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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Dubai's DP World, a global provider of supply chain solutions is going to launch the company's largest of the three free trade warehouse zone (FTWZ) at Manali, Chennai.
- ❖ The World Hydrogen Summit 2024 was held in Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- ❖ The Indian Army has established two of the world's highest tank repair facilities in Ladakh near the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- ❖ India's football paragon Sunil Chhetri announced retirement from international football.
- ❖ The International Institute of Information Technology of Bangalore (IIITB) have developed 'XoRehab' an Internet of Things (IoT) enabled wheelchair device to help in the rehabilitation of stroke patients' post-surgery.
- ❖ The third Friday of May (May 17) is observed as the United States National Endangered Species Day.
- ❖ The UAE has launched a long-term residency program for environmental champions, known as the 'Blue Residency'.
  - This 10-year visa is specifically tailored for individuals who have exhibited exceptional dedication and efforts towards environmental protection.
- ❖ The inaugural Summit on Clean Cooking in Africa was held in Paris.
  - It aimed at address the critical health and climate impacts associated with traditional cooking methods prevalent in Africa.

## **NATIONAL**

### **NHRC's international accreditation**

- ❖ On May 1, GANHRI deferred NHRC's accreditation for the second year in a row.
- ❖ This process is governed by the U.N.-recognised Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).
- ❖ NHRC has held an 'A rating' since 1999.
- ❖ It was due for re-accreditation by the Geneva-based body last year.
- ❖ The GANHRI unites 120 National Human Rights Institutions globally.
- ❖ The body is responsible for reviewing and accrediting NHRIs in compliance with the Paris Principles adopted in 1993.

- ❖ The Sub-Committee for Accreditation (SCA) consists of sixteen 'A' status NHRIs, four from each region in the Americas, Europe, Africa, and the Asia-Pacific.
- ❖ The decision could affect India's ability to vote at the Human Rights Council and some UNGA bodies.



### Exemption from Consumer Protection Act

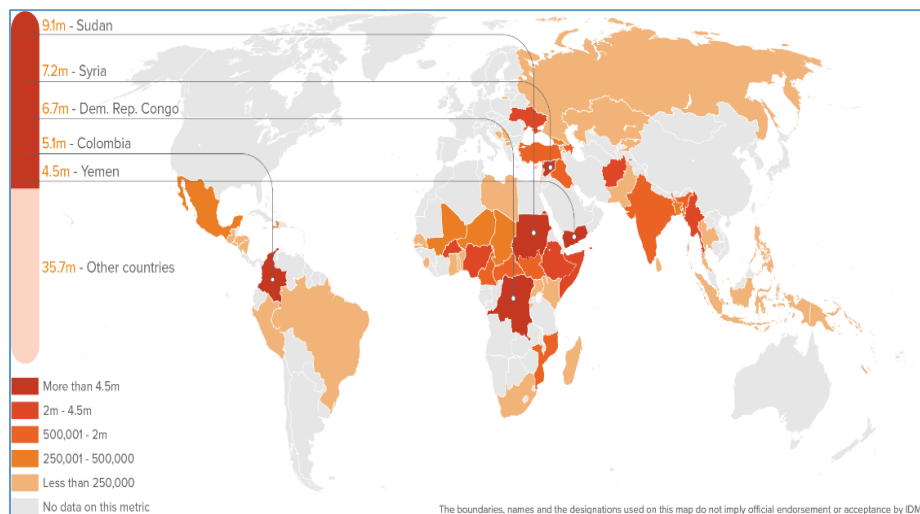
CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 1986	PROVISIONS	CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 2019
No separate regulator	<b>Regulator</b>	Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) to be formed
Complaint could be filed in a consumer court where the seller's (defendant) office is located	<b>Consumer court</b>	Complaint can be filed in a consumer court where the complainant resides or works
No provision. Consumer could approach a civil court but not consumer court	<b>Product liability</b>	Consumer can seek compensation for harm caused by a product or service
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No provision	<b>E-commerce</b>	All rules of direct selling extended to e-commerce
No legal provision	<b>Mediation cells</b>	Court can refer settlement through mediation

- ❖ The Supreme Court ruled that advocates cannot be held liable under the Consumer Protection Act of 1986 for deficiency in service.
- ❖ The court ruled that a complaint to this effect against an advocate was not maintainable before a consumer forum.

- ❖ The court also indicated that its 1996 decision that held medical professionals accountable under the Consumer Protection Act may need to be revisited.
- ❖ As per the SC, CP Act, 1986 as re-enacted in 2019 was to provide protection to the consumers from the unfair trade practices and unethical business practices only.
- ❖ There is nothing on record to suggest the Legislature ever intended to include the Professions or the Professionals within the purview of the Act.
- ❖ Advocates must be liable under civil/criminal law, not consumer law.

