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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Reserve Bank of India governor Shaktikanta Das has received the 'Governor of the Year' award at London's Central Banking Awards 2023.
- ❖ Jettwings Airways, a Guwahati-based airline, has announced to launch a regional airline catering to the Northeast part of India starting November this year.
- ❖ Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty scripted history by becoming the first Indian doubles pair to win a title at a Badminton Super 1000 event in Jakarta.
- ❖ Egypt have been crowned the World Squash Federation's Squash World Cup Champions after beating Malaysia in Express Avenue Mall in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

## TAMIL NADU

### **Kid's bones found in burial urn**



- ❖ A small burial urn which was unearthed at the Adichanallur excavation site has been found to contain the bones of a child.

- ❖ It also contains ornaments, especially bangles of smaller sizes.
- ❖ It could be of a child aged five to eight years since a small skull and hand bone were found inside.
- ❖ There were four bangles made of a mixture of bronze and silver.
- ❖ Adichanallur in Tuticorin district is an important archaeological excavation site, especially for burial urns.

## NATIONAL

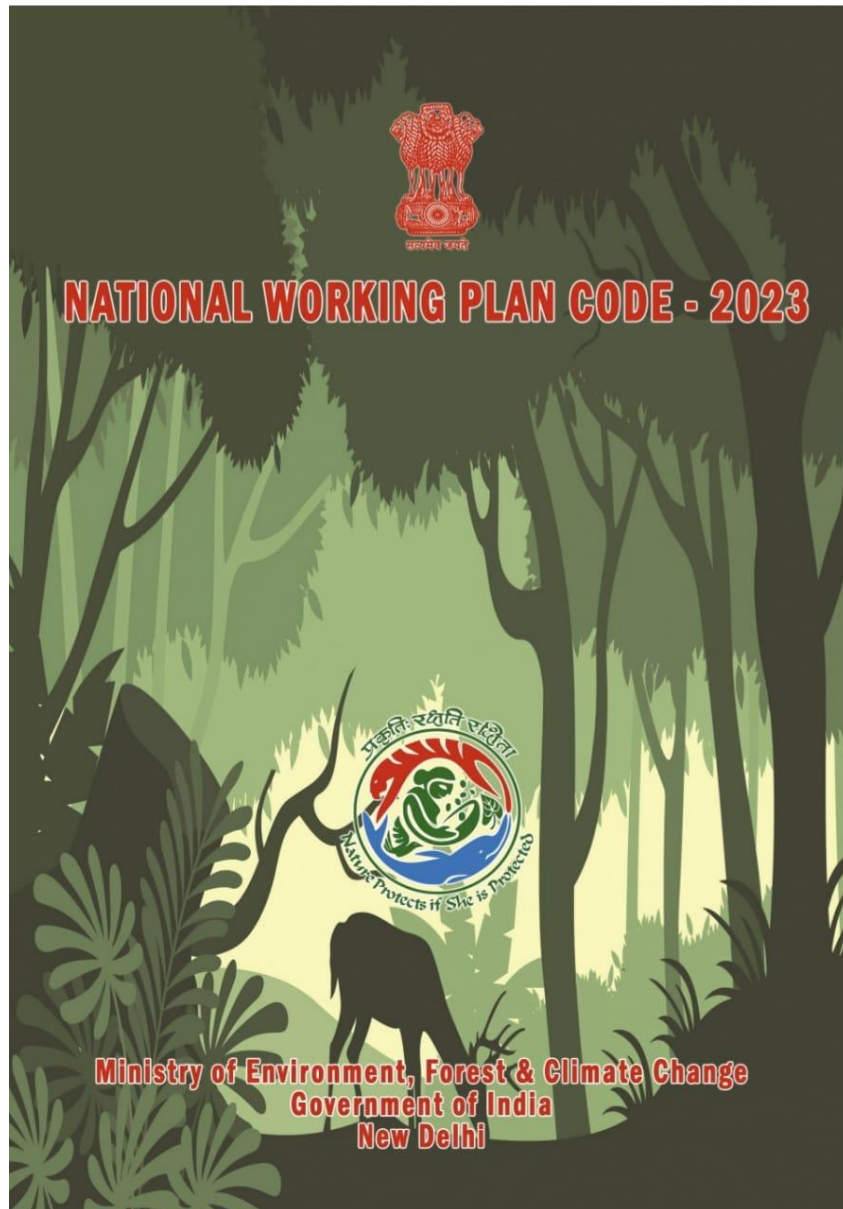
### Reforming arbitration law



- ❖ The centre has set up an expert panel led by former law secretary T K Viswanathan to recommend reforms in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.
- ❖ Earlier in January 2017, constituted a High-Level Committee formed under the chairmanship of retired Supreme Court justice BN Sri Krishna.

