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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The board of directors of Inter Globe Aviation (IndiGo) appointed Pieter Elbers as chief executive officer.
- ❖ Sunil Arora, the former chief election commissioner, has been named as the new non-executive chairman of Gram Unnati's board.
- ❖ The Britain's Prince Charles delivers Queen's Speech at the opening of England parliament by replacing the 96-year-old Queen Elizabeth for the first time in History.
- ❖ Adani Group is set to acquire Swiss multinational company Holcim's stake in Indian companies Ambuja Cements.
- ❖ A British climber Kenton Cool has scaled the world's highest mountain for the 16th time becoming the first foreign climber to make the most Mt Everest summits.

TAMIL NADU

Rajiv Gandhi Assassination Case

- ❖ The Supreme Court invoked its extraordinary powers to do complete justice and ordered the release of A.G. Perarivalan.
- ❖ Perarivalan was 19 years old when he was arrested in 1991 for buying batteries.
- ❖ That were used to trigger the belt bomb that killed the former prime minister.
- ❖ The top court bench headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao said the Tamil Nadu state cabinet's advice recommending the premature release of all seven convicts in the case was binding on the governor.
- ❖ While delivering the verdict, the Supreme Court used Article 142 to exercise its special powers in any case or matter pending before it to do "complete justice".
- ❖ The Maru Ram case (1980) held that Governor has to abide by aid and advice of state cabinet.
- ❖ If it is not agreeable, then the Governor must send the matter back to the state for reconsideration.

Other instances under Article 142

- ❖ During the Bhopal gas tragedy case had also ordered the US-based Union Carbide Corporation to pay \$470 million compensation to the victims.

- ❖ In the Ram Mandir verdict had refused division of the land, and instead handed over 2.77 acres of disputed area to Hindus.

Article 142

- (1) The Supreme Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction may pass such decree or make such order as is necessary for doing complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it, and any decree so passed or order so made shall be enforceable throughout the territory of India in such manner as may be prescribed by or under any law made by Parliament and, until provision in that behalf is so made, in such manner as the President may by order prescribe.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of any law made in this behalf by Parliament, the Supreme Court shall, as respects the whole of the territory of India, have all and every power to make any order for the purpose of securing the attendance of any person, the discovery or production of any documents, or the investigation or punishment of any contempt of itself.

NATIONAL

Cotton Council of India

- ❖ The central government has set up the Cotton Council of India to resolve issues related to the pricing of cotton and yarn and bring tangible improvement in the sector.
- ❖ The council will be chaired by industry veteran Suresh Bhai Kotak.
- ❖ The Cotton Council of India is scheduled to meet for the first time on May 28, 2022.
- ❖ During its first meeting, the council is expected to discuss, deliberate and prepare a robust action plan to bring a tangible improvement in the sector.
- ❖ India is the largest producer of cotton in the world.
- ❖ The western zone, including Gujarat and Maharashtra is the biggest producer of cotton in India.
- ❖ The second-biggest producer of cotton in India is the Southern Zone which comprises states like Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Anti-ship missile

- ❖ DRDO successfully conducted maiden test firing of the indigenously developed Naval Anti-ship missile.

- ❖ The missile was launched aboard Seaking 42B Naval Helicopter from Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Balasore in Odisha.
- ❖ This is the first indigenously-made air-launched Anti-ship missile system for the Indian Navy.



