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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India received the highest-ever daily vaccination count of 80 lakh administered on June 21, 2021.
  - Free coronavirus vaccines were made available to states for vaccination of all above the age of 18 from this day.
- ❖ The UN committee recommended adding Great Barrier Reef to the list of “in danger” World Heritage Sites.
  - The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system located in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland, Australia.
- ❖ The Israeli military has successfully tested an airborne high-power laser which has the capability to shoot down drones.
  - It is a prototype developed with Elbit Systems.
- ❖ As per the data by the Solvent Extractors’ Association of India, Malaysia surpassed Indonesia to become India’s biggest Crude Palm Oil (CPO) exporter in 2020-21.
  - Indonesia imposed heavy taxes on exports of the edible oil last year.
- ❖ Arunachal Pradesh woman, Dr Tadang Minu, becomes the first in the state and the second Indian woman in the country to be appointed as a member of the Coaches Committee of the International Boxing Association (AIBA).
  - She has been appointed by AIBA for her enormous knowledge and experience in the field of boxing.
- ❖ The Ships of the Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) participated in a joint naval exercise at the Indian Ocean to realize “Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)”.
  - “JS KASHIMA (TV3508) and JS SETOYUKI (TV3518) conducted a bilateral exercise with INS KULISH (P63) at the Indian Ocean.
- ❖ Bharti Airtel and Tata Group have announced a strategic partnership for implementing 5G network solutions for India.
  - This will be available for commercial development from January 2022.
- ❖ Filmmaker-writer Tahira Kashyap Khurrana has announced her upcoming book about motherhood, titled "The 7 Sins of Being A Mother".
  - Last year, she had released a book named "12 Commandments of Being A Woman".



- ❖ WWF India has inducted Upasana Kamineni, Director, Apollo Hospitals, as “Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes”.
  - This is with the aim to appreciate the efforts of frontline workers in hospitals and in the wildlife protection space.
- ❖ British lawyer Karim Khan was sworn as the new chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Court.
  - He takes over from Fatou Bensouda of the Gambia, whose nine-year term ended.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Jaan Hai to Jahaan Hai Awareness Campaign**

- ❖ It is launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- ❖ It is a nationwide awareness campaign to create awareness on Corona vaccination in rural and remote areas of the country.
- ❖ It is also to “Crush and Curb” the rumours and apprehensions regarding the on-going vaccination drive.

### **CASSAVA - Bioethanol production**

- ❖ The ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI) has found CASSAVA as a raw material for bioethanol production.
- ❖ This will help to meet Ethanol Blending Petrol (EBP) programme target of 2025 by India.
- ❖ Cassava is having a high starch content.
- ❖ It also has ability to grow under low management conditions.

### **Four-member Takeover Panel - SEBI**

- ❖ The Markets regulator Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reconstituted its four-member Takeover Panel.
- ❖ The Takeover Panel looks into the applications that seek exemption from the mandatory open offer that an acquirer needs to make to minority shareholders.
- ❖ SEBI has appointed N Venkatram MD and CEO, Deloitte India as the new member of this Takeover Panel.
- ❖ SEBI had first constituted this Takeover Panel in November 2007.



- ❖ It was constituted under the chairmanship of former Bank of Baroda chairman K Kannan.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **India abstains from voting on UN's Myanmar resolution**

- ❖ The UN's resolution demonstrated widespread global opposition to the Myanmar military and demanded that the country's democratic transition be restored.
- ❖ India abstained from voting on the United Nations General Assembly's (UNGA's) resolution for an arms embargo against Myanmar.
- ❖ 119 countries voted 'yes', Belarus voted 'no' and 36 countries abstained.

#### **Background**

- ❖ The elected leaders of Myanmar were overthrown on February 1 this year in a coup by the army.
- ❖ It accused Aung Sang Suu Kyi's ruling party of cheating in the November elections.
- ❖ The army's allegation has been rejected by the previous election commission and international monitors.

