



**May - 30**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Kolkata Knight Riders won their third IPL title by defeating Sunrisers Hyderabad team in IPL 2024.
- ❖ According to the IUCN's first global mangrove assessment, Mangroves along the South India Coasts, especially the east coast covering Tamil Nadu, are classified as critically endangered.
- ❖ Arti, an 18-year-old rickshaw driver from Bahraich of Uttar Pradesh, received the Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award in London.
- ❖ Karnataka government has now made it mandatory to provide 33% reservation for women in services and posts that are being outsourced by various government departments and organisations.
- ❖ The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has announced the launch of 'Let's Move India'.
  - This initiative aims to inspire people to celebrate the athletes participating in the upcoming Olympic Games in Paris.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh emerged as the number one state in terms of the addition of transmission lines by state transmission companies in 2023-24.
  - It is followed by Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Pakistan reports third polio case of 2024 from southwestern Balochistan province.
  - Polio is still common in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

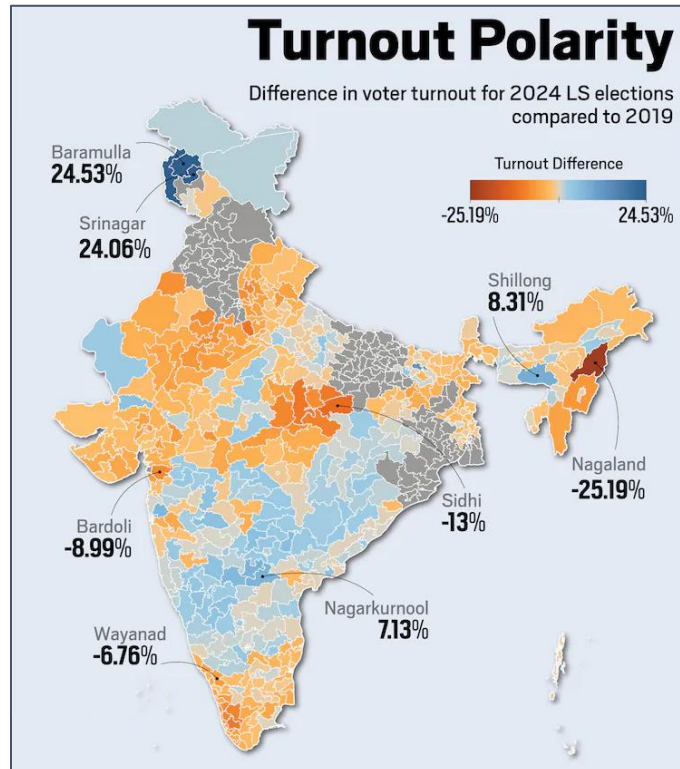
## **NATIONAL**

### **Absolute number of votes cast**

- ❖ The Election Commission (EC) released the absolute number of votes cast in each constituency in the first five phases of the general election.
- ❖ This is the first time that the EC has shared the total number of votes cast in this Lok Sabha election.
- ❖ Earlier, the Supreme Court refused to direct the poll body to disclose details of Form 17 C, which contains voter turnout data at the booth level.
- ❖ The highest number of votes were cast in Dhubri constituency in Assam (24.5 lakh).
- ❖ The least votes were polled in Lakshadweep (48,630).

❖ Voter turnout:

- The first phase polled 11,00,52,103 votes (of a total 16,63,86,344 registered voters),
- The second phase 10,58,30,572 votes (out of 15,86,45,484),
- The third 11,32,34,676 (out of 17,24,04,907),
- Fourth 12,24,69,319 (out of 17,70,75,629), and
- Fifth phase recorded 5,57,10,618 votes (out of 8,95,67,973).