ENVIRONMENT

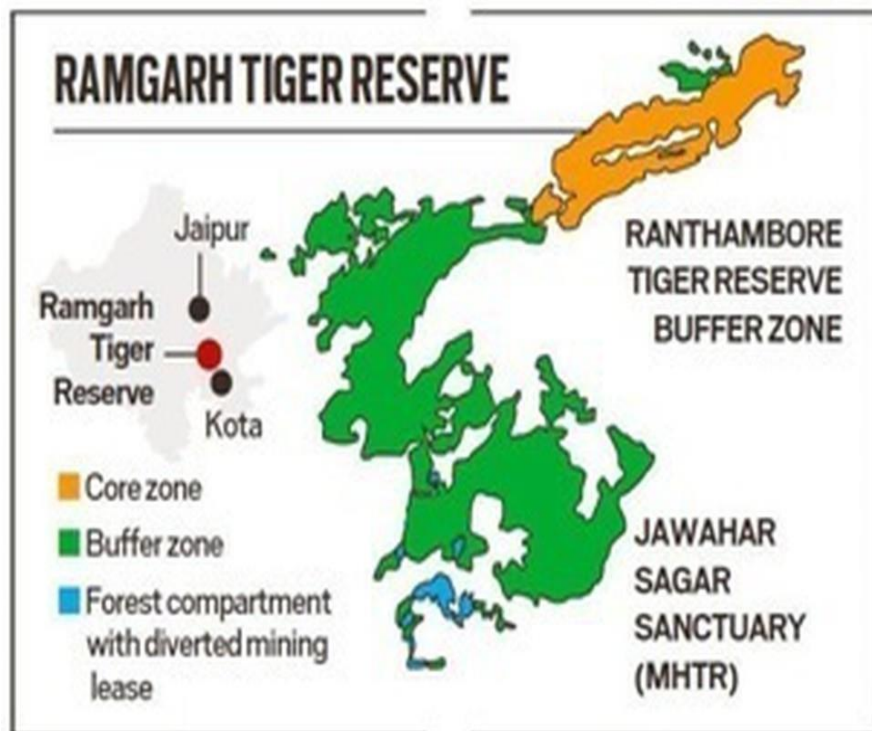
Seoul Forest Declaration

- ❖ The 15th World Forestry Congress concluded in Seoul, South Korea.
- ❖ In this, the Seoul Forest Declaration was adopted.
- ❖ This event was hosted by the South Korean government in Seoul.
- ❖ The World Forestry Congress is held for five days.
- ❖ It is hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- ❖ This event is held every six years with the aim of sharing environmental and forest-related problems from across the globe like biodiversity loss, climate change, and desertification.
- ❖ Also, various solutions are devised and discussed in this event.

- ❖ The Seoul Forest Declaration highlights that the investment in landscape and forest restoration must be tripled across the globe by the year 2030 to meet the internationally agreed-upon targets.
- ❖ In the year 1926, the first Congress was held in Italy.



India's 52nd tiger reserve



- ❖ The Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary in Rajasthan was notified as India's 52nd tiger reserve.

- ❖ It has become the fourth tiger reserve in Rajasthan after Ranthambore, Sariska and Mukundra.
- ❖ The Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary includes the tiger habitat between Ranthambore Tiger Reserve in the northeast and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve on the southern side.

SPORTS

Italian Open 2022

- ❖ The Italian Open is also known as the “Rome Masters” for the male edition.
- ❖ World No.1 Novak Djokovic has defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas to win the 79th edition of the Italian Open.
- ❖ Novak Djokovic became the fifth man in the Open Era to earn 1,000 match wins.
- ❖ In women’s singles, Iga Swiatek has won the Italian Open title after defeating Ons Jabeur.

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men’s singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
Women’s singles	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
Men’s doubles	Nikola Mektić and Mate Pavić (Croatia)	John Isner (United States) & Diego Schwartzman (Argentina)
Women’s doubles	Veronika Kudermetova and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Russia)	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) & Giuliana Olmos (Mexico)

