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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tata-backed Air India unveiled its new logo, branding and plane livery - The Vista.
- ❖ India is committed to eradicate Lymphatic Filariasis by 2027, ahead of the global target by three years.
- ❖ The first World Health Organization Global Summit on Traditional Medicine was inaugurated at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ❖ Pakistan's parliament has been dissolved to prepare for a national election without former Prime Minister Imran Khan.
  - Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar sworn in as Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister on Independence Day.

## TAMIL NADU

### TN CM's Independence Day Awards

Award Name	Recipient
<b>Thakaisal Tamil Award</b>	Dr. K. Veeramani
<b>ABJ. Abdul Kalam Award</b>	Dr. W. B. Vasantha Gandaswamy
<b>Kalpna Chawla Award for Courage and Adventure</b>	Na. Muthamishelvi
<b>Chief Minister's Good Governance Award</b>	Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency Dr E Theranirajan W. Badrinarayanan
<b>Tamil Nadu Government Awards for outstanding service to the differently abled</b>	T. Jayakumar - Best doctor Shanthi Nilayam - Best institution Ratan Vidyaakar - Best social worker M/S Teddy Exports - Best private employer Ramanathapuram central cooperative bank - best district central cooperative bank
<b>Outstanding contribution to social welfare and outstanding service</b>	Village light - welfare of women Best charity D. Stanley Peter - Great social worker
<b>Best Corporations</b>	Tiruchirappalli Tambaram
<b>Best Municipal Corporation</b>	Rameswaram Thirutharapoondi Mannargudi
<b>Best municipalities</b>	Vikravandi, Villupuram Alangudi, Pudukottai Veerakalputur, Salem

- ❖ On the occasion of the country's 77th Independence Day, TN Chief Minister honoured the people belonging to various departments.

- ❖ It includes various categories.


## NATIONAL

### Third 'Pink Station'

- ❖ The Central Railway's New Amravati station becomes the third station of Central Railway to be a Pink Station.
- ❖ Pink Station refers the Station which fully managed by women staff.
- ❖ The 1<sup>st</sup> Zone on Indian Railways to set up an All-Women managed station is Matunga station on Mumbai division, followed by Ajni station on Nagpur division.



### Bharatiya Sakshya Bill 2023

Proposed New Laws Sent to Parliamentary Committee		
<p><b>Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860, will be replaced by Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita</b></p> <p>Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita will have 356 sections instead of the earlier 511; 175 sections have been changed, 8 new added and 22 repealed</p>		<p><b>Criminal Procedure Code, 1898, will be replaced by the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita</b></p> <p>Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita has 533 sections; 160 sections of old law changed, 9 new added and 9 repealed</p>
<p><b>Indian Evidence Act, 1872, will be replaced by Bharatiya Sakshya</b></p> <p>Bharatiya Sakshya Bill will have 170 sections instead of the earlier 167; 23 sections changed, 1 new added and 5 repealed</p>	<p>The law expands the definition of documents to include electronic or digital records, e-mails, server logs, computers, smart phones, laptops, SMS, websites, locational evidence, mails, messages on devices</p> 	<p>18 states, 6 Union Territories, Supreme Court, 16 high courts, 5 judicial academies, 22 law universities, 142 MPs, nearly 270 MLAs and the public have given suggestions</p> <p><b>Discussions held on these laws since 2019 and Shah was present in 158 consultation meetings</b></p>

- ❖ This bill aims to replace the outdated Indian Evidence Act of 1872.

- ❖ It modifies 23 provisions, and introduces one entirely new provision, resulting in a total of 170 sections.
- ❖ The new bill makes electronic or digital records admissible as evidence.
- ❖ The bill broadens the scope of secondary evidence.
- ❖ It establishes precise and uniform rules governing the handling of evidence during the trial of criminal cases.

### **Niveshak Sarathi**

- ❖ Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) launched the investor awareness vans titled 'Niveshak Sarathi'.
- ❖ This move is aligning with the theme 'From Unawareness to Financial Independence'.
- ❖ These specially equipped vans are equipped with a TV screen running 'Hisab Ki Kitab'.
- ❖ This is a series of investor awareness movies created by IEPFA.
- ❖ IEPFA was established by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to manage the Investor Education and Protection Fund.



### **Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill, 2023**

- ❖ The Bill amends the Pharmacy Act, 1948 which regulates the practice and profession of pharmacy.
- ❖ Registration under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 is mandatory to practice pharmacy in India.
- ❖ The Bill looks at the insertion of new section 32C, which provides a special provision relating to persons registered or qualified under the Jammu and Kashmir Pharmacy Act, 2011.



- ❖ Anyone who is registered as a pharmacist under the Jammu and Kashmir Pharmacy Act, 2011 or possesses qualifications prescribed under the 2011 Act will be deemed to be registered as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
- ❖ The Bill seeks to repeal 65 laws that are obsolete or that have been made redundant by other laws.
- ❖ It also corrects a minor drafting error in the Factoring Regulation Act, 2011
- ❖ The First Schedule of the Bill lists 24 laws that would be repealed.
- ❖ Of these, 16 are amending Acts, and two are from before 1947.
- ❖ The Second Schedule of the Bill lists 41 Appropriation Acts that would be repealed.
- ❖ These include 18 Appropriation Acts for the Railways.



