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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2022 was jointly awarded to the Indian Medical Association and the Trained Nurses Association of India as representatives of the COVID-19 warriors in the country.
- ❖ The four-day International Conference on Plant Health Management – Innovations and Sustainability, was organized by Plant Protection Association of India.
- ❖ Ladakh received the 4th GI Tag for sea buckthorn after Apricot (Raktsey Karpo), Pashmina, and Ladakhi Wood Carving.

TAMIL NADU

SC on Tami Nadu Governor

Discretionary powers		Execution of discretion beyond the constitutional permissibility is considered an attack on the elected government of the State and people's mandate
CONSTITUTIONAL DISCRETION OF GOVERNORS INCLUDES	SITUATIONAL DISCRETION OF GOVERNORS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ When they have to reserve the Bill for the consideration of the President ◦ When he has to recommend for President's rule in the State ◦ When given additional charge as administrator of union Territory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ For appointing Chief Minister after no party get clear majority or when the incumbent dies in the office ◦ When he dismisses Council of Ministers on an inability to prove confidence in the legislative Assembly ◦ When he dissolves the Assembly when it loses its majority 	

- ❖ The Supreme Court held that, the Constitution does not provide Governor “discretion” to withhold the 10 Bills “re-passed” by the State Legislative Assembly.
- ❖ Once they have been re-passed, these Bills are put in the same footing as Money Bills.

- ❖ The Bills had been sent for approval to the Governor's office in the period between January 2020 to April 2023.
- ❖ 182 Bills were given to the Governor by the House for approval.
- ❖ Of this, 152 have been approved, five were withdrawn by the government, and nine are reserved by the Governor for referral to the President.
- ❖ The Governor had withheld consent on 10 proposed laws and five were received in October 2023.

INTERNATIONAL

APEC Summit 2023

- ❖ The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Summit 2023 took place in San Francisco, United States.
- ❖ Theme of the event is "Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All".
- ❖ The summit adopted the 'Golden Gate Declaration'.
- ❖ The APEC is a regional economic forum established in 1989 to leverage the growing interdependence of the Asia-Pacific.
- ❖ The APEC has its permanent secretariat in Singapore.
- ❖ India currently has the 'observer' status.



Voice of Global South Summit

- ❖ India has hosted the 2nd Voice of Global South Summit (VOGSS) in a virtual format.

- ❖ The theme of the inaugural Leaders' Session was "Together, for Everyone's Growth, with Everyone's Trust".
- ❖ The theme of Concluding Session was "Global South: Together for One Future".
- ❖ This unique initiative brought together 125 countries of the Global South to share their perspectives and priorities on a common platform.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Perseverance Speed Record



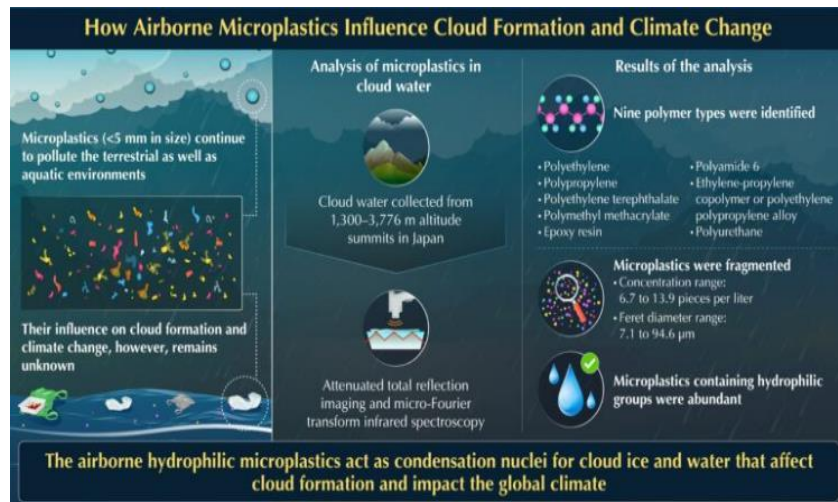
- ❖ NASA's Perseverance rover used its smart navigation system to safely pass through a tricky part of the Martian terrain setting a new record.
- ❖ Perseverance ventured into the boulder-filled area is known as "Snowdrift Peak" from the eastern side.

