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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ For the first time in South India, the State-of-the-art In-Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) facility was inaugurated at the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (IOG), a government hospital in Egmore, Chennai.
- ❖ Asir Jawahar Thomas John Singh, a distinguished Indian wildlife biologist and dedicated conservation activist passed away recently at Bengaluru.
- ❖ Sofia Firdous, the Congress MLA from the Barabati-Cuttack seat in Odisha became the first-ever Muslim woman legislator to have been elected to the Odisha Assembly.
- ❖ SBI Mutual Fund (SBI MF) made history by becoming the first fund house in the country to achieve the Rs 10 trillion milestone in assets under management (AUM).
- ❖ Nvidia has overtaken Apple to become the world's second-most valuable company, after its shares taking valuation to over \$3 trillion.
- ❖ The UNESCO South Asia in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) organized the National Stakeholder Workshop on Safe, Trusted, and Ethical AI in New Delhi.
- ❖ India's Rohit Sharma became the first cricketer to hit 600 (427 matches) sixes in the international cricket.
  - He is followed by Chris Gayle (553 sixes in 483 matches) and Shahid Afridi (476 sixes in 524 matches).

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Cooperative societies and RTI**

- ❖ The Madras High Court said that cooperative societies registered under the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act of 1983 in the State would not fall under the definition of the term 'public authority' as it had been defined under Section 2(h) of the RTI Act of 2005.
- ❖ Earlier the Tamil Nadu Information Commission (TNIC) passed an order on May 4, 2022 for disclosure of crop and jewel loan details.



- ❖ In the year 2021-22 alone, a whopping amount of ₹10,292 crore had been disbursed towards crop loans to 14.84 lakh farmers through the cooperative societies.

## Public Authorities Section 2h

“public authority” means any authority or body or institution of self government established or constituted--

- (a) by or under the Constitution;
- (b) by any other law made by Parliament;
- (c) by any other law made by State Legislature;
- (d) by notification issued or order made by the appropriate Government,

and includes any--

- (i) body owned, controlled or substantially financed;
- (ii) non-Government organisation substantially financed, directly or indirectly by funds provided by the appropriate Government;

## NOTA in Lok Sabha election 2024

Last resort		
The performance of NOTA in elections over the years		
Election	Votes in numbers	Vote share %
2014 Lok Sabha	5,68,809	1.4
2016 Assembly	5,61,174	1.3
2019 Lok Sabha	5,50,577	1.29
2021 Assembly	3,45,591	0.75
2024 Lok Sabha	4,67,068	1.07

- ❖ Nearly 4.67 lakh voters opted for None of the Above (NOTA) while exercising their franchise in the 2024 Lok Sabha election in Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ In Sriperumbudur, a total of 26,450 voters chose NOTA, the highest in the State, followed by Dindigul (22,120) and Thiruvallur (SC) (18,978).
- ❖ The number of votes polled by NOTA was lowest in Kanniyakumari (3,756), Ramanathapuram (6,295) and Cuddalore (7,292).
- ❖ NOTA received more than 1% of the votes in 19 seats.
- ❖ In the 2014 election, when NOTA was introduced, nearly 5.7 lakh voters chose the option in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Only 3.45 lakh voters chose the option in the 2021 Assembly election.
- ❖ The 2024 election saw a reversal of the declining trend, as NOTA polled 1.07% as against 0.75% in 2021.

