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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India won against England to triumph in the first-ever ICC U19 Women's T20 Cricket World Cup 2023.
  - It was the first edition of the ICC Women's Under-19 Cricket World Cup, hosted by South Africa in 2023.
- ❖ Germany beat Belgium 5-4 in the penalty shootout to win the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

## TAMIL NADU

### CM on Field Visit

#### PURPOSE

Providing an opportunity for the general public to air their grievances unchecked by the local district officials

#### ON CALL

Top brass from Revenue, Police, Local Administration, Health, Agriculture, Education and Public Works departments

#### FOCUS ON

Local public, trade unions, SHGs, activists, farmers and traders can meet the CM and air their grievances

- ❖ Chief Minister MK Stalin will be launching a new initiative - Kala Aaivil Mudhalvar (Chief Minister on Field Visit) on February 1 and 2 from Vellore district.
- ❖ It aims to review the progress of the welfare and developmental schemes in four districts - Vellore, Ranipet, Thirupathur and Thiruvannamalai.

- ❖ He will visit the entire state zone-wise in the coming months.
- ❖ For this purpose, all districts are likely to be divided into 10 zones, with each zone having four or five districts.

## NATIONAL

### Amrit Udyan

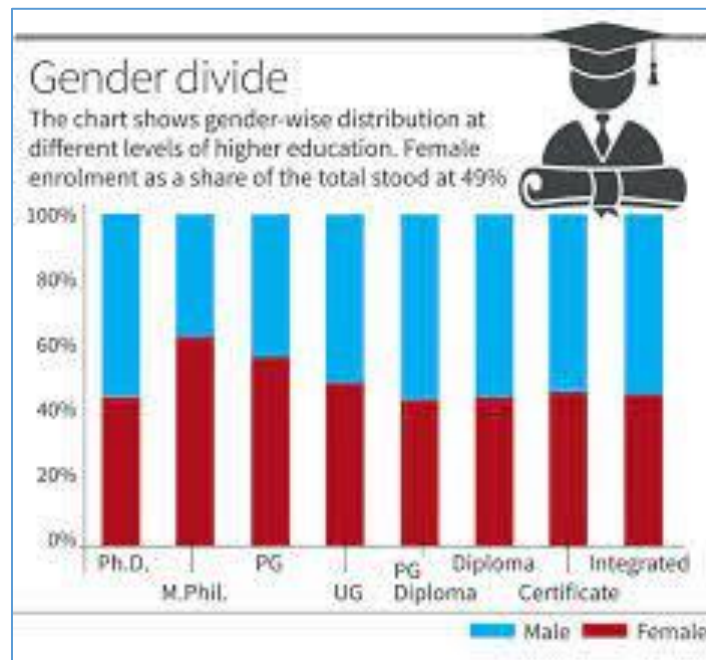
- ❖ The Rashtrapati Bhavan gardens — popularly known as the Mughal Gardens was renamed as Amrit Udyan.
- ❖ Designed by Edwin Lutyens — the iconic garden is spread across 15-acres and it incorporates both Mughal and English landscaping styles.
- ❖ The main garden has two channels intersecting at right angles dividing the garden into grid of squares - a Charbagh (a four cornered garden) - a typical characteristic of the Mughal landscaping.



### All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-2021

- ❖ The number of students pursuing higher education increased by 7.5% as compared to 2019-20 and increased by 21% as compared to 2014-15.
- ❖ The numbers were more than 4.14 crores.
- ❖ This is the first time; the figures crossed the 4-crore mark.
- ❖ Female enrolment reaches 2 crore mark, increase of 13 Lakh from 2019-20.
- ❖ Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) has improved from previous year for all social groups.

- ❖ Enrolment in Distance Education has increased by 7% in 2020-21 from 2019-20.
- ❖ Gender Parity Index (GPI) has increased from 1 in 2017-18 to 1.05 in 2020-21.
- ❖ The female enrolment in North East States is 6.14 lakh in 2020-21, higher than the male enrolment (5.92 lakh).
- ❖ UP, TN, Maharashtra, MP, Rajasthan, and Karnataka are the top 6 States in terms of number of enrolments.
- ❖ Highest number of universities is in Rajasthan (92), Uttar Pradesh (84) and Gujarat (83).
- ❖ States with Highest college density: Karnataka (62), Telangana (53), Kerala (50), Himachal Pradesh (50), Andhra Pradesh (49), Uttarakhand (40), Rajasthan (40), Tamilnadu (40).
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat are top 8 States in terms of number of colleges.
- ❖ Total number of faculty/teachers increases by 47,914 from 2019-20.



## SPORTS

### ICC annual awards 2022

- ❖ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced its first individual award winners in the ICC Awards 2022.

- ❖ Winners in the 13 individual categories were based on overall performances and achievements throughout the calendar year.

Category	Winner
<b>Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy</b>	Babar Azam (Pakistan)
<b>Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy</b>	Nat Sciver (England)
<b>Men's Test Cricketer of the Year:</b>	Ben Stokes (England)
<b>Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year:</b>	Babar Azam
<b>Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year:</b>	Nat Sciver
<b>Men's T20 International Cricketer of the Year:</b>	Suryakumar Yadav (India)
<b>Women's T20 International Cricketer of the Year:</b>	Tahlia McGrath (Australia)
<b>Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year:</b>	Marco Jansen (South Africa)
<b>Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year:</b>	Renuka Singh (India)
<b>Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year:</b>	Gerhard Erasmus (Namibia)
<b>Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year:</b>	Esha Oza (India)
<b>David Shepherd Trophy:</b>	Richard Illingworth (England)
<b>Spirit of Cricket Award:</b>	Aasif Sheikh (Nepal).

