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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government increased the dearness allowance for government employees, teachers, pensioners and family pensioners from 38% to 42%.
- ❖ TN Chief Minister released a booklet containing information on colon cancer which aimed at creating awareness.
- ❖ Canteens, now functioning at 25 Uzhavar Sandhais across the Tamil Nadu, will hereafter sell items of organic food exclusively.
- ❖ The Educationist Manoj Soni took oath as the chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- ❖ Prraneeth Vuppala has become Telangana's sixth and India's 82nd Grandmaster.
- ❖ The bilateral exercise between India and Indonesia, named Samudra Shakti-23, has commenced recently at Indonesia.
- ❖ Nepali sherpa, Pasang Dawa Sherpa, just created a record for climbing Mount Everest for the 26th time, and has become the world's second person to achieve the feat.
- ❖ Linda Yaccarino has been appointed as a new CEO of Twitter.
- ❖ The United Nations Migration Agency, elected Ms. Amy E. Pope as its next Director General.

NATIONAL

Brahmos launch from INS Mormugao



- ❖ A BrahMos supersonic cruise missile was successfully test-fired from the Indian Navy's INS Mormugao.

- ❖ INS Mormugao is the latest guided-missile destroyer.
- ❖ BrahMos missile flies at a speed of 2.8 Mach or almost three times the speed of sound.

Model Prisons Act 2023



130-year-old colonial-era Prison laws revised

The MHA has prepared a new 'Model Prisons Act 2023'

-  Lays emphasis on the safety of women & transgender prisoners
-  Ensures rehabilitation of inmates in society after completion of sentence
-  Brings about transparency in prison management by using technology
-  Focuses on vocational training & skill development of prisoners and their reintegration into the society

- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has prepared the 'Model Prisons Act 2023'.
- ❖ It will replace a British-era law to overhaul the prison administration that will focus on the reformation and rehabilitation of inmates.
- ❖ The Prisons Act of 1894 is a pre-independence era Act and is almost 130-years-old.
- ❖ Two other related laws — The Prisoners Act, 1900 and The Transfer of Prisoners Act, 1950 are also decades-old.

- ❖ Prisons in the country and ‘persons detained therein’ are a state subject in India.
- ❖ State governments and Union Territory Administrations by adopting this act in their jurisdictions with such modifications as they may consider necessary.

Central Equipment Identity Register

- ❖ The government of India launched a nationwide CEIR tracking system, called the Sanchar Saathi portal.
- ❖ The Sanchar Saathi portal is an important initiative by the Department of Tele communications.
- ❖ It aims to empower mobile subscribers by enhancing their security and raising awareness about government initiatives.
- ❖ This portal is also known as CEIR tracking.
- ❖ It will enable smartphone users to block and track their lost or stolen mobile phones across India.