- ❖ The Act provides the procedure to be followed in arbitration proceedings, arbitral tribunal, the conduct of the tribunal along with the arbitral awards to be made in a dispute.
- ❖ The decision is binding on the parties and given in the form of an arbitral award in an arbitration agreement.
- ❖ It also prescribes the procedure of appeal to courts in case of discrepancies.

### **National Working Plan Code – 2023**



- ❖ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change released the “National Working Plan Code-2023”.

- ❖ This is for the scientific management of forests and evolving new approaches.
- ❖ This is deals in detail with the essentials of forest management planning, incorporating the principles of sustainable management of forests.

## INTERNATIONAL

### **Tripartite power trade agreement**



- ❖ India, Nepal, and Bangladesh have finalised the draft of a tripartite power trade agreement.
- ❖ The agreement will also meet a long-standing demand from Nepal and Bangladesh to allow the trading of power through the Indian grid.
- ❖ In addition to constructing electricity transmission infrastructure in Nepal and Bangladesh, India has helped build cross-border pipelines with both countries.

## STATES

### **'Natural Arch' in Odisha**

- ❖ The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has proposed declaring the 'Brahmani Natural Arch' in Odisha as a Geo Heritage Site.
- ❖ It is situated in Kanika range of Sundargarh forest division of Odisha.
- ❖ If it declared so, it will be the biggest natural arch of the country to have the Geo Heritage tag.
- ❖ The natural arch is composed of ferruginous sandstone from the Upper Kamthi Formation.

- ❖ It dates back to the lower to middle Jurassic age, approximately 184 to 160 million years old.
- ❖ India currently has two other natural arches, located at Tirumala hills in Tirupati and Andaman and Nicobar, but both are smaller than the one in Sundargarh.



### **Prisons as “Reform Homes”**

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh will establish prisons as 'Sudhaar Grah' (Reform Homes).
- ❖ Also, the state issued instructions regarding the preparation of the new Prison Act of the state.
- ❖ Currently, there is a semi-open jail operational in Lucknow.
- ❖ In the present time, the Jail Act of 1894 and the Prisoners Act of 1900 are in effect concerning prisoners detained in jail.
- ❖ The objective of the Prison Act of 1894 is to maintain discipline and control over offenders in custody.
- ❖ The Model Prison Act - 2023 has recently been prepared by the Government of India.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World crocodile day 2023 - June 17**

- ❖ The day is a global awareness campaign to highlight the plight of endangered crocodiles and alligators around the world.
- ❖ The first global event was held on June 17<sup>th</sup> 2017.

- ❖ Crocodile is among the 23 species of amphibious animals belonging to the reptile order Crocodylia.
- ❖ It is a large aquatic reptile that lives throughout Africa, Asia, the Americas and Australia.
- ❖ They congregate in freshwater habitats like rivers, lakes, wetlands.
- ❖ Some species, like Saltwater Crocodile often live along the coastal areas.
- ❖ India is home to three crocodilian species: the mugger or marsh crocodile, the estuarine or saltwater crocodile and the gharial.



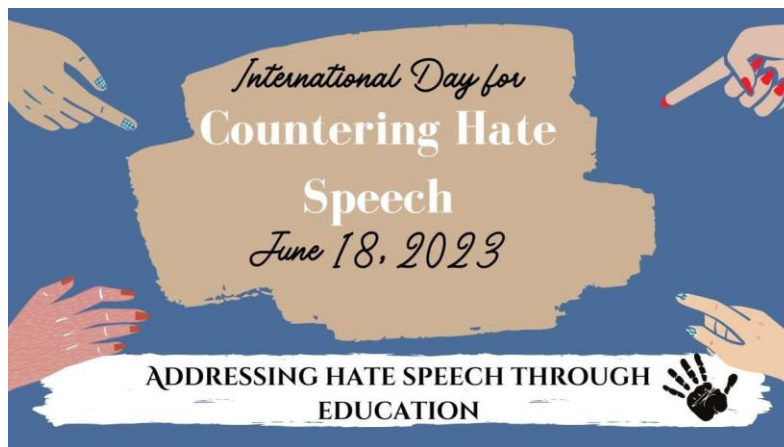
### **Sustainable Gastronomy Day 2023 - June 18**

- ❖ This day highlights the important role that food plays in promoting sustainable development and the crucial choices about what we eat.
- ❖ According to the United Nations, gastronomy is sometimes called the art of food.
- ❖ It also refers to a style of cooking from a particular region.