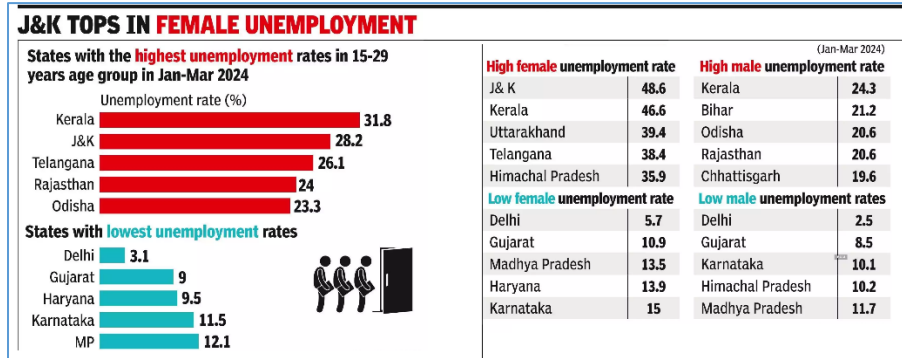


## ECONOMY

### Periodic Labour Force Survey 2024

- ❖ The latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) was released by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MOSPI).
- ❖ Kerala recorded the highest unemployment rate among the 15-29 age group in urban areas for the January-March quarter of 2024.
- ❖ Jammu & Kashmir, Telangana, Rajasthan, and Odisha as other states with high unemployment rates in this age category.
- ❖ Three states and UTs recorded single-digit unemployment rates: Delhi (3.1 per cent), Gujarat (9 per cent), and Haryana (9.5 per cent).

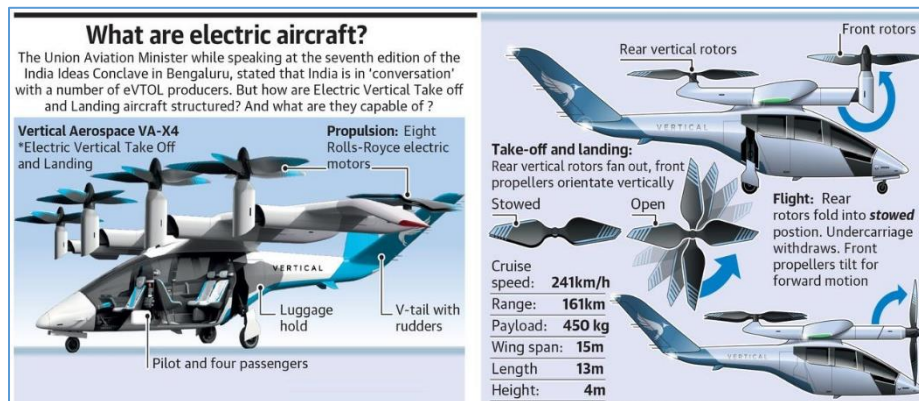
- ❖ Karnataka (11.5 per cent) and Madhya Pradesh (12.1 per cent) also had relatively low unemployment rates.



## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### eVTOL aircrafts

- ❖ IIT Madras-incubated ePlane Company is set to launch eVTOL (electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing) aircraft in Bengaluru.
- ❖ eVTOLs are designed to operate in urban areas, reducing traffic congestion, and air pollution, and improving connectivity and emergency services.
- ❖ These are vehicles that can take off and land vertically using electric propulsion.
- ❖ It is expected to cut through the road traffic for daily commute and cargo delivery and even be used for military purposes.

