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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Indian Police Foundation (IPF) conducted a survey on citizens perception.
  - In the survey, Delhi Police has been ranked at seventh spot, among Indian states and union territories.
- ❖ In tennis, Garbine Muguruza of Spain beat Anett Kontaveit of Estonia in the final to claim her first WTA Final title.
  - Muguruza is also the first Spaniard to win the WTA Finals.
- ❖ India, world's largest recipient of remittances, received \$87 billion in 2021.
  - India is followed by China, Mexico, the Philippines, and Egypt.

## NATIONAL

### Three farm laws repealed



- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his address on November 19, 2021 announced that, the central government will repeal all the three farm laws.
- ❖ These laws will be repealed in the 2021 Winter Session of Parliament.
- ❖ The three laws that led to agitation by farmers across India are
  - Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020

- Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020
- Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020.

### **LIGO venture**

- ❖ Hingoli income division handed around 225 hectares of land right in Maharashtra to the authorities of Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) venture.
- ❖ The land was handed over in order to organise primary facility within the nation.
- ❖ This venture will provide alternatives to scientists and engineers for digging deeper into concept of gravitational waves.
- ❖ LIGO is a massive observatory to detect cosmic gravitational waves and to carry experiments.



### **Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses renamed**



- ❖ The institute is renamed as Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses.

- ❖ Manohar Parrikar is remembered for his thoughtful leadership during the 2016 counter-terror strikes and implementation of the One Rank One Pension scheme.

### Operation Sankalp



- ❖ As part of Operation Sankalp, INS Trikand is currently deployed by the Indian Navy in the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman.
- ❖ INS Trikand is a state-of-the-art guided missile stealth frigate.
- ❖ Operation Sankalp ensure safety of India's Mercantile Marine in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

### EW Suite Shakti

- ❖ The 1st Shakti Advanced Electronic Warfare system Shakti has been installed on-board INS Visakhapatnam and is being installed in INS Vikrant.
- ❖ Advanced Electronic Warfare (EW) System 'Shakti' has been designed and developed by the Defence Electronics Research Laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation.
- ❖ They are under production at Bharat Electronics Ltd.
- ❖ Shakti is an Integrated Radar EW System for Capital Warships of the Indian Navy.

### 4G mobile services scheme

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approves 4G mobile services scheme for over 7,000 villages.

- ❖ These are to be implemented across the villages of Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Odisha.
- ❖ This ambitious project will be funded by the Universal Service Obligation Fund.

<p><b>CABINET DECISIONS</b> 17 NOVEMBER, 2021</p> <p><b>USOF scheme for provision of mobile services in Uncovered Villages of Aspirational Districts</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <b>7,287 uncovered villages of 44 Aspirational Districts across five States</b> to get 4G based mobile services</li><li>▶ Will be implemented in <b>Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra &amp; Odisha</b></li><li>▶ <b>Rs 6,466 crore</b> will be the estimated cost of implementation</li><li>▶ Work will be awarded through open competitive bidding process</li></ul>	<p><b>CABINET DECISIONS</b> 17 NOVEMBER, 2021</p> <p><b>USOF scheme for provision of mobile services in Uncovered Villages of Aspirational Districts</b></p>  <p><b>Benefits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Will fulfill the vision of digital India and enhance digital connectivity</li><li>▶ Will provide adequate support to educational institutions</li><li>▶ Will increase the availability of job opportunities</li><li>▶ Will promote domestic manufacturing</li></ul>
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## INTERNATIONAL

### Global report on trends in the prevalence of tobacco use 2000-2025

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Fourth edition



- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) published the 4th edition of this report.
- ❖ As per the report, South-East Asia Region achieved the fastest rate of decline in the use of tobacco.
- ❖ The average prevalence of smoking among men decreased to 25% in 2020, as against 50% in 2000.
- ❖ India and Nepal are likely to achieve a 30% relative reduction in tobacco use in order to meet the Global NCD action target plan by 2025.

### **Executive board of UNESCO – India**



- ❖ India was re-elected to the executive board of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) for the term of 2021-2025.
- ❖ India was re-elected with 164 votes.
- ❖ Among Group IV Asian & Pacific States, Japan, Vietnam, Philippines, Cook Islands, and China were also elected.

### **Kamala Harris**

- ❖ US Vice-President Kamala Harris on November 19, 2021, became the first female acting President of the United States for one hour and 25 minutes.
- ❖ She is now the first woman ever who held presidential powers in the 250-year-old history of the US.

- ❖ Kamala Harris is the first woman, first African-American and first Asian-American, first Indian-American who holds the second-most powerful position in the USA.
- ❖ The US President Joe Biden temporarily transferred power to Harris while he went under anesthesia for a routine colonoscopy.



## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 41<sup>st</sup> Scientific Expedition to Antarctica



#### **MAITRI**

2<sup>nd</sup> Indian Research Base in Antarctica

Maitri was established in the year 1989-90 in Schirmacher Oasis, East Antarctica. The research base was built in two summer seasons (there being no sun during the winter period)



#### **BHARATI**

3<sup>rd</sup> Indian Research Base in Antarctica. Bharati was established in the year 2012 in Larsemann Hills.





- ❖ India successfully launched the 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica.
- ❖ The first batch of its contingents comprising of 23 scientists and support staff has reached the Indian Antarctic station Maitri.
- ❖ Four more batches will be landing in Antarctica by mid-January 2022.
- ❖ The Indian Antarctic program began in 1981 and has completed 40 scientific expeditions.

