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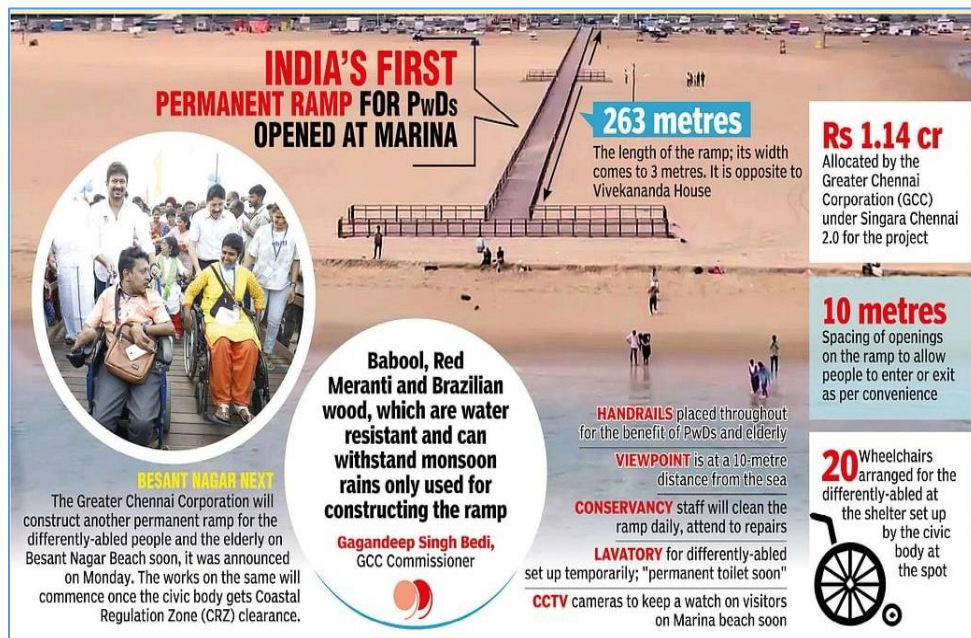
## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ World Computer Literacy Day is celebrated on December 2 every year.

## TAMIL NADU

### Pathway for the disabled

- ❖ An exclusive permanent pathway for persons with disabilities was inaugurated at the Marina beach, Chennai.
- ❖ This is India's first permanent ramp for persons with disabilities on a beach.



### Healthcare rankings

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Health and Family Welfare Department has ranked State-run healthcare institutions.
- ❖ It rated districts based on 17 criteria including Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR), Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), and out-patient treatment.
- ❖ This is the first time the State has ranked primary healthcare centres (PHCs), healthcare sub-centers, district headquarters hospitals, and medical college hospitals.
- ❖ Kancheepuram, Namakkal, and Thoothukudi districts have performed the best.

- ❖ Tenkasi, Tirupathur, and Dindigul are at the bottom of the list.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Kirit Parikh Committee**

- ❖ The Kirit Parikh panel recently submitted a report on gas pricing.
- ❖ It was recommending complete pricing freedom from January 1, 2026.
- ❖ The committee recommended that India should have completely free and market-determined pricing of natural gas extracted from legacy fields.
- ❖ It is account for over 70 per cent of the total natural gas produced in India.
- ❖ The panel also recommended increasing the ceiling rate for the gas from legacy fields by 0.5 per mm BTU (Metric Million British Thermal Unit).
- ❖ It recommended market-determined pricing for gas produced from legacy fields by January 1, 2027.
- ❖ It did not recommend any changes in the existing pricing formula for fields in difficult geology like KG-D6 of Reliance Industries.
- ❖ Currently, fields in deep sea, high temperature, high-pressure zones are governed by a different formula that includes an element of imported LNG cost.
- ❖ However, they are also subject to a price ceiling of 12.46 USD.



### **India Presidency at the UNSC**

- ❖ On 1st December, India assumed the monthly rotating presidency of the UN Security Council (UNSC).
- ❖ This is the second time in its two-year tenure as an elected member of the Council in 2021-22.
- ❖ India had earlier assumed UNSC presidency in August 2021.

- ❖ External Affairs Minister and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will inaugurate a bust of MK Gandhi at the United Nations on December 14.
- ❖ This day marks the arrival of the Gandhi at UN's headquarters,
- ❖ The UNSC, with a mandate to maintain international peace and security, is the centrepiece of global multilateralism.
- ❖ The UNSC is composed of 15 members: 5 permanent and 10 non-permanent.
- ❖ Ten non-permanent members are elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly.
- ❖ India has served seven times in the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member.
- ❖ In January 2021, India entered the UNSC for the eighth time.



