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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Third G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) meeting under India's G20 Presidency held in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu police have introduced a new service where women travelling alone in remote locations could seek police assistance in case, they felt unsafe.
  - A woman travelling alone and requiring police help could dial 1091, 112, 044-23452365 and 044-28447701.
- ❖ The Guwahati Railway Station in Assam under North East Frontier Railway has been awarded 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI.
- ❖ Senior IPS officer Ravi Sinha was appointed as the new chief of India's external intelligence agency RAW.
- ❖ State Bank of India Managing Director Swaminathan Janaki Raman has selected for the post of Deputy Governor in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ❖ The first Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav, a grand sporting event jointly hosted by the Ministry of Culture, the Odisha Government and KIIT University.
- ❖ The Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 will be conferred on Gita Press, Gorakhpur for its outstanding contribution towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violent and other Gandhian methods.
- ❖ The 'National Yoga Olympiad 2023' was organised by the NCERT, was held at Bhopal.
- ❖ The World Bank (WB) launched its first dedicated road safety project in Bangladesh, South Asia with a USD 358 million financing.
- ❖ Olympian C.A. Bhavani Devi from Tamilnadu created history by securing India's first-ever medal (bronze) at the Asian fencing championships in Wuxi, China.
- ❖ On June 21 each year, the summer solstice day, the world Humanist Day are celebrated to spread awareness of Humanism as a philosophical life stance.

## NATIONAL

### Top Achievers in Wind Energy Adoption

- ❖ Rajasthan, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu are felicitated for their achievements during the financial year 2022-23.
- ❖ Rajasthan was felicitated for achieving the highest wind capacity addition.
- ❖ Gujarat was achieving the highest wind capacity addition through open access.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu was initiating repowering of wind turbines.
- ❖ Wind Atlas has been prepared by the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE).
- ❖ It has estimated the onshore wind potential of the country at 1,164 GW at 150 meters above ground level.



#### **4<sup>th</sup> National Water Awards**



- ❖ The Jal Shakti Ministry had announced a total of 41 winners, covering 11 categories, including joint winners, for the National Water Awards, 2022.

- ❖ The awards focus on encouraging good work and efforts made by various individuals and organisations to conserve water.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh was awarded the first prize in the best State category.
- ❖ Odisha got second place and Bihar shared the third spot along with Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ In the best district category, the award was given to the Ganjam District of Odisha.
- ❖ Namakkal in Tamil Nadu got 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in best district category.
- ❖ The best Village Panchayat award was presented to Jagannadhapuram Village Panchayat, Bhadradri Kothagudem district of Telangana.
- ❖ Kadavur Village Panchayat in Karur district of Tamil Nadu shared 2<sup>nd</sup> price in this category.
- ❖ Akashvani of Guwahati also received the second-best award in Media category.
- ❖ Apollo Tyres Limited, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu shared 3<sup>rd</sup> price in Best Industry category.

### **Open Market Sale Scheme restriction**



- ❖ The Central Government recently discontinued the sale of rice and wheat from the central pool under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) to State governments.
- ❖ However, the sale of rice under the OMSS will be continued for northeastern as well as hilly States.
- ❖ The quantity that a bidder can purchase in a single bid under the OMSS (D) from the Food Corporation of India (FCI) will range from 10-100 metric tonnes (MT).

- ❖ Earlier, the maximum quantity allowed was 3,000 MT per bid for a buyer.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Memorial wall for fallen United Nations peacekeepers**



- ❖ The UN General Assembly has adopted a draft resolution introduced by India to establish a memorial wall in the UN Headquarters to honour fallen peacekeepers.
- ❖ India introduced the draft resolution titled 'Memorial wall for fallen United Nations peacekeepers' in the UN General Assembly.
- ❖ The resolution was co-sponsored by nearly 190 UN Member States and was adopted by consensus.
- ❖ In 2015, the Permanent Mission of India to the UN launched a virtual memorial wall, dedicated to the Indian troops who made the supreme sacrifice.

### **First ever High Seas Treaty**

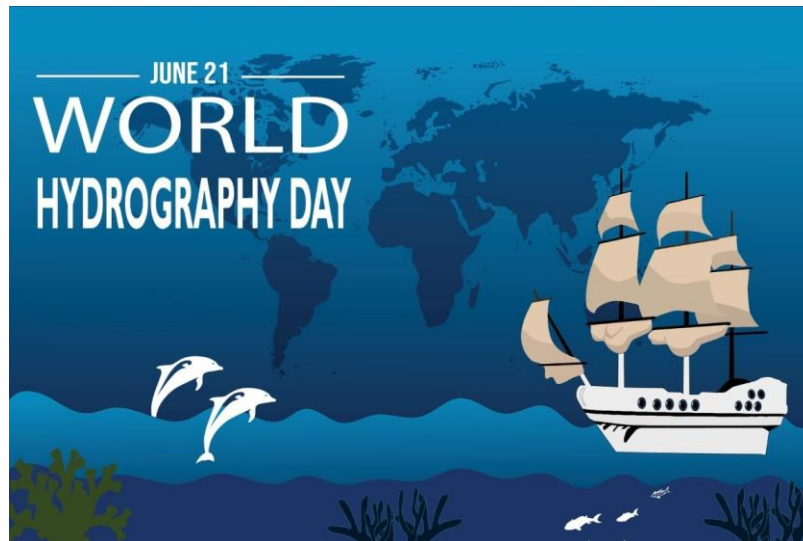
- ❖ The United Nations has adopted the first-ever international treaty to govern the high seas and protect remote ecosystems vital to humanity.
- ❖ This is Officially known as the Treaty on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction.
- ❖ It aims to protecting and governing activities such as fishing, mining, and oil extraction in international waters.
- ❖ The treaty still needs to be ratified by at least 60 member nations to take effect.
- ❖ The treaty establishes principles for sharing the benefits of "marine genetic resources.

- ❖ The high seas cover more than 60 percent of the earth's surface.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Hydrography Day 2023 - June 21



- ❖ The International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) was established in 1921.
- ❖ It is serving as a prominent entity focused on addressing various aspects of marine life.
- ❖ This day aims to raise awareness about hydrography and how it plays a role in improved knowledge of the seas and oceans.

- ❖ Theme of this year is “Hydrography - underpinning the digital twin of the ocean.”

### **World Music Day 2023 - June 21**

- ❖ It aims to celebrate the global language of music.
- ❖ The first World Music Day was observed in France on June 21, 1982.
- ❖ The theme for 2023 is "Music on the Intersections."



### **International Yoga Day 2023 - June 21**



- ❖ The date of June 21 was chosen as it is the Summer Solstice, the day where there is the most sun out of every other day of the year.

- ❖ The idea of International Yoga Day was first proposed by India in 2014 at the UN General Assembly.
- ❖ The 2023's theme is Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.
- ❖ Over 1.25 lakh people attended the International Yoga Day event in Surat, setting a new Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of people for a yoga session in one place.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Thol Pavai Koothu Show in USA

- ❖ Thol Pavai Koothu B. Muthuchandra Rao, has been invited by the Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America (FeTNA) and Sacramento Tamil Mandrum to perform at the Fetna 36th Convention, USA.
- ❖ He is a winner of the Tamil Nadu government's Kalaimamani Award.
- ❖ Tholpavaikoothu is a form of Shadow puppetry.
- ❖ This form of art is especially popular in the Madurai, Kanyakumari (TN), Palakkad Thrissur and Malappuram districts of Kerala.