## NATIONAL

### Women MPs in 18th Lok Sabha

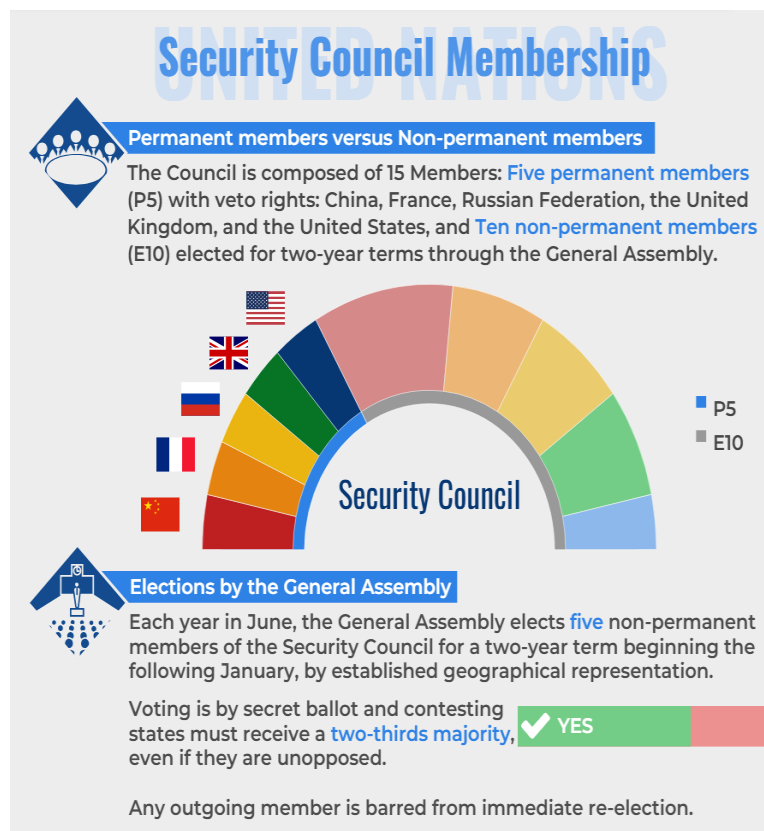


- ❖ Trinamool Congress boasts of the highest percentage of female MPs among its winning candidates.

- ❖ A total of 38% of Trinamool MPs this year are women, the highest among any political outfit in the country.
- ❖ The 18th Lok Sabha is set to witness a total of 74 female members, a dip from the 77 MPs elected in the last term.
- ❖ The 18th Lok Sabha will have over 13.44% women MPs, one of the highest proportions since 1952.
- ❖ The 17th Lok Sabha had the most women MPs at 78, which was over 14% of the total.
- ❖ The 16th Lok Sabha had 64 women members, while the 15th one had 52.
- ❖ According to reports, women constituted 48.41 % of India's population in 2022.

## INTERNATIONAL

### UNSC Election 2024



- ❖ The UN General Assembly elected Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama and Somalia to serve as non-permanent members on the Security Council.
- ❖ They serve for two-year terms beginning on 1 January next year.

- ❖ They will replace Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland, whose terms end on 31 December.
- ❖ The 10 non-permanent seats on the Security Council are distributed according to four regional groupings.
- ❖ They are: Africa and Asia; Eastern Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; and the Western European and other States group.

### **Panama evacuates Island**

- ❖ About 300 families have successfully relocated off the island of Gardi Sugdub, Panama due to concerns over rising sea levels.
- ❖ This marks the Latin American nation is set to become the first to evacuate an entire island community due to climate change.
- ❖ Gardi Sugdub is one of approximately 50 inhabited islands in the Guna Yala territory's archipelago.



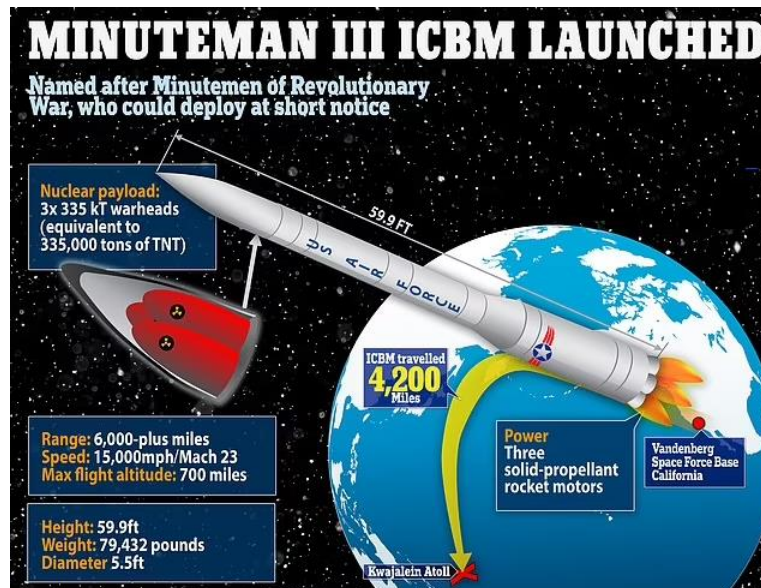
## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **ICBM Minuteman III**

- ❖ The United States Air Force and U.S. Space Force conducted two routine test launches of unarmed intercontinental ballistic missile Minuteman III.
- ❖ The Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM) flew some 4,200 miles (6,760 kilometers).



- ❖ It was the first U.S. missile fitted with multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles (MIRVs).



