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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The President has appointed four judicial officers: R. Sakhivel, P. Dhanabal, C. Kumarappan and K. Rajasekar as additional judges of the Madras High Court.
 - With this, the working strength of the court will increase to 65, as against the sanctioned strength of 75 judges.
- ❖ TN launched a scheme to send prasadam of 48 major temples in the State, to the homes of devotees.
- ❖ The Trichy International Airport's new terminal project has been awarded the international safety award by the British Safety Council in the first-class merit category.
- ❖ The central government launched "Meri LiFE" (My Life) mobile application to empower young people and encourage their participation in tackling climate change.
- ❖ Amazon Web Services (AWS) announced its plans to invest US\$12.7 billion into cloud infrastructure in India by 2030.
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh's Kangra tea, has been registered with the European Union (EU) as a protected Geographical Indication.
- ❖ Prime Minister of India unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Hiroshima, Japan.
- ❖ The Mangaluru City Corporation launched the 'Meri LiFE, Mera Swachh Shehar' campaign to collect unused or used plastic items, clothes, footwear, books, newspapers and toys from the public.
- ❖ Author Ruskin Bond wrote a book titled "The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life".
- ❖ For the first time in history, an image of the actual FIFA World Cup trophy and the tournament hosting year is being depicted for FIFA World Cup emblem for 2026 edition in USA, Canada and Mexico.

TAMIL NADU

Three Mini TIDEL Parks

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister virtually unveiled the foundation stone for the construction of 'Mini TIDEL Parks' in Salem, Thanjavur and Thoothukudi districts.

- ❖ The Mini TIDEL Park would be constructed in Omalur taluk in Salem district, Pillayarpatti in Thanjavur district and Meelavittan in Thoothukudi district.



Birth anniversary of John Sullivan



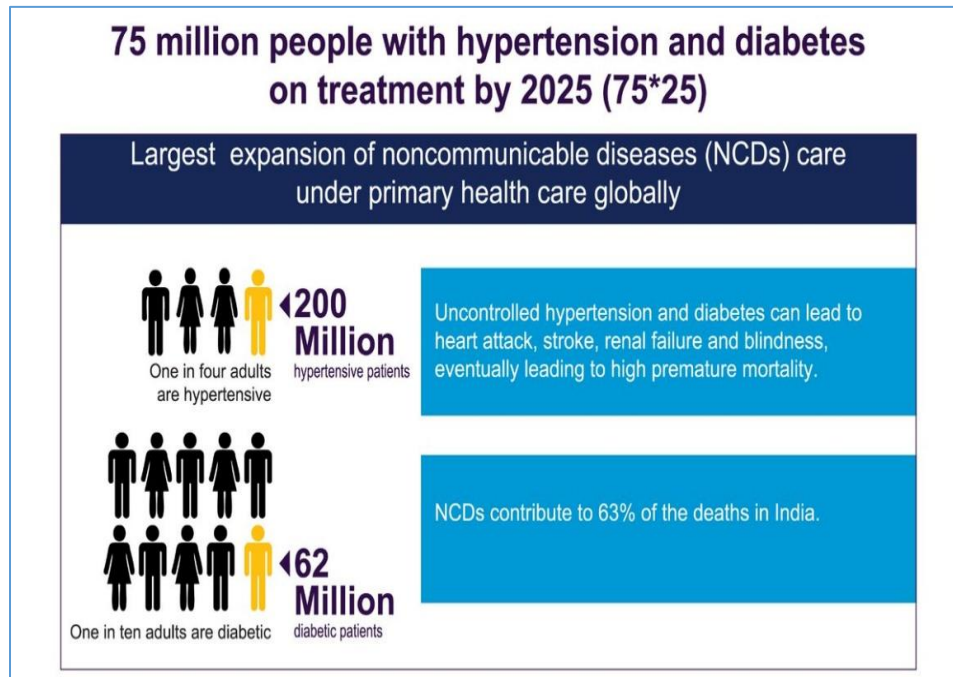
- ❖ The 234th birth anniversary of the British administrator John Sullivan was observed in Ooty.
- ❖ He led an exploratory colonial expedition up the Nilgiris slopes in the 1820s.
- ❖ He was Coimbatore Collector between 1815 and 1830.

- ❖ He also pioneered the creation of the Ooty Lake.

