

December - 07

## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The NCC is conducting a nationwide campaign to free seashores/beaches from plastic & other waste under 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan'.
  - The aim of the month-long Campaign is to propagate the message of 'Importance of Clean Seashores/Beaches' amongst the local population and future generation.
- ❖ Gattipally Shivpal has become the first dwarf in the country to obtain a driver's license.
  - He hails from Hyderabad.
- ❖ China launched the first cross-border train of its multi-billion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) from Laos.
  - Laos is the only landlocked country in South East Asia.
- ❖ Former Governor of Tamil Nadu and former Chief Minister of the unified State of Andhra Pradesh Konijeti Rosaiah passed away in Hyderabad.
  - Rosaiah, aged 88, was one of the most senior Congress leaders.
- ❖ India will have nine nuclear reactors by 2024.
  - A new nuclear project, the first in northern India, will come up 150 km away from Delhi in Gorakhpur of Haryana.

## NATIONAL

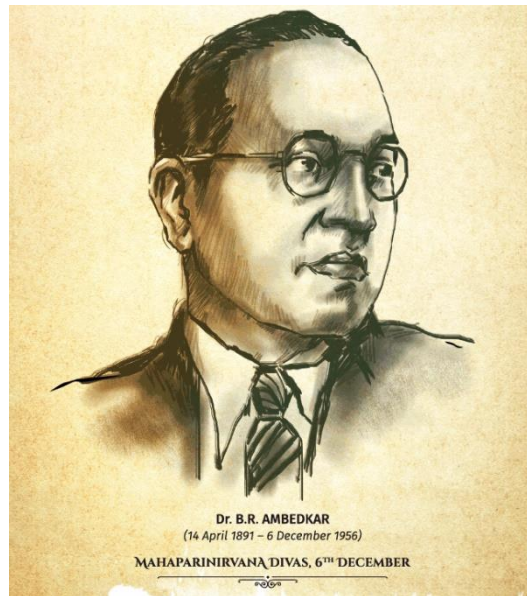
### Exercise Ekuverin



- ❖ The Exercise Ekuverin is a joint military exercise held between India and Maldives.
- ❖ It is held between the armies of India and Maldives.
- ❖ Ekuverin means “Friends” in the Dhivehi language.
- ❖ It is an Indo – Aryan language.
- ❖ It is spoken in India, Lakshadweep, and Maldives.
- ❖ The Exercise is being conducted between India and Maldives since 2008.
- ❖ The 2021 Exercise Ekuverin was held in the Maldives.

### **Maha parinirvana Divas**

- ❖ The death anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar is dubbed as Maha parinirvana Divas.
- ❖ The day falls on December 6.
- ❖ Mahaparinirvan is one of the major goals of Buddhism.
- ❖ It means “Nirvana after death”.
- ❖ Parinirvan is written as Parinibbana in Pali.
- ❖ Pali language is native to the Indian continent.



### **Caste census in Bihar**

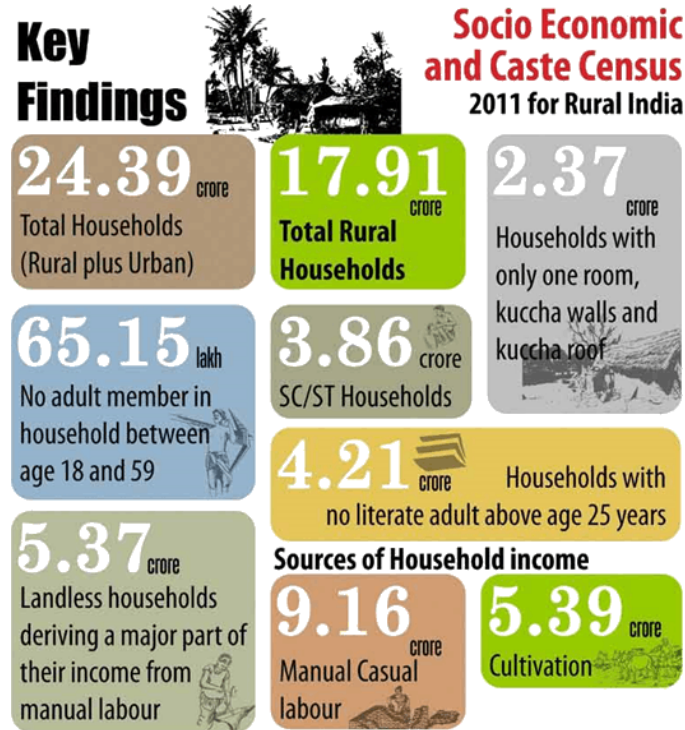
- ❖ Bihar is planning to conduct a State-specific caste-based exercise.

