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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Anil Khanna has been appointed the acting President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
- ❖ Karnataka State's first disabled-friendly park in Jawaharlal Bal Bhavan (JBB), Cubbon Park was recently inaugurated.
- ❖ Hermit is new spyware with the capability to affect both Android and iOS devices.
- ❖ Iran recently launched a solid-fuelled rocket named "Zuljanah" into space.
  - It is the first indigenously designed and indigenously manufactured hybrid fuel satellite launch vehicle from Iran.
- ❖ Tata Power Solar Systems commissions India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6-Megawatt Peak (MWp) in Kerala's backwaters area of Kayamkulam.
  - This project is the first one in the Floating Solar Photovoltaic (FSPV) through Power Purchase Agreement category.
- ❖ Chief Minister MK Stalin inaugurated Tamil Nadu Centre of Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing (TANCAM) in the Tidel Park, Taramani in Chennai.
  - It is India's first of its kind centre of Excellence.

## **NATIONAL**

### **GST compensation cess extension**

- ❖ The Central government has extended the time to levy GST compensation cess, till March 31, 2026.
- ❖ The levy of cess was scheduled to end on June 30, 2022.
- ❖ However, the GST Council decided to extend it further.
- ❖ GST was rolled out in India, with effect from July 1, 2017.
- ❖ States were assured of compensation for loss of any revenue, in the aftermath of implementation of GST for five years.
- ❖ Provision of compensation cess was created under the GST (Compensation to States) Act, 2017.
- ❖ The act assumed that there will be an increase by 14 percent in the GST revenue of each State, from the amount collected in 2015-16.
- ❖ It was specified that, in case state had collected tax less than 14% in any year, they would be compensated for shortfall.

## **NOW TILL 2026**

- Cess is levied along with GST on 'sin' items like cars, tobacco. Initially imposed for 5-year period ending this month to ensure states' revenues grew 14% annually
- Several states demanded extension of the cess as pandemic had dented revenues
- Consumers of these items will now have to bear the extra burden till March 2026

- ❖ This amount was decided to be paid every two months, on the basis of provisional accounts.
- ❖ The compensation cess fund was created to pay states for any revenue shortfall.

### **Father of the Public Sector Undertakings in India**

- ❖ V Krishnamurthy recently passed away at the age of 97 in Chennai.
- ❖ He a former Chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Maruti Udyog Ltd (now Maruti Suzuki).
- ❖ He was instrumental in the development of the Maruti 800.

### **New RAW Chief**

- ❖ Samant Kumar Goel's contract as secretary of the intelligence agency's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) was extended by the Centre 24 by another year.
- ❖ The RAW is an external intelligence organisation that monitors dangers from abroad.



- ❖ RAW collects secret information about the activities of neighbouring countries.
- ❖ RAW has been placed directly under the Indian Prime Minister's office.

### **Draft General Statutory Rules (GSR) Notification**

- ❖ The union minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has approved the Draft GSR Notification to introduce Bharat NCAP (New Car Assessment Program).
- ❖ As per this, automobiles in India shall be accorded Star Ratings based upon their performance in Crash Tests.
- ❖ Bharat-NCAP will serve as a consumer-centric platform allowing customers to opt for safer cars based upon their star-ratings.
- ❖ It will be promoting a healthy competition in India to manufacture safer vehicles.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **SS-26 Stone**

- ❖ Russia has announced to transfer the "Iskander-M Missile System" to Belarus.
- ❖ This missile system can use ballistic or cruise missiles, in their nuclear and conventional versions.
- ❖ It is a mobile guided missile system code-named "SS-26 Stone" by NATO.



## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Udaipur's 'bird village'**

- ❖ It is set to be notified as Rajasthan's new wetland.
- ❖ It is located in Menar in the Udaipur district.

- ❖ It is recognised as the “bird village”.
- ❖ At present, Rajasthan has two wetlands recognised as Ramsar sites.
- ❖ They are Keoladeo Ghana in Bharatpur district and Sambhar Salt Lake in Jaipur district.

### **Red list of birds in Kerala**

- ❖ Kerala will soon have its own red list of birds.
- ❖ The Kerala Bird Monitoring Collective led by Kerala Agricultural University and the Bird Count India will conduct the regional red list assessment.
- ❖ Once it gets ready, Kerala will be the first State to have a region-specific red list of birds.
- ❖ A species seen common at the global level may be a threatened species at the regional level.
- ❖ According to the global IUCN red list, Kerala has 64 threatened species of birds.
- ❖ In that, the Red-headed vulture and White-rumped vulture are critically endangered.

### **Wolly Mammoth**

- ❖ The mummified body of a baby woolly mammoth with skin and hair was discovered in the far north of Canada.
- ❖ It is believed to be female and would have died during the Ice Age, more than 30,000 years ago.



- ❖ The discovery also marks the first near-complete and best-preserved mummified woolly mammoth found in North America.
- ❖ The woolly mammoth lived during the Pleistocene until its extinction in the Holocene epoch.

- ❖ The findings were called as 'beautiful and one of the most incredible mummified ice age animals ever discovered in the world.'

## STATES

### **Kempegowda International Award**

- ❖ The Former chief minister of Karnataka S M Krishna, founder of Infosys & IT industry veteran N R Narayana Murthy, as well as former badminton player Prakash Padukone, were selected for Kempegowda International Award 2022".
- ❖ Kempe gowda was the architect of Bengaluru city.
- ❖ Kempegowda Award is also known as Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Award.
- ❖ It is a civilian award presented by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), annually.
- ❖ The award has been named after ruler of Vijayanagara Empire, Nadaprabhu Hiriya Kempe Gowda.
- ❖ He built the Bengaluru city in 1537.



### **Single-use plastic Buy back scheme**

- ❖ Himachal Pradesh launched the "Single-Use Plastic Buy Back Scheme"
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh government would purchase the single-use plastic items from students of schools and colleges.
- ❖ For this, government will pay Rs 75 per kg to students.





## SPORTS

### Ranji Trophy 2022

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh create history in the Ranji Trophy 2022, in the final at the M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru
- ❖ They won their maiden Ranji Trophy title by beating Mumbai team.
- ❖ Mumbai batter Sarfaraz Khan was crowned as the 'Man of the Tournament'.
- ❖ Mumbai have won the tournament the most number of times with 41 wins.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Vitiligo Day – June 25

- ❖ It is observed in a memorial to famous music artist Michael Jackson (the King of Pop), who suffered from this rare skin disorder.
- ❖ Also, known as Leukoderma, Vitiligo is a chronic skin autoimmune condition.
- ❖ The theme for this day in 2022 is Learning to Live with Vitiligo.

