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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ In October 2019, Anoop Kumar Mendiratta became the first serving judge to be appointed as Union Law Secretary.
  - On February 25, 2022, he became the first Union Law Secretary to be appointed as a judge in High Court.
- ❖ Delhi will get India's first e-waste eco-park.
  - This is to handle the increasing e-waste.
- ❖ Cyclone Emnati wreaked havoc on Madagascar.
  - It made landfall just north of the south-eastern district of Manakara.
- ❖ The National Policy Guidelines on Bio-Medical Innovation and Entrepreneurship was launched by Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya in New Delhi.
  - The aim of this policy is to develop an entrepreneurial environment in India that will be innovation-driven with the ultimate goal of improving human health and well-being.
- ❖ International Polar Bear Day is celebrated around the globe on February 27th.
  - The day is observed to raise awareness about the conservation of the polar bear.

## NATIONAL

### P-8I Aircraft



- ❖ Aircraft manufacturer Boeing has delivered the 12th P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft to the Indian Navy.

- ❖ This completes the follow-on clause for four additional P-8I aircraft contracted in 2016.
- ❖ P-8I Aircraft is a long-range maritime reconnaissance and Anti-Submarine Warfare Aircraft.

### Indian Railway's First Solar Power Plant



- ❖ A 1.7-megawatt solar photovoltaic plant has been commissioned by Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. at Bina, Madhya Pradesh for the Indian Railways.
- ❖ Power to the traction systems of Indian Railways will be fed directly through this plant.
- ❖ This is the first such Solar Power Plant commissioned on the Indian Railways network to directly feed Traction Power.

## INTERNATIONAL


### Fire Ready Formula

New "Fire Ready Formula"	
Budget item	% share of the total on wildfire management recommended
Planning	1%
Prevention	32%
Preparedness	13%
Response	34%
Recovery	20%



- ❖ The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in its report on wildfire called on global governments to adopt a new 'Fire Ready Formula'.
- ❖ The "Fire Ready Formula" was recommended by the UNEP as it warned that the incidences of wildfires would rise in the future.
- ❖ This formula envisages that 66% (two-third) of spending must be devoted to planning, prevention, preparedness and recovery.
- ❖ The remaining 34% (one-third) can be spent on response.

## Russian-Ukraine Crisis UNSC Draft Resolution

 **PR/Amb T S Tirumurti** ✓  
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In UN Security Council meeting on #Ukraine today, India abstained on the vote on draft resolution.

Our Explanation of Vote ↴

**UNSC Adoption of Resolution on the situation in Ukraine**  
[25 February 2022; 1500 hrs]  
**Statement by Ambassador T.S. Tirumurti**  
Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations

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**EXPLANATION OF VOTE**

- India is deeply disturbed by the recent turn of developments in Ukraine.
- We urge that all efforts are made for the immediate cessation of violence and hostilities.
- No solution can ever be arrived at, at the cost of human lives.
- We are also deeply concerned about the welfare and security of the Indian community, including a large number of Indian students, in Ukraine.
- The contemporary global order has been built on the UN Charter, international law, and respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states.
- All member states need to honour these principles in finding a constructive way forward.
- Dialogue is the only answer to settling differences and disputes, however daunting that may appear at this moment.
- It is a matter of regret that the path of diplomacy was given up. We must return to it.
- For all these reasons, India has chosen to abstain on this resolution.

- ❖ India abstained from a United Nations Security Council resolution sponsored by the United States that strongly condemned Russia's aggression against Ukraine.
- ❖ India stated that discussion is the only way to resolve differences and issues, and expressed regret that diplomacy was abandoned.
- ❖ Russia, chaired the meeting as it holds the presidency for the month of February vetoed the resolution.
- ❖ China along with United Arab Emirates (UAE) has also abstained.

- ❖ As Russia vetoed this resolution, even though the other members voted for it, the resolution did not pass.

## ECONOMY

### India's FDI Inflow - April to Dec 2021



- ❖ India's Foreign direct investment (FDI) equity inflows contracted by 16 percent to USD 43.17 billion.
- ❖ This is according to data from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), during April-December 2021.
- ❖ During the same time period the previous year, inflows stood at USD 51.47 billion.
- ❖ The highest inflows were in the hardware and computer software sector.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Plant-Derived COVID Vaccine



- ❖ The first country in the world that has authorized the use of a plant-based COVID-19 vaccine is Canada.
- ❖ Plants are used as living factories by Medicago.
- ❖ These plants are used to grow virus-like particles that mimic the coronavirus spike protein.
- ❖ Medicago is located in Quebec City.
- ❖ It is developing various types of plant-based vaccines against multiple types of diseases.