## REPORTS AND INDICES

### Global Report on Internal Displacement 2024



- ❖ The Global Report on Internal Displacement 2024 (GRID-2024) was released by the Geneva-based Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC).
- ❖ In 2023, the number of internally displaced people increased to 75.9 million, from 71.1 million in the preceding year.
- ❖ Internal displacement is the number of forced movements of people within the borders of their country recorded during (a) year.
- ❖ During 2022-2023, conflicts and violence causing more displacements, particularly in the last two years.
- ❖ 68.3 million people were living in internal displacement as a result of conflict and violence at the end of 2023.
- ❖ Sudan, Syria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Colombia and Yemen host nearly half of the world's internally displaced people.
- ❖ This is a 49 per cent increase over the 2022 figure.

- ❖ The disaster-induced internal displacement population was 7.7 million by the end of 2023; one-fourth of it was caused by earthquakes.
- ❖ Internal displacement due to weather-related disasters came down by a third in 2023, in comparison to 2022.
- ❖ Overall, 56 per cent of all internal displacement in 2023 was caused by disasters, while the rest by conflict and violence.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Forbes 30 under 30 Asia 2024**

- ❖ Forbes has released the ninth edition of the 30 Under 30 Asia list.
- ❖ 86 Indians have grabbed the spot among 300 people.
- ❖ The list featured young entrepreneurs, leaders, and trailblazers across the Asia-Pacific region in 10 categories.
- ❖ It is including art, entertainment, sports, finance, and venture capital.
- ❖ A trio from IIT Kanpur who made it to the list.
- ❖ Pratyush Rai, Siddhartha Saxena and Sirsendu Sarkar, co-founders of Merlin, have made it under Consumer Technology.

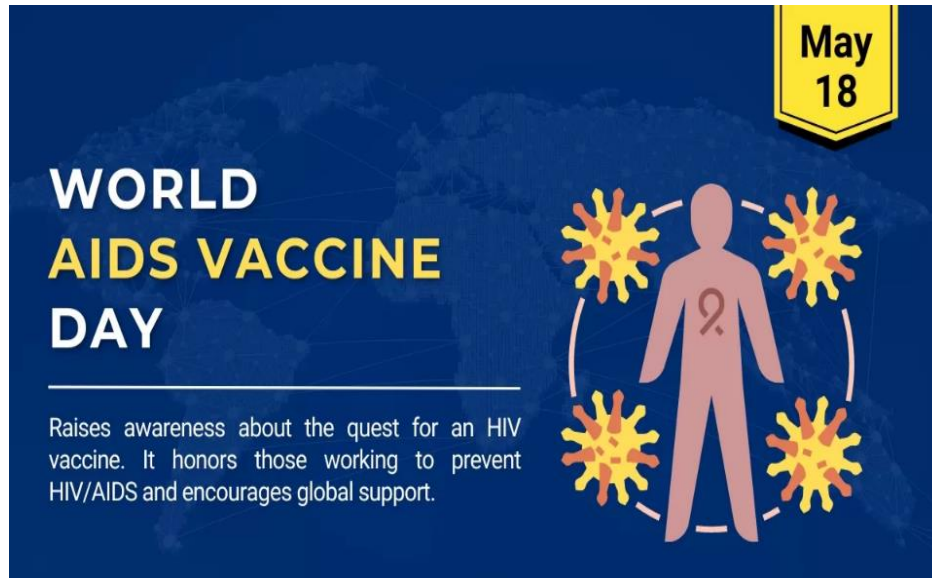


## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World AIDS Vaccine Day 2024 - May 18**

- ❖ It serves as a global initiative to raise awareness about the urgent need for a vaccine to prevent HIV infection and AIDS.

- ❖ This day commemorates the anniversary of a speech given by then-US President Bill Clinton on May 18, 1997.
- ❖ The first World AIDS Vaccine Day was observed on May 18, 1998.



### **International Museum Day 2024 - May 18**



- ❖ It aims to raise public awareness of museums.



- ❖ The inaugural International Museum Day was organised in 1977 by ICOM, International Council of Museums.
- ❖ The theme for this year is "Museums for Education and Research".

## MISCELLANEOUS

### 1.5-Billion-Year-Old “Giant” Viruses

- ❖ The Giant viruses dating back 1.5 billion years were found in Yellowstone's geothermal springs.
- ❖ The viruses are labelled as 'giant' because they have extremely large genomes compared to regular viruses and pose no risk to humans.
- ❖ But it could explain what the conditions on Earth were like when single-cell organisms formed.
- ❖ Yellowstone's hot springs formed at least 15,000 years ago after the last glaciers in the region melted, allowing the geysers to spring up.
- ❖ The Yellowstone National Park of USA is the first national park in the world, which was opened in 1872.



### Ancient Branch of Nile River

- ❖ Using satellite imagery, experts identified potential locations of an ancient river branch near the pyramid fields.

- ❖ Satellite images are indicating the presence of a 64-km-long former river branch that once flowed near the pyramid fields.
- ❖ They have proposed that the river branch be named “Ahramat” which means pyramids in Arabic.
- ❖ The researchers believe that the increased windblown sand, linked to a major drought that began approximately 4,200 years ago, likely caused the branch to migrate eastward.
- ❖ This migration, combined with the accumulation of sand, eventually led to the river silting up and disappearing.