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Light – May 16



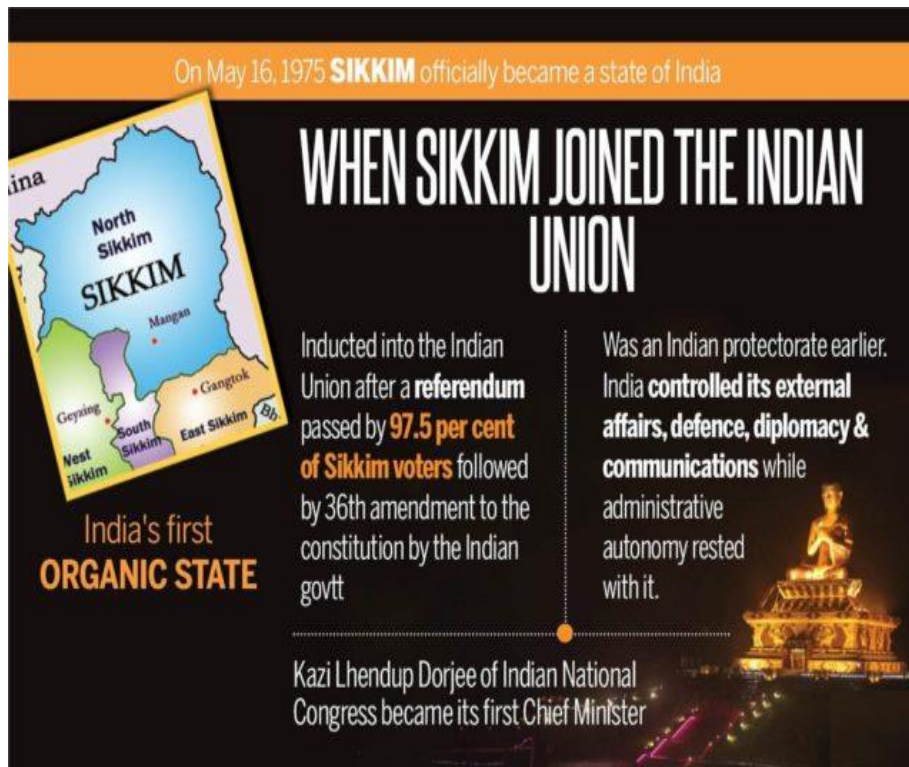
United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



International
Day of Light
16 May

- ❖ It commemorates the first successful operation of the laser by scientist and engineer Theodore Maiman in 1960.
- ❖ The laser is a prime illustration of how a scientific breakthrough may help society in areas such as communications, healthcare, and many others.
- ❖ This day is a call to strengthen scientific cooperation and harness its potential to foster peace and sustainable development.

Sikkim Statehood Day - May 16



- ❖ Sikkim joined the Union of India on May 16, 1975.
- ❖ In 1950, the Indo-Sikkimese treaty was signed.
- ❖ With this, Sikkim became a protectorate of India.
- ❖ The Namgyal dynasty ruled Sikkim till 1975.
- ❖ In 1975, the Sikkim Prime Minister appealed to India for Sikkim to join Union of India.
- ❖ A referendum was held in which 97.5% supported to join India abolishing the monarchy.
- ❖ The 35th amendment made Sikkim as an “Associate State”.
- ❖ Sikkim was the only state to get this designation.

- ❖ The 36th amendment repealed the 35th amendment and made Sikkim a full state.

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day – May 17



- ❖ World Telecommunication Day commemorates the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865.
- ❖ World Information Day highlights the importance of information technology and the wide range of issues raised by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).
- ❖ In November 2006, both the days came together to celebrate annually by organising appropriate programmes.

World Hypertension Day – May 17

WORLD HYPERTENSION DAY 17 MAY

High blood pressure, also called hypertension, is blood pressure that is higher than normal. [cdc.gov]

1.13B people (Approx.) worldwide have hypertension

Most hypertensive patients (two-thirds) are living in low- and middle-income countries

Only less than **1 in 5** have the problem under control

[WHO]

Hypertension is a major cause of premature death globally

In 2015, **1 in 4** men and **1 in 5** women had hypertension

MEASURE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE ACCURATELY, CONTROL IT, LIVE LONGER



- ❖ World Hypertension Day is marked as a day focused on creating awareness about Hypertension and its symptoms.
- ❖ Hypertension or high blood pressure occurs when the blood pressure rises to an unhealthy level of 140/90.
- ❖ It is considered to have touched a dangerous level when the blood pressure measurement goes over 180/120.
- ❖ The theme for 2022 is 'Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control it, Live Longer.

