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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh won the prestigious 13<sup>th</sup> Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2023 in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The 31st edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF) began at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- ❖ Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma lays foundation stone of North East India's first compressed biogas plant project in at Domora Pathar in Sonapur.
- ❖ The India Today Tourism Survey has chosen Jammu & Kashmir Tourism for best adventure tourism award for its efforts in promoting 'Gulmarg' as an adventure destination of international order.
- ❖ The Spanish government approved a law granting paid medical leave to women suffering from severe menstrual pain.
  - It is the first for any European country.

## TAMIL NADU

### New GI Tag



- ❖ The Vellore Spiny Brinjal and Ramanathapuram Mundu Chillies have been awarded the Geographical Indications (GI) Tag.
- ❖ The Vellore Spiny Brinjal is known as Elavambadi Mullu Kathirikai in Tamil.
- ❖ It has 2 per cent Protein and 10.5mg per 100g.

- ❖ A single spiny brinjal weighs about 40 grams on average and has a shelf life of three days at room temperature and about a week in a refrigerator.
- ❖ Mundu Chillies is a round-shaped chilli that is used as a food colouring and is widely utilized in South Indian cuisine.

## NATIONAL

### Raisina Dialogue 2023

- ❖ Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni made official visit to India.
- ❖ She is the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker at the 8<sup>th</sup> Raisina Dialogue, 2023.
- ❖ The Raisina Dialogue is an annual conference that brings together global leaders to discuss and exchange views on important global issues.
- ❖ It is held annually since 2016 in New Delhi.
- ❖ It is organized by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in partnership with the union Ministry of External Affairs.



## INTERNATIONAL

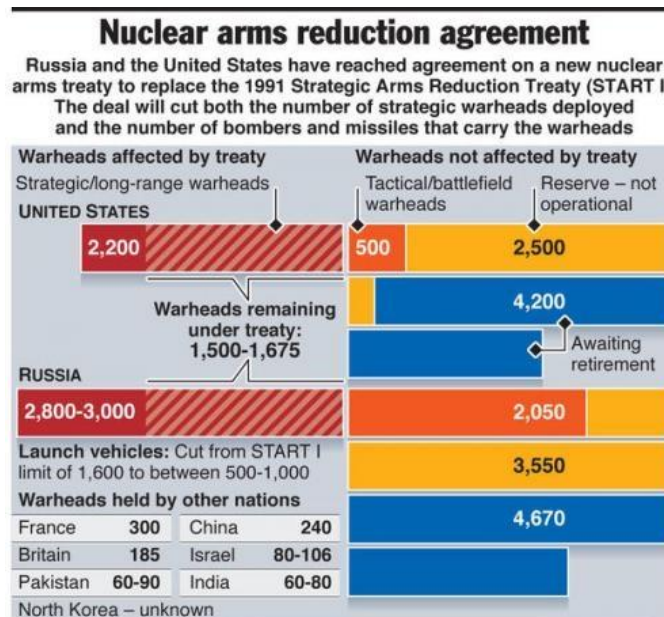
### FATF membership of Russia

- ❖ The Financial Action Task Force has suspended Russia's membership.
- ❖ But the Russian Federation must continue to meet its financial obligations.

- ❖ It also added Africa’s two largest economies, Nigeria and South Africa in the “grey-list”.
- ❖ Morocco and Cambodia were taken off the list after improving their controls.
- ❖ The Financial Action Task Force is an inter-governmental organisation, founded in 1989 on the initiative of the G7.
- ❖ It fights against money laundering and terrorism financing by setting global standards and checking if countries respect them.



## Russia and START Nuclear Treaty



- ❖ Russian President Vladimir Putin suspended his country's participation in the New START nuclear arms reduction treaty with the United States.
- ❖ The name START comes from the original "Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty".
- ❖ It is also known as START-I.
- ❖ It was signed between the US and the erstwhile USSR in 1991, and came into force in 1994.
- ❖ START-I is capped the numbers of nuclear warheads and intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) that each side could deploy at 6,000 and 1,600 respectively.
- ❖ The New START was officially entered into force on February 5, 2011.
- ❖ The US and Russia Federation subsequently agreed to extend the treaty through February 4, 2026.

### **Frozen seafood from India**



- ❖ Qatar has lifted its temporary ban on the import of frozen seafood from India.
- ❖ It was paving the way for enhanced export and improved bilateral relations with the West Asian country.
- ❖ The ban was imposed last year in November 2022 following the alleged detection of Vibrio cholera from a few consignments from India.

- ❖ Recently, Beijing also lifted the suspension of 99 Indian seafood-processing exporters after acknowledging India's assurance over source control.