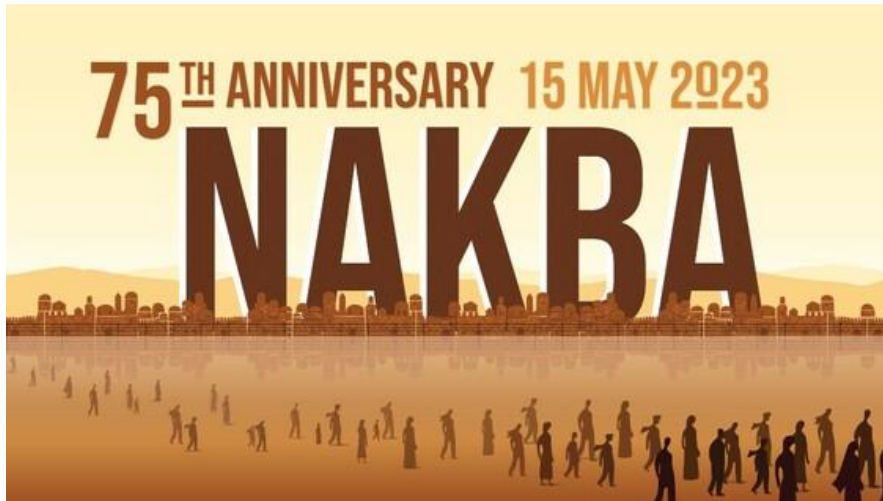


INTERNATIONAL

The Nakba at 75

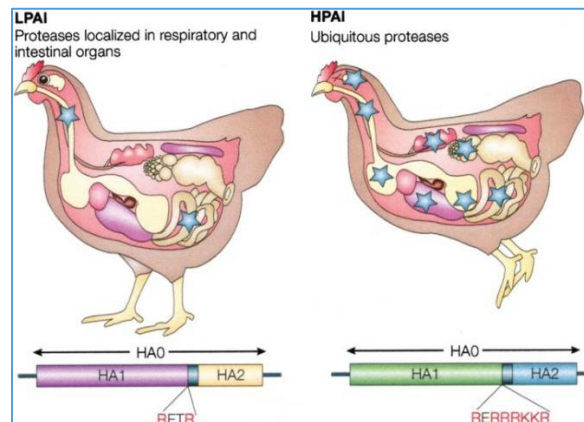
- ❖ The United Nations will stage a high-level special meeting to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Nakba.
- ❖ The Nakba – Arabic for “catastrophe” is the mass displacement of around 750,000 Palestinians from their homeland.
- ❖ By the time Israel declared its independence on May 14, 1948, between 250,000 and 350,000 Palestinians had been forced off their ancestral lands.
- ❖ The day after that declaration – May 15 – came to be known as Nakba Day.

- ❖ It is the first time that the international body has commemorated the date.



Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

- ❖ Brazil, the world's top chicken exporter, has for the first time confirmed Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).
- ❖ The avian influenza virus can kill entire flocks of birds and cause losses for the farming sector.
- ❖ Brazil's chicken exports rose by 27% last year to \$9.76 billion as other countries reeled from a global outbreak of the virus.

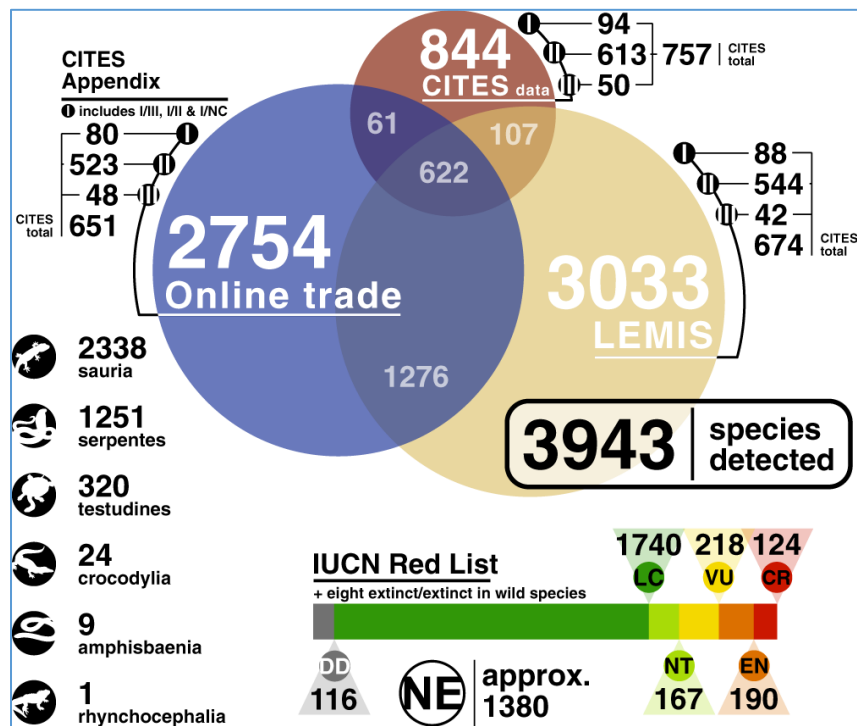


ENVIRONMENT

Regulating captive breeding of exotic animals

- ❖ The Union environment ministry notified the Breeders of Species Licence Rules - 2023 recently.

- ❖ India has introduced a license system to regulate the captive breeding of exotic animals.
- ❖ It includes species protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
- ❖ It allows breeders to obtain licenses for the breeding of various animals, such as bears, pandas, dogs, cats, apes, lemurs, birds, and reptiles.
- ❖ These regulations seek to better implement CITES and enhance wildlife protection measures in the country.
- ❖ Under the new rules, individuals engaged in breeding captive species listed in Appendix I of Schedule IV of the Wildlife Protection Act 2022 must apply for a breeders' license within 90 days of the Act's commencement.



