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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Captain Shiva Chauhan has been posted at a frontline post in Siachen Glacier.
  - It was marking the first time a woman army officer operationally deployed at the world's highest battlefield.

## NATIONAL

### e-SCR project



- ❖ The CJI, D Y Chandrachud, has announced the launch of the electronic Supreme Court Reports (e-SCR) project.
- ❖ It aims to provide free access to around 34,000 judgments of the apex court to lawyers, law students, and the general public.
- ❖ These judgments will be available on the Supreme Court's website, mobile app, and on the National Judicial Data Grid's judgment portal.
- ❖ The CJI also announced that neutral citations will be introduced in the Supreme Court.
- ❖ The Neutral citations are standardized legal citations that do not identify the publisher of a legal document.
- ❖ It was allowing for impartial and objective referencing.
- ❖ Delhi and Kerala High Courts already use neutral citations.

### World's longest river cruise

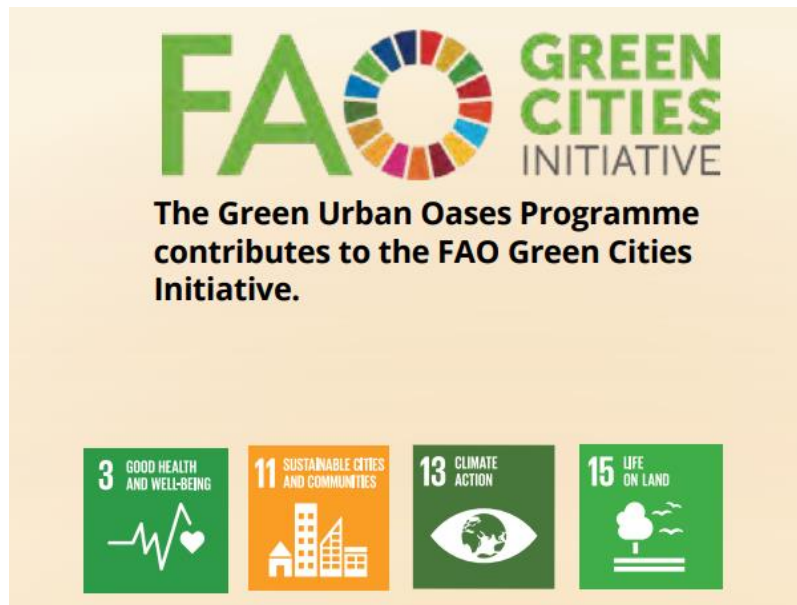
- ❖ The world's longest river cruise - 'Ganga Vilas' - all set to flag off from Varanasi to Dibrugarh via Bangladesh.
- ❖ It was covering a journey of 3200 km in 50 days and passing through 27 river systems in India and Bangladesh.

- ❖ The cruise ship will give tourists a chance to visit over 50 architecturally important places, including world heritage sites.
- ❖ This will also pass-through national parks and sanctuaries, including the Sundarbans Delta and the Kaziranga National Park.



## ENVIRONMENT

### Urban Forestry and Urban Greening in Drylands



- ❖ The food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has released this report, under the framework of FAO's Green Urban Oases Programme.
- ❖ 35% of the world's largest cities (including New Delhi, Mexico City etc.) are built on the world's dryland.

- ❖ In all, they are home to more than 2 billion people, 90 percent of them in developing countries.
- ❖ Urban policies have yet to incorporate forestry and greening strategies in the majority of dryland cities.
- ❖ Currently, more than half of the global population lives in cities and 95 percent of urban growth between now and 2050 is expected to take place in the global South.
- ❖ Drylands are lands with an aridity index of less than 0.65.
- ❖ Aridity index is the ratio between average annual precipitation and potential evapotranspiration.

## STATES

### Free Rice Scheme – Telangana



- ❖ The Telangana government has decided to join the free rice scheme of the Centre under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).
- ❖ The Central scheme envisaged supply of five kgs of rice per head per month in a family to NFSA cardholders in the State.
- ❖ But the State government will extend the scheme to an additional 35.52 lakh cardholders at its own cost.
- ❖ The two types of cardholders had been getting the benefit of free rice under the Prime Minister's Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana under the Public Distribution System (PDS) till December 31.

### Manipur Gaan Ngai festival

- ❖ The Gaan Ngai festival is a major event in the state of Manipur, celebrated by the Zeliarong community.

- ❖ The festival is a celebration of culture, music, dance, and spiritual rituals that brings the community together in unity and joy.
- ❖ The Zeliarong community, made up of the Rongmei, Liangmei, and Zeme tribes, is one of the most prominent tribal communities in the state.



### **Imoinu Eratpa Festival**



- ❖ Imoinu Iratpa or Emoinu Iratpa is a festival celebrated majorly by the Meitei community in Manipur.
- ❖ It is dedicated to the Goddess 'Imoinu Ahongbi'.
- ❖ 'Imoinu' or 'Emoinu' is the goddess to whom this festival is dedicated.



- ❖ In Meitei mythology, she is associated with household, hearth, kitchen, wealth, peace, and prosperity.
- ❖ She is also associated as one of the incarnations of the goddess Leimarel Sidabi.

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

### **Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2022**



- ❖ IIT Madras has won the Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards at the Wharton Campus, Philadelphia, USA.
- ❖ The institute has been awarded and its BS in Data Science and Applications is awarded the silver in the best online program category.
- ❖ The National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) run by IIT Madras, won the gold in the lifelong learning category.
- ❖ This Awards recognize outstanding achievements of educators, institutions, and organizations that drive innovation and excellence in education.

### **IACP 2022 Award**

- ❖ International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), has selected the anti-drug & illicit liquor campaign 'Nijaat' of Chhattisgarh police for 'Leadership in Crime Prevention' in the institutional category.
- ❖ Early this year, the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) included the Nijaat campaign among the thirty best smart-policing campaigns in the country.
- ❖ The meaning for Nijaat is Riddance or Liberation.

- ❖ The campaign was launched by the Chhattisgarh police under the leadership of the IPS officer Santosh Kumar Singh.
- ❖ IACP is the US-based international organisation.



### World Habitat Award 2023



- ❖ Odisha won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission.
- ❖ This mission is the land titling and slum upgrading program that aims at empowering the lives of slum dwellers.

- ❖ Earlier in 2019, this mission had received World Habitat Awards for its success in providing land tenure security to the slum dwellers.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award



- ❖ The 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention will be held at Indore in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ An educationist in Bhutan, a doctor in Brunei and civil society activists in Ethiopia, Israel and Poland were among the 27 people chosen for the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award 2023.
- ❖ The PBSA is conferred by the President as part of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention on non-resident Indians.
- ❖ This is the highest honour for overseas Indians.

## SPORTS

### BCCI best players in 2022



- ❖ The Board of Control for Cricket has released the names of the players who have been Team India's best performers in all three formats of the game.



- ❖ In Tests, BCCI acknowledged Rishabh Pant as top batter and Jasprit Bumrah as top bowler.
- ❖ In the One Day International format, Shreyas Iyer was adjudged the best batter while Mohammed Siraj was the best bowler.
- ❖ Suryakumar Yadav was adjudged the best batter in T20 format and Bhuvneshwar Kumar was the best bowler.

