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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ DMK MP Kanimozhi, elected from the Thoothukudi Lok Sabha constituency, has been appointed as the party's parliamentary party leader replacing TR Baalu.
- ❖ Mohan Majhi, the four-time MLA from Odisha's Keonjhar, has been appointed as the Chief Minister of Odisha.
  - He is the first BJP CM to this state and 3<sup>rd</sup> tribal CM as well as 15<sup>th</sup> CM.
- ❖ Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) leader Prem Singh Tamang took oath as the Chief Minister for the second consecutive term.
- ❖ Vellayan Subbiah, Executive Vice-Chairman of Tube Investments of India (TII), was named the EY World Entrepreneur of The Year 2024.
- ❖ Indian Army launched Vidyut Rakshak, a new Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled integrated generator tracking, protection, and control system.
- ❖ A new tiger reserve will soon be established in Uttar Pradesh, following evidence of tiger population in the Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary (SWS).
  - It is 5<sup>th</sup> Tiger reserve of the UP and 56<sup>th</sup> tiger reserve of India.
- ❖ William Anders, Apollo 8 astronaut who took 'Earthrise' photo from space, died in plane crash.
- ❖ State-owned Visakhapatnam Port has broken into the top 20 rankings in the Container Port Performance Index 2023 (CPPI 2023).
  - It was developed by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence.
- ❖ The All-India Tennis Association (AITA) has announced the Dilip Bose award for lifetime achievement to coach Nar Singh.
  - AITA's new lifetime achievement award for women coaches would be presented to the 69-year-old Rohini Lokhande.

## TAMIL NADU

### Rent for houses of Ministers

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has recently increased the rent paid to Ministers if they occupied private houses that are either owned by them or taken on a lease.
- ❖ The rent paid to them, under both these categories, has been increased from ₹70,000 a month to ₹1.5 lakh a month.
- ❖ This would apply for the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Government Whip too.

- ❖ The revision in rent has been made after a gap of eight years.
- ❖ The previous revision was in March 2016, when the then State government increased the rent payable to the Ministers from ₹20,000 a month to ₹70,000 a month.
- ❖ The house rent allowance would not be paid to them if they occupied a house provided by the State government.

**3. Charge for accommodation.**-(1) Every Member along with his family shall be entitled to allotment of an apartment on payment of monthly rent as specified in sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Act.

(2) Rental charges for accommodation in Hostel for Former Members shall be Rs.300/- (Rupees three hundred only) per day:

Provided that the Former Members shall be entitled to accommodation in Hostel only upto five days in a calendar month either continuously or in spells and they shall be permitted to stay in the Hostel either with his or her spouse or with an attendant:

Provided further that the Former Members who attend the celebrations shall be provided free accommodation in the Hostel on the day of the celebrations and one day before and one day after the celebrations on first come and first served basis and in case of non-availability of accommodation in the Hostel, they shall be paid at the rate prescribed above or the actual rent paid by them for private accommodation, whichever is less.

## NATIONAL

### New Cabinet Ministers 2024

 <b>RAJNATH SINGH, BJP</b> Minister of Defence	 <b>SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN, BJP</b> Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
 <b>NIRMALA SITHARAMAN, BJP</b> Minister of Finance, Minister of Corporate Affairs	 <b>DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR, BJP</b> Minister of External Affairs
 <b>AMIT SHAH, BJP</b> Minister of Home Affairs, Minister of Cooperation	 <b>MANOHAR LAL, BJP</b> Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs; Minister of Power
 <b>JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA, BJP</b> Minister of Health and Family Welfare	 <b>H. D. KUMARASWAMY, JD(S)</b> Minister of Heavy Industries; & Minister of Steel
 <b>NITIN GADKARI, BJP</b> Minister of Road Transport and Highways	 <b>PIYUSH GOYAL, BJP</b> Minister of Commerce and Industry

- ❖ The first meeting of the new government was held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister and the division of portfolios was announced.
- ❖ Seven women leaders were inducted into the Council of Ministers, with only two were given cabinet berths.



