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# **TNPSC BITS**

- The Malaysian Government has decided to abolish the death penalty.
  - $\circ~$  In May 2022, Zambia had also announced its plan to abolish the death penalty.
- The International Monetary Fund has announced the appointment of Indian national Krishna Srinivasan as director of the Asia and Pacific Department (APD).
- Alok Kumar Choudhary took charge as the new Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (SBI).
  - Following Choudhary's appointment, SBI now has four MDs.
- Sital Sasthi is a sacred Hindu festival is being celebrated in Odisha.
  - This week-long special festival highlights the marriage of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati.
- The International Aluminium Institute (IAI), the only body representing the global primary aluminium industry, has announced the appointment of Satish Pai as its new Chair.
  - He is the Managing Director of Hindalco Industries, one of the world's largest integrated producers of aluminium.
- An elephant rescue centre has been established by the forest department of Bihar at Valmiki Tiger Reserve at West Champaran district of Bihar.

### TAMIL NADU

#### HomoSEP



 It is a robot developed by the researchers of the Indian Institute of Technology of Madras to eliminate manual scavenging in India.





- ✤ It is supported by the NGO, Safai Karamchari Andolan (SKA) dedicated to the elimination of manual scavenging in India.
- At present, the first two HomoSEP units have been distributed to self-help groups led by Ms. Nagamma and Ms. Ruth Mary whose husbands died tragically during sanitation work.

## NATIONAL

#### National Tribal Research Institute

- The union Home minister has inaugurated the newly built National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in New Delhi.
- ✤ It will be a premier national level institute.
- ✤ Tribal Research Institute (TRI) is the research body of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at the state level.



### Agni-4 Missile

- The two-stage Agni-4 surface to surface missile was flight tested from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off the Odisha Coast
- ✤ It was carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command (SFC).





- ✤ It has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- It has a strike range of 4,000 kms
- It was earlier known as Agni II prime.
- ◆ The road-mobile Agni-4 and Agni-5 are primarily meant for deterrence against China.
- The shorter-range missiles in India are designed for Pakistan.

#### **16th Presidential polls**

Schedule for Election
Under sub-section (1) of Section (4) of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Act 1952, the schedule for the election of the President of India is given below

Issue of Election Commission's notification calling the election	15.06.2022 (Wednesday)
Last date for making nominations	29.06.2022 (Wednesday)
Date for the scrutiny of nominations	30.06.2022 (Thursday)
Last date for the withdrawal of candidatures	02.07.2022 (Saturday)
Date on which a poll shall, if necessary, be taken	18.07.2022 (Monday)
Date on which counting, if required, shall be taken	21.07.2022 (Thursday)

- ✤ The Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar under the Election Commission of India announced that the Presidential election would be held on July 18.
- The President Ram Nath Kovind's term comes to an end on July 24.
- ◆ It will be the first election after J&K became a Union Territory.
- ♦ However, the MLAs of the J&K are no longer part of this electoral college.
- ✤ The electoral college for the poll in 2022 would comprise 4,809 members 233 Rajya Sabha MPs, 543 Lok Sabha MPs (776 MPs) and 4,033 MLAs of State Assemblies and the Assemblies of the Union Territories of Delhi and Puducherry.
- ✤ The total value of votes in 2022 would be 10,86,431 (5,43,200 for MPs or 700 votes each and 5,43,231 for MLAs based on 1971 Census population figures).
- ♦ While the total number of electors was 4,896 in 2017.
- ◆ In 2017, each MP had 709 votes and MLAs had a total vote of 5,49,495 based on the 1971 Census





- The Rajya Sabha Secretary General was declared as the Returning Officer for this election.
- The electors would cast their ballots using the pen provided by the EC as has been the norm

## **INTERNATIONAL**

#### Humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka

- United Nations has planned to provide humanitarian assistance of around \$48 million over a four-month period to Sri Lanka
- ✤ India's financial assistance worth over \$3 billion since January is to provide essential items, including food, fuel, cooking gas and medicines.
- Sri Lanka's total foreign debt is \$51 billion.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

#### New Reserves and Wildlife Sanctuaries of Maharashtra



- Maharashtra State Board for Wildlife (MSBWL) recently approved 12 new conservation reserves and 3 wildlife sanctuaries.
- So far, 15 conservation reserves have been notified in Maharashtra.
- ♦ With new additions, the number will rise to 27.
- ✤ According to the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, consent of wildlife board is required, in order to notify any fresh protected areas in the state.
- With this approval, state will also get 3 new wildlife sanctuaries
  - Extension of the Lonar wildlife sanctuary
  - o Kolamarka in Gadchiroli
  - o Muktai Bhawani in Jalgaon





- ✤ Kolamarka in Gadchiroli is affected by presence of Left-wing extremists.
- ✤ It has endangered Asiatic Wild buffaloes.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

#### Ramkrishna Mukkavilli

- ✤ The United Nations Global Compact has named ten new SDG Pioneers.
- They corporate leaders who are excelling in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- For the first time in the world, Ramkrishna Mukkavilli, an Indian has been named into this.
- He was appointed a Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for Water Stewardship.



### **SPORTS**

#### Ironman Triathlon

- Shreyas G. Hosur, became the first officer from the Indian Railways to complete the gruelling 'Ironman' Triathlon, in Hamburg, Germany.
- ✤ It is considered to be the toughest single-day sports event in the world.





This event includes 3.8 km of swimming, 180 km of cycling and 42.2 km of running.



## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### World Brain tumour Day – June 8



- ✤ In 2022, the theme is 'Together We Are Stronger'.
- It was first observed on June 8, 2000, by the German Brain Tumor Association for supporting brain tumour patient.





There are two types of brain tumors, noncancerous (benign), and cancerous (malignant).

World Oceans Day - June 8



- ✤ It is celebrated to highlight the negative impact of human activities.
- The Oceans Institute of Canada brought the idea of celebrating global ocean day at the Earth Summit of the UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in 1992.
- ✤ After 16 years, the UN General Assembly passed a resolution in 2008 to designate this day.
- ✤ The theme for this year is "Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean."



#### World Accreditation Day – June 9





- It has been established by the joint efforts of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC).
- The first celebration of World Accreditation Day took place on 9th June 2008.
- ✤ Accreditation plays a key role in supporting the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- This year the theme is "Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment."

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