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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Nepal Army Chief General Prabhu Ram Sharma has been conferred the honorary rank of General of the Indian Army by President Ram Nath Kovind.
  - It is a customary practice by the two countries to confer the honorary rank of General on each other's Army Chiefs.
- ❖ Amitabh Bachchan has been roped in as brand ambassador of Amway India.
- ❖ In a tennis, Novak Djokovic (Serbia) has defeated Daniil Medvedev (Russia) in the finals to win the 37th Masters Title held at Paris, France.
  - It was his 6th Paris Title.
- ❖ Dwayne Bravo, the former captain of the West Indies cricket team has confirmed his retirement from international cricket.
- ❖ The Odisha government launched a first-of-its-kind road safety initiative called Rakshak.

## NATIONAL

### 51<sup>st</sup> Governors' Conference



- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind chaired the 51st Conference of Governors and Lieutenant Governors at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Delhi.
- ❖ This was the fourth such conference to be presided over by President Kovind.

## New Director-Generals

- ❖ The Special Director in the Intelligence Bureau Sheel Vardhan Singh has been appointed as the new Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force.
- ❖ The National Police Academy Director Atul Karwal has been appointed as the new Director General of the National Disaster Response Force.
- ❖ The Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Satya Narayan Pradhan has been appointed as the Director-General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
- ❖ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved these.



## MPLAD Scheme

### Dire straits

Spending under MPLADS had already halved before the government suspended the scheme for two years on April 6, 2020 and diverted the funds to manage COVID-19

- On March 16, 2021, the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) seeks funds to finish ongoing MPLADS projects. Department of Expenditure allots **₹2,200 crore** on the same day
- On March 22, the amount was transferred to Statistics Ministry with a caveat that it be exhausted by March 31
- **₹1,107.5 crore** utilised till March 31; balance of **₹1,092.5 crore** lapses

 Unable to comprehend why ₹2,200 crore was allotted barely one week before the end of FY 2020-21  
SCF REPORT

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has restored the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS).



- ❖ However, the MPs will get ₹2 crore instead of the annual approved ₹5 crore.
- ❖ It was suspended in April 2020 subsuming the funds for the scheme in the consolidated fund of India.
- ❖ The funds saved from the MPLAD Scheme have been utilised to enhance the allocation of funds for improving health infrastructure, provide free ration under PM Garib Kalyan Yojana, and free vaccination for the people.
- ❖ The MPLADS is a Plan Scheme fully funded by Government of India
- ❖ It was launched in 1993.

### **Digital Payment Gateway**

- ❖ The National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) has launched this gateway.
- ❖ NIXI is a non-profit firm under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- ❖ It is for spreading internet technology to the citizens of India since 2003.



## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **17th Climate Change Performance Index 2022**

- ❖ It is compiled by German watch, the New Climate Institute, and the Climate Action Network.
- ❖ It monitors climate mitigation progress of 60 countries and the European Union.
- ❖ The first three ranks of the overall rankings were kept empty because no country had performed well enough in all index categories.
- ❖ The first three ranks in the greenhouse gas emissions category too were kept empty.



- ❖ In terms of greenhouse gas emissions, Sweden, Egypt, Chile and the UK are in the top 7.
- ❖ In the overall rankings, India is at number 10 with a score of 69.22.
- ❖ It is a high performer except in the renewable energy category, in which it is ranked “medium”.
- ❖ Overall, Australia, South Korea and Russia and the United States are among the lowest performing countries along with Kazakhstan and Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ China is ranked 37 overall and has an overall rating of “low”.

### CLIMATE CHANGE PERFORMANCE INDEX

Rank	Country	Score
4.	Denmark	76.92
5.	Sweden	74.46
6.	Norway	73.62
7.	UK	73.29
8.	Morocco	71.64
9.	Chile	69.66
10.	India	69.22
11.	Lithuania	69.06
12.	Malta	64.39
13.	Germany	63.82
14.	Finland	62.74
15.	Switzerland	61.98
16.	Portugal	61.45
17.	France	61.33
18.	Luxembourg	61.03
19.	Netherlands	60.81
20.	Ukraine	60.52

### GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Rank	Country	Score
4.	UK	33.93
5.	Sweden	33.84
6.	Mexico	32.85
7.	Chile	32.69
8.	Malta	31.56
9.	Morocco	29.35
10.	India	31.42
11.	Denmark	31.22
12.	Morocco	30.71
13.	Norway	30.50
14.	Switzerland	30.03
15.	Germany	29.12
16.	Philippines	28.80
17.	Ukraine	27.38
18.	Romania	27.37
19.	Finland	27.21
20.	France	26.97