- ❖ Leaders of NDA allies were assigned 11 berths in the Cabinet.
- ❖ No changes have been made in the top four ministries – Home, Defence, Finance and External Affairs.
- ❖ For the third time in a row, Nitin Gadkari has become the Minister of Road Transport and Highways.
- ❖ Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has been made the Minister of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Rural Development.
- ❖ At the same time, BJP President JP Nadda, who became a cabinet minister, will have the responsibility of the Ministry of Health.
- ❖ Former Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar will hold the important portfolios like Power and Housing.
- ❖ Among the top 10 ministers, HD Kumaraswamy is the only non-BJP leader.
- ❖ He has been given the charge of the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Steel.
- ❖ Ashwini Vaishnaw has been retained as the railway minister.
- ❖ V Somanna and Ravneet Singh Bittu have been made Ministers of State for Railways.
- ❖ Annapurna Devi has got the charge of Women and Child Development.
- ❖ K Rammohan Naidu, from TDP and the youngest minister in the government, will be the Civil Aviation Minister.
- ❖ Mansukh Mandaviya has been made the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs.
- ❖ Raksha Khadse is the youngest woman minister of state for sports.
- ❖ L. Murugan got the Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
- ❖ Kerala's Suresh Gopi has been made Ministers of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Ministry of Tourism.
- ❖ No Muslim MP was sworn in as a minister for the first time.
- ❖ In fact, No Muslim candidate from NDA allies got elected to the 18th Lok Sabha this time.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **New parties to Artemis Accords 2024**

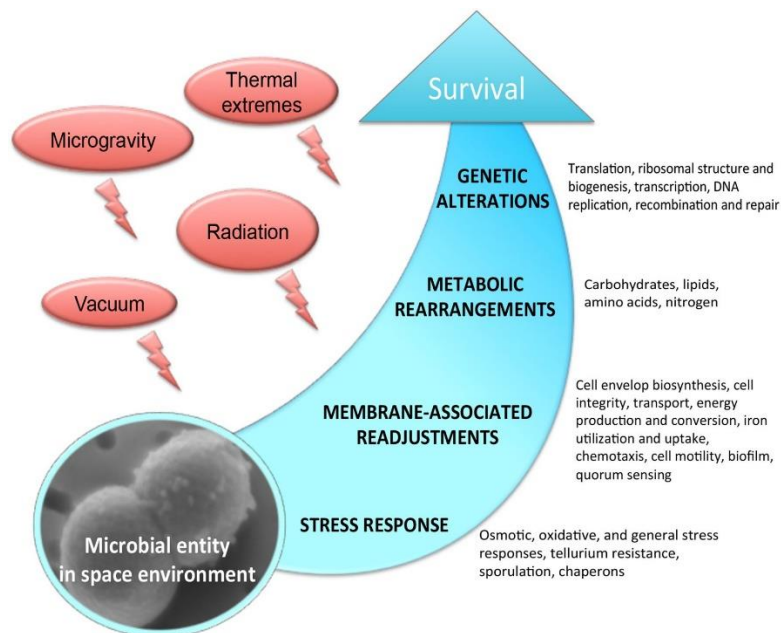
- ❖ Slovakia and Peru signed NASA's Artemis Accords, the U.S.-led agreement on the safe exploration of space.
- ❖ The addition of these two nations brings the total of signing countries to 42.

- ❖ The Artemis Accords were first launched and signed in October 2020 by eight nations, including the United States.
- ❖ It aims to setting common principles to govern civil exploration and use of outer space, the moon, Mars, comets, and asteroids, for peaceful purposes.



## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Pathogens in Space



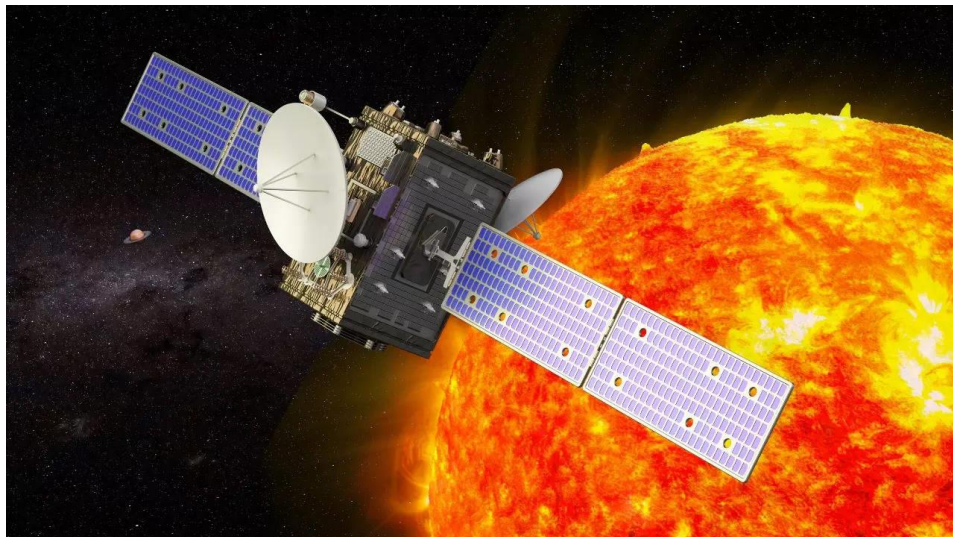
- ❖ Researchers of the IIT Madras and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory are studying multi-drug resistant pathogens on the international space station (ISS).



