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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The 5th edition of the Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF-2023) will be held in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram district.
- ❖ The Veteran astronomer Jayant Naralikar was conferred the first Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award instituted by the Astronomical Society of India (ASI).
- ❖ The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways honoured the Cochin Port Authority (CPA) with the Sagar Shrestha Samman for the best turnaround time in non-container category during 2022-23.
- ❖ The birth anniversary of Indian football legend and captain in the 1960 Rome Olympics, Pradip Kumar Banerjee, (June 23), will be celebrated as the 'All India Football Federation (AIFF) Grassroots Day'.
- ❖ The eighteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF18) was held at UNHQ in New York.

TAMIL NADU

Major reshuffle of IAS officers in Tamilnadu



- ❖ T. Udhayachandran was posted as Principal Secretary to the Finance Department.
- ❖ N. Muruganandam, the incumbent Finance Secretary, was posted as Secretary I to the Chief Minister.
- ❖ J. Radhakrishnan, Additional Chief Secretary, Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection department, will be the new Greater Chennai Corporation Commissioner.

- ❖ P. Amudha, is now posted as the Principal Secretary of Home, Prohibition and Excise Department.
- ❖ Ms. Amudha is the fourth woman to occupy that post.
- ❖ Santha Sheela Nair was the first woman to become the Home Secretary of Tamil Nadu.

NATIONAL

Data Governance Quality Index



- ❖ The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has been ranked second among 66 ministries in the Data Governance Quality Index (DGQI).
- ❖ It was conducted by the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog.
- ❖ It aims to measure the maturity level of administrative data systems and their use in decision-making of various Ministries and Departments on the implementation of Central Sector Schemes (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

70 Years of INS Garuda

- ❖ INS Garuda, the premier Naval Air Station of the Southern Naval Command completed 70 years of service to the Indian Navy.
- ❖ It was Commissioned on 11 May 1953.
- ❖ It is the oldest Naval Air Station which has been associated with the beginning of Naval aviation.

- ❖ It was home to the first amphibious aircraft of the Indian Navy, the Sea landers.



INTERNATIONAL

Legalization of euthanasia

THE END-OF-LIFE DICTIONARY	
Suicide Impulsive act under severe emotional stress where a person takes own life	person with the knowledge or means or both required to commit suicide
Voluntary death Well considered decision by a person if he or she is still able to make medical decisions on how and when they would like to die	Passive euthanasia Causing death of a person in a permanent vegetative state with no chance of recovery by withdrawing artificial life support
Physician-assisted suicide Where a doctor knowingly and intentionally provides a	Active euthanasia Administering patient a lethal drug to cause his or her death

- ❖ Portugal passed a law legalising euthanasia for people in great suffering and with incurable diseases.
- ❖ People aged over 18 will be allowed to request assistance in dying if they are terminally ill and in intolerable suffering.
- ❖ It will only cover those suffering "lasting" and "unbearable" pain unless they are deemed not to be mentally fit to make such a decision.

- ❖ The law will only be applicable for nationals and legal residents and not extend to foreigners coming into the country to seek assisted suicide.

Ecuador Deal for Galapagos Conservation



- ❖ Ecuador has committed to spending millions of dollars annually for 20 years to protect one of the world's most precious ecosystems.
- ❖ Credit Suisse has announced buying Ecuadorian bonds worth \$1.6 billion (€1.45 billion) in a debt-for-nature swap that cost the Swiss bank just \$644 million.
- ❖ The bonds were trading well below face value as investors considered non-repayment to be likely.
- ❖ Effectively, Ecuador has now bought its own debt back at a knock-down price via a fresh loan from Credit Suisse.
- ❖ And in return, Ecuador's government had pledged to spend about \$18 million annually for two decades on conservation in the Galapagos Islands.
- ❖ Credit Suisse will pay between 53.25% and 35.5% of the issue price for the 2030, 2035 and 2040 bonds.