*No rankings allotted from 1 to 3 because “no country performed well enough in all categories to achieve an overall very high rating, or did enough to lower their gas emissions”*

## ENVIRONMENT

### USA and ISA

- ❖ The United States of America (USA) has joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a member country.
- ❖ U.S is now the 101st country to sign the framework agreement of the ISA.
- ❖ The framework agreement was formally signed by John Kerry, the U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, at the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland.
- ❖ The US also joined the steering committee of the “One Sun One World One Grid” initiative that includes Australia, France, the UK and India.

- ❖ The International Solar Alliance was launched in 2015 by PM Modi and the former President of France Francois Hollande.
- ❖ It was during the 21st session of the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP-21) in Paris, France.



**United States of America**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SIGNS THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE (ISA)**

**e-AMRIT Portal**



- ❖ India launched an electric vehicle awareness web portal called e-Amrit at the COP26 Summit in Glasgow, Scotland.
- ❖ It has been developed in collaboration between NITI Aayog and UK government as part of the India-UK Joint Roadmap 2030.
- ❖ e-AMRIT portal stands for “Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India’s Transportation”.

## STATES

### Onake Obavva Jayanti

- ❖ From this year, the Karnataka State government has decided to celebrate 'Onake Obavva Jayanti' on November 11 throughout the state.
- ❖ She is a woman warrior who fought the forces of Hyder Ali single-handedly with a pestle (onake in Kannada) in Chitradurga in the 18th century.
- ❖ She died protecting the Chitradurga Fort, which was ruled by Madakari Nayaka in the 18th century.
- ❖ Obavva is considered to be the epitome of Kannada pride and celebrated along with other women warriors of Karnataka state.



## SPORTS

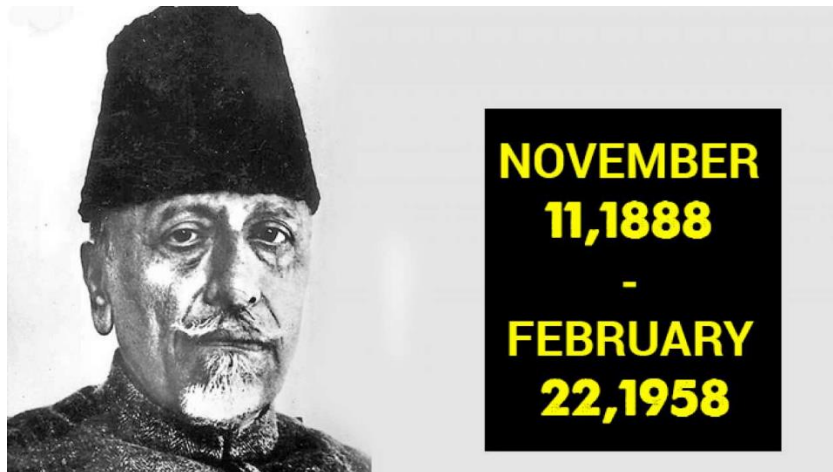
### International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President's cup

- ❖ India bags 5 medals at this inaugural tournament.
- ❖ It was held at the Wroclaw in Poland.
- ❖ It is including two Gold, two Silver and one Bronze.
- ❖ India's Manu Bhaker bagged two gold medals.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **National Education Day – 11 November**



- ❖ It is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.
- ❖ The day was announced by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in 2008.
- ❖ Azad was the first education minister of independent India from 15 August 1947 to 2 February 1958.
- ❖ Azad was born in Mecca, Saudi Arabia in 1888.
- ❖ He was awarded Bharat Ratna posthumously in 1992.



## **World Quality Day – 11 November**

- ❖ The Chartered Quality Institute (CQI), a professional organisation located in London founded the day.
- ❖ The United Nations officially recognised this Day in 1990.
- ❖ This year's theme is Sustainability: Improving Our Products, People, and Planet.



## **Armistice Day - 11 November**



- ❖ It is commemorated every year to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at France
- ❖ It was held for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I.





- ❖ Also known as Remembrance Day, it is a Memorial Day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty.
- ❖ It was inaugurated by King George V in 1919.
- ❖ It is observed to recall the end of First World War hostilities.
- ❖ The tradition of Remembrance Day evolved out of Armistice Day.

