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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Jal Jeevan Mission achieved the significant milestone of providing tap water to every home of 100 districts across the country.
 - Chamba, in Himachal Pradesh, has become the 100th 'Har Ghar Jal' district.
- ❖ The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the first G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meeting under the G20 Presidency of Indonesia.
 - The 17th G20 Heads of State and Government Summit will take place in November this year in Bali, Indonesia.
- ❖ France and its allies in a European force have announced they will begin withdrawing troops from Mali after nearly 10 years.
 - The decision applies to both France's Barkhane force in the Sahel and the Takuba European force.

NATIONAL

Guidelines on EPR for Plastic Packaging



- ❖ The Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change has issued guidelines on Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) on plastic packaging.
- ❖ It was issued under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- ❖ The guidelines will help in the formalization and growth of the plastic waste management industry.

Great Backyard Bird Count

- ❖ It is a four-day global event.
- ❖ The first day of the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) began on a high note with citizens recording 251 bird species across Karnataka.
- ❖ It is an online citizen science or community science project.
- ❖ It was first launched in 1998 by Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society.
- ❖ The importance of the event is that it helps the scientists better understand the global bird population before one of their annual migrations.
- ❖ The data is entered into eBird, the world's largest biodiversity-related citizen science (community science) project.



BrahMos supersonic cruise missile



- ❖ Indian Naval warship INS Visakhapatnam test-fired naval variant of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile off the western seaboard.
- ❖ INS Visakhapatnam is the Indian Navy's newest indigenously built stealth guided-missile destroyer.
- ❖ BrahMos is the main weapon system of the Indian Navy warships.

Watershed management program

- ❖ The Government of India (GoI), and the World Bank signed loan agreements of USD 115 million.
- ❖ This is to implement the “Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development” (REWARD) Project in the states of Karnataka and Odisha.
- ❖ This project is an initiative of the Department of Land Resources (DoLR), the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), and the World Bank.
- ❖ It is proposed as a 6 years project, from 2021 to 2026.
- ❖ It is one of the largest watershed management programs in the world.
- ❖ It will be funded in 70:30 proportion, 70% assistance will be provided by the World Bank and 30% by the State Governments.

Smart Card Arms License

TECH-SAVVY

Delhi Police has launched smart card arms licence and Shastra mobile application as part of their citizen-friendly digital services

Shastra mobile application has a pan-India database of arms licence holders


DELHI POLICE LICENSING UNIT

Like any credit or debit card, the arms licence can now be carried in a wallet

Has inherent security features, including an 18-digit unique identification number

To apply for one, provide details in the performa available on licensing unit website

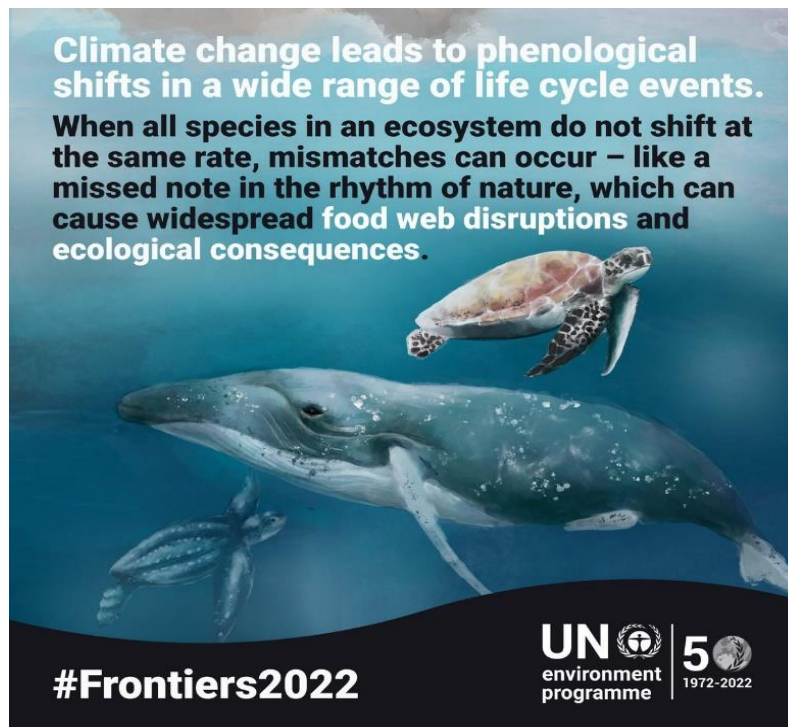
It has been installed in e-beat books of beat officers so they can easily check the licence of weapons on the spot



- ❖ The Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the 'Smart Card Arms License' and 'Shastra App' of the Delhi Police.
- ❖ It was launched on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Delhi Police.
- ❖ With this, the Delhi Police has become the first police force in the country to introduce such a smart card service.