ECONOMY

'100 Days 100 Pays' Campaign

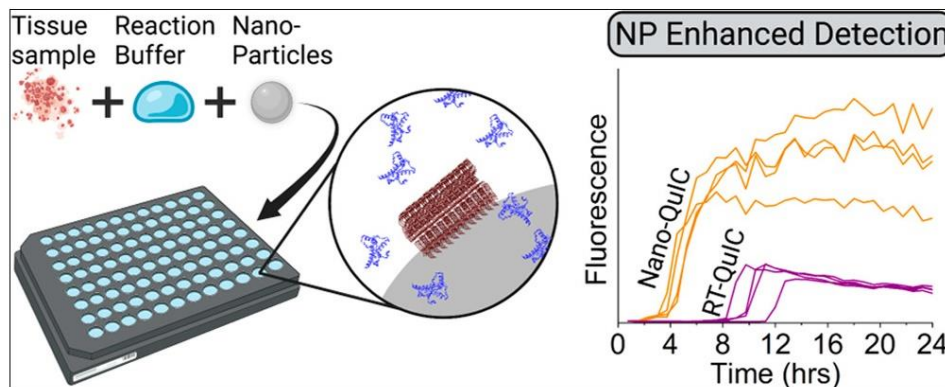
- ❖ RBI announced a '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign for banks.

- ❖ It aims to trace and settle the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in every district of the country within 100 days.
- ❖ The deposit which does not see any activity like the infusion of funds, withdrawal, etc. from the depositor for 10 years or more, and is deemed as an inactive deposit.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Nano-QuIC Technique



- ❖ The Researchers at the University of Minnesota have developed a new diagnostic technique to detect neurodegenerative diseases.
- ❖ The technique is called Nano-QuIC- Nanoparticle-enhanced Quaking-Induced Conversion.
- ❖ It can detect biomarkers early on, allowing for earlier treatment and mitigation of diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and chronic wasting disease (CWD).

Husky – Ichor device

- ❖ CML Biotech Ltd has installed the world's first integrated machine 'Husky –Ichor', for manufacturing blood collection tubes.

- ❖ The integrated machine comprises machine mould, hot runner, dowsers, dehumidifier, chiller, temperature controller and dryer.
- ❖ Normally, these functions are carried out in different machines.



Flow Horse malware

- ❖ Flow Horse, a fake Android malware has targets consumers in East Asia and competes with applications on Origin, is rampant.
- ❖ They are designed to steal information including user credentials and 2-factor authentication codes.
- ❖ Flow Horse is distributed via phishing emails to high-potential targets to download the app and resolve pending payment issues.

REPORTS AND INDICES

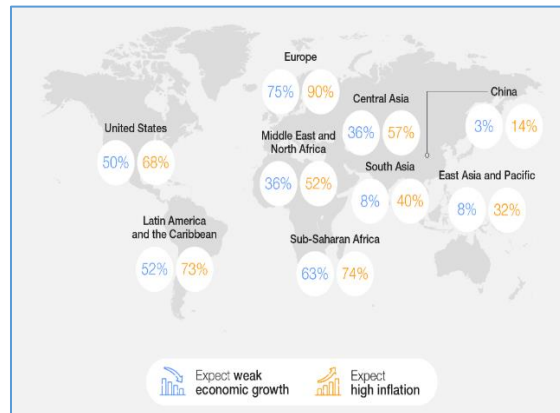
Defending Creative Voices Report



- ❖ UNESCO has recently published a report called Defending Creative Voices.

- ❖ It highlights the need for increased protection for artists who have been affected by armed conflicts, political instability, and natural calamities.
- ❖ In 2021, 39 artists were killed in 12 different countries, while 119 were imprisoned in 24 countries.
- ❖ Over 1,200 violations of artistic freedom were reported globally in a year.
- ❖ The Convention on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions became effective in 2007.
- ❖ 152 countries have ratified the treaty.
- ❖ Only 27% of these countries have created or supported safe environments for artists.

Chief Economists Outlook report



- ❖ Recently it was released by the World Economic Forum.
- ❖ This identifies the countries that are most likely to benefit from ongoing supply-chain changes.
- ❖ India, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Mexico, Turkey, and Poland are among the countries that are likely to see significant benefits.
- ❖ 45% of chief economists consider a global recession likely in 2023, while an equal percentage considers it unlikely.

STATES

SDGs Localisation – Bhopal

- ❖ Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh has become the first city in India to adopt the localisation of the United Nations-mandated sustainable development goals (SDG).

- ❖ This city will have voluntary local reviews (VLR) demonstrate local government's capacity and commitments.
- ❖ The Chief Minister has launched 'an Agenda for Action: Sustainable Urban Transformation' in Bhopal.
- ❖ In 2015, UN adopted the agenda 2030, comprising 17 SDGs and 169 targets as a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