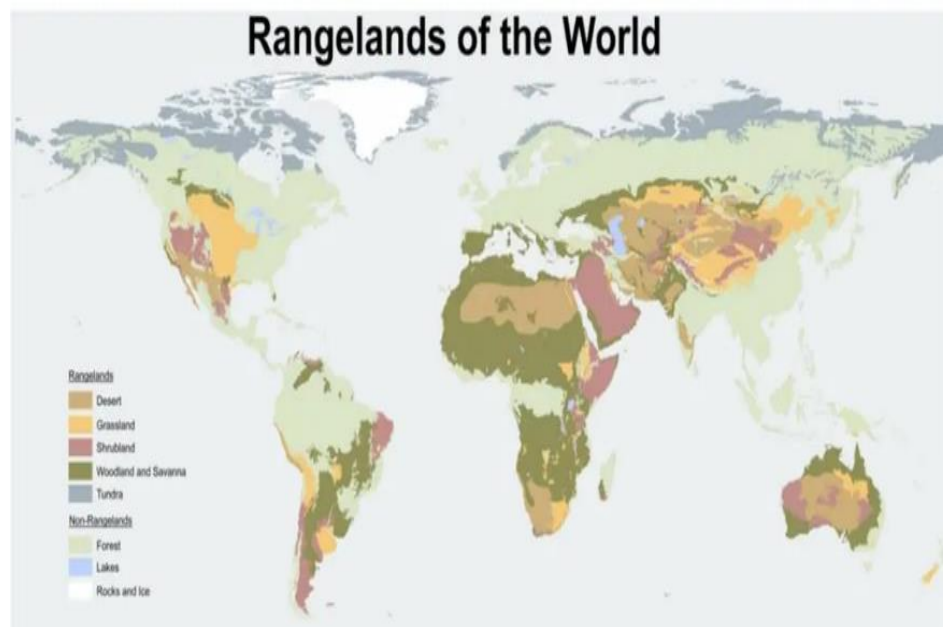


## ENVIRONMENT

### World's Rangelands Degradation

- ❖ It is a new report released by the United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification (UNCCD).

- ❖ About half of the world's rangelands are degraded and need policy interventions, and communities depending on them need focused support.
- ❖ The UNCCD report defines rangelands as natural or semi-natural ecosystems that are grazed by livestock or wild animals.
- ❖ Rangelands contain vegetation such as grasses, shrubs, bushes, open forests, and agroforestry systems (land which contains trees and crops or pastures).
- ❖ Currently, rangelands cover 80 million sq km of Earth's terrestrial surface area (over half of Earth's land).
- ❖ Rangelands generate 16% of global food production and 70% of feed for domesticated herbivores, most significantly in Africa and South America.
- ❖ In India, rangelands occupy about 1.21 million sq km, from the Thar Desert to Himalayan meadows.
- ❖ The United Nations General assembly has designated 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP).



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

### **Tenure of Army Chief Gen Pande**

- ❖ The Appointments Committee of Cabinet granted one month extension in tenure to Chief of the Army Staff Gen Manoj Pande beyond his retirement date, up to June 30, 2024.

- ❖ Normally, for Service Chiefs the tenure is 62 years of age or three years whichever is earlier.
- ❖ There is only such instance in the past.
- ❖ In 1975 then Army Chief Gen G.G. Bewoor was given a one-year extension by Indira Gandhi-led Government.



## SPORTS

### ICC Men's T20 World Cup Brand Ambassador



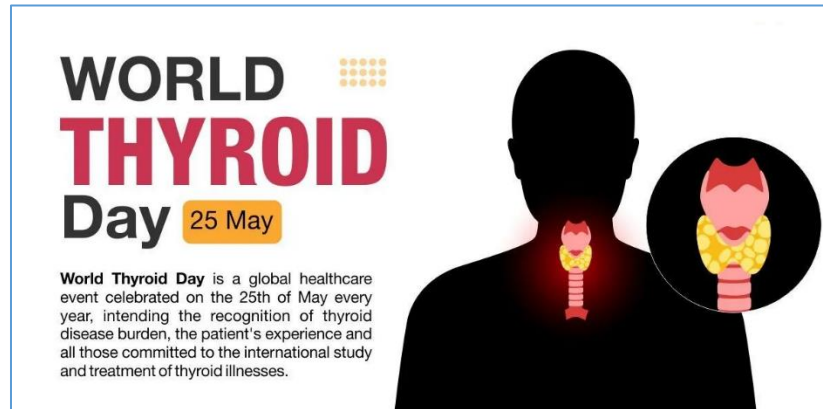
- ❖ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has appointed the legendary Pakistani cricketer Shahid Afridi as the brand ambassador for the upcoming 9th ICC Men's T20 World Cup.