- ❖ The theme for this year's celebrations is 'Local Flavours, Preserving Global Heritage.'



### **International Day for Countering Hate Speech 2023 - June 18**

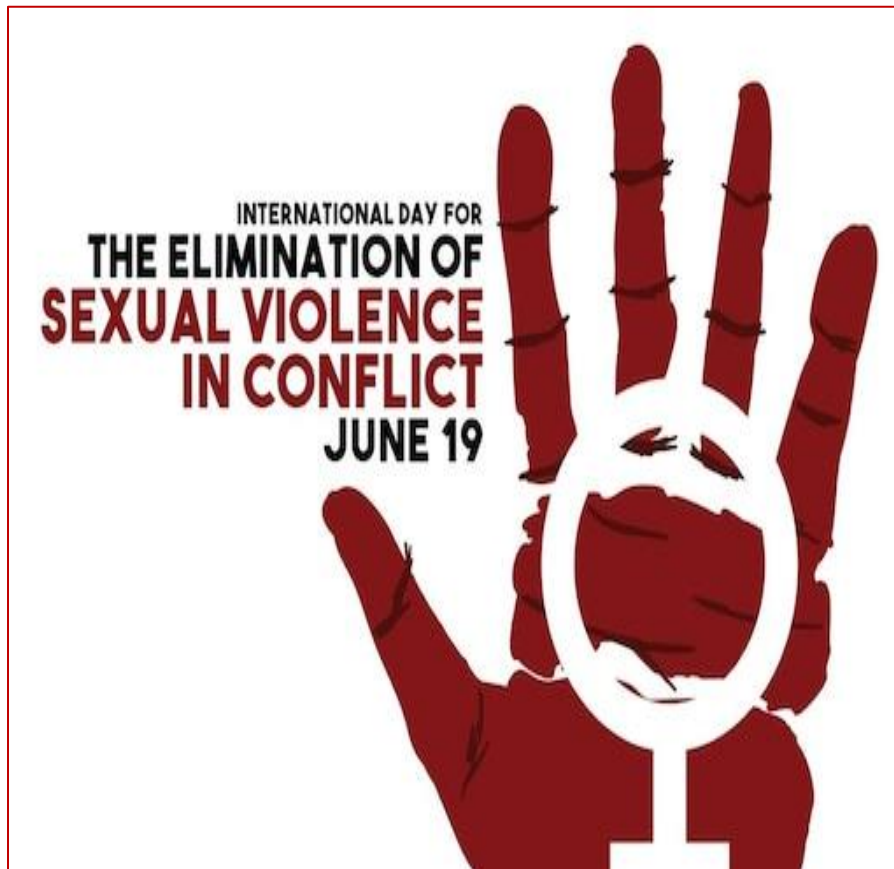


- ❖ It serves as a vital reminder of the urgent need to address the global issue of hate speech.
- ❖ It called for collective action to counter the spread of divisive rhetoric and promote understanding, respect, and inclusivity.
- ❖ This significant day builds upon the UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech.
- ❖ This was launched on June 18, 2019.

### **International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict 2023 - June 19**

- ❖ This day aims to highlight the issue of conflict-related sexual violence and inspire efforts to prevent it.

- ❖ The theme for this year is “bridging the gender digital divide to prevent, address and respond to conflict-related sexual violence”.
- ❖ This day was established on June 19, 2015, by the United Nations General Assembly.
- ❖ It is aimed at raising awareness about the need to end conflict-related sexual violence and honouring people who are subjected to sexual violence around the world.



### **World Refugee Day 2023 - June 20**

- ❖ This day raises awareness about the challenges faced by refugees worldwide and honours their resilience.
- ❖ This day serves as a reminder of the challenges faced by millions of individuals who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict, persecution, or violence.
- ❖ It offers an opportunity to raise awareness, advocate for their rights, and show solidarity with those seeking safety and protection.
- ❖ This day was established on December 4, 2000.



- ❖ It aimed to raise awareness about the increasing number of refugees worldwide and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention.
- ❖ The theme of this year is “Hope away from home”.

