 2021 period with the previous three-year period, there was an eight-fold increase in the number of children paralysed by polio.
- ❖ The poorest households, 1 in 5 children are zero-dose while in the wealthiest, it is just 1 in 20.
- ❖ These challenges are greatest in low- and middle-income countries, where about 1 in 10 children in urban areas are zero dose and 1 in 6 in rural areas.



The Global Climate 2022 report



- ❖ World Meteorological Organisation's (WMO) released a State of the Global Climate 2022 report.

- ❖ The years 2015 to 2022 were the eight warmest in the 173-year instrumental record.
- ❖ South Asia and the Indian subcontinent region are known to be highly vulnerable to climatic changes.
- ❖ The global mean temperature in 2022 was 1.15°C [1.02–1.28] above the 1850–1900 average.
- ❖ The Indian monsoon onset was earlier and the withdrawal later than normal in 2022.
- ❖ The precipitation totals were above the long-term (1951–2000) average in the western Indian summer monsoon region.
- ❖ The rate of global mean sea level rise in the first decade (1993–2002) of the satellite record was 2.27 mm per year.
- ❖ It has doubled between the 2013–2022 as 4.62 mm per year.
- ❖ The Antarctic Sea ice reached a record low of 1.92 million sq.km on February 25, 2022.
- ❖ It is almost 1 million sq.km less than the long-term (1991-2020) average.
- ❖ Somalia had almost 1.2 million internally displaced people due to drought, with over 60,000 people crossing into Ethiopia and Kenya during the same period.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Gates at Sydney Cricket Ground



- ❖ To honour Sachin Tendulkar, iconic Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) in Australia has unveiled a gate named after him.

- ❖ The SCG also added another cricketing legend Brian Lara, who will be sharing the honour with Sachin.
- ❖ The gates were be unveiled to mark Tendulkar's 50th birthday and the 30th anniversary of Lara's 277 at the SCG.
- ❖ With this new honour, both will join the league of great Donald Bradman, Alan Davidson and Arthur Morris.

SPORTS

London Marathon



- ❖ Kenyan Kelvin Kiptum won the London Marathon with the second-fastest time in history.
- ❖ Kelvin set the course record with a time of 2 hours, 1 minute, 25 seconds.
- ❖ He just missed out on Eliud Kipchoge's world record by 16 seconds.
- ❖ In the women's race, Sifan Hassan won the race.
- ❖ Hassan, won the 5,000m and 10,000m at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Khongjom Day in Manipur - April 23

- ❖ The Khongjom Day is remembered for the battle fought in 1891 Anglo Manipuri War.
- ❖ Manipuri people resented the British interference in the internal affairs of Manipur.



- ❖ It commemorates Manipuri warriors who battled against the British, especially Major Paona Brajabashi.



International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace - April 24



- ❖ This day seeks to reaffirm the UN Charter and its principles of resolving disputes among countries through peaceful means.
- ❖ It acknowledges the use of multilateral decision-making and diplomacy in achieving peaceful resolutions to conflicts among nations.

- ❖ Multilateralism is based on founding principles such as consultation, inclusion, and solidarity.
- ❖ It was established on the 12th of December 2018.
- ❖ And it was first observed on 24th of April 2019.

World Immunization Week 2023 - April 24/30

- ❖ It aims to highlight the collective action needed to protect people from vaccine-preventable diseases.
- ❖ It raises people's knowledge of the advantages of immunisation and to motivate them to get their shots.
- ❖ The theme of this year is 'The Big Catch-Up'.



World Intellectual Property Day - April 26



- ❖ The day is celebrated to make people know how intellectual property (IP) rights encourage innovation and creativity.
- ❖ It was established by the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO).



- ❖ It promotes the role of IP in stimulating innovation and creativity.
- ❖ Theme for 2023 is 'Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity'