#### ***The issue***

- ❖ The Union government had told the Supreme Court that the caste-based data enumerated in the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) of 2011 was “unusable”.
- ❖ But in 2016, the Registrar-General and Census Commissioner of India had informed the Standing Committee on Rural Development that 98.87% of the data on individual caste and religion was “error-free”.

### Why “unusable”?

- ❖ The government had said that the total number of castes surveyed in 1931 was 4,147 while the 2011 SECC figures show that there are more than 46 lakh different castes.
- ❖ The entire exercise was corrupted because the enumerators had used different spellings for the same castes.
- ❖ In many cases, the respondents had refused to divulge their castes.



### Sandhayak

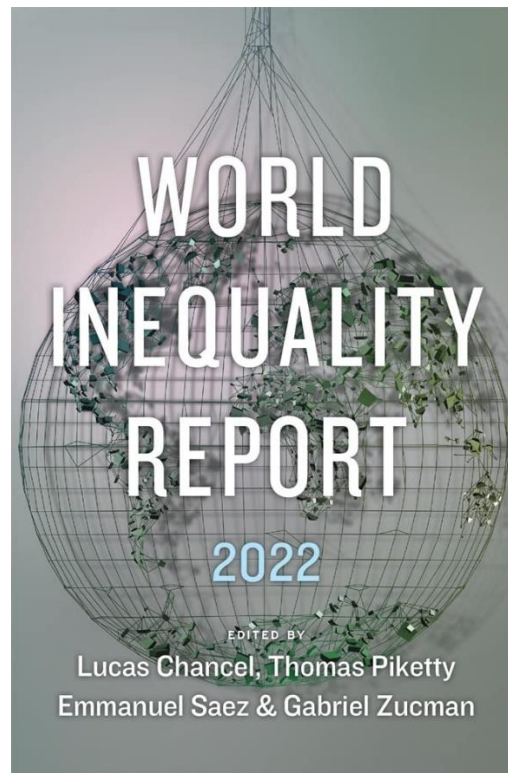
- ❖ The Indian Navy launched its new large survey vessel 'Sandhayak' in Kolkata.
- ❖ These survey ships are capable of full-scale coastal & deep-water hydrographic survey of Ports & Harbour approaches and determination of navigational channels & routes.

- ❖ These ships are also capable of undertaking surveys of maritime limits and collection of Oceanographic & Geographical data for Defence applications.
- ❖ Thus boosting the maritime capabilities of the country.



## INTERNATIONAL

### World Inequality Report 2022



- ❖ According to this, the richest 1 percent have since the mid-nineties captured 38 percent of wealth growth globally.
- ❖ As per the report, the richest 10 percent own around 60-80 percent of the wealth and the poorest half systematically own less than 5 percent of the wealth.

- ❖ The report suggested developing new forms of wealth taxation on multimillionaires, including a progressive rate of wealth tax with tax rates according to the value of the total amount of wealth owned.
- ❖ Tax ranging from 1 percent of wealth owned over \$1 million to 3 percent for global billionaires can generate 1.6 percent of global income.
- ❖ The report is published by the Harvard University Press in USA.

## STATES

### Project RE-HAB in Assam



- ❖ Project RE-HAB is Reducing Elephant Human – Attacks using Bees.
- ❖ It was recently launched in Assam.
- ❖ The honey bees in these fences' thwart elephant attacks in human habitations.
- ❖ They dissuade the elephants without harming them.
- ❖ It is highly cost-effective as compared to erecting fences or digging trenches.
- ❖ Simultaneously, it increases honey production and increases farmer income.
- ❖ The Project RE-HAB is implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
- ❖ The Project RE-HAB is a sub-mission under the National Honey Mission of KVIC.





- ❖ It was launched to provide awareness and training in using bee boxes along with the bee colonies.
- ❖ The Project was first launched in Karnataka.

