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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ In Manipur, the Poumai tribe has declared that Poumai inhabited areas will be a Drug-Free Zone supporting the State government's War on Drug campaign.
- ❖ The Indian rupee extended its losses and touched an all-time low of 77.42 against the US dollar in early trade on 9th may.
- ❖ Sri Lanka's Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned on 9<sup>th</sup> May and the Cabinet stands dissolved as per the Sri Lankan Constitution.
- ❖ Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh has emerged as champion in the 1<sup>st</sup> Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2022 chess tournament in Punta Prima.
  - It was a hat-trick of titles for him.
- ❖ L&T Infotech and Mindtree, the two independently listed IT services companies under Larsen & Toubro Group announced a merger that would create India's fifth-largest IT services provider.
  - The combined entity will be known as "LTIMindtree".

## NATIONAL

### New Judges of Supreme Court



- ❖ Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala took oath as Supreme Court judges.
- ❖ They would be judges 33 and 34, completing the sanctioned judicial strength of the court.



- ❖ Justice Pardiwala is in line to be appointed Chief Justice of India years from now.
- ❖ Justice Pardiwala would be the sixth member of the Parsi community to become a Supreme Court judge.

### **Periodic Labour Force Survey**

- ❖ In the period of October-December 2021, the unemployment rate for all those aged 15 years and above in the country's urban areas slipped from 10.3 per cent.
- ❖ It was recorded in the same quarter a year ago to 8.7 per cent.
- ❖ A periodic labour force survey released by National Statistical Office.
- ❖ In the period from July to September 2021, the unemployment rate for all the individuals in the country aged 15 years and above was 9.8 per cent in the urban areas of India.
- ❖ This was highlighted in the 13<sup>th</sup> Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS).
- ❖ In the urban areas, the worker population ratio in CWS stood at 43.2 per cent for the October-December 2021 quarter.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Revenue Deficit Grant**

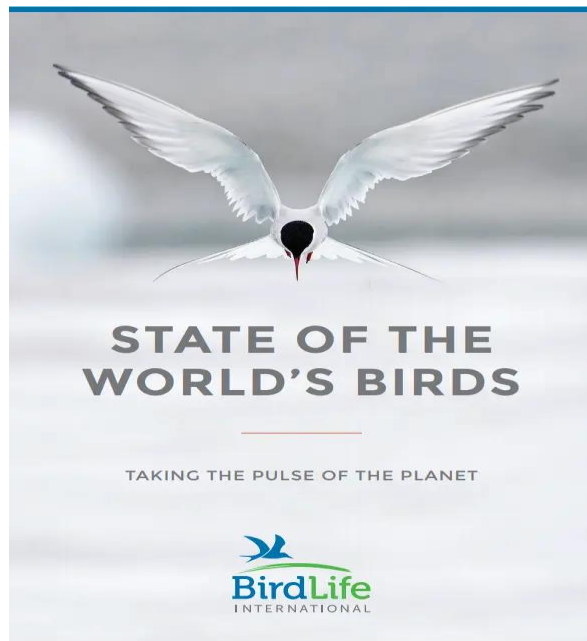
- ❖ The Department of Expenditure (Ministry of Finance) released Rs 7,183.42 crore as a revenue deficit grant to 14 states.
- ❖ This is the 2nd monthly installment of the Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) grant to states.
- ❖ The eligibility of States was decided by the Fifteenth Finance Commission based on the gap between the assessment of a state's revenue and expenditure after taking into account the assessed devolution
- ❖ As per the Article 275 of the Indian Constitution the Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) grant is provided.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **State of the World's Birds**

- ❖ State of the World's Birds is an annual review of environmental resources.
- ❖ It is BirdLife International's flagship science publication.