## ECONOMY

### Global sovereign debt roundtable



- ❖ Global Sovereign Debt Roundtable was held in Bengaluru.
- ❖ It was co-chaired by the IMF, the World Bank and India.
- ❖ It brought in key stakeholders to discuss issues that have been impeding a timely debt restructuring process.
- ❖ Sovereign Debt is the debt the government of a country owes to a financial organization.
- ❖ This includes both domestic and foreign financial organizations.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Bird Survey Dharoi 2023

- ❖ Birdwatchers from Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh completed the second two-day Bird Survey Dharoi 2023.
- ❖ Dharoi is a wetland and is spread over 107 square kilometres.
- ❖ There are more than 616 bird species in the state of Gujarat.

- ❖ The surveyors found only 193.
- ❖ The maiden Dharoi Bird Survey held in 2022.

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

### **UNESCO Peace Prize 2022**

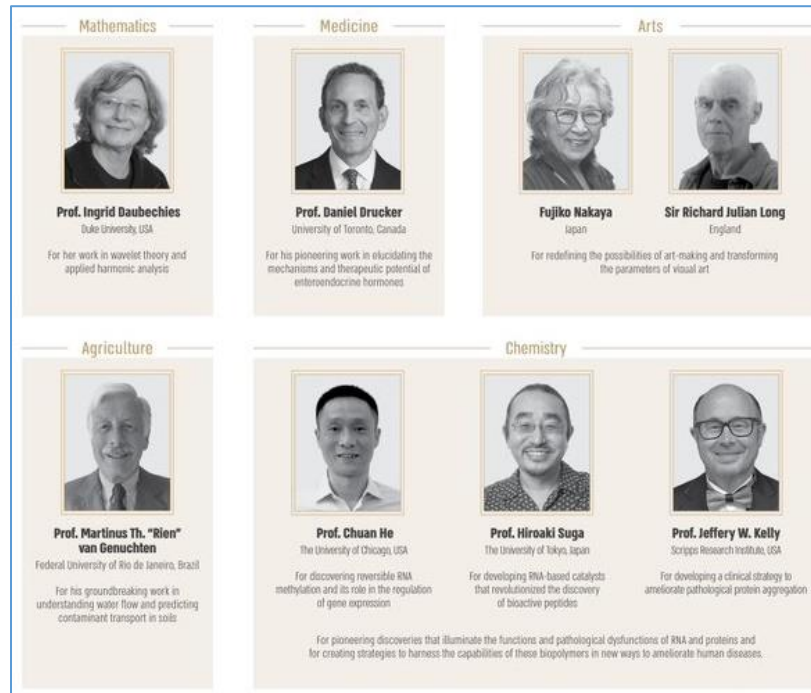


- ❖ Germany's former chancellor Angela Merkel received a prestigious UNESCO Peace Prize 2022.
- ❖ Merkel was hailed for welcoming more than 1.2 million refugees and asylum seekers to Germany in 2015 and 2016.
- ❖ She was elected as first women Chancellor of Germany in 2005 and served 16 years.
- ❖ UNESCO's Felix Houphouet-Boigny Peace Prize was created in 1989.
- ❖ It honours living individuals and active public or private bodies or institutions that have made significant contribution to peace.

### **Wolf Prize 2023**

- ❖ The awards are presented in six fields namely arts, physics, agriculture, mathematics, chemistry, and medicine.
- ❖ The Arts Wolf Prize rotates between music, painting, architecture, and sculpture.
- ❖ The Wolf prize is presented by the Wolf Foundation of Israel since 1978.
- ❖ The award winners are
  - Medicine: Professor Daniel Drucker - Canada

- Agriculture: Martinus Th Rien - Rio De Janeiro
- Physics: Professor Can Genuchten
- Chemistry: John T Wilson, Hiroaki Suga and Jeffery W Kelly
- Mathematics: Ingrid Daubechies - USA
- Arts: Fujiko Nakaya - Japan and Richard Long – England



## SPORTS

### FIFA Awards 2023

- ❖ The FIFA Football Awards 2022 ceremony held in Paris.
- ❖ Alexia Putellas and Lionel Messi were crowned as the outstanding players of the past year.
- ❖ The winners of The FIFA Football Awards 2022 are
  - The Best Women's Player: Alexia Putellas (Spain)
  - The Best Men's Player: Lionel Messi (Argentina)
  - The Best Women's Goalkeeper: Mary Earps (England)
  - The Best Men's Goalkeeper: Emiliano Martínez (Argentina)
  - The Best Women's Coach: Sarina Wiegman (England Women's Team)
  - The Best Men's Coach: Lionel Scaloni (Argentina Men's National Team)

- The FIFA Puskás Award: Marcin Oleksy (Poland)
- The FIFA Fair Play Award: Luka Lochoshvili (Georgia)
- The FIFA Fan Award: Argentinian Fans



## MISCELLANEOUS

### 1,300-year-old Buddhist stupa



- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) found a 1,300-year-old stupa in Odisha's Jajpur district.





- ❖ The stupa could be 4.5-metre tall and initial assessment showed it may belong to the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> century.
- ❖ It was found at Parabhadi which is situated near Lalitagiri, Odisha.
- ❖ Lalitagiri is a major Buddhist complex, having a large number of stupas and monasteries.