## REPORTS AND INDICES

### World Bank Migration and Development Brief

- ❖ The World Bank recently released its 37th Migration and Development Brief 2022.
- ❖ It is titled as 'Remittances Brave Global Headwinds, Special Focus: Climate Migration'.
- ❖ Remittances to low- and middle-income countries increased by nearly 5 per cent to around 626 billion USD in 2022.
- ❖ This is less than 10.2 per cent increase in 2021.
- ❖ This growth is expected to slow further to around 2 per cent in 2023.



- ❖ The top five countries to receive highest remittance inflow in 2022 are India, Mexico, China, the Philippines and Egypt.



## STATES

### 23rd Hornbill Festival



- ❖ 23rd Hornbill Festival 2022 begins at Naga Heritage Village Kisama in Nagaland.
- ❖ It is also popularly known as the 'Festival of Festivals' and showcases Nagaland's rich culture.
- ❖ Hornbill is an Indian bird also known as the concave-casqued hornbill.
- ❖ It is one of the larger members of the hornbill family and is found in the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia.

- ❖ The bird is an important part of tribal culture and is known for its size and colour.

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

### **India's 100 Richest 2022**

- ❖ Forbes has launched its annual list of the country's 100 richest billionaires.
- ❖ Gautam Adani topped in the list.
- ❖ He is followed by Mukesh Ambani and Radhakishan Damani.
- ❖ The O.P. Jindal Group's Chairperson Emeritus is Savitri Jindal is in the 6<sup>th</sup> position.
- ❖ She is the only billionaire woman and working politician among the top 10.