NATIONAL

'75/25' Initiative

- ❖ The Union Health Ministry of India unveiled the ambitious "75/25" initiative.
- ❖ The program aims to ensure that 75 million individuals suffering from hypertension and diabetes receive standardised care by 2025.
- ❖ Primarily it was provided through Primary Health Centers (PHCs).
- ❖ This is a significant move to combat the rising burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).



INTERNATIONAL

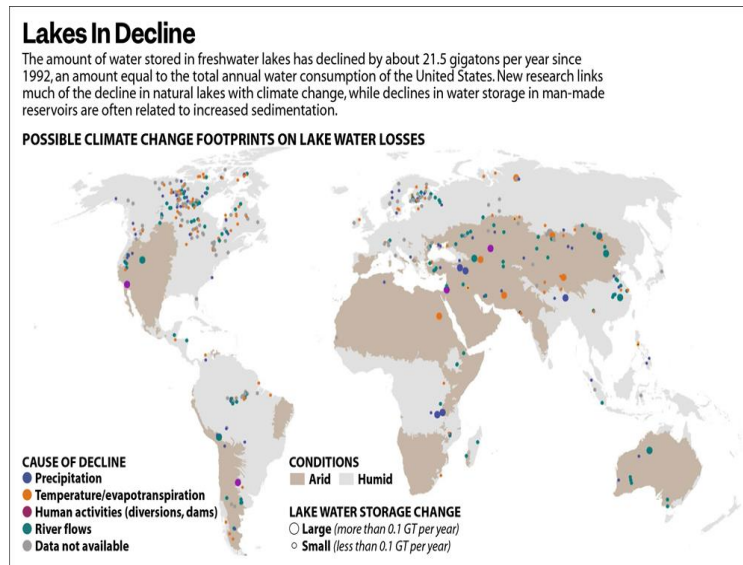
Digital Public Infrastructure

- ❖ The SCO supported the adoption of Indian digital public infrastructure such as Aadhaar, Unified Payments Interface, Digi Locker and CoWin, electronics and information technology.
- ❖ They unanimously adopted India's proposal for developing Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) as the right way for deploying digital technology among member states.

- ❖ The minimum import price condition shall not be applicable for imports from Bhutan.
- ❖ In 2023, India imported apples worth USD 296 million against USD 385.1 million in 2022.

ENVIRONMENT

Decline in Global Lake Water Storage



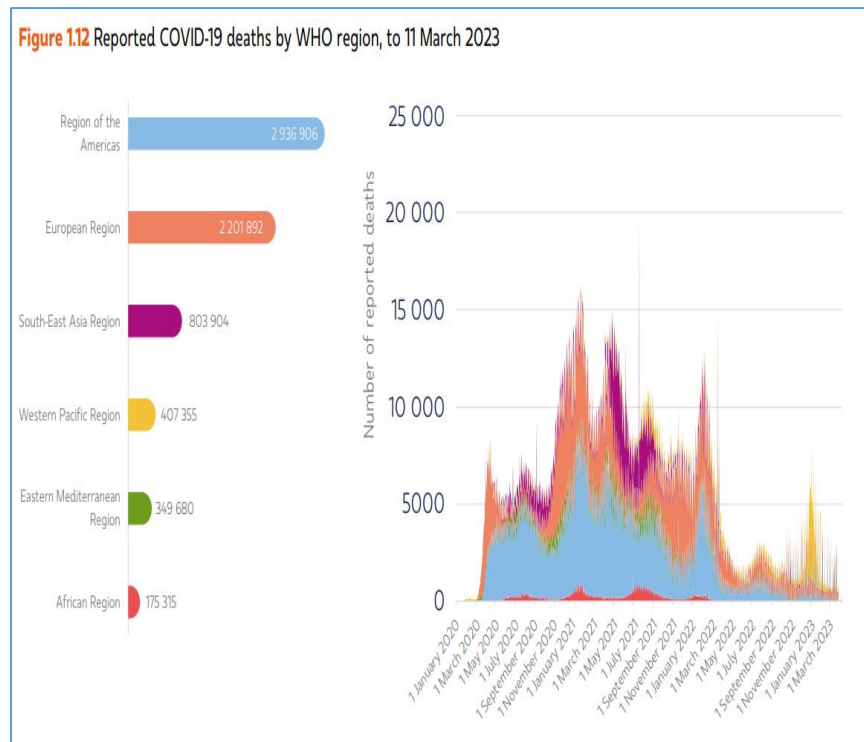
- ❖ The study is aimed at finding statistically significant storage declines for 53 per cent of these water bodies over the period 1992–2020.
- ❖ More than half of the world's largest lakes and reservoirs are drying up.
- ❖ Climate change and human activities are endangering lakes, which hold 87 per cent of the world's liquid surface fresh water.
- ❖ The findings suggest that 53 per cent of lakes and reservoirs saw a decline in water storage, at a rate of approximately 22 gigatonnes a year.
- ❖ During the entire study period, 603 cubic kilometres of water were lost.
- ❖ It is 17 times the amount of water in Lake Mead.
- ❖ Lake Mead is the largest reservoir in the United States.