## **INTERNATIONAL**

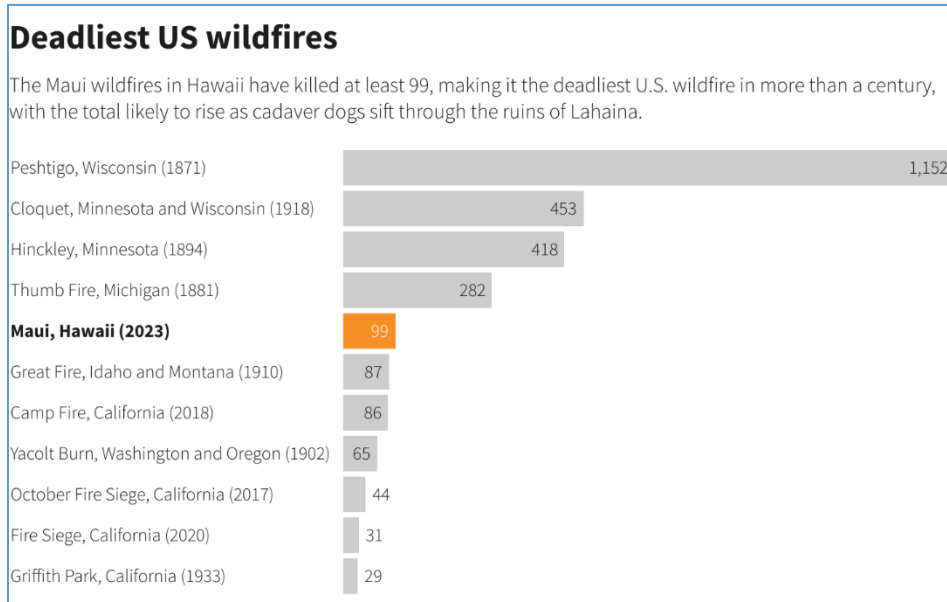
### **Malabar 2023**

- ❖ INS Sahyadri and INS Kolkata is participating in Exercise MALABAR 2023 at Sydney, Australia.
- ❖ Indian Navy, US Navy (USN), Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) and the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) are the participants of the exercise.

- ❖ MALABAR series of maritime exercise commenced in 1992 as a bilateral exercise between Indian Navy and US Navy
- ❖ The 2020 edition witnessed the maiden participation of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN).
- ❖ This year marks the 27<sup>th</sup> edition of MALABAR which is being hosted by Royal Australian Navy (RAN).



### Wildfires Hawaiian Island of Maui



- ❖ Wildfires on the Hawaiian island of Maui have left a landscape of destruction.
- ❖ The fires are fuelled by dry conditions and strong winds from a passing hurricane.

- ❖ This became the deadliest U.S. wildfire since the 2018 Camp Fire in California.

## ECONOMY

### India's 1st Eco-Friendly Debit Card

- ❖ Airtel Payments Bank has become the first Indian bank to launch an eco-friendly debit card.
- ❖ The debit cards will come in r-PVC material, a certified eco-friendly material.
- ❖ Every batch of 50,000 cards produced, will lead to a substantial reduction of 350 kgs of carbon emissions compared to the conventional PVC cards commonly used in the market.
- ❖ Moreover, the r-PVC cards' production will result in a 43% decrease of hydro carbon usage.
- ❖ It is effectively reducing petroleum consumption during manufacturing.



## ENVIRONMENT

### CarbonLite Metro Travel

- ❖ The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has unveiled a pioneering initiative called CarbonLite Metro Travel.
- ❖ It aims to educate passengers about their significant contribution towards reducing carbon emissions by choosing metro trains.

- ❖ Delhi Metro's daily commuters will now be able to know on the go about the average amount of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions they are reducing by virtue of their metro journeys.



## STATES

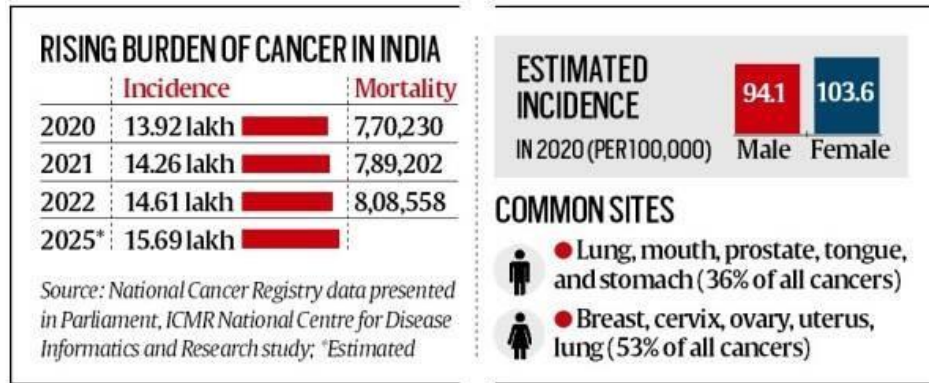
### New GI Tag for Products



- ❖ Chikri wood craft from Rajouri district and Mushqbudji rice of Anantnag district in Jammu and Kashmir have received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ❖ Chikri is a pale, honey coloured, fine grained softwood found in hill ranges of Rajouri district of Jammu province.

- ❖ Mushqbudji rice is a premium variety of short, bold, aromatic rice grown in higher reaches of the Kashmir valley especially in Anantnag district.

### Maximum Cases of Cancer



- ❖ The trend of a steady rise in the number of cancer cases across India sustained itself in 2022 as well.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh is topping with 2.10 lakh new cases- up from 2.01 lakh in 2020.
- ❖ Of the total cases reported across India in 2022, as many as 8,08,558 died.
- ❖ The mortality rate is over 55 per cent.
- ❖ UP topped the list with 1,16,818 deaths.
- ❖ The death rate for UP was same as the national average.
- ❖ Maharashtra stood second in terms of deaths.

