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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Justice R. Mahadevan, the seniormost judge of the Madras High Court as Acting Chief Justice.
- ❖ Mariyappan Thangavelu broke the championship record by crossing over 1.88m in the men's high jump T63 final in World Para Athletic C'ships 2024.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Chandru G clinched the WBC India Cruiserweight Championship title against Punjab boxer Jaskaran Singh.
- ❖ Iran's first Vice President Mohammad Mokhber has been appointed as the acting president of Iran after the death of President Ebrahim Raisi in a helicopter crash.
- ❖ Narayanan Vaghul, the renowned banker and former Chairman of ICICI Bank, passed away recently.
- ❖ German tennis star Alexander Zverev made history by winning the Italian Open singles title for the second time.
- ❖ Google's biggest annual developers' event of the year, Google I/O 2024 was held recently.
- ❖ India's Satwiksairaj Ranki reddy-Chirag Shetty reclaim No. 1 spot in the BWF rankings following Thailand Open title.
- ❖ Sanjiv Puri, the Chairman and Managing Director of ITC Ltd, has been elected as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the term 2024-25.
- ❖ Indian athlete Neeraj Chopra clinched the gold medal in the men's javelin throw event at the Federation Cup 2024 athletics meet in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

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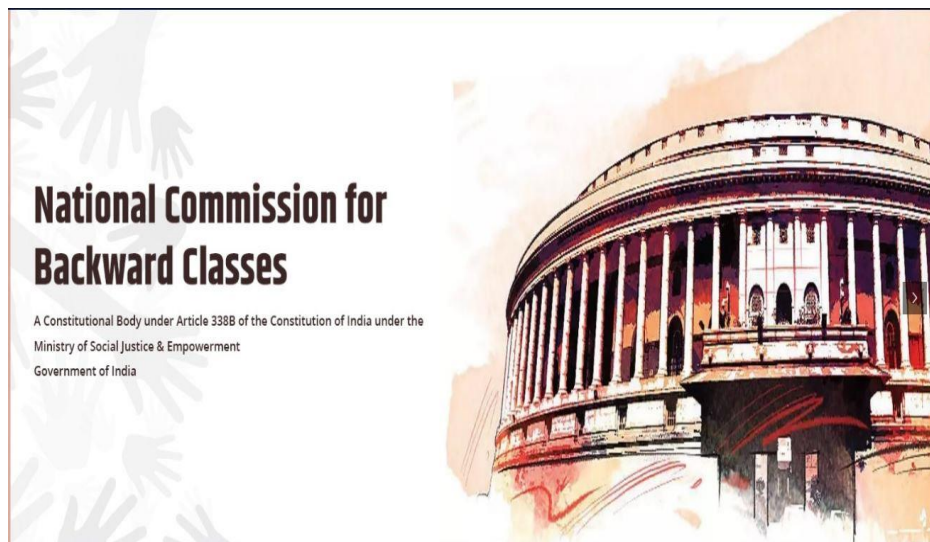
Indian citizenship under CAA

- ❖ The Union Government granted citizenship certificates to more than 300 people who applied under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019.
- ❖ The 14 people who received the certificates in Delhi came from Pakistan in 2013.
- ❖ Most Pakistani Hindus who entered India legally are living in Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, and Delhi.
- ❖ It was not known how many people from West Bengal, including Matuas and Nama sudras, and those excluded from the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam, had applied under the CAA.

- ❖ The citizenship portal requires applicants to declare the country of origin, and also submit at least one document tracing their roots to Bangladesh, Pakistan or Afghanistan.
- ❖ Since the intended beneficiaries in West Bengal entered India without any documents, they are unable to apply under CAA.
- ❖ On March 11, the MHA notified the Citizenship Amendment Rules, 2024 that enabled the implementation of the CAA.
- ❖ The legislation was passed by the Parliament in December 2019.



Student Enrollment Under Various Category



- ❖ The National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) reported a significant increase in student enrollment under various categories from 2014-15 to 2021-22.

- ❖ According to the data, enrollment of students from the Scheduled Caste (SC) category rose by 44 percent, from 4.61 million to 6.62 million.
- ❖ Minority female student enrolment also saw a notable increase of 42.3 percent, growing from 1.07 million to 1.52 million during the same period.
- ❖ Enrolment of ST students increased by 65.2 per cent, from 1.641 million in 2014-15 to 2.71 million in 2021-22.
- ❖ Female ST enrollment was increasing by 80 per cent.
- ❖ There was a 71 per cent increase in OBC enrolment, with female OBC enrollment more than doubling.
- ❖ Enrolment in higher education grew from 34.2 million in 2014-15 to 41.4 million in 2020-21.
- ❖ It is reaching 43.3 million in 2021-22 and this marking a 26.5 per cent increase.
- ❖ Female enrollment rose from 15.7 million in 2014-15 to 20.7 million in 2021-22, a 32 per cent increase.