## STATES

### Manipur Meitei Community



- ❖ Demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status for the majority Meitei community, has become a huge election issue in Manipur.
- ❖ Demand for ST status is not because the Meitei community wants jobs in the Central sector.
- ❖ But because they can't buy land in hill areas.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Hemananda Biswal

- ❖ Odisha's first tribal chief minister as well as last Congress chief minister of the state, Hemananda Biswal recently passed away.
- ❖ He was 82.
- ❖ Biswal is a Bhuyan tribal from the Jharsuguda district.



- ❖ He served as the chief minister twice from 1989 to 1990 and 1999 to 2000.



## SPORTS

### National Chess Championship



- ❖ In the 58th Senior National Chess Championship', the former champion Adhiban of Petroleum Sports Promotion Board was given the top billing.
- ❖ The tournament features a total of 184 players.
- ❖ This is the first time that 23 GMs and 30 IMs are taking part in a national championship.

### Singapore Weightlifting International

- ❖ Mirabai Chanu has won the gold medal in the 55kg weight category at the Singapore Weightlifting International 2022.
- ❖ Chanu lifted 191kg (86kg+105kg) to stand on top of the podium.

- ❖ She was the 2020 Tokyo Olympics silver-medallist.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World NGO Day - February 27



- ❖ Non-Governmental Organizations or NGOs work in the upliftment of society.

- ❖ It is an international day to recognize, celebrate and honor non-government and non-profit organizations and also those who contribute their time and efforts in making society a better place to live in.

### **National Protein Day - February 27**

- ❖ The day is celebrated to create awareness about protein deficiency and encourage people to include of this macronutrient in their diet.
- ❖ This year's theme of India Protein Day is 'Food Futurism'.
- ❖ The day was launched on February 27, 2020.



### **World Sustainable energy day - February 27**

- ❖ The day hosts events centered on sustainable energy production and use, which covers energy efficiency and renewable energy sources for buildings, industry, and transport.
- ❖ The theme of World Sustainable Energy is Energy transition - full speed ahead!



**Full Speed Ahead:  
The Great Energy  
Transition**

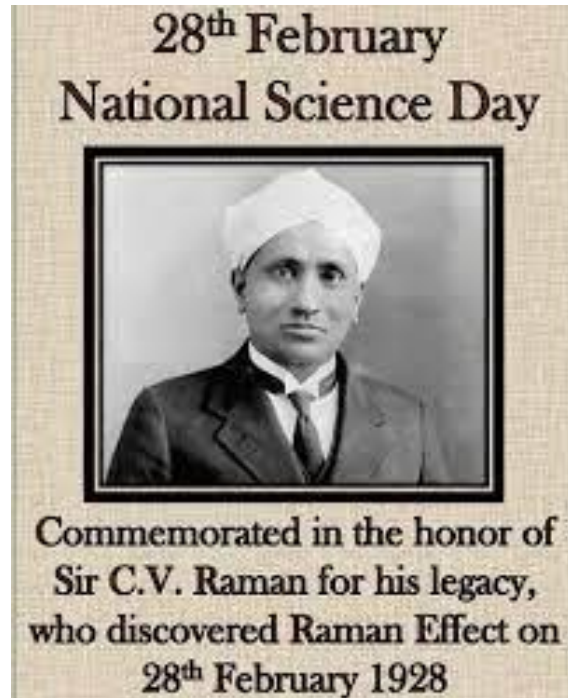


### **National Science Day - February 28**

- ❖ On this day, Sir CV Raman had announced the discovery of the Raman Effect for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930.
- ❖ The government of India designated 28 February as National Science Day in 1986.



- ❖ The theme of National Science Day 2022 is 'Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future'.



### **Rare Disease Day 2022 - February 28**

- ❖ Rare Disease Day is an observance held on the last day of February.
- ❖ It is to raise awareness for rare diseases and improve access to treatment and medical representation for individuals with rare diseases and their families.
- ❖ The European Organisation for Rare Diseases was established the day in 2008.

