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TNPSC BITS

- Vinai Kumar Saxena has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.
- The Union Ministry of Ayush has confirmed the observance of the 8th International Day of Yoga (IDY) at Mysuru city.
- ✤ Manchester City of Football has won 2021/22 Premier League champions.
 - \circ It is their fourth title success in the last five seasons.
- Haryana beat Jharkhand win Hockey India Sub-Junior Women's National Championship in Imphal.
- ✤ Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Health, addressed at the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switcherland.

NATIONAL

Reconstitution of Inter-State Council

- The Centre has reconstituted the Inter-State Council, which works to promote cooperative federalism.
- Headed by the PM, the Council will comprise six Union ministers.
- Besides, it has Chief Ministers of the 28 states and UTs with a legislature, and administrators of UTs without a legislature.
- ✤ It will also have 10 Union ministers as permanent invitees.
- The government has also reconstituted the standing committee of the Council, with Home Minister its chairman.

CUET 2022 Norms

- ✤ The central Universities in the North Eastern States and Uttarakhand have been exempted from the CUET 2022 norms.
- This is due to the issue of geographical conditions, hilly terrain, far-flung location, limited digital connectivity, infrastructure etc.

Investment Incentive Agreement

 India and the United States signed an Investment Incentive Agreement (IIA) at Tokyo, Japan.





- This supersedes the Investment Incentive Agreement signed between both the countries in the year 1997.
- The Agreement is the legal requirement for Development Finance Corporation, to continue providing investment support in India.



ONGC on Indian Gas Exchange



- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd, became India's first Exploration and Production company to trade domestic gas on Indian Gas Exchange.
- ONGC is a government-owned oil and gas explorer and producer.
- ✤ It was founded in 1956 and has its headquarters in New Delhi.
- ♦ It produces around 70% of India's crude oil and around 84% of its natural gas.
- ✤ IGX is India's first automated national-level Gas Exchange.





- ✤ It is a place where both buyers and sellers trade Gas.
- It operates under the regulatory framework of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board

INTERNATIONAL

Quad Summit 2022



- Recently it was held at Tokyo, Japan.
- The Quad or the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue is a group made of four nations, India, Japan, the US, and Australia.
- ✤ It is a strategic forum that features semi-regular summits, information exchange, and military drills.
- The key focus of the summit is the development of the Indo-Pacific region highlighting the threats like terrorism, disinformation, and territorial disputes.

ENVIRONMENT

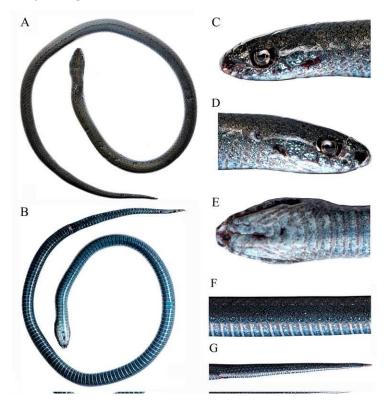
Blue-Bellied Kukri Snake

- The blue-bellied kukri snake (Oligodon melaneus Wall) was rediscovered from Manas National Park.
- ✤ The rediscovery of Oligodon melaneus has been reported after 112 years.
- It was last collected in July 1908 from Tindharia in West Bengal, about 267 km west of Manas.
- ✤ It is endemic to eastern India.





It was described in 1909 by Frank Wall based on two specimens from Tindharia, Darjeeling and London.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Sangita Kalanidhi awards 2020-22

- ✤ The Madras Music Academy announced these awards.
- Santanagopalan will receive the Sangita Kalanidhi award for the year 2020.
- ♦ Bhakthavathsalam has been chosen for the award for the year 2021.
- ♦ Krishnan and his sister Vijayalakshmi will receive the award for 2022.
- Nagaswaram player Kizhvelur G. Ganesan has been selected for the Sangita Kala Acharya award for 2020.
- ♦ Vocalist and musicologist Ritha Rajan was chosen for 2021.
- ♦ Musicologist Vainika R.S. Jayalakshmi was chosen for 2022.
- ✤ The TTK award for 2020 goes to vocalist Thamarakkad Govindan Namboothiri.
- Mridhangam and jalatarangam player Nemani Somayajulu will get the award for 2021 and
- ✤ kanjira artist A.V. Anand was given for 2022.



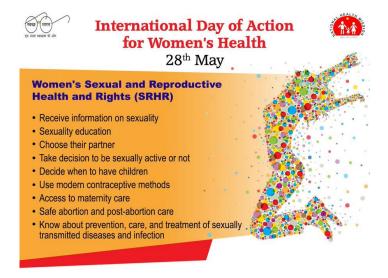


- ♦ Musicologist award for 2022 goes to V. Premalatha.
- The Nritya Kalanidhi awardees are Rama Vaidhyanathan (2020), Narthaki Nataraj (2021) and Bragha Bessell (2022).

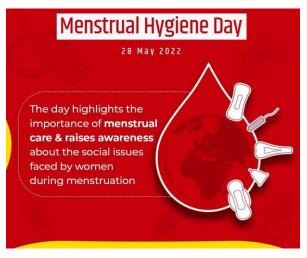
IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Action for Women's Health - May 28

- The objective of the day is to spread awareness about the health and rights of women.
- The International Women's Health Day came into existence in 1987 when the South African government officially recognised it during that time.



World Menstrual Hygiene Day – May 28







- It aims to highlight the importance of good menstrual hygiene management at a global level.
- ✤ It was initiated by the German-based NGO WASH United in 2014.

World hunger Day – May 28

- The objective of this day is to raise awareness about more than 820 million people living in chronic hunger worldwide.
- ✤ It is observed since 2011.
- It also, spread awareness about the malaise of chronic hunger but also to solve hunger and poverty through sustainable undertakings.



MISCELLANEOUS

World of Work Report

- The International Labour Organization has released the Ninth Edition of ILO Monitor on the World of Work Report.
- ✤ 2 crore jobs might have lost between the last quarter of 2021 and the first quarter of 2022.
- Deterioration of the gender gap in work hours in the second quarter of 2020 in the lower-middle-income countries.
- ✤ For every 100 women at work prior to the pandemic, 12.3 women would have lost their job as an average through the entire period considered by the report.
- For every 100 men at work prior to the pandemic, 7.5 men would have lost their job as an average through the entire period considered by the report.





✤ A "great and growing divergence between richer and poorer economies" continues to characterise the recovery.



TIME 100 Most Influential People List

- This list has been divided into six categories that are Pioneers, Icons, Artists, Titans, Innovators, and Leaders.
- Indian business man Gautam Adani, Supreme Court lawyer Karuna Nundy, and Kashmiri human rights activist Khurram Parvez have been featured in this list

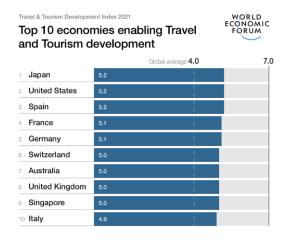
Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021

- India has been ranked at 54th place in the Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021.
- ✤ In 2019, India had ranked at 46th position.
- ✤ It was released by World Economic Forum.





- ✤ In the 2021 index, the top place has been taken by Japan.
- ✤ The country is followed by the United States, Spain, France, and Germany respectively.



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