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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ BJP leader and former Union minister Vijay Sampla has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) for a second time.
  - Sampla had resigned as the NCSC chairman ahead of the Punjab elections and had contested the polls.
- ❖ Union Minister for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Narayan Tatu Rane has inaugurated the MSME Ministry's Mega Event titled Enterprise India.
  - The event's aim is to create synergies between various concerned departments, ministries, and the Industry Associations.

## TAMIL NADU

### TNEB 2.0



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (Tangedco) will roll out 'TNEB 2.0'.
- ❖ This is to meet the surging power demand and modernize the distribution system by 2030.
- ❖ 'TNEB 2.0', similar to Singara Chennai 2.0, is aimed at doubling the electricity production in the State and upgrading the distribution system to ensure an uninterrupted supply.
- ❖ TNEB 2.0' was aimed at more than doubling the electricity production from 33,877 mega watt (MW) to 77,153 MW.

- ❖ The State's power generation capacity, comprising thermal, hydro and gas turbine, would be increased from 7,175 MW to 41,085 MW.

## NATIONAL

### Renewable Energy Transfer Project

- ❖ India and Maldives have agreed to set up a transmission interconnection for the purpose of transferring renewable power between both countries.
- ❖ Two Memoranda of Understandings (MoUs) were proposed during the meeting.
- ❖ One was on the transmission interconnection under the One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG) and the other one was on energy cooperation.

### Innovative Agriculture



- ❖ NITI Aayog organized a National Level Workshop on “Innovative Agriculture” in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- ❖ At this workshop, the need to understand the fundamentals, science, and processes behind natural farming practices was highlighted.
- ❖ The step-wise adoption of natural farming was highlighted.
- ❖ The increase in the awareness of good health, nutritious food, and immunity during the COVID-19 pandemic was also highlighted.

- ❖ The importance of livestock and cattle to ensure better nutrition was also talked about.
- ❖ The importance of technology and science in natural farming was also highlighted.

### **Integrated Road Accident Database**



- ❖ iRAD (Integrated Road Accident Database) is an initiative of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).
- ❖ Its objective is to improve road safety in the country.
- ❖ The main idea behind it is to create a Centralised Accident Database to host and access all accident-related data by various departments/stakeholders.
- ❖ It was launched in Chandigarh recently.
- ❖ The iRAD application is an initiative of the MoRTH to capture relevant details about the accident-prone areas throughout India.

### **Indian embassy in Lithuania**

- ❖ The Union Cabinet gave its approval to a proposal for opening a new Indian embassy in Lithuania.
- ❖ This will be the first full-fledged embassy of India in the Baltic region.
- ❖ Lithuania is at the center of a diplomatic spat with China after it allowed the opening of a de-facto embassy by Taiwan.

- ❖ Lithuania was the first Baltic country that opened an embassy in India in the year 2008.

### **Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for P&K fertilizers**



**CABINET DECISIONS** 27-04-2022

Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for **Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers**

- Cabinet approves rates for Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers for Kharif Season (01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022)
- Subsidy of **Rs 60,939.23 crore** approved
- Includes support for indigenous fertilizer (SSP) through freight subsidy
- Includes additional support for indigenous manufacturing and imports of DAP

- ❖ The central government announced the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilizers.
- ❖ The announcement is for this year's Kharif season which is from April to September 2022.
- ❖ It will be increased to Rs 60,939 crore, as against Rs 57,150 crore for the whole of 2021.
- ❖ This increase in subsidy will insulate the farmers from the global price increase of di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) and other non-urea nutrients.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Russia and UNWTO**

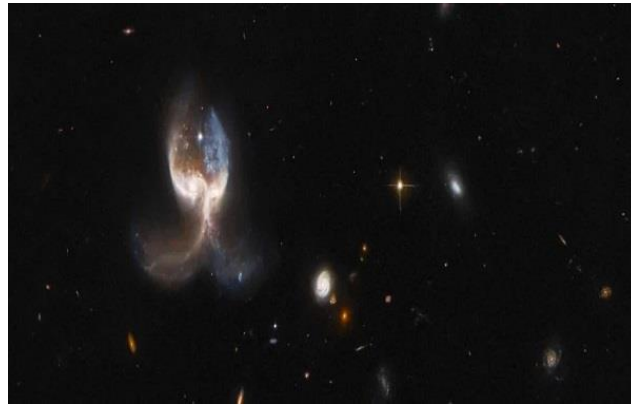
- ❖ The UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has announced that Russia has decided to withdraw from the UNWTO.
- ❖ Russia decided to withdraw from this organization ahead of a vote by the body to suspend Russia for its war against Ukraine.

- ❖ This is the first time the UNWTO has met to discuss the suspension of one of its member nations.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

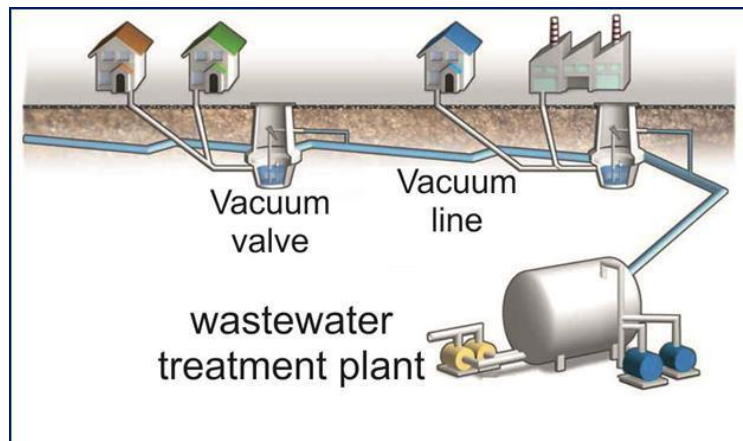
### Image of Merging Galaxies

- ❖ NASA has showcased a picture of two merging galaxies that are located in the VV-689 system.
- ❖ These two merging galaxies have been given the nickname “Angel Wing”.
- ❖ The image of the colliding galaxies has been taken from the Galaxy Zoo citizen science project.



