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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Rishabh Pant of India has created a new world record by becoming the first Asian-wicket keeper batsman to score a century in both ODI and Tests in England.
- ❖ INS Sindhudhvaj, acquired from Russia, was decommissioned from Navy after serving for 35 years at Vishakhapatnam.
- ❖ L&T Technology Services has become the first tech company to express its interest in the government's direct allocation of spectrum for captive 5G networks.

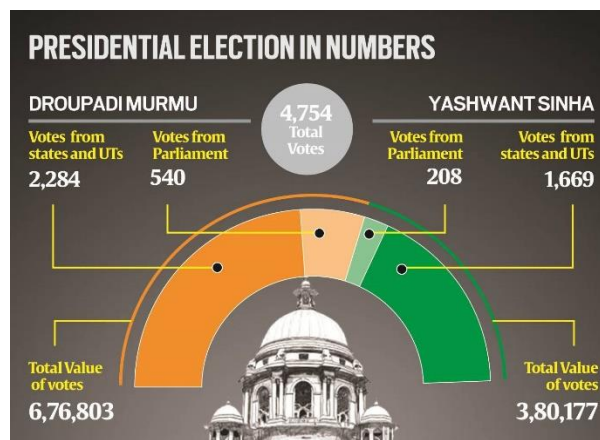
TAMIL NADU

Smart City Fund utilization

- ❖ Tamil Nadu tops the list of states so far as utilisation of funds under the government's flagship Smart City Mission is concerned.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh is in the second position.
- ❖ The Centre has released Rs 30,751.41 crore for 100 Smart Cities, out of which 90% has been utilised.
- ❖ The Central government launched the Smart Cities Mission on 25 June 2015.
- ❖ The Central government will provide financial support to the extent of Rs 48,000 crore over five years which is on an average Rs 100 crore per city per year.

NATIONAL

15th President of India

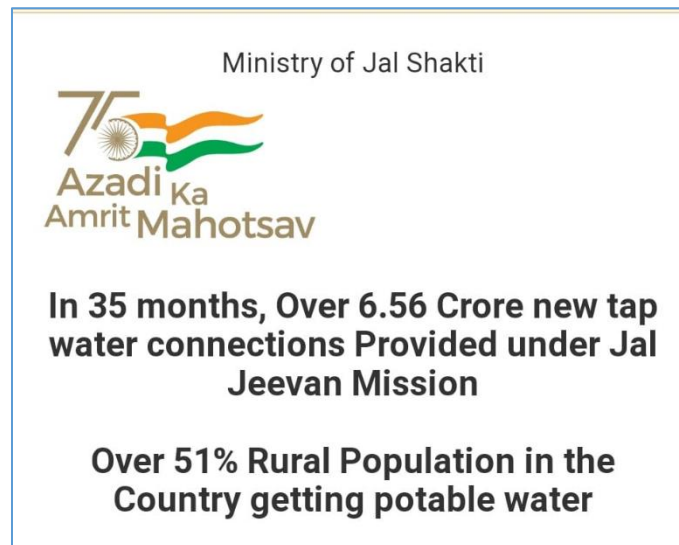




- ❖ Draupadi Murmu has been elected as the 15th President of India.
- ❖ Murmu becomes India's first woman tribal (Santhal) president.
- ❖ She also becomes the second woman to hold the post after Pratibha Patil.
- ❖ Murmu is the second person belonging to a scheduled tribe, to be nominated as a candidate for the post of President of India.
- ❖ She is the first tribal woman governor of India.
- ❖ She served as the ninth Governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021.

51% completion of Jal Jeevan Mission

- ❖ Jal Jeevan Mission hit 51% completion of the project.
- ❖ It aims to supply of 55 litres of water per person per day to every rural household through Functional Household Tap Connections by 2024.
- ❖ It has enabled reach to more than 34% now in less than 3 years from 17%.
- ❖ Around 1.4 million soak beds have been constructed in schools and Anganwadis to use recycled water in tap connections.
- ❖ Haryana, Telangana and Goa, the three states have declared that they have completed the project.