INTERNATIONAL

UNEP Frontiers Report



- ❖ The Frontiers Report is released by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).
- ❖ The latest report is named "Noise, Blazes, and Mismatches: Emerging Issues of Environmental Concern."
- ❖ This report focuses on rising public health problems that are disrupting natural life cycles and causing environmental impacts around the world.
- ❖ Noise pollution, deadly wildfires, and various environmental threats which are looming could cause environmental damage.

mRNA Vaccine Production

- ❖ Six African countries have been chosen to establish their own mRNA vaccine production.



- ❖ Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, and Tunisia were selected.
- ❖ It is a push to ensure Africa can make its own jobs to fight the Covid and other diseases.

ECONOMY

Subscription to the shares of IDRCL

- ❖ State Bank of India (SBI), Punjab National Bank (PNB), Bank of Baroda (BoB), Union Bank of India (UBI), Canara Bank, and Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) have announced their subscription to the shares of India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL).
- ❖ Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and Public FIs will hold a maximum of 49% in stake of IDRCL.
- ❖ The remaining stake will be with private-sector lenders.
- ❖ The NARCL has been incorporated under the Companies Act.
- ❖ The public sector banks will hold 51 percent in NARCL.

| Name of Bank | Stake acquired | Reduces stake by March 31, 2022 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| State Bank of India (SBI) | 12.3% | 5% |
| Punjab National Bank (PNB) | 11.18% | 5% |
| Union Bank of India (UBI) | 12.3% | 10% |
| Canara Bank | 14.9% | 5% |
| Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) | 6.21% | 4% |
| Bank of Baroda (BoB) | 12.3% | 9.9% |

STATES

Haryana private sector quota law

- ❖ The Supreme Court has set aside Punjab & Haryana High Court order staying the Haryana govt's law on providing 75% reservation in private sector jobs for local candidates.

- ❖ The Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2020, was passed in November last year.
- ❖ It applies to jobs offering a maximum gross monthly salary or wages of ₹ 30,000.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022



- ❖ This year Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022 celebrated the opulence of Indian Cinema and also commemorated the 75 years of Independence or Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Awards

- Film of the Year Award - Pushpa: The Rise
- Best Film Award - Shershaah
- Best Actor Award - Ranveer Singh for film 83
- Best Actress Award - Kriti Sanon for film Mimi

SPORTS

Sakibul Gani - Ranji Trophy

- ❖ India's Sakibul Gani became the first batter in world cricket to hit a triple century on his first-class debut.



- ❖ He made 341 in the Ranji Trophy tournament.
- ❖ He belongs to Bihar Team.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Arunachal Pradesh Statehood Day - February 20



Mizoram And Arunachal Pradesh **Statehood Day - 20 February**

- ❖ Arunachal Pradesh became a full-fledged state on February 20, 1987.
- ❖ Till 1972, it was known as the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA).

- ❖ It gained the Union Territory status on January 20, 1972, and was renamed Arunachal Pradesh.

Mizoram foundation day - February 20



Mizoram And Arunachal Pradesh **Statehood Day - 20 February**

- ❖ Mizoram was declared as a separate UT in 1972 under the Northeast Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971.
- ❖ It became the 23rd state of India after the 53rd Amendment to the Indian Constitution.
- ❖ Mizoram, as well as the state of Arunachal Pradesh, came into existence on 20 February 1987.

The International Mother Language Day - February 21

Using Technology for Multilingual Learning: Challenges and Opportunities

**International Mother Language
Day 2022 Celebration by UNESCO**



- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness regarding linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism.
- ❖ The 2022 theme is “Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities”.
- ❖ International Mother Language Day was proclaimed by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in November 1999.
- ❖ The UN General Assembly welcomed the proclamation of the day in its resolution of 2002.