- ❖ This will be co-hosted by the West Indies and the United States of America.
- ❖ Afridi joins an esteemed group of brand ambassadors, including Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh, West Indian icon Chris Gayle, and Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Thyroid Day 2024 - May 25



- ❖ This day aims to create awareness about the significance of thyroid gland and how we can ensure that people with thyroid diseases are properly diagnosed and have access to treatment facilities.
- ❖ On May 25, 1965, the European Thyroid Association was founded.
- ❖ This organisation was the first one to recognise World Thyroid Day.
- ❖ The thyroid gland is a small gland situated at the base of the neck, that is responsible for producing two hormones - thyroxine and triiodothyronine.
- ❖ Both iodine deficiency and excess can result in hypothyroidism as well as hyperthyroidism.
- ❖ Approximately 4.2 crore Indians are affected by Thyroid diseases.
- ❖ The theme for this year's is - Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

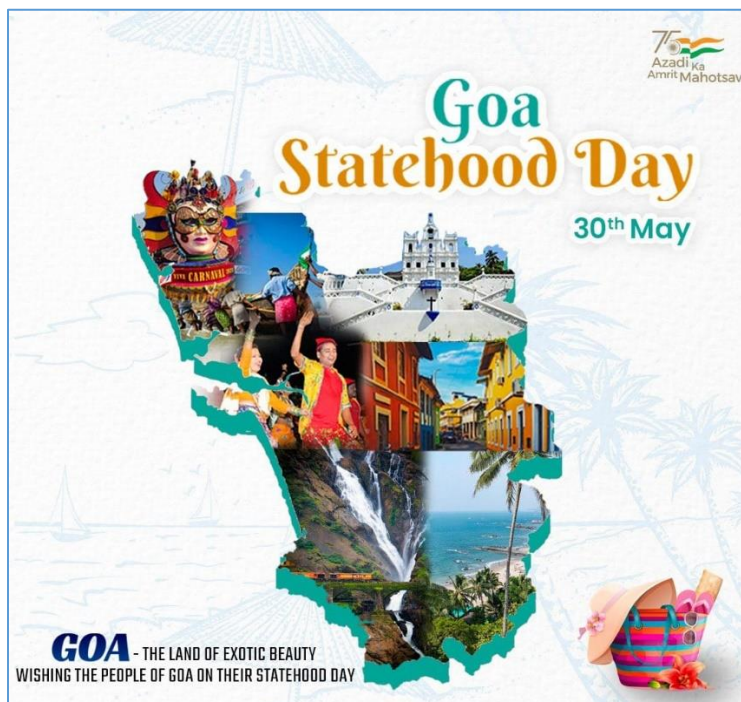
### International Day of Potato 2024 - May 30

- ❖ The inaugural observation of this day taking place this year.
- ❖ Potato was introduced to Europe in the 16th century, from where it spread to the rest of the world subsequently.
- ❖ With around 5 000 varieties, the diversity of potatoes plays a vital role in global food security and nutrition.
- ❖ It is the third most consumed food crop globally, after rice and wheat.

- ❖ A total of 159 countries in the world have potato crops on a total of 17.8 million hectares.
- ❖ 374 million tons of potato are produced in the world annually.
- ❖ Theme of this year is “Harvesting Diversity, Feeding Hope.”



### Goa Statehood Day 2024 - May 30



- ❖ After India gained independence in 1947, it requested the Portuguese to cede their territories. However, Portuguese refused.



- ❖ In 1961, Indian Government launched Operation Vijay and annexed Daman and Diu islands and Goa.
- ❖ An opinion poll, known as the Goa Status Referendum, was conducted in 1967.
- ❖ People voted in favour of Goa becoming a Union territory of India.
- ❖ On 30th May, 1987, the territory was split and Goa was formed.
- ❖ Daman and Diu remained Union Territory.