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

### **Ciprian Foias Prize**



- ❖ The Eminent Indian-American mathematician Nikhil Srivastava has been jointly selected for the inaugural Ciprian Foias Prize.
- ❖ This is awarded for the "highly original work" in Operator Theory by the American Mathematical Society (AMS).
- ❖ Along with Prof. Srivastava, the two other awardees are Adam Marcus and Daniel Spielman.

## **SPORTS**

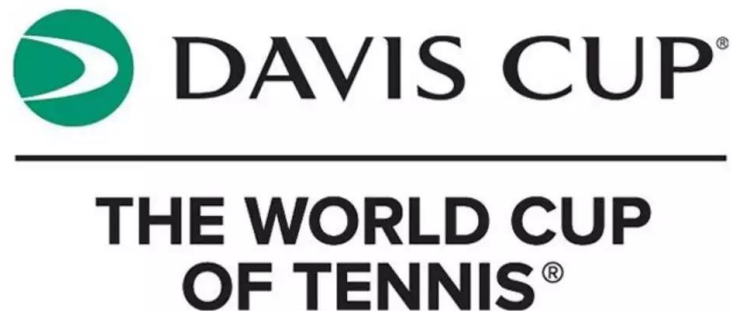
### **Ajaz Patel**

- ❖ Ajaz Patel is the third player to take 10 wickets in a Test inning.
- ❖ Ajaz is the first New Zealand bowler to achieve the feat.
- ❖ Mumbai-born New Zealand spinner Ajaz Patel achieved this feat at the Wankhede Stadium of Mumbai against India.

- ❖ He became the third cricketer to claim 10 wickets in a single inning of a Test match after Jim Laker and Anil Kumble.
- ❖ India was bowled out for 325.

|                                | AGAINST | VENUE            | YEAR |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------------|------|
| <b>JIM LAKER</b> ENG           | 10-53   | AUS OLD TRAFFORD | 1956 |
| <b>ANIL KUMBLE</b> IND         | 10-74   | PAK DELHI        | 1999 |
| <b>AJAZ PATEL</b> NZ           | 10-119  | IND MUMBAI       | 2021 |
| <b>GEORGE LOHMANN</b> ENG      | 9-28    | SA JOHANNESBURG  | 1896 |
| <b>JIM LAKER</b> ENG           | 9-37    | AUS OLD TRAFFORD | 1956 |
| <b>MUTTIAH MURALITHARAN</b> SL | 9-51    | ZIM KANDY        | 2002 |
| <b>RICHARD HADLEE</b> NZ       | 9-52    | AUS BRISBANE     | 1985 |
| <b>ABDUL QADIR</b> PAK         | 9-56    | ENG LAHORE       | 1987 |
| <b>DEVON MALCOLM</b> ENG       | 9-57    | SA THE OVAL      | 1994 |
| <b>MUTTIAH MURALITHARAN</b> SL | 9-65    | ENG THE OVAL     | 1998 |

## Davis Cup 2021



- ❖ The Davis Cup 2021 was won by the Russian Tennis Federation.
- ❖ The Davis Cup finals match was held between Daniil Medvedev and Andrey Rublev of Russia.



- ❖ Daniel Medvedev won the match bringing victory to the Russian Tennis Federation.
- ❖ Andrey Rublev was named the Most Valuable Player.
- ❖ The Davis Cup is also called the World Cup of Tennis.
- ❖ It is an international team event in men's tennis.
- ❖ The women's equivalent of the Davis Cup is Billie Jean King Cup.
- ❖ It is conducted by the International Tennis Federation.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development - December 05**

- ❖ The day is also referred to as IVD.
- ❖ It is mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985.
- ❖ To achieve goals at the local, national and international levels, the UN offers an opportunity to volunteer-involving organizations and individual volunteers to promote volunteerism.
- ❖ The theme for International Volunteer Day 2021 is 'Volunteer now for our common future'.



### **World Soil Day 2021 - December 05**

- ❖ World Soil Day is aimed at spreading awareness about the importance of soil.
- ❖ The day encourages people to come together and think of sustainable ways to manage soil resources.
- ❖ The date of December 5 was chosen because it coincides with the birthday of Thailand's King, Bhumibol Adulyadej.
- ❖ Also, he was the one who formally sanctioned the event.



- ❖ “Halt soil salinization, enhance soil production” is the theme for the year 2021.



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★