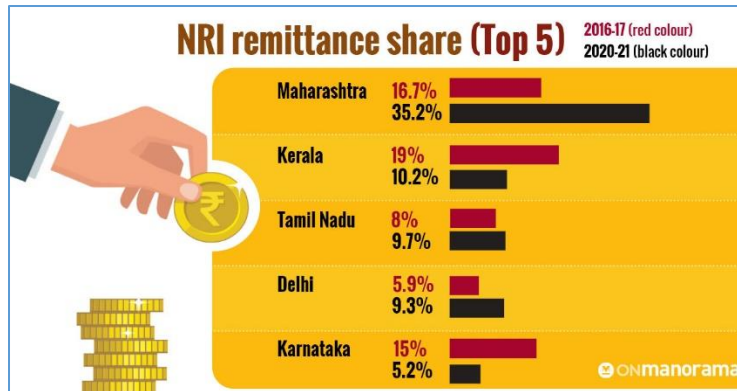


ECONOMY

Remittance in India in 2020-21

- ❖ The RBI conducted the fifth round of the survey on remittances for the year 2020-21.

- ❖ The share of India's inward remittances from Gulf countries declined from more than 50% in 2016-17 to about 30% in 2020-21.
- ❖ Remittances from the US have surpassed that of UAE.
- ❖ The USA accounting for 23% of total remittances in 2020-21.
- ❖ Remittances from UAE now account for 17-18% of India's total inward remittances.
- ❖ The share of the traditional remittance recipient states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, has almost halved in 2020-21.
- ❖ They accounting for only 25% of total remittances compared to over 42% in 2016-17.
- ❖ Maharashtra has emerged as the top recipient state surpassing Kerala.
- ❖ The report shows Maharashtra now accounts for almost 35% of the total remittances in 2020-21.



ENVIRONMENT

Cheetah Restoration

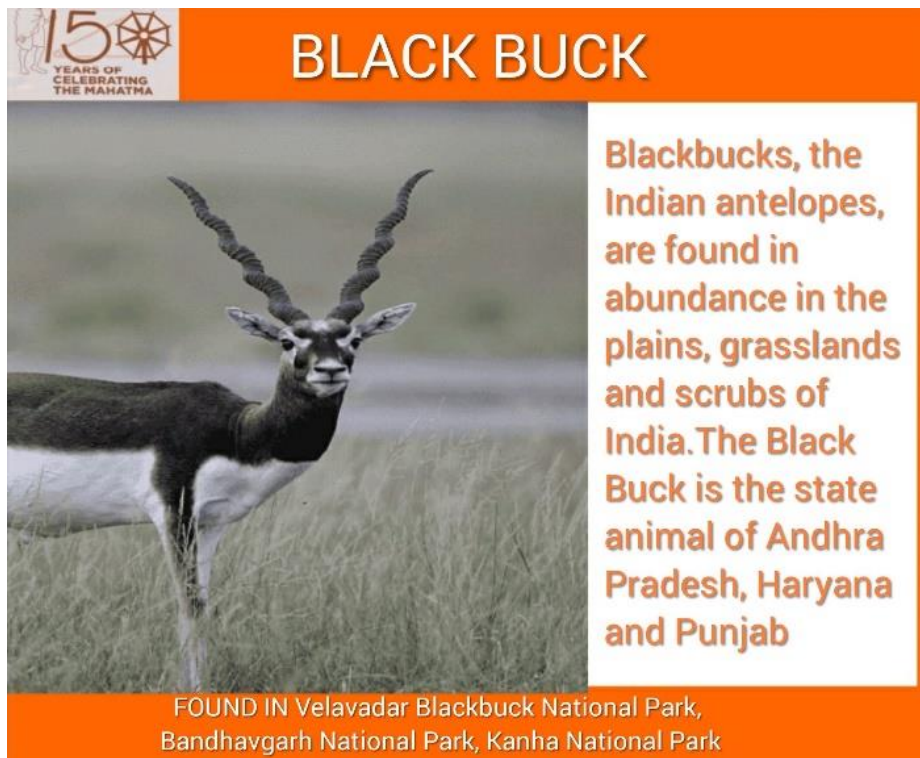


- ❖ India and Namibia signed a MoU to reintroduction cheetahs in historical range in India.

- ❖ 8 Cheetahs (4 males and 4 females) will reach India in August 2022.
- ❖ They will be reintroduced in Kuno National Park of Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ They are extinct species in India now.
- ❖ India has planned to introduce 8 to 10 cheetahs each year.
- ❖ In next five years, a total 50 cheetahs will be relocated to India from Namibia, South Africa and other African countries.

STATES

First-ever blackbuck survey



- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh State Wildlife Department has begun the first-ever study of blackbucks.
- ❖ It conducted along a length of islands in the Godavari between Dowleswaram and Yanam.
- ❖ Indian Blackbuck is an antelope.
- ❖ It is the only living species of the genus Antelope.
- ❖ It is considered to be the fastest animal in the world next to Cheetah.
- ❖ It has been categorised least concerned in IUCN Red Data Book.