## Australian Tennis Open 2023



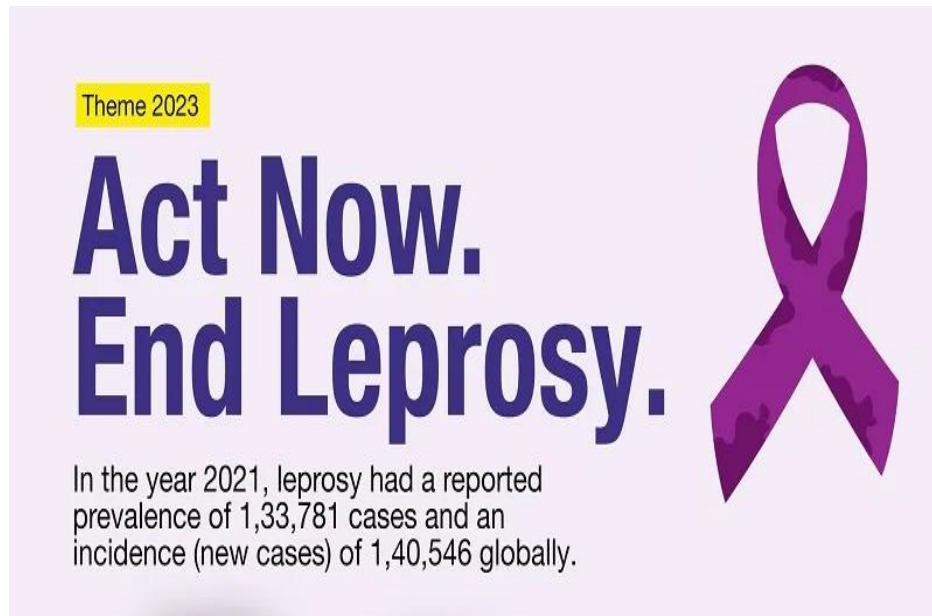
- ❖ Novak Djokovic of Serbia beats Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece to win his 10<sup>th</sup> Australian Open title in Australian Open 2023.



- ❖ Djokovic's 22 Grand Slams once again has ignited the argument for his greatness over Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer who have 22 and 20 titles respectively.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Leprosy Day - January 29

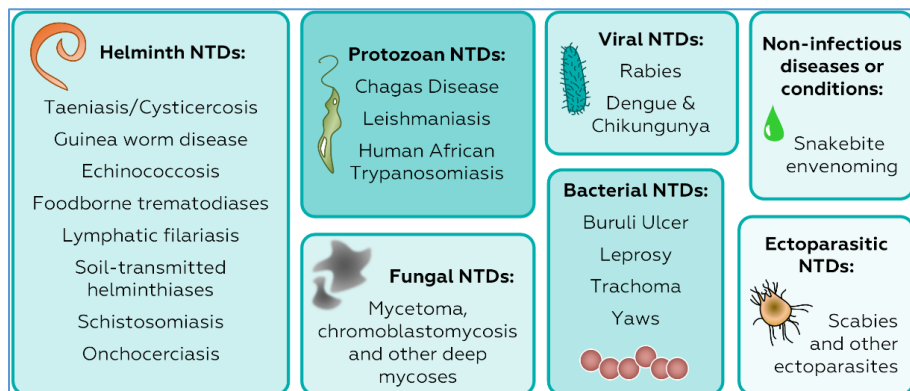


- ❖ It is celebrated on the last Sunday of January to spread awareness about leprosy disease.
- ❖ This day call for an end to leprosy-related stigma and discrimination.
- ❖ Leprosy is also known as Hansen's disease.
- ❖ Gerhard Henrik Armauer Hansen was discovered the slow-growing bacterium - Mycobacterium leprae in 1873 as the main cause of illness.
- ❖ The theme of World Leprosy Day 2023 is "Act Now, End Leprosy".
- ❖ It was established in 1954 by French philanthropist Raoul Follereau.
- ❖ Leprosy is a chronic infectious disease and is caused by a bacillus, Mycobacterium leprae.
- ❖ It multiplies slowly and the incubation period of the disease is 5 years on average.
- ❖ In India, it is observed on 30th January every year, coinciding with the death anniversary of Gandhi.
- ❖ Over half of these global leprosy cases are detected in India.
- ❖ In the year 2021, leprosy had a reported prevalence of 1,33,781 cases and an incidence (new cases) of 1,40,546 globally.

- ❖ In India, the prevalence of leprosy is 0.4 per 10,000 population.

### World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day - January 30

- ❖ On 31 May 2021, the World Health Assembly recognized 30 January as World Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) Day.
- ❖ It aims to create better awareness of the devastating impact of NTDs on the poorest populations around the world.
- ❖ The day is also an opportunity to call on everyone to support the growing momentum for the control, elimination and eradication of these diseases.
- ❖ NTDs are a diverse group of 20 conditions that are mainly prevalent in tropical areas.
- ❖ WHO South-East Asia Region accounts for the second highest NTD burden globally.
- ❖ NTDs are a group of infections that are most common among marginalised communities in the developing regions of Africa, Asia and the Americas.
- ❖ They are caused by a variety of pathogens such as viruses, bacteria, protozoa and parasitic worms.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### Hindenburg Research Report on Adani Group

- ❖ Adani Group Shares have fallen heavily after the Hindenburg Report, an American investment consultancy and research institute.
- ❖ Hindenburg has accused the Adani Group of fraud and irregularities.
- ❖ Adani has fallen to the 11<sup>th</sup> position in the list of the world's richest people.
- ❖ Hindenburg Research Company uncovers scandals in many large companies.

- ❖ The report of these scams is published by this company.
- ❖ It is a forensic financial research firm that analyses equity, credit and derivatives.



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