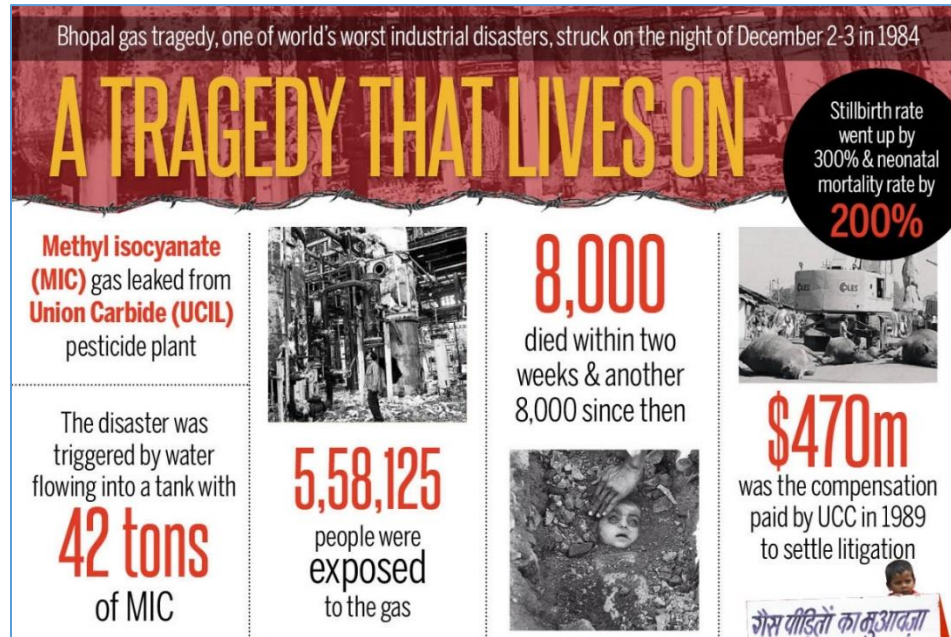


## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

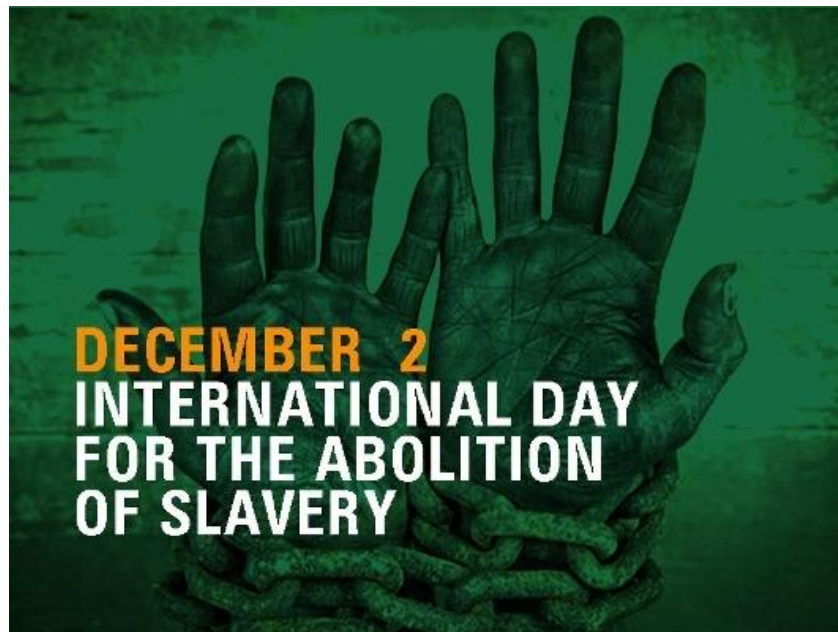
### **National Pollution Control Day - December 02**

- ❖ It honours those who died in the Bhopal Gas catastrophe on December 2nd and 3rd in 1984.
- ❖ Approximately 45 tons of methyl isocyanate escaped from an insecticide plant to environment.
- ❖ The day is dedicated to encourage the adoption of pollution control acts to prevent the environmental pollution caused by human negligence and industrial emissions.

- ❖ In India, around 7 million people die due to air pollution each year, of which 4 million are killed by indoor air pollution.



### International Day for the Abolition of Slavery - December 02

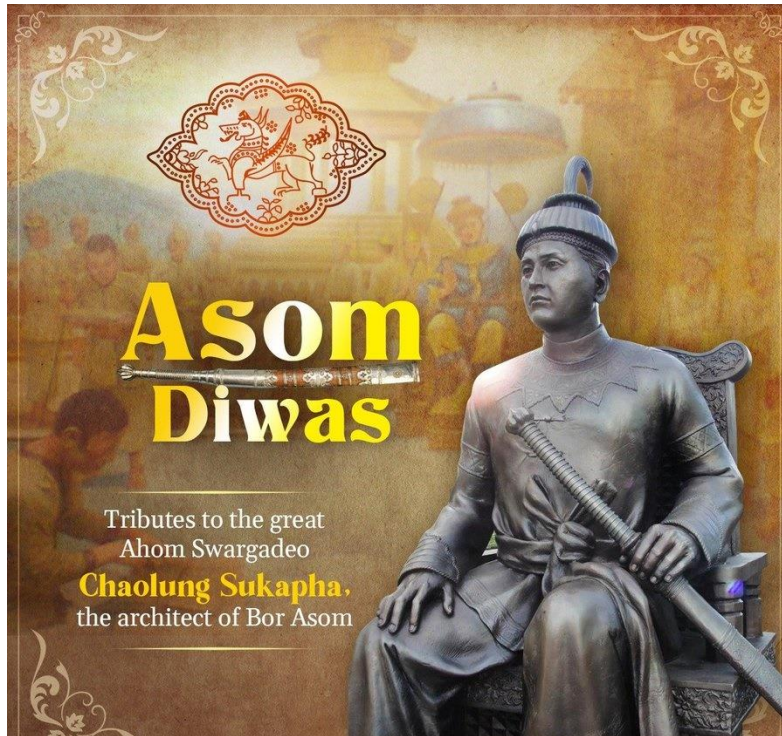


- ❖ The day marks the adoption of the United Nations Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others.
- ❖ It also commemorates the brutal history of slavery practised by colonial rulers.



- ❖ The theme of this year is 'Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism.'

### **Assam Day - December 02**



- ❖ Asom Divas or Assam Day is celebrated on 2nd December every year to mark the arrival of the first king of the Ahom kingdom Sukhapaa in Assam.
- ❖ The day is also celebrated as Sukaphaa Divas in honour of the founder of the Ahom kingdom.
- ❖ He was a 13th-century ruler who founded the Ahom kingdom that ruled Assam for six centuries. Contemporary scholars trace his roots to Burma.
- ❖ It was in Charaideo that Sukapha established his first small principality, sowing the seeds of further expansion of the Ahom kingdom.

### **International Day of Persons with Disabilities - December 03**

- ❖ It aims to spread awareness about the rights and well-being of people with disabilities.
- ❖ It also aims to raise awareness about the political, social and economic discrepancies faced by persons with disabilities.
- ❖ The observance of International Day of Persons with Disabilities began in 1992.



- ❖ This year theme is Transformative solutions for inclusive development: The role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world.