- ❖ The AutoNav holds the single-day drive distance record of 1,140.7 feet (347.7 meters).
- ❖ Moreover, it claims the record for the longest Martian navigation without human assistance, covering 2,296.2 feet (699.9 meters).

ENVIRONMENT

Microplastics in Clouds

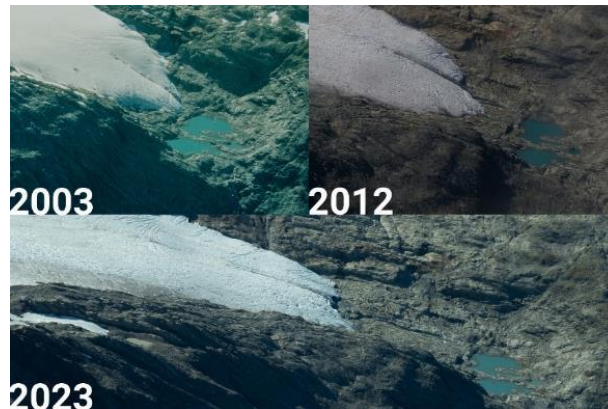
- ❖ Recent studies have shown not only Microplastics are in oceans but also the rain, snow, and even clouds.
- ❖ The low-altitude and denser clouds had more amount of microplastics.
- ❖ They include polyethylene terephthalate (otherwise known as PET), polypropylene, polyethylene and polystyrene.
- ❖ All these particles commonly found in synthetic fibres, clothing and textiles, as well as packaging and face masks.
- ❖ Microplastics in clouds may affect the weather and climates of the region.
- ❖ Microplastics have been defined as tiny chunks of less than five millimetres long pieces of plastic.



Swiss Glaciers Lose 10 per cent Volume

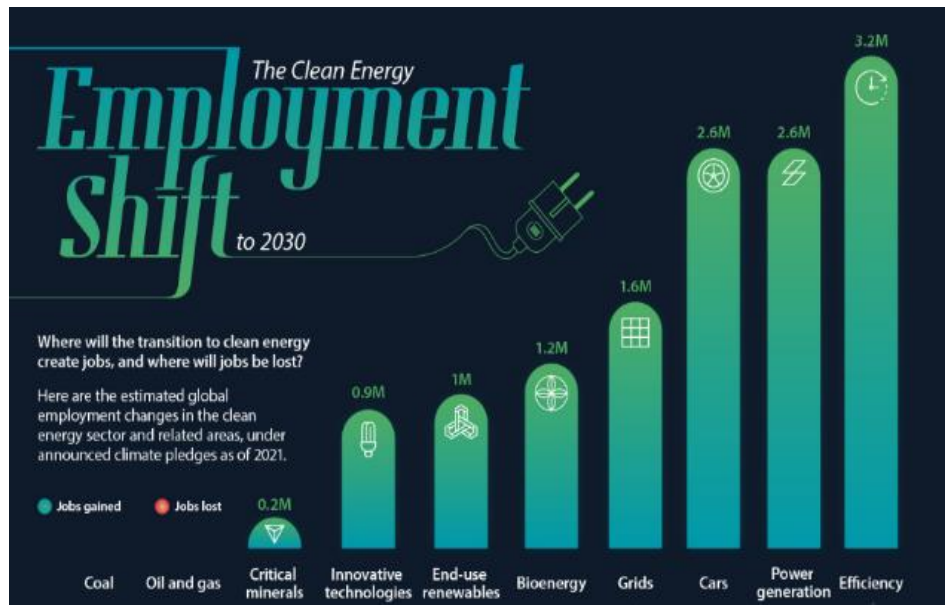
- ❖ Glaciers in Switzerland are shrinking, have lost a total of ten per cent of their ice volume over a period of two years.
- ❖ This level of melting is second only to the record set in 2022 when six per cent of glaciers were destroyed.

- ❖ These glaciers have lost as much ice over this two-year period as was lost over the three decades between 1960 and 1990.



REPORTS AND INDICES

World Energy Employment 2023



- ❖ The International Energy Agency released the '2nd edition of the World Energy Employment (WEE 2023) report.
- ❖ Overall global energy employment in 2022 reached almost 67 million.
- ❖ It is a growth of 3.4 million from pre-pandemic levels.
- ❖ Solar PV is the largest employer among energy sectors, with approximately 4 million jobs.