- ❖ The researchers studied the *Enterobacter bugandensis*, a nosocomial pathogen found on the surfaces within the ISS.
- ❖ The study would help to develop strategies to manage microbial contamination in closed environments like spacecraft and hospitals.

### **Aditya-L1 Capture Solar Fury**

- ❖ ISRO's Aditya-L1 spacecraft's two onboard remote sensing instruments have captured the recent solar fury.
- ❖ The Active region AR13664 on the Sun erupted several X-class and M-class flares.
- ❖ India's maiden solar mission Aditya-L1 reached the Lagrangian point (L1) on January six this year.
- ❖ L1 is located roughly 1.5 million km from Earth and enables the spacecraft to view the Sun continuously.



## **MISCELLANEOUS**

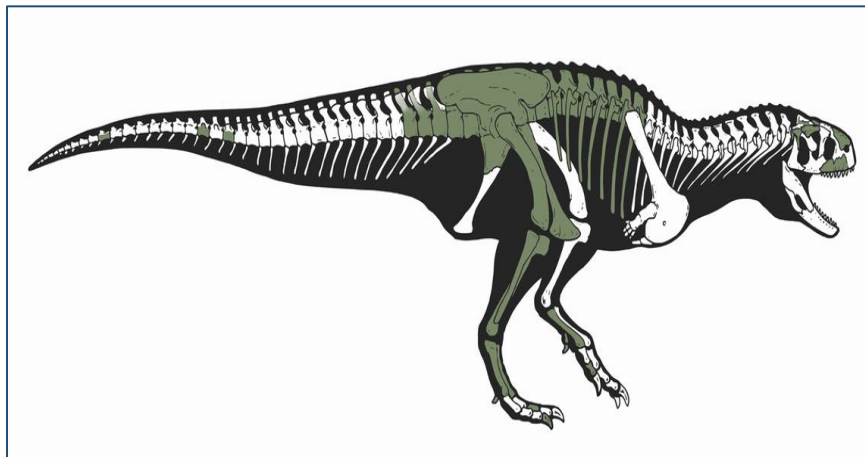
### **Global seafood production 2024**

- ❖ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) released The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2024.
- ❖ It shows, for the first time in 2022, that aquaculture production exceeded fisheries.
- ❖ Global production reached a record 223.2 million metric tons in 2022, 4.4 percent more than in 2020.
- ❖ Asian countries produced 70 percent of all aquatic animals.

- ❖ Wild-capture fisheries produced 92.3 MT in 2022, 91.0 MT of aquatic animals and 1.3 MT of algae.
- ❖ China remained the top capture fisheries producer (14.3 percent), followed by Indonesia (8.0 percent) and India (6.0 percent).
- ❖ Aquatic animal production is expected to increase by 10 percent by 2032.

Aquatic animals			
In million tonnes (live weight)			
	1950		2022
France	0.1	China	52.9
China	0.1	India	10.2
United States of America	0.1	Indonesia	5.4
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	0.1	Viet Nam	5.2
Indonesia	< 0.1	Bangladesh	2.7
Others	0.3	Others	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>94.4</b>

## New Dinosaur Species in Patagonia



- ❖ The researchers discovered a new species of a 6-foot-tall titanosaur in Patagonia, Argentina.



- ❖ The new species is an abelisaurid called Koleken inakayali.
- ❖ It's only the second known abelisaurid to have lived in the area during the Late Cretaceous Epoch, around 70 million years ago.