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Tokyo Atacama Observatory



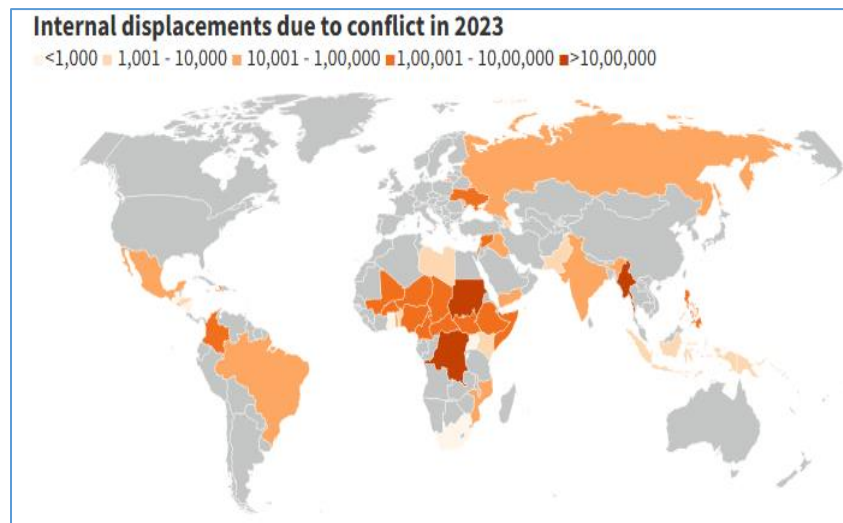
- ❖ The world's highest astronomical observatory at 5,640 metres (18,500 feet) above sea level is now open in the Atacama Desert, Chile.
- ❖ The University of Tokyo Atacama Observatory (TAO) is now built and fully operational, sitting on the summit of a mountain in the Atacama Desert.
- ❖ The TAO's telescope is 6.5 metres in length and consists of two science instruments designed to observe the universe in infrared.
- ❖ One of the instruments, SWIMS, will image galaxies from the very early universe.

- ❖ The second, named MIMIZUKU, will aid the overarching science goal by studying primordial disks of dust.

STATES

Manipur Displacement 2023

- ❖ Conflict and violence triggered 69,000 displacements in South Asia in 2023, with Manipur violence alone accounting for 67,000, according to a new report.
- ❖ It is the highest number of displacements triggered by conflict and violence in India since 2018.
- ❖ More than three-quarters of the movements took place within Manipur.
- ❖ Almost a fifth were moved to the neighbouring state of Mizoram and smaller numbers to Nagaland and Assam.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development 2024 - May 21

- ❖ The goal of the Day is to encourage people to bridge the gap between diverse cultures of different nations, regions and people.
- ❖ In 2001, UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity.
- ❖ It was first celebrated in 2002.
- ❖ The cultural and creative sector is accounts for more than 48 million jobs globally – almost half of which are held by women.

- ❖ It is representing 6.2% of all existing employment and 3.1% of global GDP.
- ❖ It is also the sector that employs and provides opportunities for the largest number of young people under the age of 30.



International Day for Biological Diversity 2024 - May 22



- ❖ It was established by the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly in 1993.
- ❖ Initially, it was celebrated on December 29 to mark the day the Convention on Biological Diversity came into effect.
- ❖ However, on December 20, 2000, the date was changed to May 22 to commemorate the adoption of the Convention at the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit in 1992.
- ❖ This year's theme is "Be Part of the Plan."

International Day to End Obstetric Fistula 2024 - May 23

- ❖ It aims to improve maternal and newborn health and with the goal of making obstetric fistula as rare in developing countries as in the developed world.

- ❖ Obstetric fistula is one of the most serious and tragic injuries that can occur during childbirth.
- ❖ It is a hole between the birth canal and the bladder or rectum caused by prolonged, obstructed labour without access to timely, high-quality medical treatment.
- ❖ An estimated 2 million women in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, the Arab region, and Latin America and the Caribbean are living with this injury.
- ❖ Some 50,000 to 100,000 new cases develop worldwide each year.
- ❖ This year's theme is "Breaking the Cycle: Preventing Fistula Worldwide".



World Turtle Day 2024 - May 23

- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the lifestyle and habitat of turtles as well as tortoises and urge people to understand them better and contribute to their wellbeing.
- ❖ It was started in the year 2000 by American tortoise Rescue as a way of urging people to come together to understand tortoises and turtles better.
- ❖ Turtles and tortoises are different creatures, even though sometimes they are mistaken for one another.



- ❖ Except for Antarctica, Turtles are highly adaptable and may be found on every continent.
- ❖ Southeastern North America and South Asia are home to most turtle species.

