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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India's first Armoured Light Specialist Vehicle (ALSV) Armado makes its debut at the Republic Day Parade 2024.
 - It is a fully indigenous vehicle designed and built by the Mahindra Defence Systems (MDS) for the Indian armed forces.
- ❖ India overtook Hong Kong to claim the fourth position in the global equity market rankings by market capitalisation.
 - India's market cap reached \$4.33 trillion, beating Hong Kong's \$4.29 trillion market cap.
- ❖ India has been elected as the First Vice Chair of the Food and Agriculture Organization FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management.
 - India will serve as member of a FAO Fisheries Bureau on 'Capture Fisheries' for the first time in 57 years.
- ❖ Data Privacy Day was observed on January 28 to raising awareness about online privacy, data protection, and how to safeguard your personal information in the digital world.

NATIONAL

All Women contingent's parade



- ❖ Women contingents from the Armed Forces, Border Security Force (BSF), Delhi Police, and Agniveers paraded on Kartavya Path, Delhi.
- ❖ Capt Sandhya Mahla led an all-women tri-service contingent at the parade along with Sub Lt Aashu Yadav, Flt Lt Shrishti Verma and Capt Sharanya Rao.

- ❖ The contingent was consisted of women Agniveers from all the three services.
- ❖ For the first time, an all-women contingent of the Armed Forces Medical Services marched on Kartavya Path, led by Major Srishti Khullar.
- ❖ A 149-member all-male contingent of the Bombay Sappers, which returned to the parade after two decades, was led by woman officer, Major Divya Tyagi.
- ❖ For the first time in the history, the Delhi police force IPS officer Shweta K Sugathan lead the contingent comprised only women personnel.
- ❖ The Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent was led by Squadron Leader Rashmi Thakur.
- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) contingent was led by assistant commandant Chunauti Sharma.
- ❖ For the second time, female camel riders on their decorated camels took part in the parade.

Idate Commission Report



- ❖ The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) stressed on the need to implement the Bhiku Ramji Idate Commission report.
- ❖ The Idate Commission submitted its report in January 2018.
- ❖ The committee has recommended for setting up a permanent commission for Nomadic, Semi Nomadic, and De-Notified Tribes (NTs, SNTs, and DNTs) in India.
- ❖ The Renke Commission report of 2008 had roughly estimated their population to be between 10-12 crore.
- ❖ However, none of its recommendations were implemented.



- ❖ The commission also maintained that the government must act to repeal the Habitual Offenders Act, 1952 and if not, the appointment of a representative of De-notified Tribe community with the nodal officers as stipulated in the Act.
- ❖ It also suggested the non-inclusion of DNTs/NTs/SNTs under the SC/ST/OBC and formulation of specific policies for the former, among many others.

Boeing Sukanya Program

- ❖ The new state-of-the-art Boeing India Engineering & Technology Center (BIETC) campus was inaugurated in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ❖ The Boeing Sukanya Program was also launched during the event.
- ❖ It aims to support the entry of more girl children from across India into the country's aviation sector.
- ❖ The programme will provide opportunities for girls and women to learn critical skills in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) fields.
- ❖ For young girls, the programme will create STEM Labs at 150 planned locations to help spark interest in STEM careers.
- ❖ It also providing scholarships to women who are training to be pilots.

❑ **43-acre campus**, built with a substantial investment of **Rs 1,600 crores**, stands as **Boeing's** largest such investment outside the USA

❑ Prime Minister also launched the **Boeing Sukanya Programme**, aimed at fostering increased participation of girl children from across **India** in the country's burgeoning **aviation sector**

VAIBHAV Fellowship Scheme

- ❖ The government unveiled a VAIBHAV fellowship to bring Indian-origin researchers to higher educational institutions in the country for a maximum period of two months per year.
- ❖ The fellowship offers NRI researchers an opportunity to work for a minimum of one month to a maximum of two months a year with a research institution or an academic institution in India.

- ❖ The duration of the fellowship is three years with the government offering the researchers an amount of up to Rs 37 lakh for the entire period.
- ❖ It is similar as Visiting Advanced Joint Research Faculty (Vajra) scheme of 2018.