- ❖ The Bishnoi community of Rajasthan is known worldwide for their conservation efforts to blackbuck.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Gautam Adani - fourth richest person

Rank	Name	Net worth (\$ bn)
1	Elon Musk (Tesla, SpaceX)	235.8
2	Bernard Arnault & family (LVMH)	156.7
3	Jeff Bezos (Amazon)	148.4
4	Gautam Adani & family (infrastructure, commodities)	116.4
5	Bill Gates (Microsoft)	104.6
6	Larry Ellison (software)	99.7
7	Warren Buffett (Berkshire Hathaway)	99.4
8	Larry Page (Google)	98.3
9	Sergey Brin (Google)	94.5
10	Mukesh Ambani (Reliance Industries)	90.1

Source: Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List



GAUTAM ADANI



BILL GATES



MUKESH AMBANI

- ❖ Gautam Adani become the world's fourth richest person, by replacing Microsoft founder Bill Gates.
- ❖ Mukesh Ambani ranks 10th in the Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List.
- ❖ Tesla and SpaceX founder Elon Musk tops the list.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Moon Day - July 20

- ❖ This year will mark the inaugural celebration of International Moon Day.
- ❖ The UNGA, on December 9, 2021, recognised the proposal submitted by the Moon Village Association.
- ❖ The day will celebrate one of the most memorable moments in human history.

- ❖ On July 20, 1969, US astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to reach the lunar planet.
- ❖ It was the first time that a human had set foot on the Moon's surface.



Nelson Mandela International Day - July 18

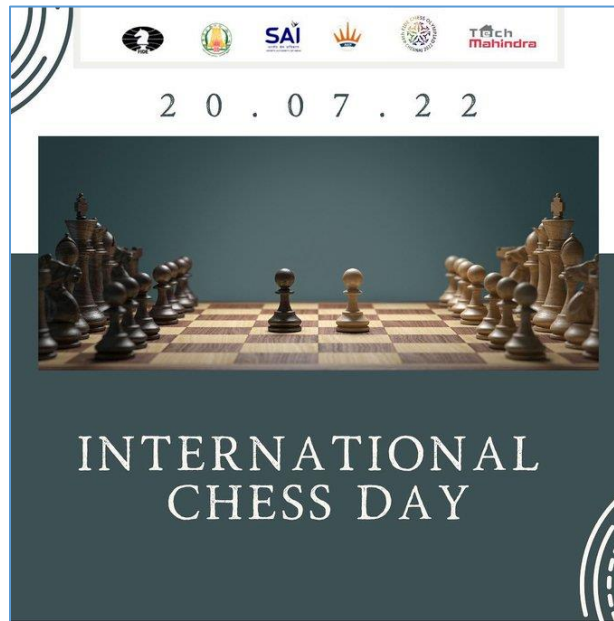


- ❖ This day remember the first democratically elected President of South Africa and his long years of struggle for justice against apartheid.
- ❖ It is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Nelson Mandela.
- ❖ Theme for 2022 is “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are”.
- ❖ The United Nations officially designated Mandela Day in November 2009.

- ❖ The UNGA instituted the Nelson Mandela Prize in 2014 to honour those who have dedicated their lives to serving humanity.

International Chess Day - July 20

- ❖ This day marks the date of establishment of the International Chess Federation in Paris in the year 1924.
- ❖ The Day started as the founding day of the same day in 1966.
- ❖ In December 2019, the General Assembly proclaimed 20 July as World Chess Day.



MISCELLANEOUS

Henley Passport Index 2022

- ❖ Japan, Singapore and South Korea have top 3 places in the Index.
- ❖ India is placed 87th place in the list.
- ❖ A Japanese passport provides visa-free access to 193 countries.
- ❖ Ukraine is ranked 35th with access to 144 nations
- ❖ China is placed 69th with access to 80 countries.
- ❖ Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan are at the bottom of the ladder.
- ❖ Afghanistan's passport offers access to only 27 countries.

- ❖ The index is based on exclusive data from the International Air Transport Association.
- ❖ The index is validated by a research team Henley and Partners.

Passports, Please?
The world's most powerful travel documents are Asian

Passport	Rank	Country Access Score
Japan	1	193
Singapore	2	192
South Korea	2	192
Germany	3	190
Spain	3	190
Finland	4	189
Italy	4	189
Luxembourg	4	189
Austria	5	188
Denmark	5	188

