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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Dr. MGR Chennai Central railway station has been awarded the platinum certificate by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for developing the railway station into a net zero energy building.
- ❖ Kanniyakumari District Collector P.N. Sridhar has bagged the Chief Minister's 'Green Award' for having implemented schemes for conserving environment.
- ❖ The "Statue of Equality," touted as the largest statue of B.R Ambedkar outside India, is set to be unveiled in Maryland, USA.

TAMIL NADU

State of India's Birds (SOIB) 2023 report



- ❖ This report shows nearly 110 species of birds recorded in Tamil Nadu are currently facing a state of decline nationwide.
- ❖ This has been highlighted by the Salem Ornithological Foundation (SOF) in a Tamil Nadu-specific report.
- ❖ This report assesses the long-term and current trends, distribution range size, and overall conservation status of 942 of the nearly 1,350 bird species identified in India.

- ❖ The report is based on over 30 million bird observations contributed by more than 30,000 birdwatchers to the eBird platform.

Mission to protect rare and threatened flora



Embelia ribes Burm.f.



Hydnocarpus pentandrus
(Buch.-Ham.) Oken



Myristica malabarica Lam.



Santalum album L.



Saraca asoca (Roxb.) Willd.



Vateria indica L.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu, started a mission to save some of the rare, endangered and threatened plants, of which many are endemic to the State.
- ❖ More than 30 taxonomists of premier institutions in the country carried out an assessment of threat to the State's flora and came out with a list of 25 plants.
- ❖ The taxonomists initially shortlisted 100 plants for the exercise.
- ❖ Some of the species are fewer than 500 or 1,000 individuals left in the wild.
- ❖ The remaining plants in the list of 100 will continue to be in the reckoning.

- ❖ Three species that have come up in the list — *Dysoxylum malabaricum*, *Coscinium fenestratum* and *Myristica malabarica* — are assessed to be over-exploited for their medicinal values.

NATIONAL

National Turmeric Board



- ❖ Prime Minister has announced the setting up of a National Turmeric Board in Telangana.
- ❖ It will be providing necessary infrastructure support, value addition, research facility and help in exports in a professional manner.
- ❖ Farmers in Telangana particularly produce turmeric in huge quantities.
- ❖ Nizamabad, Nirmal and Jagtial districts are known for their huge cultivation of turmeric.
- ❖ The finger and bulb varieties of turmeric from here are exported abroad apart from catering to domestic and commercial needs.

'Shramdaan Event'

- ❖ An hour-long "shramdaan" event held as part of the nationwide 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign on October 01.
- ❖ The programme titled 'Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath' was organised across the country.

- ❖ The Ministry of MSME organized 'Shramdaan', on the theme of "Garbage Free India."



INTERNATIONAL

Whoosh' high-speed railway

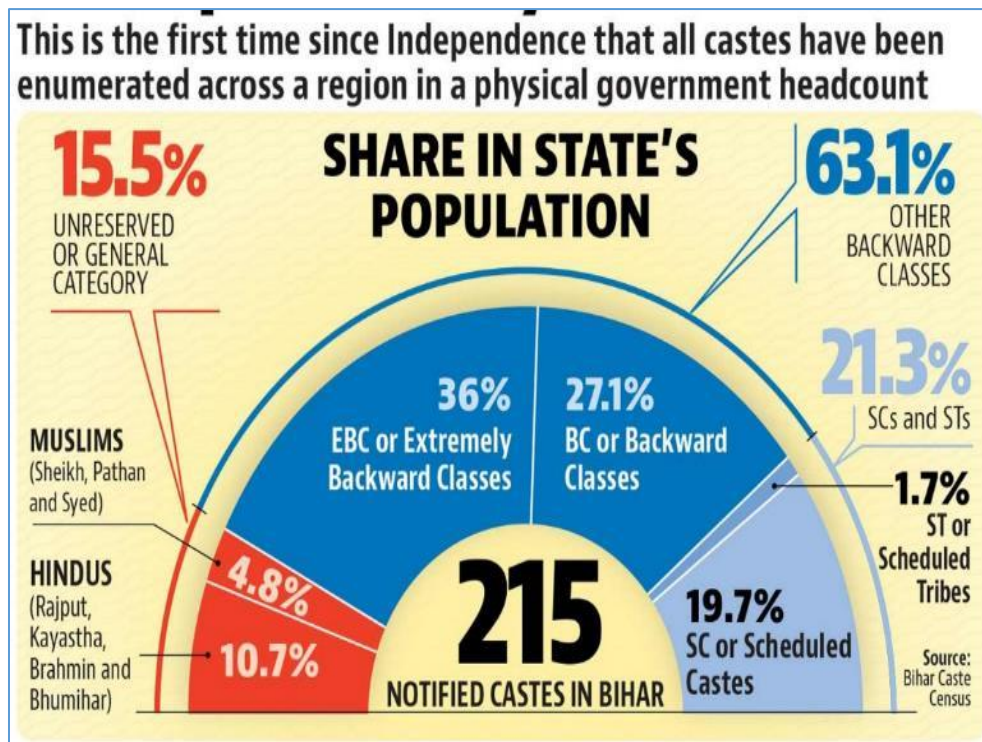


- ❖ Indonesia is inaugurating Southeast Asia's first bullet train, named "Whoosh."
- ❖ It is a significant component of China's Belt and Road infrastructure initiative.

