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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Indian Navy Kilo class conventional submarine, INS Sindhukesari, docked for the first time in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- ❖ The Churchgate railway station in Mumbai will soon be renamed after the first governor of the Reserve Bank of India 'Chintamanrao Deshmukh'.
- ❖ The Chinese government has decided to block ChatGPT, a search engine, in the country, citing concerns about propaganda and censorship.
- ❖ Real Madrid lifted the FIFA Club World Cup for a record fifth time by win over Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia held in Morocco.
- ❖ Rohit Sharma became the first Indian captain and globally fourth to score centuries in all three formats with his first Test century against Australia.

NATIONAL

22nd Law Commission of India



- ❖ The 22nd law Commission was constituted under Justice Rituraj Awasthi for a period of three years on February 21, 2020.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet now extended by one-and-a-half year (August 31, 2024) the term of the 22nd Law Commission.

- ❖ The commission is mandated to identify laws which are “no longer relevant” and recommend for their repeal.
- ❖ The Law Commission is a non-statutory body, constituted by the Ministry of Law & Justice under the central government from time to time.
- ❖ The term of the 21st Law Commission ended on August 31, 2018.

Jaipur Declaration

- ❖ The Jaipur Declaration was adopted at the 18th World Security Congress jointly organized by the Railway Protection Force and the UIC.
- ❖ It is an actionable agenda for UIC to explore innovative approaches that can help global Railway organizations achieve their long-term goal of safety and security.
- ❖ The Congress held on the theme of "Railway Security Strategy: Responses and Vision for Future."



INTERNATIONAL

UN Voting on Ukraine War



- ❖ India has once again abstained from voting in a UN General Assembly resolution that condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine on the eve of the first anniversary of Russia's invasion.
- ❖ During the vote in the 193-member UNGA, 141 member nations voted in favour of the resolution.
- ❖ While 7 opposed the resolution, India, China, Iran and South Africa were among the 32 countries to abstain in the vote.
- ❖ The seven countries who voted against it were Russia, Belarus, North Korea, Eritrea, Mali, Nicaragua and Syria.
- ❖ India's defence trade with the US is around 21 billion USD.
- ❖ But Russia is still the largest exporter of defence goods for India.

New World Bank President



- ❖ Indian-American business executive Ajay Banga was nominated by US President Joe Biden to head the World Bank.
- ❖ He will be the first Indian-American to head either of the two top international financial institutions: the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.
- ❖ He was also the president and CEO of Mastercard, the financial services company.
- ❖ In 2016, Banga was awarded the Padma Shri by the President of India.
- ❖ The president of the World Bank is ex officio chair of the Board of executive directors of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) or the World Bank and the International Development Association (IDA).

- ❖ US banker David Malpass was the previous president of the World Bank Group who stepped down recently.

ENVIRONMENT

Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate



- ❖ India has joined a global platform launched by the US and the UAE on the margins of the I2U2.
- ❖ It aims to accelerate investment and support for climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation.
- ❖ I2U2 - Israel, India, the United States and the United Arab Emirates – is the Business Forum held in Abu Dhabi.
- ❖ The Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM4C) was launched by the two nations in November 2021.
- ❖ IM4C seeks to increase investment in and support for climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation.
- ❖ To date, the AIM4C initiative has successfully increased these investments to more than USD8 billion globally.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Foundational Literacy and Numeracy report

- ❖ The study was released by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) recently.
- ❖ It was prepared by the Institute for Competitiveness — the Indian wing of the Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness at Harvard Business School.

- ❖ This is an indicator of literacy among children below 10 years of age.
- ❖ Punjab topped all key indicators like educational infrastructure, access to education, basic health, learning outcomes and governance.
- ❖ West Bengal maintained its lead while Uttar Pradesh stood at the bottom among large state categories.
- ❖ Among smaller states, Punjab was at the top of the index while Telangana was at the bottom.
- ❖ While Puducherry topped the index among union territories Ladakh was the worst performer.

