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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has dissolved the four-member National Selection Committee headed by Chetan Sharma after India team's uninspired performance in T20 World Cup.
- ❖ FIFA president Gianni Infantino will stand unopposed to be re-elected for a third term in the position.

## TAMIL NADU

### Arittapatti biodiversity heritage site



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government issued a notification declaring Arittapatti and Meenakshipuram villages in Madurai district as the first biodiversity heritage site in the State.
- ❖ The site comprising 139.63 hectares in Arittapatti village (Melur block) and 53.8 hectares in Meenakshipuram village (Madurai East taluk) will be known as the Arittapatti Biodiversity Heritage site.

- ❖ Arittapatti village, known for its ecological and historical significance, houses around 250 species of birds including three important raptors - birds of prey, namely the Laggar Falcon, the Shaheen Falcon and Bonelli's Eagle.
- ❖ It is also home to wildlife such as the Indian Pangolin, Slender Loris and pythons.
- ❖ The area is surrounded by a chain of seven hillocks or inselbergs that serve as a watershed.
- ❖ The Anaikondan tank, built during the reign of Pandiyan kings in the 16th century is located here.
- ❖ Several megalithic structures, rock-cut temples, Tamil Brahmi inscriptions and Jain beds add to the historical significance of the region.

## NATIONAL

### Nicobari Hodi Craft



- ❖ Andaman & Nicobar filed its first application for the Geographical Indication tag for the Nicobari hodi craft.
- ❖ The hodi is the Nicobari tribe's traditional craft.
- ❖ It is an outrigger canoe, very commonly operated in the Nicobar group of islands.
- ❖ The technical skills for building a hodi are based on indigenous knowledge inherited by the Nicobarese from their forefathers.
- ❖ The hodi is built using either locally available trees or from nearby islands, and its design varies slightly from island to island.

- ❖ Hodi are used for transporting people and goods from one island to another, [for] sending coconuts, [for] fishing and racing purposes.
- ❖ An application seeking GI tag for the Banaras' thandai (a beverage made with milk, dry fruits and spices) was the 1,000th application in Chennai GI office.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Sea Sword 2**



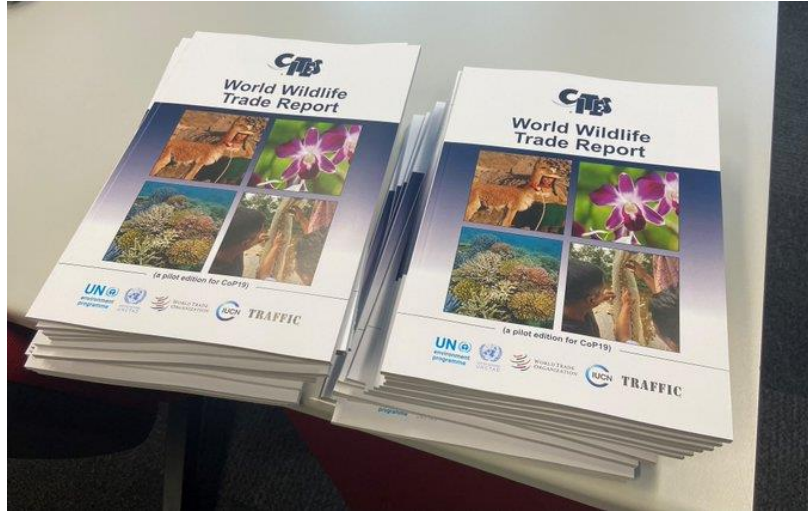
- ❖ INS Trikand has participated in the Combined Maritime Forces led Operation “Sea Sword 2”.
- ❖ The operation was held to prevent narcotics trade & stop smuggling entities from using the seas for their nefarious activities.
- ❖ This edition also marked the 30th anniversary of the exercise and was hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force.
- ❖ Exercise Keen Sword is a joint and bilateral field training exercise between the US military and the Japan Self-Defence Force.

## **REPORTS AND INDICES**

### **World Wildlife Trade Report**

- ❖ The first-ever World Wildlife Trade Report was released at the 19th Conference of Parties to CITES held at Panama City.
- ❖ It is the first COP to CITES to be held in the region since 2002.
- ❖ 3.5 million CITES shipments were reported in direct trade by exports between 2011 and 2020.
- ❖ This accounts for 1.3 billion individual organisms and 279 million kg of products reported by weight.
- ❖ Asia and Europe are the top exporters and importers of wildlife trade.

- ❖ Asia accounted for 37 per cent of export transactions and 31 per cent of import transactions.
- ❖ Asia and Africa account for the highest proportion of the global export value.
- ❖ The annual revenue generated by the global legal trade in wildlife (CITES and non-CITES) is around 220 billion USD.
- ❖ Across all animal commodities, the export of reptiles and fish accounted for over 72 per cent of the average annual value of global CITES-listed exports.



## STATES

### **Donyi Polo Airport**



- ❖ Prime Minister inaugurated Donyi Polo Airport, the first Greenfield airport at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Northeast India will now have 16 airports.

- ❖ The name of the airport reflects the traditions and rich cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ It also, refer the age-old indigenous reverence to the Sun ('Donyi') and the Moon ('Polo') in the state.
- ❖ The Donyi Polo airport will be the third operational airport in Arunachal Pradesh and the first in its capital city Itanagar.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### 47th ICQCC-2022 Award

- ❖ NTPC's QC Team from Unchahar ABHYUDAYA has won the "GOLD" award in the 47<sup>th</sup> International Convention on Quality Control Circle.
- ❖ The convention is being held from 15th-18th November in Jakarta.
- ❖ The theme of the event was "Built Back Better through Quality Efforts".



## SPORTS

### 22nd FIFA World Cup 2022

- ❖ The 22nd FIFA men's world cup will be held in Qatar from 20 November to 18 December 2022.
- ❖ It is the first World Cup to be organised in the Arab world.

- ❖ It is the first to be held in winter and the second one in Asia after the 2002 edition jointly hosted by South Korea and Japan.
- ❖ This edition is also one of the most expensive World Cups as Qatar had to build all stadiums from scratch.
- ❖ The total cost of hosting the World Cup is reportedly around \$220 billion.
- ❖ It is the biggest amount splurged by any of the organisers for the FIFA World Cup.
- ❖ The Qatar 2022 World Cup will introduce new rules and new technology.
- ❖ The five-substitution rule will be introduced in this World Cup.
- ❖ The 'semi-automated offside technology' used this series.
- ❖ This will help detect whether the ball has crossed the goal line.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Rezang La

- ❖ In 1962, the Charlie Company of the 13th battalion of the Kumaon Regiment fought against the Chinese attack at the Rezang La Pass in Ladakh.
- ❖ It was led by Maj. Shaitan Singh, had 117 soldiers.
- ❖ Of these, 110 were martyred during this battle.

- ❖ The 13th battalion was responsible for the defence of Chushul.
- ❖ Many of the Indian soldiers lost their lives to the freezing temperature during this battle.
- ❖ Major Shaitan Singh was also martyred after being wounded by the Chinese firing.
- ❖ He was honoured with Param Vir Chakra, making him the second army man to receive the highest gallantry award.
- ❖ Rezang La is also known as Rechin La.
- ❖ It is a mountain pass on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) between Indian-administered Ladakh and the Chinese administered Spanggur Lake basin.
- ❖ It is situated on the eastern watershed ridge of the Chushul Valley that is being claimed by China.

