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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India's Shubi Gupta and A Charvi emerged winners in the girl's under-12 and under-8 sections respectively in the FIDE World Cadets Chess Championship, held at Batumi, Georgia.

NATIONAL

World's first CNG terminal

- ❖ Prime Minister laid foundation stone for the world's first CNG terminal in Gujarat.
- ❖ This large terminal can handle 1.5 million metric tonnes each year.
- ❖ It is being implemented using a public-private-partnership approach.



Operation GARUDA

- ❖ The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) carried out a widespread operation - Operation Garuda.
- ❖ It aims to “disrupt, degrade and dismantle” drug networks with international links.

- ❖ It works along with the Interpol and state police to bust drug cartels.



6 Airbags in cars

- ❖ The Centre has made a minimum of six airbags in passenger vehicles mandatory from October 2023.
- ❖ This is applicable to all motor vehicles, irrespective of their cost and variants, is the foremost priority.
- ❖ The Transport Ministry had earlier mandated six airbags in vehicles that can carry up to eight passengers from October 1, 2022.
- ❖ The Ministry also had issued a draft notification seeking to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR), 1989, to include the airbag mandate for car-makers.

Vande Bharat 2.0





- ❖ Prime Minister flagged off Gandhinagar - Mumbai Vande Bharat Express at Gujarat's Gandhinagar station.
- ❖ This new Vande Bharat Express, which connects the capital cities of Maharashtra and Gujarat, is the third Vande Bharat Express in India.
- ❖ It was first introduced on the New Delhi-Varanasi route.
- ❖ The second one was on New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra route.
- ❖ Vande Bharat Express 2.0 will provide passengers aircraft-like services and safety features including Kavach technology.
- ❖ It is an indigenously developed Train Collision Avoidance System.

ECONOMY

Interest rates on small savings schemes

SL No.	Instrument / Scheme	Rate of Interest from 01.07.2022 to 30.09.2022	Rate of Interest from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022
1.	Post Office Savings Account	4.0	4.0
2.	1 Year Time Deposit	5.5	5.5
3.	2 Year Time Deposit	5.5	5.7
4.	3 Year Time Deposit	5.5	5.8
5.	5 Year Time Deposit	6.7	6.7
6.	5 Year Recurring Deposit	5.8	5.8
7.	Senior Citizen Savings Scheme	7.4	7.6
8.	Monthly Income Account Scheme	6.6	6.7
9.	Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme	7.6	7.6
10.	Public Provident Fund Scheme	7.1	7.1
11.	National Savings Certificate	6.8	6.8
12.	Kisan Vikas Patra	6.9 (will mature in 124 months)	7.0 (will mature in 123 months)

- ❖ The Government raised the interest rate for the Senior Citizen Savings Scheme by 20 basis points (bps), or from 7.4 to 7.6%.
- ❖ For the Monthly Income Account Scheme, it was by 10 bps, or from 6.6 to 6.7.
- ❖ The interest rate on savings deposits will continue to be 4 per cent per annum.
- ❖ Also, the following three schemes remains unchanged.
- ❖ The Public Provident Fund (PPF) will fetch 7.1 per cent.

- ❖ The National Savings Certificate yields 6.8 per cent.
- ❖ Rates on the girl child savings scheme Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana are 7.6 per cent.

ENVIRONMENT

World's largest safari park



- ❖ Haryana has decided to hire two international firms to develop the world's largest jungle safari park in the Aravalli range of Gurugram.
- ❖ Currently, the largest curated safari park outside Africa is in Sharjah.
- ❖ The proposed Aravalli Park will be five times of that size.
- ❖ It will include a large herpetarium, aviary/bird park, four zones for big cats, a large area for herbivores, an area for exotic birds, an underwater world, nature trails, tourism zones, botanical gardens and biomes.

STATES

Assamese Dictionary Hemkosh

- ❖ Prime Minister received a copy of the Assamese Dictionary Hemkosh in Braille.
- ❖ Dictionary Hemkosh was one of the first Assamese dictionaries, published in the nineteenth century.

- ❖ The earliest Assamese etymological dictionary based on Sanskrit spellings is called Assamese Dictionary Hemkosh.



India's first fully digital literate panchayat

- ❖ Pullampara of Kerala became the first grama panchayat in the country to attain full digital literacy among its residents.
- ❖ The state government has made 800-odd government services available online.
- ❖ And the digitally literate population can make maximum use of them.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

'Changemaker' award



- ❖ A women's rights activist from India, Srishti Bakshi has won the 'Changemaker' award.
- ❖ The award is given to recognise the efforts of Srishti Bakshi to raise awareness of gender-based violence and inequality.
- ❖ She is the founder of the CrossBow Miles movement.

Golden Pen of Freedom award

- ❖ Polish newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza was awarded Golden Pen of Freedom by World Association of News Publishers.
- ❖ The award was announced during the 2022 World News Media Congress currently taking place in Zaragoza, Spain.
- ❖ The Golden Pen of Freedom is WAN-IFRA's annual award.
- ❖ It is recognising individuals or organisations who contribute to the defence and promotion of press freedom.



Jayanti Patnaik

- ❖ Jayanti Patnaik, a four-time MP and wife of late Odisha chief minister J B Patnaik passed away recently.

- ❖ She was the first chairperson of the National Women's Commission from 3 February 1992 to 30 January 1995.



MISCELLANEOUS

50 iconic Indian textiles



- ❖ Recently, UNESCO released a list of 50 exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of the country.

- ❖ One of the major challenges to the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South Asia is lack of proper inventory and documentation.
- ❖ The publication, which aims to bridge this gap, brings together years of research on the 50 selected textiles.
- ❖ Some of the textiles are mentioned in the list are
 - Sikalnayakanpet Kalamkari from Tamil Nadu
 - Toda embroidery and Sungudi from Tamil Nadu
 - Himroo weaves from Hyderabad
 - Bandha tie and dye weaving from Sambalpur in Odisha
 - Kunbi weaves from Goa
 - Mashru weaves and Patola from Gujarat
 - Himroo from Maharashtra
 - Garad-Korial from West Bengal
 - Ilkal and Lambadi or Banjara embroidery from Karnataka

Report of ICIMOD



- ❖ “State of Gender Equality and Climate Change in South Asia and the Hindu Kush Himalayas (HKH) Region” report was released by the ICIMOD (The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development).
- ❖ It assessed the state of gender equality and climate change in climate-affected sectors like agriculture, water and energy.

- ❖ It focused on 10 countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- ❖ These countries' national policy recognize that women are more vulnerable to climate change.
- ❖ China, India, Nepal and Pakistan are witnessing climate change-induced migrations of men.
- ❖ There are no regional and national policies to protect these women agriculture labourers.
- ❖ The policy documents of governments in South Asia and HKH regions do not focus on the gender-based pay gap.
- ❖ The report highlighted that India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) to manage climate change recognised the importance of gender equality and women's empowerment.
- ❖ It recommends monitoring and evaluating interventions in the agriculture, energy and water sector to make policies more gender-inclusive.

