

July – 30

## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Nigeria's Boko Haram fighters are suspected to have launched a militant attack and killed 65 people.
- ❖ Karnataka Assembly Speaker KR Ramesh Kumar has announced his resignation shortly after the state's new Chief Minister BS Yeddyurappa cleared the Trust Vote by a voice vote.
  - He submitted his resignation to Deputy Speaker of Assembly Krishna Reddy.

## TAMIL NADU

### Kodaikanal's Malai Poondu

- ❖ The Geographical Indications Registry has granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Kodaikanal Malai Poondu (Kodaikanal Hill Garlic).



- ❖ This particular garlic species is known for its medicinal and preservative properties.
- ❖ It is usually white or pale yellow.
- ❖ The hill altitude, the misty condition and Kodaikanal soil are responsible for its medicinal property and the long storage shelf life.

- ❖ Garlic is both a kharif (June-July) and rabi (October-November) crop in Tamilnadu.

### **Tamilnadu Hospitals Day – July 30**

- ❖ Government hospitals in Tamil Nadu will celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy on July 30 as 'Hospital Day' every year.
- ❖ A native of Pudukkottai, she was one of the country's prominent woman doctors in the early 20th century and the State's first woman legislator.
- ❖ She also founded the Adyar Cancer Institute in 1954 at Chennai.
- ❖ The day is also celebrated to publicise services offered by the hospitals besides appreciating NGOs, donors, social institutions and corporates offering corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds.
- ❖ Government of India conferred on her Padma Bhushan in 1956.
- ❖ Her book: My Experience as a Legislator.
- ❖ She was the prime mover behind the legislation that abolished the Devadasi system (bill introduced in 1930 but abolished in 1947).


Eminent doctor, social reformer & legislator  
**Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy** was born on July 30, 1886

## A LADY OF MANY FIRSTS

Graduated from the Madras Medical College in 1912 to become one of the <b>first woman doctors in India</b>	<b>First female student in a men's college</b> , she held a brilliant academic record
<b>The first woman legislator in India</b> in the Madras Legislative Council in 1927, where she was also elected deputy president	<b>Became the first woman house surgeon</b> in the Government Maternity & Ophthalmic Hospital, Chennai

*Worked for women's equality, started women's hospitals, shelters & fought against trafficking*

Founded the **Cancer Relief Fund & the Adyar Cancer Institute** which today offers treatment to 80,000 cancer patients a year



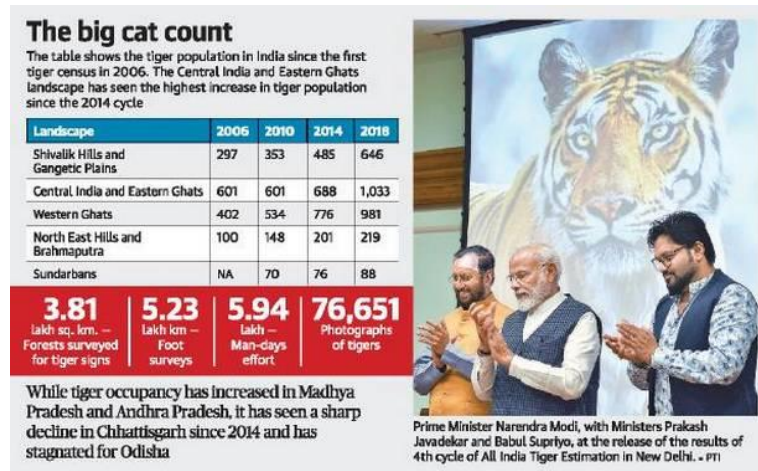
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## **NATIONAL**

### **Tiger – Census, Conservation and Reserves**

- ❖ The Global Tiger day was observed on July 29, 2019.

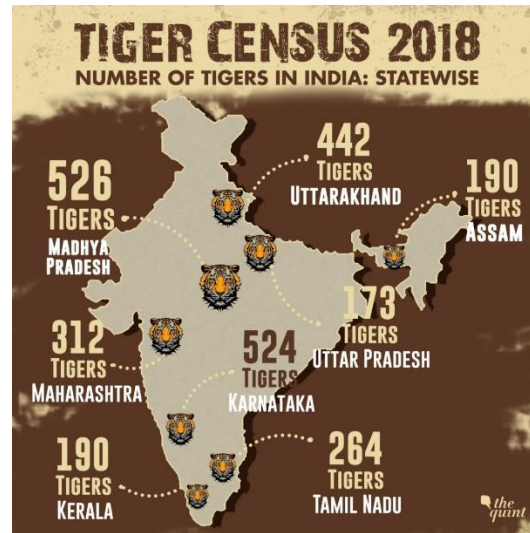
- ❖ On this occasion, the results of fourth tiger census was released in India.
- ❖ The survey was conducted by Wildlife Institute of India.



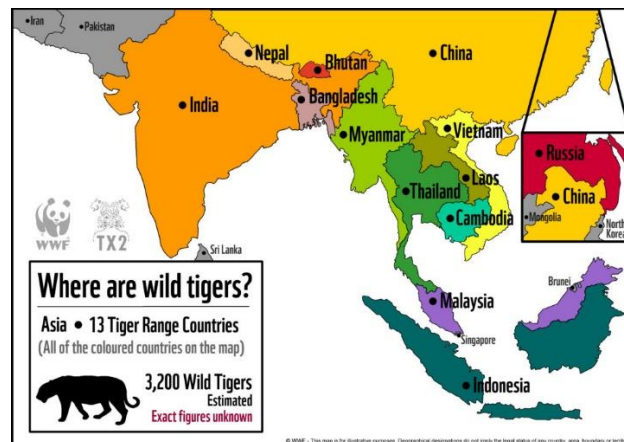
- ❖ It has revealed that India has a total of 2,967 tigers.
- ❖ The first survey was held in 2006.
- ❖ It is now held every 4 years.