- ❖ China had the largest increase in clean energy jobs and the most significant decrease in fossil fuel employment from 2019-22.
- ❖ India generated the fourth- highest number of new clean energy jobs during 2019-22.
- ❖ India ranks third in the number of energy workers globally, following China and the Asia- Pacific regions.

STATES

Private sector quota in Haryana

- ❖ The Punjab and Haryana High Court quashed a law passed by the Haryana government in 2020 that provided 75% reservation in private jobs to residents of the state.
- ❖ A government cannot discriminate against individuals simply because they do not belong to that state.
- ❖ The Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2020 is to be violative of Part III of the Constitution.
- ❖ The Act reserved 75% of jobs in the private sector that offered a monthly salary of less than Rs 30,000 (originally Rs 50,000) for residents of Haryana.

WHAT'S THE QUOTA LAW

- Provides for 75% reservation in new employment to local candidates in the private sector
- Law applicable for a period of 10 years
- Unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled jobs where gross monthly salary is not more than ₹30,000 will come under the ambit of the law
- Employers will have the option to recruit local candidates from one district to the extent of only 10%
- The law also contains a bail-out clause for the industry if suitable local candidates are not available for a particular category of the industry

IMPORTANT DAYS

Universal Children's Day 2023 - November 20

- ❖ This day commemorates the Declaration of the Rights of the Child by the UN General Assembly on the same day on 1959.

- ❖ It was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day.
- ❖ The theme for this year is 'For every child, every right'.

Happy Universal Children's Day

November 20th

The United Nations' (UN) Universal Children's Day, which was established in 1954, is celebrated on November 20 each year to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide. UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, promotes and coordinates this special day, which also works towards improving children's welfare.

Transgender Day of Remembrance 2023 - November 20

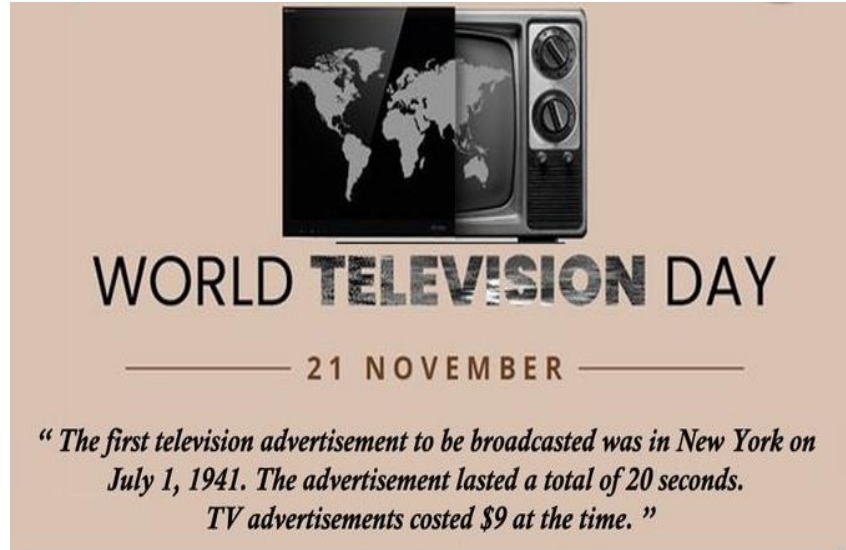


- ❖ This day is observed after the murder of trans-woman Rita Hester in November 1998.
- ❖ It aims to honour the memory of the many transgender people whose lives have been cut short due to anti-transgender violence.
- ❖ In 2023, Brazil was once more home to the highest number of trans people reported killed, at 100 people.

World Television Day 2023 - November 21

- ❖ This day highlights the importance of television as something beyond an electronic tool.

- ❖ On November 21, 1996, the United Nations held the first World Television Forum.
- ❖ TV was invented by a Scottish engineer, John Logie Baird, in 1924.
- ❖ It was introduced in India on September 15, 1959, in New Delhi.



World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2023 - November 21



- ❖ The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims was started by Road Peace in 1993.
- ❖ In 2005, the United Nations endorsed it as a global day to be observed every third Sunday in November each year.
- ❖ Theme of this year is 'Remember. Support. Act'.



- ❖ Every 24 seconds someone dies on the world's roads, with over 90% of fatalities taking place in low- and middle-income countries.
- ❖ In India, 1.68 lakh people died on the spot due to road accidents in 2022.

