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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Prime Minister unveiled the renovated Shree Kalika Mata temple at Pavagadh Hill in Gujarat's Panch mahal district.

## NATIONAL

### Coastal clean-up campaign

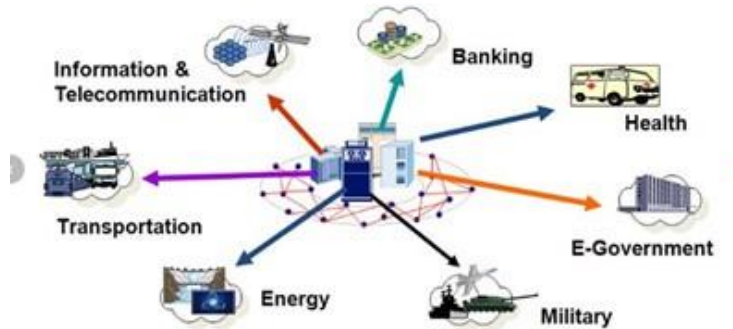


- ❖ The Union Government announced a coastal clean-up initiative for 75 beaches in 2022.
- ❖ The Coastal Clean-up drive will start from July 3 and will conclude on September 17, 2022.
- ❖ This year, September 17 will also mark the 'International Coastal Clean-up Day 2022'.

### Critical information infra

- ❖ The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has declared the IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and UPI managing entity NPCI as 'critical information infrastructure'.
- ❖ It is implying that any harm to them can have an impact on national security.

- ❖ Any unauthorised person accessing these resources may be jailed for up to 10 years.
- ❖ Under the Information Technology Act of 2000, Centre has the power to declare any data, database, IT network or communications infrastructure as CII to protect that digital asset.



## MoHUA NIPUN Initiative





- ❖ An Innovative project called “National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN) was launched.
- ❖ This Initiative was launched for skill training of 100,000 construction workers.
- ❖ It has been launched under the flagship scheme of “Deendayal Antyodaya-Yojana National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)”.
- ❖ Under the scheme, the construction workers will be trained through fresh skilling and upskilling programs.
- ❖ The NIPUN Project will be implemented by the National Skill Development Corporation.

### **Deletion of 111 Political parties**

- ❖ The Election Commission of India (ECI) has ordered the deletion of 111 registered unrecognized political parties that it found to be “non-existent”.
- ❖ It referred three of the parties to the Department of Revenue for legal action for “serious financial impropriety”.
- ❖ The Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides ECI to register and de-register the political parties.
- ❖ This was the second such action in the recent past against registered parties that have been found violating the RP Act, 1951.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Sri Lankan Constitutional Amendment**

- ❖ Sri Lanka’s parliament passed the 21st Amendment to the Constitution to curb the presidential powers.
- ❖ It grants more power to the parliament than before.
- ❖ It not only empowers the parliament but also holds the president accountable for the actions.

## **ECONOMY**

### **India's largest trading partner**

- ❖ As per Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry's latest data, United States has become India's largest trading partner.
- ❖ India's bilateral trade with the US has touched USD 119.42 billion

- ❖ It is exceeding India's trade with China.
- ❖ China was India's largest trading partner from 2013-2014 to 2017-2018 and 2020-2021.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### India's first anti-gravity body suit



- ❖ AIIMS-Delhi developed the world's first anti-gravity body suit.
- ❖ It will help astronauts strengthen muscles and prevent loss of bone density minerals.
- ❖ It will also increase the weight of the astronauts by more than 70 percent in space to prevent them from floating.

## ENVIRONMENT

### ‘Single-use plastic’ ban

- ❖ Union government has banned the use of ‘single-use plastic’ from July 1, 2022.
- ❖ Single-Use plastic refers to plastic items which are used once and discarded.



- ❖ Polythene bags under 75 microns was already banned in September 2021.
- ❖ From December 2022, polythene bags under 120 microns will also be banned.