- ❖ Madhya Pradesh saw the highest number of tigers at 526, closely followed by Karnataka (524) and Uttarakhand (442).
- ❖ Chhattisgarh and Mizoram saw a decline in tiger population.



- ❖ Pench Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh recorded the highest number of tigers.
- ❖ Tx2' programme was launched by World Wildlife Foundation (WWF) at the 2010 St Petersburg Tiger Summit held in Russia.
- ❖ Under it, 13 tiger range countries had agreed to double the world tiger population by 2022.
- ❖ Nepal become first country in the world to double its tiger population as part of World Wildlife Foundation's (WWF) 'Tx2' programme.



### Tamilnadu Specifics

- ❖ All the four Tamilnadu tiger reserves have been ranked “very good” in the census. They are
  - Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR)
  - Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR)

- Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR)
- Kalakkad – Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR)
- ❖ STR in Tamil Nadu registered the “maximum improvement” since 2014. It has shown a 30% increase in tiger population since 2014.
- ❖ STR was also awarded by Prime Minister for highest increment in the quadrennial tiger census.
- ❖ There is also a proposal to form a fifth tiger reserve in Tamilnadu linking both
  - Meghamalai Wildlife Sanctuary, Theni district
  - Srivilliputhur Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary, Virudhunagar district.



## Odisha Rasagolla

- ❖ Odisha Rasagolla has been given the geographical indication (GI) tag.
- ❖ Odisha Small Industries Corporation Limited (OSIC) will be the registered holder of Odisha Rasagola’s GI tag.
- ❖ It will enjoy all legal and intellectual protection available for the product.
- ❖ All the 30 districts in Odisha are termed as geographical areas entitled to use the GI tag.
- ❖ Odisha Rasagolla is associated with the world-renowned Puri Jagannath Temple rituals.

## **Integrated Battle Groups**

- ❖ The Indian Army announced that the first Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs) concept is close to implementation and will be structured by end of next month.
- ❖ IBGs are brigade-sized, agile, self-sufficient combat formations, which can swiftly launch strikes against adversary in case of hostilities.
- ❖ Usually 1,500 to 4,000 soldiers make a brigade.
- ❖ IBG can be both defensive and offensive.
- ❖ Defensive IBGs would hold ground at vulnerable points or where enemy action is expected.

## **Iconic Tourist Sites**

- ❖ 17 “Iconic Tourist Sites” in the country would be developed by the government “into world class tourist destinations, to serve as a model for other tourism sites”.
- ❖ The initiative was aimed at enhancing India’s soft power and was announced in the 2019 Budget speech.
- ❖ The List of sites are

Taj Mahal and Fatehpur Sikri (Uttar Pradesh), Ajanta & Ellora (Maharashtra), Humayun’s Tomb, Red Fort and Qutub Minar (Delhi), Colva (Goa), Amer Fort (Rajasthan), Somnath and Dholavira (Gujarat), Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh), Hampi (Karnataka), Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu), Kaziranga (Assam), Kumarakom (Kerala) and the Mahabodhi Temple (Bihar).

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Global Tobacco Epidemic**

- ❖ WHO launched its seventh Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic which analyses national efforts to reduce demand for tobacco.
- ❖ Currently, there are an estimated 1.1 billion smokers, around 80% of whom live in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

## ECONOMY

### 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census

- ❖ Union Government has started off the 7th Economic Census from Tripura.
- ❖ It will be launched in other states and union territories in August and September.
- ❖ Economic Census (EC) is the complete count of all establishments/units located within the geographical boundaries of the country.
- ❖ It is the only source of information on the significantly large unorganized sector in the country.
- ❖ Agriculture is not covered in Economic census.
- ❖ The census is being conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI).
- ❖ Six Economic Censuses (EC) have been conducted till date:
  - First EC (1977), Second EC (1980), Third EC (1990), Fourth EC (1998), Fifth EC (2005) and Sixth EC (2013).

### World Hindu Economic Forum

- ❖ World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) has launched its Nepal Chapter to increase economic cooperation between India and Nepal and to connect Nepal with a global network for its economic prosperity.
- ❖ WHEF was started in 2012 at Hong Kong.
- ❖ It is a group of committed Economists, Academicians, Industrialists, Businessmen, Bankers, Professionals and activists.
- ❖ Their philosophy is “Economy is the strength” (Dharmasya Moolam Arthah – Arthasasthra)

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Agent Smith Malware

- ❖ According to Indian cybercrime officials, Indians constitute the highest number of victims of the recently detected Agent Smith malware.

- ❖ The malware can replace apps on android phones with ‘malicious versions’ without the user’s knowledge.
- ❖ Agent Smith is embedded in apps available on Google Playstore, mostly connected to gaming, image editing or adult entertainment.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Himalayan Conclave

- ❖ In Uttarakhand, a Himalayan Conclave is being held in Mussoorie.
- ❖ The objective is to discuss various issues related to the development of Himalayan States.
- ❖ The main agenda for the conclave is conservation of Himalayan ecology, bio-diversity and cultural heritage and water conservation.

## SPORTS

### Anjum Moudgil breaks Shooting Record

- ❖ World Championship silver medallist Anjum Moudgil shot 253.9 and broke the world record held by fellow compatriot Apurvi Chandela (252.9) in the women's 10m Air Rifle event.
- ❖ The record was created in the XII Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Masters shooting competition at New Delhi.
- ❖ Anjum was also the first person to win the Olympic quota for shooting in Tokyo Olympics 2020.



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