STATES

Second highest GI Tagged products

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh has achieved the second position nationally in terms of having the maximum number of Geographical Indication-tagged goods.
- ❖ Recently the state received GI tags for three crafts — Mainpuri tarkashi, Mahoba Gaura stone craft, and Sambhal horn craft.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has maximum 55 GI-tagged goods while UP and Karnataka have 48 and 46 GI products, respectively.

- ❖ UP is first in terms of GI-tagged handicrafts with 36 crafts.
- ❖ Varanasi region alone has 18 GI-tagged goods out of 23 belong to the handicraft category.

WHAT IS A GI TAG?	HOW TO APPLY?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ A GI tag is a geographical indication of an item which is specific to a particular place➤ GI status can be sought for agricultural products, handicrafts, handloom and food products➤ The RGI (registration of geographical indications) logo given to a particular product can	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ An association or collective body can apply to GI Registry➤ Application should be backed by proof of uniqueness, historical records to show proof of origin, quality and special character➤ After rounds of verification, presentation and meetings, if registry is satisfied, application goes to GI Registry journal➤ If application receives no opposition within four months, it gets the GI tag

GI TAG

only be used by registered and authorised users

➤ When marketed, a GI tagged product must carry a logo showing its place of origin

➤ Civil and criminal proceedings can be initiated against those using the logo in unauthorised manner

SPORTS

Gatka martial art in National Games



- ❖ The traditional martial art of Punjab, Gatka has officially included this sport in the 37th National Games 2023.
- ❖ Gatka, as a modern sporting discipline, is a standardised style of stick fighting between two or more opponents.

- ❖ The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) will be organizing competitions for a total of 43 disciplines during this national event in Goa.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Dengue Day - May 16

- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about vector-borne disease and its prevention.
- ❖ The viral fever is caused by the dengue virus types DENV, 1–4 serotypes DEN-1, DEN-2, DEN-3, and DEN-4.
- ❖ It is transmitted by the bite of the female *Aedes aegypti* mosquito.
- ❖ Around 1,10,473 dengue cases were registered between January and October, last year in India.
- ❖ Theme for this year is "Fight Dengue, Save Lives".

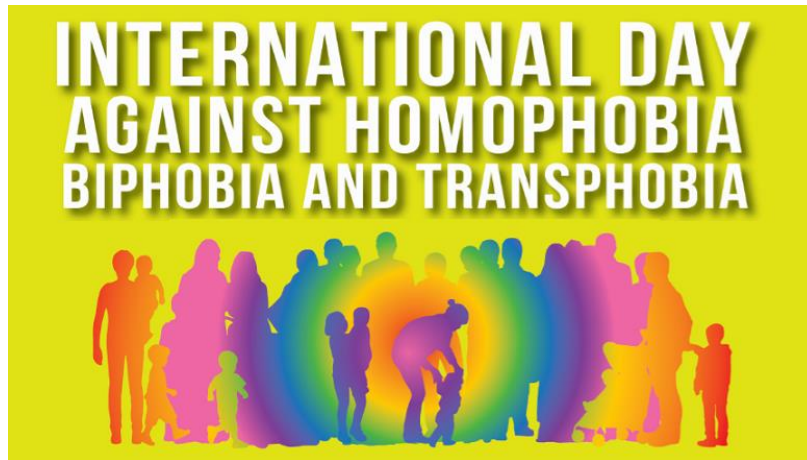


International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia - May 17

- ❖ It aims to coordinate international events that raise awareness of LGBT rights violations and stimulate interest in LGBT rights work worldwide.
- ❖ This date was chosen to commemorate the decision to remove homosexuality from the International Classification of Diseases of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1990.
- ❖ The day, as a concept, was conceived in 2004.



- ❖ A year-long campaign culminated in the first International Day Against Homophobia on May 17, 2005.



World Telecommunication and Information Society Day - May 17

- ❖ This Day has been celebrated annually on May 17th since 1969.
- ❖ It is marking the founding of International Telecommunication Union and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865.
- ❖ Theme of this year is “Empowering the least developed countries through information and communication technologies.”



International Museum Day - May 18

- ❖ This day is observed every year since 1977.
- ❖ The day represents a unique moment for the international museum community.



- ❖ The theme of this year is "Museums, Sustainability and Well-being".