## ENVIRONMENT

### 2 new Ramsar Sites – Bihar

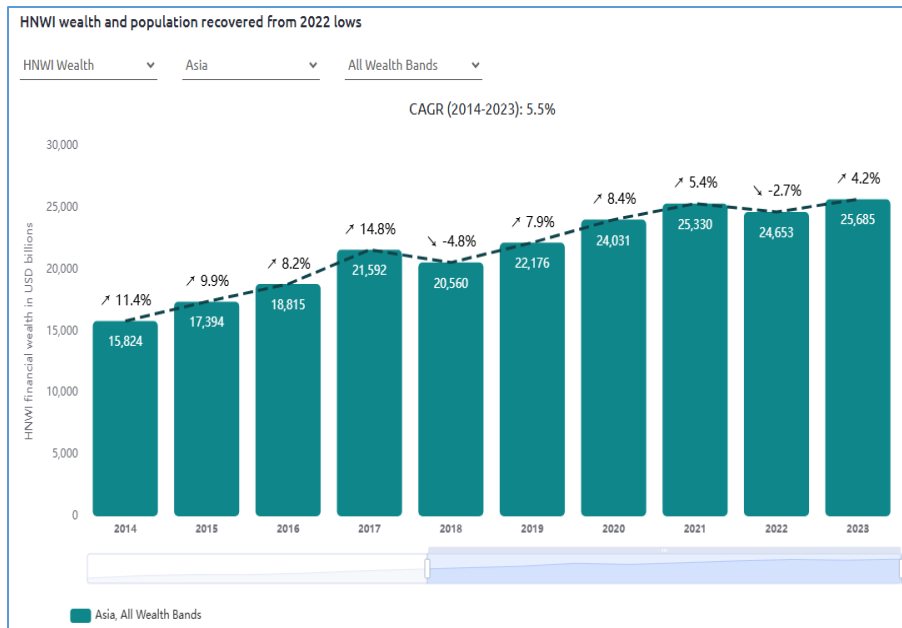


- ❖ Two of Bihar's wetlands have been added to the global list of wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention.

- ❖ The Nagi and Nakti bird sanctuaries, both located in Bihar's Jamui district, are now recognised under the Ramsar Convention.
- ❖ This taking the total number of highly recognised waterlogged ecosystems in the country to 82.
- ❖ The United Kingdom has the world's largest number (175) of Ramsar Sites.

## REPORTS AND INDICES

### World Wealth Report 2024



- ❖ The Capgemini Research Institute released the World Wealth Report 2024.
- ❖ The number of high net-worth individuals (HNWI) in India increased by 12.2% in 2023 vs 2022.
- ❖ This is bringing the total number of HNWI population to 3.589 million.
- ❖ The financial wealth of India's HNWIs increased by 12.4% in 2023 to \$1,445.7 billion while it was \$ 1,286.7 billion in 2022.
- ❖ Market buoyancy in 2023 sparked a \$3.8 trillion increase in HNWI's wealth.
- ❖ In the APAC region, India and Australia recorded HNWI wealth growth of 12.4% and 7.9%, and HNWI population growth of 12.2% and 7.8%, respectively.
- ❖ Asia-Pacific experienced 4.2% HNWI wealth growth and a 4.8% rise in the HNWI population.
- ❖ India's country's market capitalisation increased by 29.0% in 2023, after an increase of 6% in 2022.



- ❖ The country's national savings as a percentage of GDP too increased to 33.4% in 2023 compared to 29.9% in 2022.

## SPORTS

### Norway Chess tournament 2024

- ❖ Magnus Carlsen and Ju Wenjun emerged as the champions at the Norway Chess tournament.
- ❖ His closest rival, the World No 2 Hikaru Nakamura (USA) was beaten by R. Praggnanandhaa.
- ❖ Praggnanandhaa finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the event.
- ❖ During the initial round Praggnanandhaa achieved a remarkable victory over world number one Magnus Carlsen in the Norway Chess tournament
- ❖ Meanwhile, in the women's section of Norway Chess, Ju Wenjun claimed the title.
- ❖ Vaishali Rameshbabu finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the event.

Norway Chess 2024 final standings:			Norway Chess Women 2024 final standings:		
1	Magnus Carlsen	NOR 17½	1	Ju Wenjun	CHN 19
2	Hikaru Nakamura	USA 14½	2	Anna Muzychuk	UKR 16
3	Alireza Firouzja	FRA 13½	3	Lei Tingjie	CHN 14½
4	Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu	IND 13	4	Vaishali Rameshbabu	IND 12½
5	Fabiano Caruana	USA 11½	5	Humpy Koneru	IND 10
6	Ding Liren	CHN 7	6	Pia Cramling	SWE 8