### **Children & Armed Conflict - Report**

- ❖ The United Nations published its "Annual Report of Secretary-General on Children & Armed Conflict (CAAC)".
- ❖ As per the report, 26425 grave violations were committed against children in 2020.
- ❖ About 19,300 children affected by war in 2020.
- ❖ Crimes of abduction have increased by 90%.
- ❖ Incidents of rape & other forms of sexual violence have increased by 70%.
- ❖ One in four children affected by grave violations like rape & other forms of sexual violence were girls.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Yellow watermelon**

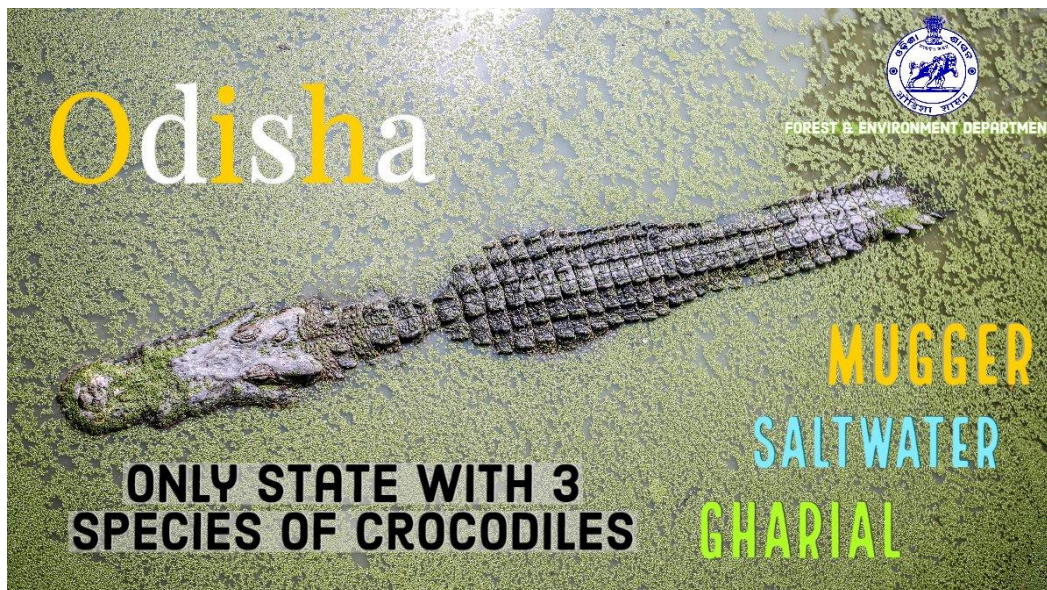
- ❖ Yellow watermelon has been developed by Bayer's global research and development efforts.

- ❖ Yellow watermelon variety has been commercially introduced in India after two years of local trials.
- ❖ Yellow Gold 48 have enhanced yield potential, better disease & pest tolerance.
- ❖ Yellow Gold 48 variety is best suited for cultivation during October to February.
- ❖ Harvest can be done from April onwards.



## STATES

### Crocodiles' species in Odisha



- ❖ Odisha has become the only state in India to have all the three species of crocodiles.
- ❖ They are,



- Reptile freshwater Gharials at Satkosia in Mahanadi,
- Muggers in Bhitarkanika National Park and
- Saltwater crocodiles in Bhitarkanika National Park.
- ❖ Odisha has witnessed natural nesting of Gharials (a critically endangered species) for the first time since they were introduced in its rivers in 1975.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **European Inventor Award 2021**

- ❖ Indian-American chemist Sumita Mitra has been honoured with the European Inventor Award 2021 in the 'Non-European Patent Office countries' category.
- ❖ She was the first to have successfully integrated nanotechnology into dental materials to produce stronger and more aesthetically pleasing fillings.
- ❖ The award is presented annually by the European Patent Office (EPO).
- ❖ This award is to recognise outstanding inventors from Europe and beyond.



## **SPORTS**

### **Laurel Hubbard**

- ❖ The New Zealand weightlifter Laurel Hubbard becomes the first transgender athlete to compete at an Olympic Games.
- ❖ She is 43-year-old.
- ❖ She will be the fourth oldest weightlifter at an Olympics.

- ❖ She is to participate in the women's super-heavyweight 87kg-plus category in Tokyo.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **World Rainforest Day - June 22**



- ❖ The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the preservation of rainforests.



- ❖ With the efforts of groups called the Rainforest Partnership, the first World Rainforest Day was introduced on 22 June in the year 2017.
- ❖ This year, the theme is 'Protected Together. Now. Forever'.

