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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ An auditorium at the Government Ariyalur Medical College has named after S Anitha, a medical aspirant.
  - Her death triggered a protest in 2017.
- ❖ India and the World Bank have signed a loan agreement to construct 781 kilometres of green National Highway Corridors across four states in India.
  - These states are Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.

## TAMIL NADU

### Tamil Nadu organic farm policy



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Organic Farming Policy 2023 was released by Chief Minister.
- ❖ This Policy is aimed at conserving and protecting soil health, agroecology, and biodiversity besides providing safe, healthier and environment-friendly food.
- ❖ The policy will be reviewed after a period of five years.
- ❖ State-level and district-level committees will be formed to monitor the progress.
- ❖ A Single window system will be implemented to simplify the certification procedure.
- ❖ The organic farming policy will help to ensure, upscale, and support chemical-free organic agriculture in TN.
- ❖ India occupies fifth place with a total area of 2.66 million hectares.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu holds 14th rank in organic farming across the country with 31,629 hectares of organic agriculture land.

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh has the largest area under organic certification followed by Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Karnataka.
- ❖ In 2020-21, Tamil Nadu shipped 4,223 metric tonnes of organic products worth Rs 108 crore.

## NATIONAL

### New Centers of Excellence for Horticulture crops

- ❖ The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has approved three new Centers of Excellence (CoEs) for horticultural crops.
- ❖ These CoEs serve as demonstration and training centres for latest technologies in the field of horticulture.
- ❖ These CoEs also serve as source of planting material for fruits and vegetable seedlings for protected cultivation and used for transfer of technology and knowhow in diverse areas.
- ❖ The CoE for Kamlam (Dragon Fruit) will be established at the Experimental station, Hirehalli, in Bengaluru.
- ❖ The CoE for Mango and Vegetables will be established in Panikoili, Jajpur District, Odisha.
- ❖ The CoE for Vegetables and Flowers will be established in Govt. Agricultural Farm, Codar, Khandepar, Ponda, South Goa, Goa.

### G20 flower festival



- ❖ The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has organised a two-day G20-themed flower festival.

- ❖ The festival is aimed at highlighting the vibrancy of G20 members and guest countries.
- ❖ The four G20 countries – China, Japan, Singapore and the Netherlands – are participating in the NDMC G20 Flower Festival.
- ❖ The festival also showcased the painting or photographs of flowers such as national flowers or major flower gardens of G20 member countries and guest countries.

## **Aahar 2023**



- ❖ The 37th edition of the International Food and Hospitality - Aahar, held at Pragati Maidan, Delhi.
- ❖ Aahar is India's largest four-day culinary show.
- ❖ It was organized with the support of the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority.
- ❖ It focused on unveiling the potential of the hospitality sector and exhibiting technologies, products and services to domestic and international buyers.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Sea Dragon 23**

- ❖ The Indian Navy's P8I aircraft participated in Sea Dragon 23, Guam of USA.

- ❖ It is the third edition of the coordinated multilateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise for long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft.
- ❖ The exercise aimed to consolidate their shared commitment to regional and global security challenges.
- ❖ The Exercise also aims to achieve high levels of synergy and coordination between the friendly navies.



### **3<sup>rd</sup> edition of La Perouse**



- ❖ The two-day multilateral maritime exercise La Perouse was held in the Indian ocean.
- ❖ The French navy is the in-charge of this drill.

- ❖ Personnel, ships and integral helicopters of the Australian Navy, French Navy, Indian Navy, Japanese force, and United States participated in this event.
- ❖ It aims to enhance maritime co-ordination among the participant navies.

## STATES

### India's first 'Trans Tea Stall' at a railway platform



- ❖ All Assam Transgender Association got approval from Indian Railways for Trans Tea Stall'.
- ❖ The first tea stall came up on Guwahati railway station's platform.
- ❖ It would empower the community and generate income for them.