## STATES

### Clean Yamuna River

- ❖ The Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal, pledged to clean Yamuna River completely by 2025.
- ❖ He announced a six-point action plan to clean the holy river.
- ❖ He also promised to make Yamuna River fit for drinking and bathing by 2025.

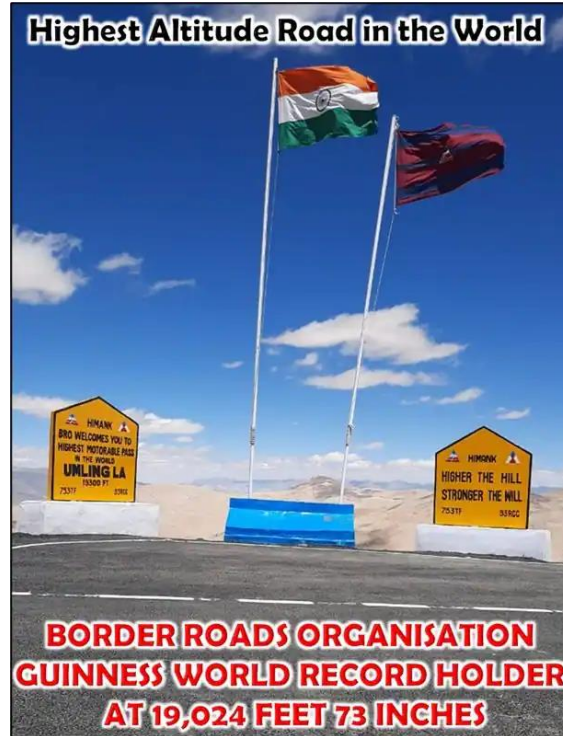
### WhatsApp chatbot

- ❖ The West Bengal Government launched India's first WhatsApp chatbot in the Public Distribution System.
- ❖ This Chatbot will make it easier for citizens to apply for a ration card, lodge grievances and get access to critical resources.
- ❖ The chatbot will also help farmers with verified information pertaining to paddy related procurement.
- ❖ The bot is free to use and is available in English and Bengali.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Guinness World Record – BRO

- ❖ The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has received the Guinness World Record for constructing & blacktopping the world highest motorable road.
- ❖ This is passing through the 19,024 feet 0.73 inches (5798.251m) high Umlingla Pass in the Union Territory of Ladakh.
- ❖ The 52-kilometre long Chisumle to Demchok tarmac road was developed under Project HIMANK (93RCC/753 BRTF) of BRO.



## SPORTS

### ICC announced the host nations





- ❖ The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the 14 host countries of the ICC men's white-ball events from 2024-2031.
- ❖ India is set to host the 2029 Champions Trophy and co-host the 2026 ICC Men's Twenty20 World Cup with Sri Lanka.
- ❖ It will also host the 2031 ICC Men's 50-over World Cup with Bangladesh.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **National New born Week 2021 - November 15 to 21**



- ❖ In India, the National New born Week is observed every year from 15 to 21 November.
- ❖ The main purpose of the week is to reinforce the importance of New born health as a key priority area of the health sector and reduce the infant mortality rate by improving healthcare conditions for babies in the neonatal period.
- ❖ The theme of National New born Week 2021 is 'Safety, quality and nurturing care - the birth right of every New born.

### **National Journalism Day - November 16**

- ❖ This day is observed to honour the Press Council of India (PCI).



- ❖ It was established on the same day 55 years ago.
- ❖ The PCI was constructed as an instrument to not only keep a check on the quality of reportage in the country but also to ensure that independent journalism survives and henceforth thrives in the country.

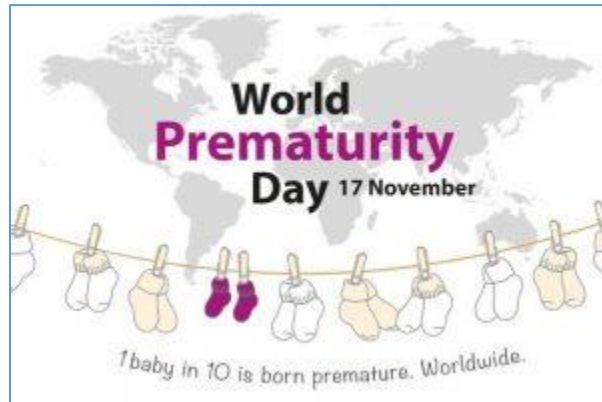


### **International Students' Day - November 17**



- ❖ It is the day set by the World Student Union.
- ❖ This is observed to denounce the storming of all universities by Hitler's Nazi forces and the arrest and murdering of thousands of students in 1939.

## World Prematurity Day - November 17



- ❖ This is observed to raise awareness of the challenges and burden of preterm birth globally.
- ❖ The small pair of purple socks framed by nine full-size baby socks symbolises: 1 in 10 babies is born preterm.
- ❖ The global theme for World Prematurity Day 2021 is - Zero Separation. Act now! Keep parents and babies born too soon together.

## International Day of Islamic Art - November 18

- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness about the art of Islam and its contribution to culture and civilization.
- ❖ Saudi Ministry of Culture hosted the first Islamic Art Biennale at the Islamic Museum in Riyadh to mark this day.

