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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India's first-ever Olympic medallist in women's boxing, Mary Kom, has been honoured with the Global Indian Icon of the Year award at the annual U.K.-India Awards.
- ❖ The World Mining Congress (WMC) 2023 was held in Brisbane, Australia.
- ❖ Indian golfer Diksha Dagar, clinched the Tipsport Czech Ladies Open, held at London.
  - It was her second Ladies European Tour (LET) event title, and her first since 2019.

## TAMIL NADU

### State-level commission for sanitary workers



- ❖ National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Chairperson M. Venkatesan urged the TN government to establish a State-level commission for sanitary workers in order to redress their grievances.
- ❖ State-level commissions were established in 11 States in the country.



- ❖ A celt is a long, thin, prehistoric stone or bronze tool.



## **GST revenue collection**



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Goods and Services Tax (GST) zone has contributed 8.12% of all of India's GST revenue.
- ❖ It also provided 4.72% of the all-India Central Excise Revenue in 2022-23.
- ❖ The year-on-year national growth in GST revenue collection is 21% during 2022-23 compared to the previous year.
- ❖ Likewise, the Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Zone revenue has shown a 19% increase in 2022-23 compared to last year.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu stands third in the large State category after Karnataka and Maharashtra.

### **First 1000 – Best Healthy Days**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Health Ministry launched the ‘First 1000 – Best Healthy Days’ programme.
- ❖ It aims at monitoring the nutrition of pregnant women and newborns for the first 1,000 days.
- ❖ It was inaugurated at the Primary Health Centre in Thimiri block near Arcot.
- ❖ This scheme is being implemented in all the 23 Community Health Centers and 116 Primary Health Centres of 14 districts based on the poor maternal and child health indicators in the State.
- ❖ In two years, 74,400 infants will be covered under the initiative.



## **NATIONAL**

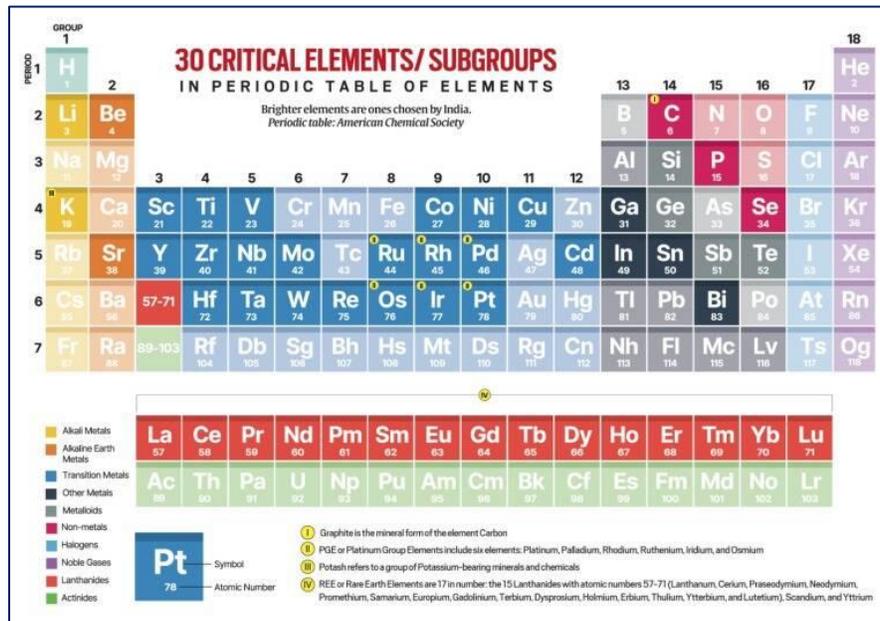
### **List of “Critical Minerals for India”**

- ❖ The first ever report of the country on the “Critical Minerals for India” unveiled recently.
- ❖ The Centre has identified 30 critical minerals, including lithium, cobalt, nickel, graphite, tin and copper.
- ❖ They are essential for the country’s economic development and national security.
- ❖ Minerals are natural substances that are formed by geological processes.

- ❖ Different countries may have their own unique lists of critical minerals based on their specific circumstances and priorities.
- ❖ The US has declared 50 minerals critical in light of their role in national security or economic development.
- ❖ Japan has identified a set of 31 minerals as critical for their economy.
- ❖ The UK considers 18 minerals critical, EU (34) and Canada (31).