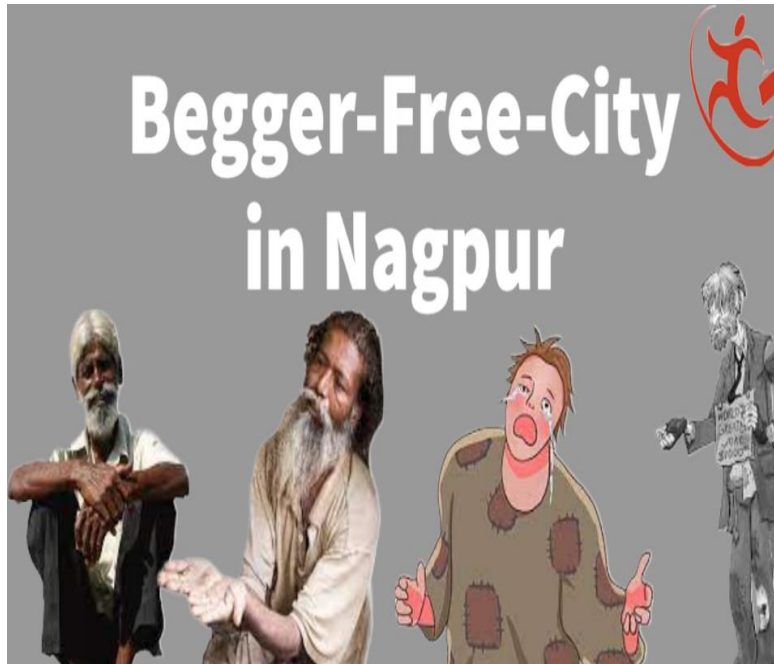
### First methanol run buses

- ❖ For the first time, Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTc) run some of its city buses using methanol-blended fuel.
- ❖ The buses will be operated on a pilot basis.
- ❖ These Buses run on 15% methanol-blended fuel.
- ❖ On this occasion, a truck that runs on 100% methanol (M 100) also launched.
- ❖ Blending 15% methanol in gasoline can result in at least a 15% reduction in the import of gasoline/crude oil.

- ❖ In addition, this would bring down GHG emissions by 20%, thereby improving urban air quality.



### **Beggar-free city**



- ❖ In Maharashtra, a new initiative called 'beggar-free city' has been started in Nagpur.

- ❖ This is the joint venture of Nagpur City police and Nagpur Municipal Corporation's (NMC) social welfare department.
- ❖ The NMC has made special arrangements to accommodate homeless people in the shelters owned by it.

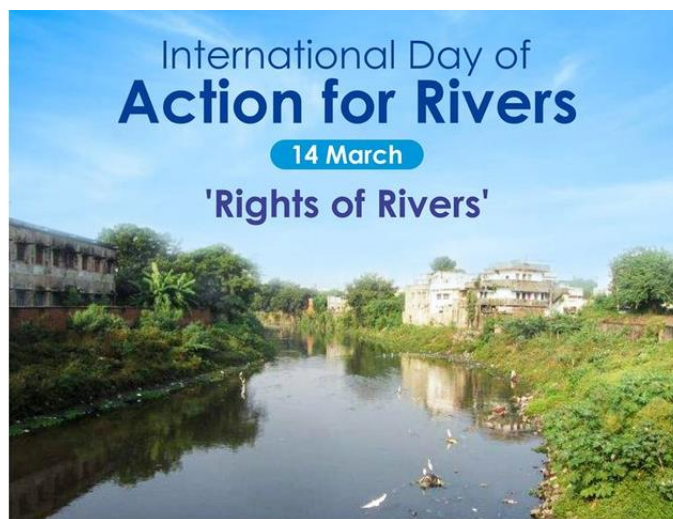
## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Rotaract Day - March 13



- ❖ This day acknowledges the services provided by the rotaractors across the world.
- ❖ Rotaract means rotary in action.
- ❖ Rotary Club is the community service organization for young men and women.
- ❖ The theme of 2023 is "Create Hope in the World".
- ❖ The Rotary Club of Calcutta became the first Rotary club chartered in India on 1 January 1920.

### International Day of Action for Rivers - March 14



- ❖ This day aims to raise awareness of how crucial rivers are to our daily lives.
- ❖ This year, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day will be observed.



- ❖ The day also seeks to spread awareness about unequal access to clean water and the growing pollution of freshwater habitats like rivers.
- ❖ Theme for 2023 is 'Rights of Rivers'.
- ❖ The day was earlier known as International Day against Dams, for Rivers, Water, and Life.

### **International Day of Mathematics or Pi Day - March 14**



- ❖ International Day of Mathematics is also known as Pi Day.
- ❖ The date is written in the format of month and date (MM/DD) to represent the value of Pi, which is 3.14.
- ❖ The day is celebrated by mathematics enthusiasts and educators worldwide to recognize and appreciate the significance of mathematics in our lives.
- ❖ The theme for International Day of Mathematics 2023 is “Mathematics for Everyone”.
- ❖ In 2019, International Mathematics Day was recognized by UNESCO.