REPORTS AND INDICES

World Health Statistics 2023

- ❖ A total of 336.8 million life-years has been lost globally due to the pandemic.

- ❖ Globally, 14.9 million excess deaths could be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic by the end of 2021.
- ❖ The health progress on key health indicators has markedly stalled since 2015
- ❖ The world is also facing an ever-growing threat of non-communicable diseases (NCD) and climate change
- ❖ Between 2000 and 2015, the annual rate of reduction (ARR) of the global maternal mortality ratio was 2.7 per cent.
- ❖ The ARR of the neonatal mortality rate fell from 3.2 per cent (2000–2009) to 2.2 per cent (2010–2021).
- ❖ In 2000, NCDs caused 47 per cent of global disability-adjusted life years (1.3 billion years).
- ❖ By 2019, NCDs caused 63 per cent (1.6 billion years).



STATES

Ghaziabad-Aligarh Expressway (Uttar Pradesh)

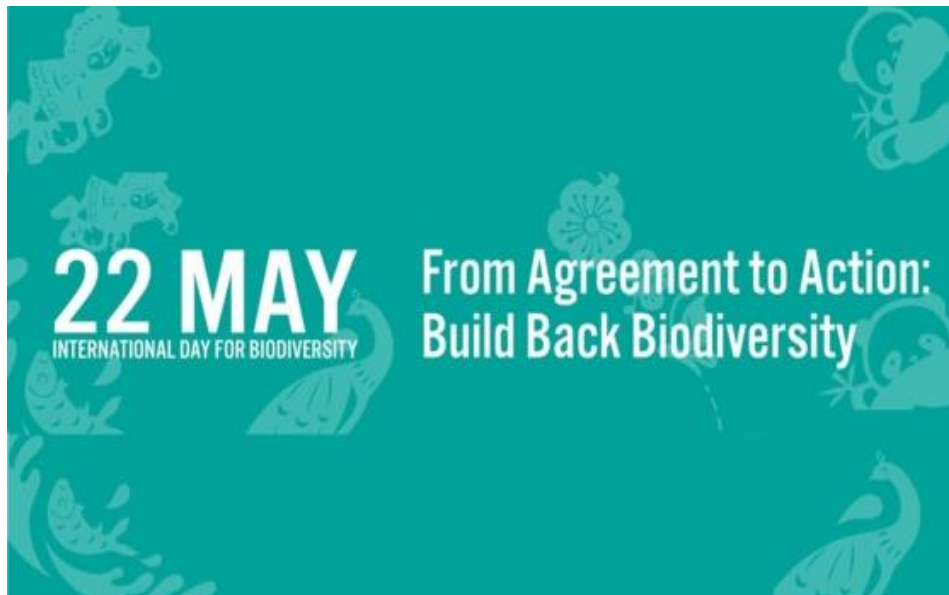
- ❖ A 100-kilometre-long road has been constructed on the Ghaziabad-Aligarh Expressway in a record time of 100 hours.
- ❖ The 118-kilometre-long Ghaziabad-Aligarh stretch of NH34 is an important trade link.

- ❖ The project embraces sustainability and cost-effectiveness through the implementation of Cold Central Plant Recycling (CCPR) technology.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day for Biological Diversity - May 22



- ❖ The original date for celebrating International Day of Biological Diversity was December 29.
- ❖ The anniversary of the Convention on Biological Diversity was designated as the International Day for Biological Diversity on December 29, 1993.
- ❖ However, in December 2000, the date was changed to May 22 by the United Nations General Assembly.

- ❖ This day aims to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.
- ❖ Theme of this year is “From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity.”

World Turtle Day - May 23



- ❖ It aims to bring attention and increase knowledge about turtles and tortoises.
- ❖ It also encourages people to take action for the help and survival of the turtles and tortoise.
- ❖ This annual celebration sponsored by American Tortoise Rescue since 2000.