CATEGORY WISE RANKING – INDEX ON FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING					
Large State			North-Eastern		
State	FLN Scores 2022	Category Rank 2022	State	FLN Scores 2022	Category Rank 2022
West Bengal	54.58	1	Sikkim	56.75	1
Maharashtra	52.78	2	Mizoram	48.31	2
Tamil Nadu	52.23	3	Manipur	47.17	3
Rajasthan	52.12	4	Assam	46.15	4
Karnataka	44.91	5	Tripura	39.77	5
Gujarat	44.08	6	Arunachal Pradesh	35.82	6
Madhya Pradesh	42.43	7	Nagaland	34.41	7
Bihar	40.96	8	Meghalaya	29.66	8
Uttar Pradesh	37.46	9			

CATEGORY WISE RANKING – INDEX ON FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING					
Small State			Union Territory		
State	FLN Scores 2022	Category Rank 2022	UT	FLN Scores 2022	Category Rank 2022
Punjab	64.19	1	Puducherry	54.76	1
Kerala	58.42	2	Delhi	52.13	2
Goa	51.05	3	Jammu & Kashmir	50.75	3
Uttarakhand	46.57	4	Lakshadweep	49.26	4
Himachal Pradesh	46.56	5	Chandigarh	48.53	5
Haryana	45.24	6	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	48.15	6
Odisha	44.36	7	Ladakh	38.46	7
Chhattisgarh	40.98	8			
Jharkhand	39.82	9			
Andhra Pradesh	39.02	10			
Telangana	34.38	11			

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Marconi Prize 2023

- ❖ Computer scientist Hari Balakrishnan has been awarded the 2023 Marconi Prize.
- ❖ He has been cited “for fundamental contributions to wired and wireless networking, mobile sensing, and distributed systems”.
- ❖ The Marconi Prize is a top honour for computer scientists and is awarded by the U.S.-based Marconi Foundation.

- ❖ It is given to those “who have made a significant contribution to increasing digital inclusivity through advanced information and communications technology.”
- ❖ Dr. Balakrishnan has previously won the Infosys Prize (2020) and the IEEE Koji Kobayashi Computers and Communications Award (2021).



Ellora-Ajanta International Festival 2023



- ❖ The three-day Ellora-Ajanta International Festival held at Soneri Mahal in Aurangabad, Maharashtra.
- ❖ The Ellora-Ajanta International Festival aims to promote tourism in Aurangabad district.

- ❖ The festival was a massive hit when it was first launched in 1985.
- ❖ The Ellora-Ajanta International Festival was last held in 2016.

SPORTS

25,000 runs in international cricket

FASTEST TO 25000 INTERNATIONAL RUNS ACROSS FORMATS				
INNS		CAREER MTS	RUNS	AVG
549	VIRAT KOHLI	492	25003	53.64
577	SACHIN TENDULKAR	664	34357	48.52
588	RICKY PONTING	560	27483	45.95
594	JACQUES KALLIS	519	25534	49.10
608	KUMAR SANGAKKARA	594	28016	46.77
701	MAHELA JAYAWARDENE	652	25957	39.15

- ❖ Virat Kohli became the sixth and the fastest batter in the world to score 25,000 runs in 549 innings.
- ❖ He broke the legendary Sachin Tendulkar's record to become the fastest batter in international cricket history to score 25K runs.
- ❖ Sachin took 577 innings to complete 25,000 runs.
- ❖ Virat is the second Indian after Sachin who has joined this elite club.

Tops in all three formats





- ❖ The Indian Men's Cricket Team has become the ICC World No.1 in all three formats of the game.
- ❖ This is the first time India has become the World No.1 in all three formats at the same time.
- ❖ South Africa had achieved this feat in 2014.
- ❖ India is only the second team in the world to achieve the rare feat of becoming the World No.1 in all three formats.
- ❖ India is also the first Asian team to achieve the feat.