## STATES

### International literary festival



- ❖ A three-day international literary festival called “Unmesha” was held at Gaiety Theatre in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ This festival is India’s largest international literary festival till date.

### **Kerala Migration Survey**



- ❖ Kerala state has announced to conduct “Kerala Migration Survey 2022-23”.
- ❖ It aims to prepare a data bank on Malayali expatriates across the world.
- ❖ As a part of the survey, a “Malayali Pravasi Portal” will be launched.
- ❖ This portal will be used to link Insurance and other welfare schemes for expatriates.
- ❖ An elaborate global registration campaign will also be held, to prepare the database.
- ❖ The first ever survey in 1998 showed that, around 1.5 million Keralites were then living outside India.
- ❖ In 2018, there are an estimated 2.12 million emigrants from Kerala worldwide.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Sickle Cell Awareness Day – June 19**

- ❖ It aims to enlighten the public about sickle cell disease and its treatments.
- ❖ The event also addresses the difficulties faced by patients, their families and caregivers.

- ❖ Sickle cell anaemia is a group of inherited disorders that cause red blood cells to become sickle instead of normal biconcave shape.



### **World Sauntering Day – June 19**



- ❖ It was first established by W.T. Rabe in 1979 in response to jogging's growing popularity.
- ❖ It encourages people to walk gently while enjoying the beauty of nature.

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

- ❖ On June 19, 2008, the 15-member United Nations Security Council adopted resolution to create this day.

- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about conflict-related sexual violence.
- ❖ The theme for this year is 'Prevention as Protection: Enhancing structural and operational prevention of conflict-related sexual violence.'



### **Father's Day - June 19**



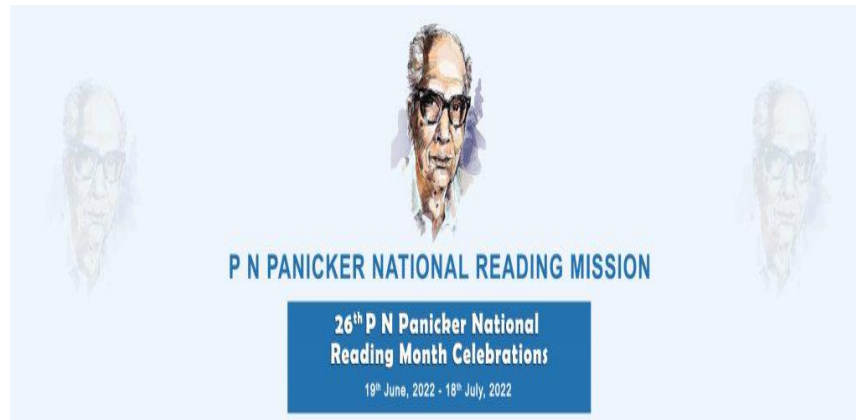
- ❖ Father's Day is a holiday of honouring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society.
- ❖ It is celebrated on the third Sunday of June for the first time in 1910.

### **National Reading Day - June 19**

- ❖ It aims to honour Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker (PN Panicker).
- ❖ He is considered as the Father of Library and Literacy Movement in Kerala.



- ❖ Reading Day was started on June 19, 1996, by the Kerala Government along with the PN Panicker Foundation.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### World's Largest Freshwater Fish

- ❖ A 300 kg stingray was caught in the Mekong River in Cambodia.
- ❖ It is the biggest freshwater fish ever documented,
- ❖ It squashes previous record-holder, a 293kg Mekong giant catfish caught in Thailand in 2005.
- ❖ The Mekong has the third-most diverse fish population in the world.



### Human Middle Ear

- ❖ As per the recent studies, middle ear of human has evolved from fish gills.
- ❖ Middle ear of human houses three tiny, vibrating bones.
- ❖ It helps in transporting sound vibrations into inner ear.

- ❖ Fossil and embryonic evidence proves that, human middle ear evolved from spiracle of fishes.
- ❖ However, origin of vertebrate spiracle is an unsolved mystery in vertebrate evolution.