## STATES

### Vacuum-based Sewer System



- ❖ Agra, Uttar Pradesh has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewer systems.

- ❖ These vacuums would be used in public places.
- ❖ Agra Smart City officials told the media that the municipal corporation has linked 240 such houses near the Taj Mahal with vacuum-based sewers.
- ❖ This system will automatically issue an alert if there is a choke or any other problems.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Nasscom Chairperson**

- ❖ The National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) announced that Krishnan Ramanujam has been appointed as its Chairperson for 2022-23.
- ❖ He is the President, Enterprise Growth Group at Tata Consultancy Services.
- ❖ Ramanujam succeeds Rekha M. Menon, Chairperson and Senior Managing Director of Accenture in India, in this role.
- ❖ Nasscom also announced the appointment of Anant Maheshwari, President, Microsoft India, as its Vice-Chairperson for 2022-23.
- ❖ Maheshwari will succeed Ramanujam in this role.



## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **International Dance Day - April 29**

- ❖ The day celebrates the value and importance of the dance and encourages participation and education in this art form through events and festivals.

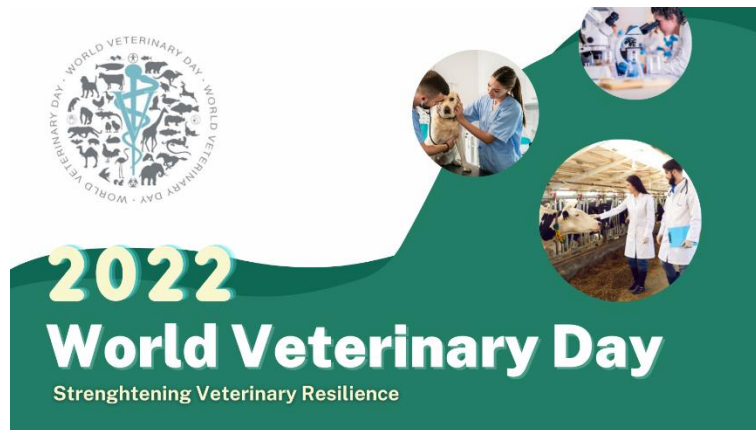


- ❖ In 1982 the Dance Committee of ITI founded International Dance Day.
- ❖ The day commemorates the birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727-1810) who is the creator of modern ballet.



### **World Veterinary Day - April 30**

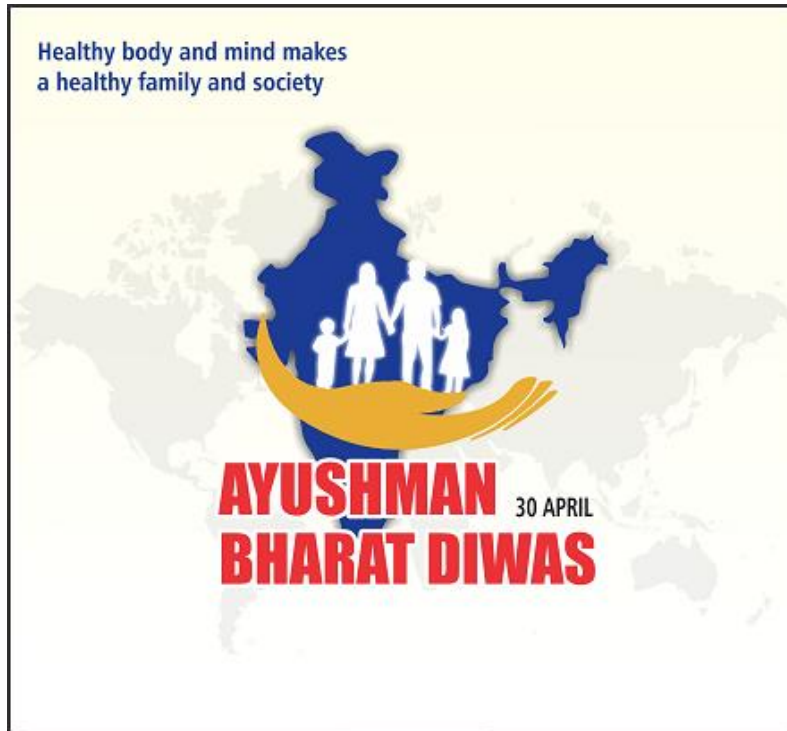
- ❖ The day is celebrated on the last Saturday of April.
- ❖ This year it is observed on the 30th of April.
- ❖ The annual event has been established to highlight and promote the lifesaving work performed by veterinarians all over the world.
- ❖ The theme of World Veterinary Day 2022 is “Strengthening Veterinary Resilience.”



### **Ayushman Bharat Diwas - April 30**

- ❖ PM-Jan Arogya Yojana or PM-JAY is a key part of Ayushman Bharat Yojna.
- ❖ Ayushman Bharat Yojna was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018.
- ❖ It was launched to provide healthcare benefits to crores of Indians who can't afford proper medical facilities.

- ❖ The flagship scheme of the Narendra Modi government was launched along the lines of universal health coverage to meet one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations.



### **International Sculpture Day - April 30**

- ❖ The day aims to further the International Sculpture Center's (ISC) mission of advancing the creation and understanding of sculpture and its unique, vital contribution to society.
- ❖ It occurs on the last Saturday of April every year.

