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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Russian forces have seized control of a key port city in southern Ukraine.
  - Kherson is the first major city to be taken by Russia.
- ❖ Hero MotoCorp has unveiled a new brand “Vida” for its emerging mobility solutions and upcoming electric vehicles.
  - It has been unveiled in Dubai (Vida means life).
- ❖ India’s Shri Nivetha, Esha Singh, and Ruchita Vinerkar have won the gold medal in the women’s 10m air pistol team event of the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt.
  - With this win, India is leading the medal table with three medals, including two gold and silver.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Excavation at Maligaimedu**



- ❖ A broken piece of bracelet made of gold and copper, a brick structure, and Chinese potsherds were unearthed in Ariyalur.
- ❖ These were found during the second phase of excavation at the southern part of Maligaimedu near Gangaikondacholapuram.
- ❖ The broken bracelet, weighing 7.920 grams and 4 mm thick, and made of copper and gold was the first remnant excavated from the site.

- ❖ Objects made of gold and other metals combined indicate that there was a royal palace here.

## **NATIONAL**

### **India and the Netherlands - 75 years**

- ❖ The 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and the Netherlands is being commemorated this year.
- ❖ A logo was released to commemorate the occasion.
- ❖ The logo features the national flowers of both the countries, the lotus, and the tulip.
- ❖ The chakra in the heart of the logo represents our friendship.
- ❖ The flag colors emphasize the ties that exist between Indians and Dutch people.



### **Health Heritage Walk**

- ❖ The health heritage walks were held during the Jan Aushadhi Diwas weeklong celebrations in 10 cities.
- ❖ This is to spread the message of wellbeing from physical exercise and walking, as well as to spread the message of affordable and quality generic medications which can be availed from Janaushadhi Kendras.

### **Host Country Agreement**

- ❖ The Government of India has signed the Host Country Agreement with International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- ❖ This is for the establishment of an Area Office & Innovation Centre of ITU in New Delhi.



- ❖ The Area Office and Innovation Centre of ITU at New Delhi will serve South Asian countries comprising Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and India.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Saudi Arabia foundation day



- ❖ Saudi Arabia held celebrations on February 22 to commemorate for the first time its foundation nearly 300 years ago.
- ❖ The anniversary marks the day in 1727 when Mohammed bin Saud, founder of the first Saudi state, took over the emirate of Diriyah.



- ❖ Emirate of Diriyah is a remote town that now lies on the northwest edge of the Saudi capital Riyadh.

### **Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant**

- ❖ Russia has captured Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.
- ❖ This is the largest one in Europe.
- ❖ It is located near the city of Enerhodar, on the Dnieper River.

### **United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) vote to probe Russian actions**

- ❖ India has abstained on a vote at the UNHRC resolution which "strongly condemned" aggression by Russia on Ukraine.
- ❖ The resolution asked the council to set up an international commission of enquiry into Russia's actions in Ukraine.
- ❖ India was among 13 countries of the 47-member council elected from UN members that abstained from the resolution.
- ❖ Only Russia and Eritrea voted against the resolution.

### **Emergency General Assembly session**

- ❖ India abstained from a procedural vote taken in the UN Security Council to call for a rare special emergency session of the UN General Assembly on Russia's aggression against Ukraine.
- ❖ India, China, and the UAE abstained from this.
- ❖ The resolution was adopted with 11 votes in favor.
- ❖ This was the 11th such emergency session of the General Assembly since 1950.

## **STATES**

### **Withdrawal of Consent to CBI**

- ❖ Meghalaya has become the ninth state of the country to withdraw consent to CBI to investigate cases in the state.
- ❖ It means that the CBI will not be able to file any new cases involving central government officials or private persons in the state without the permission of the state government.

- ❖ Before Meghalaya, the eight other states that had withdrawn consent to the CBI are Punjab, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Mizoram, and Kerala.
- ❖ The first state to withdraw consent was Mizoram which did so in 2015.

### **HC and Andhra government**

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh high court has ordered Amaravati's development as the state capital and ruled the government has no right to enact fresh legislation for three capitals.
- ❖ The court said that Parliament alone is competent to deal with the setting up of the legislature, executive and judicial organs of the state, and this was implicit in the language employed in Article 4 of the Constitution.

### **Konark temple town**



- ❖ Odisha plans to make the Konark temple town a 100 percent solar town.
- ❖ It was built by King Narasimhadeva I, the great ruler of the Ganga dynasty.
- ❖ The temple was included in UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984.
- ❖ This temple was also known as 'BLACK PAGODA'
- ❖ Similarly, the Jagannath Temple in Puri was called the "White Pagoda".

## **SPORTS**

### **ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022**

- ❖ This is the 12 edition of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup.



- ❖ It is being held in New Zealand.
- ❖ The opening match of the ICC Women's World Cup 2022 was held at the Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui.
- ❖ The final match is scheduled to take place at the Hagley Oval stadium.
- ❖ Total 8 teams are participating which includes, New Zealand, Australia, England, South Africa, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and West Indies.



### **General Manager of BCCI**

- ❖ Abey Kuruvilla of Kerala will be taking charge as the new General Manager of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- ❖ Abey Kuruvilla is a former Indian pace bowler of the mid-1990s.
- ❖ He retired from all forms of cricket in 2000 and took up coaching.



### **Ravichandran Ashwin**

- ❖ Ravichandran Ashwin has become India's second-highest wicket-taker in Test crickets after Anil Kumble by taking his 435th test wicket in his 85<sup>th</sup> test match.



- ❖ Ashwin achieved the feat when he dismissed Sri Lankan batsman Pathum Nissanka in the Test between India and Sri Lanka at the PCA Stadium in Mohali, Chandigarh.
- ❖ He has now become the ninth highest wicket-taker in the history of Test cricket.