**30 CRITICAL ELEMENTS/SUBGROUPS**  
IN PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS

Brighter elements are ones chosen by India.  
Periodic table: American Chemical Society

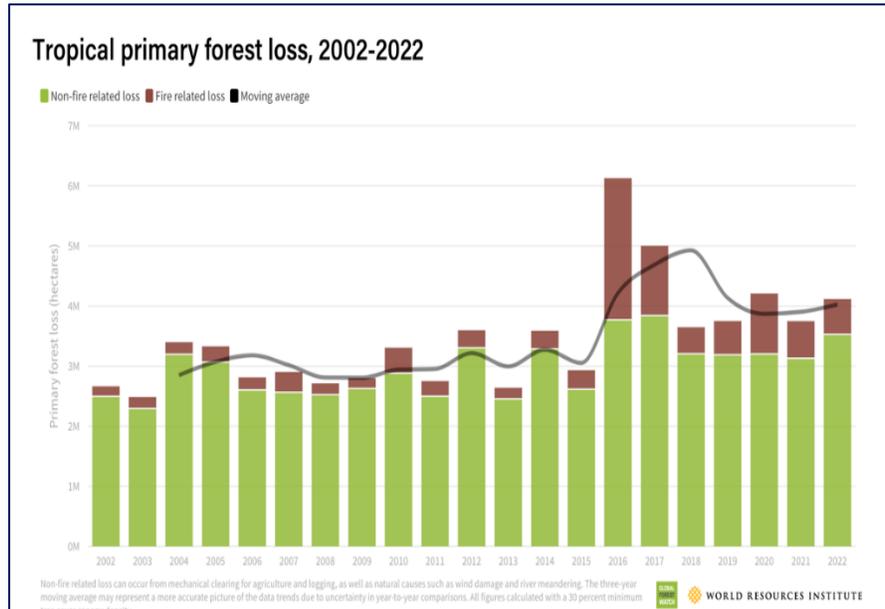


## REPORTS AND INDICES

### Global forest watch

- ❖ The new report was released by the World Resources Institute's (WRI) Global Forest Watch.
- ❖ Tropical areas lost 4.1 million hectares of forest cover – equivalent to losing an area of 11 football fields per minute – in 2022.
- ❖ This forest loss produced 2.7 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions.
- ❖ It is around the same as India's annual emissions due to the combustion of fossil fuels.
- ❖ Primary forest cover loss in tropical areas in 2022 was 10% more than in 2021.
- ❖ We need to reduce global deforestation by at least 10% every year to meet the 2030 target.
- ❖ In 2022, although the global deforestation rate was 3.1% lower than the baseline from 2018-2020.

- ❖ To meet the target of restoring 350 Mha of forests globally by 2030, the world needs to increase tree cover by 22 Mha per year, between 2021 and 2030.



## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Veteran photographer K. Jayaram



- ❖ Acclaimed nature photographer K. Jayaram, who is regarded as a pioneer in macro photography in India passes away recently.
- ❖ He won his first prize in a photography competition in 1963, a plastic cased Agfa Click-III.

- ❖ He won the International Salon of Photography's gold and silver medals at Los Angeles in 1970.
- ❖ Jayaram became an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society, UK (ARPS) in 1978.
- ❖ He was awarded the distinction of Excellence from the International Federation of Photographic Art, Europe (EFIAP) in 1983
- ❖ It is followed by Master Honour EFIAP in 1986.
- ❖ He co-authored Some South Indian Butterflies and another book on Silent Valley.
- ❖ The frog *Raorchestes jayarami* and the spider *Myrmarachne jayaramani* are named after him.
- ❖ 'Insects to Infinity' is a documentary on Jayaram and his works.

## SPORTS

### FIFA World Rankings



- ❖ The Indian men's football team has climbed to number 100 in the latest FIFA World Rankings.
- ❖ This is the fourth best ranking achieved by the Indian men's football team in the history.

- ❖ The team's rank came up to 94<sup>th</sup> rank in 1996, 99<sup>th</sup> in 1993 and 96<sup>th</sup> rank in 2017 to 2018.
- ❖ Pakistan stands at number 195.

### **Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023**

- ❖ The Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023 featured six nations: India, Iran, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Chinese Taipei, and Hong Kong.
- ❖ The Indian men's kabaddi team won the title by beating Iran in the final.
- ❖ It was the Indian men's kabaddi team's eighth Asian Kabaddi Championship crown in nine editions.



### **Women's Kabaddi League – Kolkata**



- ❖ Dubai hosted the world's first international Women's Kabaddi final.



- ❖ The tournament spanned 12 days and witnessed the participation of eight teams from India, representing the different states.
- ❖ Uma Kolkata emerged as champions, by defeating Punjab team.
- ❖ The event promoted cultural exchange and strengthened ties between India and the United Arab Emirates.