- ❖ This project is set to drastically reduce travel time between Jakarta and Bandung from three hours to 40 minutes.
- ❖ The Whoosh trains are set to be Southeast Asia's fastest, reaching speeds of up to 350 kph (217 mph).

STATES

Bihar's Caste Survey



- ❖ The caste survey undertaken by the Bihar Government, results of which were made public recently.
- ❖ It is the first time since independence that a state has conducted a caste census.
- ❖ Bihar showed that the state's total population stood at a little over 13.07 crore.
- ❖ Extremely Backward Classes (36per cent) were the largest social segment
- ❖ Other Backward Classes came in second at 27.13 per cent.
- ❖ The OBC group were the largest in terms of the population, accounting for 14.27 per cent.
- ❖ The Scheduled Castes are accounted for 19.65 per cent
- ❖ Nearly 22 lakh (1.68 per cent) people is belonging to the Scheduled Tribes.

- ❖ “Unreserved” category, which denotes the proverbial “upper castes” comprise 15.52 per cent of the total population.
- ❖ Hindus, with the majority community comprising 81.99 per cent of the total population, followed by Muslims 17.70%
- ❖ These results may open the door to challenging the 50% ceiling on reservations in jobs and educational institutions currently in place.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Tata Literature lifetime achievement award



- ❖ Tamil writer Ambai has been selected for the Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ❖ This award recognises and salutes sustained and outstanding contribution to writing and literature in India.
- ❖ Past recipients include Anita Desai, Mark Tully, Amitav Gosh, Ruskin Bond and Girish Karnad.
- ❖ She won the Sahitya Akademi award for her short story collection Sivappu Kazhutthudan Oru Patchaiparavai in 2021.
- ❖ Her first short story collection Sirakukal Muriyum was published in 1976.

Global Indian Award

- ❖ Sudha Murty was honoured with the prestigious Global Indian Award by the Canada India Foundation.
- ❖ With this, she became the first woman to get Global Indian Award.

- ❖ This award is given each year to a prominent Indian who has made a major mark in his or her chosen field.
- ❖ Her husband, Narayana Murthy also got this award in 2014.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Space Week 2023 - October 4/10

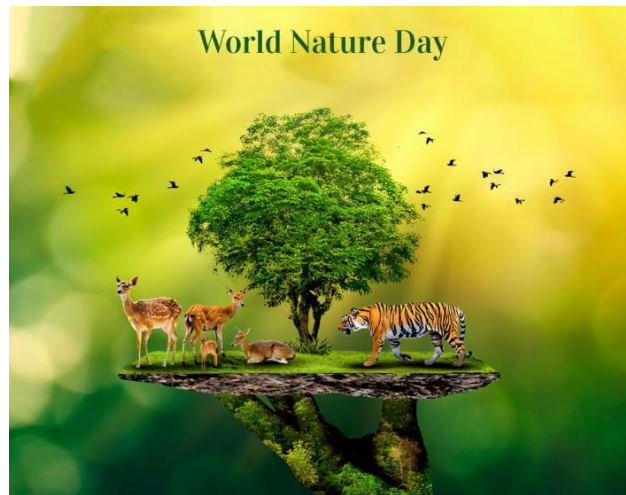


- ❖ This week is celebrated to highlight the contributions of space science and technology.
- ❖ On October 4, 1957, when Sputnik 1, the first man-made Earth satellite was launched.
- ❖ On the other day, on October 10, 1967, a treaty was signed to guarantee the peaceful utilisation of outer space, involving the moon and other celestial bodies.

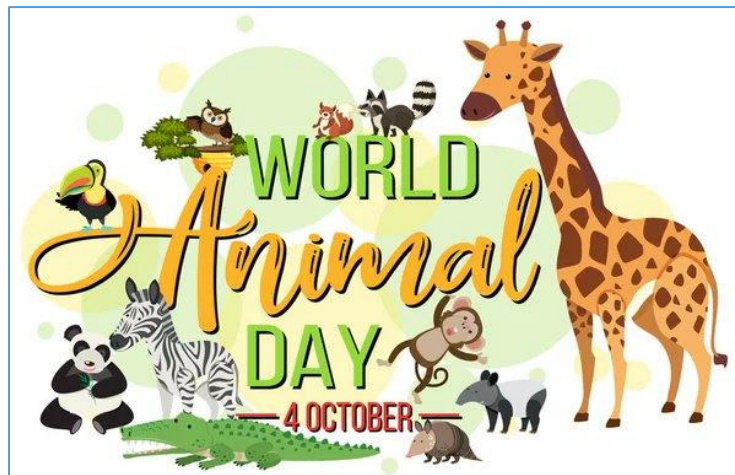
- ❖ It is also known as the "Magna Carta of Space".
- ❖ The theme of World Space Week 2023 is "Space and Entrepreneurship".

World Nature Day 2023 - October 03

- ❖ This day was established by the World Nature Organization (WNO).
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the challenges our environment faces, particularly due to climate change.
- ❖ The theme for 2023 is 'Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet'.



World Animal Welfare Day 2023 - October 04



- ❖ This day aims to celebrate animal rights and welfare around the world.
- ❖ This day unites the animal welfare movement, mobilising into a global force to make the world better for all animals.

- ❖ The theme of 2023 is "Big or small, we love them all".

World Teachers' Day 2023 - October 05

- ❖ This day aims to recognise and celebrate educators including teachers, researchers and professors' work.
- ❖ This marks the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO and UNESCO recommendation concerning the status of teachers.
- ❖ The theme for 2023 is "The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage".
- ❖ This Day has been celebrated since 1994.