- ❖ According to the new review 'State of the World's Birds', approximately 48% of existing bird species worldwide are known or suspected to be undergoing population declines.
- ❖ The threat has been attributed to almost half of the 10,994 recognised extant species of birds to the expanding human footprint on the natural world and climate change.
- ❖ The trend towards declining bird diversity is just as alarming in India, where recent annual trends have been calculated for 146 species.
- ❖ Of these, nearly 80% are declining in numbers, and almost 50% plummeting strongly.
- ❖ Just over 6% of the species studied show stable populations and 14% show increasing population trends.
- ❖ Humans eat 14% of the world's surviving species of birds.





## STATES

### Tomato Fever

- ❖ Kerala has reported at least 82 cases of Tomato Fever in Kollam city.
- ❖ It is also known as Tomato flu is a rare kind of viral infection that is affecting children below the age of 5.
- ❖ The main symptoms of Tomato Fever include rashes and skin irritation and dehydration.

- ❖ The children affected with Tomato Fever have red rashes almost the size of tomatoes and also show signs of dehydration on the tongue.

TO KEEP VIRUS AT BAY	WHAT IS TOMATO FLU?	SYMPTOMS
 <p><b>CAUTIONS:</b> Officials screening the children travelling to the district from Kerala for symptoms of tomato flu</p>	<p>According to the health department officials, it is a kind of viral infection in children aged below five years. The fever is accompanied by rashes, skin irritation and dehydration. <b>Infected people may develop blisters, which generally appear red in colour. Hence the name tomato flu or tomato fever. Medically, it is known as the hand, foot and mouth disease</b></p>	<p><b>PREVENTIVE MEASURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Avoid <b>scratching the blisters</b></li> <li>&gt; Keep the <b>child hydrated</b></li> <li>&gt; Maintain <b>clean surrounding</b></li> <li>&gt; Avoid <b>contact with the infected people</b></li> <li>&gt; Approach the <b>nearest health centre</b></li> </ul> 

### Shaili App

- ❖ The government of Kerala is set to launch an Android App ‘Shaili’.
- ❖ It aimed at diagnosing and controlling lifestyle diseases among the people in the state of Kerala.
- ❖ The app has been set up as part of the population-based screening project launched by the Health Department under the Nava Kerala Karma plan.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Nepal’s Kami Rita Sherpa

- ❖ Nepal’s Kami Rita Sherpa has climbed Mt Everest, the tallest peak in the world for the 26th time to set a new world record.
- ❖ He broke his own previous world record.
- ❖ In 1994, he made his first summiting of the peak.
- ❖ He has climbed Everest almost every year since.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War – May 08/09

- ❖ The day pays tribute to all the victims of the Second World War.
- ❖ This year is the 77th Anniversary of World War II.

- ❖ On 2<sup>nd</sup> March of 2010, by a resolution, the UN General Assembly declared 8–9 of May as the Remembrance Day.



### **World Red Cross Day – May 8**



**World  
Red Cross &  
Red Crescent  
Day 2022**



- ❖ It aims to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Henry Dunant.
- ❖ He was born on 8th May 1828 in Geneva.
- ❖ He was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.
- ❖ On May 8 of 1948, the world celebrated its first Red Cross Day.
- ❖ The theme for 2022 is 'Be Human Kind'.

### **Mother's Day – May 8**

- ❖ Mother's Day observed on the second Sunday of May every year.

- ❖ This year it falls on 8 May and observed in almost 100 countries.
- ❖ Anna Jarvis was founded Mother's Day to honour her and "all mothers" in 1908.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Rakhigarhi Harappan site**

- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has made a significant discovery in Haryana's Rakhigarhi village, one of the oldest Indus Valley sites
- ❖ The archeologists discovered copper and gold objects, along with artifacts, beads, sealed scripts with motifs and ceilings with Harappan script and elephant depictions.
- ❖ The excavations have revealed a structure of multi-tier houses, lanes, and a drainage system.
- ❖ Three of the seven mounds at the site revealed copper and gold jewellery, terracotta toys, and thousands of clay pots and seals.
- ❖ The space could also have been a 5000-year-old jewellery-making unit.