INTERNATIONAL

Steadfast Defender 2024 exercise

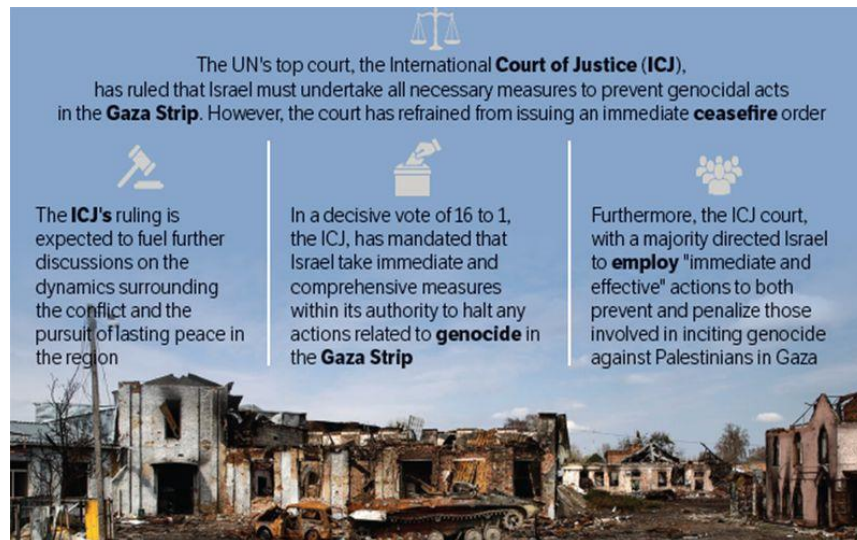


- ❖ The Exercise Steadfast Defender 24, NATO's largest exercise in decades, began at USA.
- ❖ It will take place in several locations, with associated exercises running until May 31, 2024.

- ❖ It will be the first large scale NATO exercise where new defence plans will be put into action.
- ❖ Approximately 90,000 troops from the United States and other Nato member nations are slated to participate.

ICJ Ruling on Gaza

- ❖ The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has delivered its ruling on the emergency measures requested by South Africa.
- ❖ South Africa filed a genocide case against Israel over its war on the Gaza Strip.
- ❖ ICJ has ordered Israel to take steps to prevent acts of genocide in Gaza but stopped short of ordering a ceasefire.



SPORTS

BCCI awards 2024

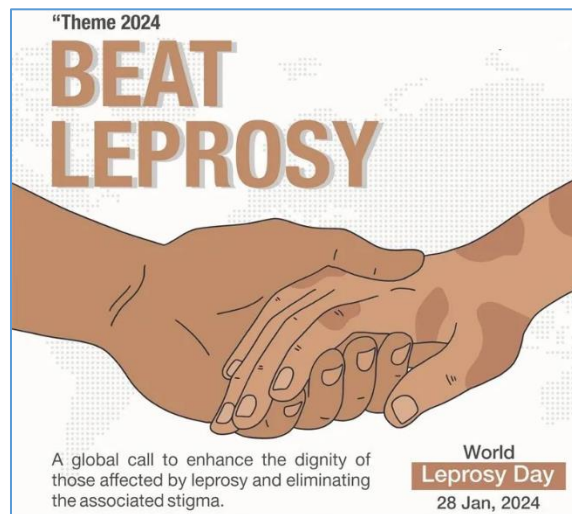
- ❖ Initiated in 2006-07, the BCCI Awards honour exceptional cricket achievements.
- ❖ Ashwin won the Dilip Sardesai Award for finishing as the highest wicket-taker in Test cricket - 2022-23.
- ❖ Ashwin also won the Polly Umrigar Award for best international cricketer of the year for the second time in his career.
- ❖ Mohammad Shami, Shubman Gill and Bumrah got the awards for the best international cricketers in 2019-20, 2022-23 and 2021-22 respectively.
- ❖ Kashvee Gautam, won the Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy for the Best Women Cricketer (Jr Domestic)

- ❖ Ravi Shastri and Farokh Engineer were bestowed with the Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Awards.
- ❖ Highest Run-Getter in ODIs - Women: Punam Raut (2019-20), Mithali Raj (2020-21), Harmanpreet Kaur (2021-22), Jemimah Rodrigues (2022-23)
- ❖ Best International Cricketer - Women go to Deepti Sharma for 2019-20, Smriti Mandhana for 2020-22 and Deepti Sharma for 2022-2023.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Leprosy Day 2024 - January 28



- ❖ Every year, World Leprosy Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month of January.



- ❖ In 1954, French Journalist Raoul Follereau established this day create awareness about this disease and explore the treatment options available.
- ❖ The theme of this year's is – Beat Leprosy.

Indian Newspaper Day 2024 - January 29



- ❖ India and Asia's first printed newspaper were the English weekly 'Hicky's Bengal Gazette'.
- ❖ It was started by an Irishman on January 29, 1780.
- ❖ This day aims at promoting newspapers and encouraging people to pick up the newspaper and read it every day.
- ❖ James Augustus Hickey, the founder of 'Hickey's Bengal Gazette', is considered the "father of Indian press".
- ❖ The oldest existing newspaper in India is Mumbai Samachar (formerly Bombay Samachar) published for the first time in 1822 in Gujarati.
- ❖ The first Tamil newspaper in India was the Swadesa Mitran, which was started as a weekly in 1882 by G. Subramanya Aiyer.

