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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ At the 36th National Games, Pooja Patel of Gujarat has become the first athlete to win gold in Yogasana.
- ❖ Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 81<sup>st</sup> annual session of the Indian roads Congress in Lucknow.

## NATIONAL

### 50<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of India


- ❖ Justice DY Chandrachud was appointed the 50th Chief Justice of India.
- ❖ He is the son of the longest serving CJI Y V Chandrachud who was the head of the judiciary from February 22, 1978 to July 11, 1985.
- ❖ He delivered path-breaking judgments on decriminalising same-sex relations after it partially struck down Section 377 of the IPC, validity of the Aadhaar scheme and Sabarimala issue.
- ❖ He is succeeding Justice UU Lalit, who is serving a short tenure of just 74 days.



### PM-DevINE

- ❖ Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) was approved recently.
- ❖ It was announced to address the shortfalls in Basic Minimum Services (BMS) in the North Eastern Region.
- ❖ It aims to remove the developmental gaps in the North Eastern Region.

- ❖ The scheme provides funding for infrastructure projects and social development projects that will help remove developmental gaps in various sectors in North-eastern region.
- ❖ The ultimate aim of this initiative is to boost livelihood opportunities in North-eastern region, especially for women and youth.



**PM'S DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR NORTH EAST REGION (PM-DevINE)**

**UNION BUDGET 2022-23**

**In Spirit of PM GatiShakti**

- Funding Infrastructure & Social Development Projects
- Initial Allocation: Rs 1,500 Cr

**Objective:**

- Enable Livelihood Activities for Youth & Women
- Filling Gaps in Various Sectors

### **Fourth Vande Bharat Express**

- ❖ Prime Minister recently flagged off the fourth Vande Bharat Express train from Una.
- ❖ It will run between Una (in Himachal Pradesh) and New Delhi.
- ❖ The fourth Vande Bharat train is considered as an advanced version compared to the earlier ones.
- ❖ The Vande Bharat Express is also known as Train 18.
- ❖ It is a semi-high-speed, intercity, electric multiple-unit train operated by the Indian Railways.

- ❖ Other 3 routes are
  - New Delhi to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra
  - New Delhi to Varanasi and
  - Gandhinagar to Mumbai Central



### **Official Language Committee's Recommendations**

- ❖ The 11<sup>th</sup> volume of the Official Language Committee was submitted to President.
- ❖ The committee recommended using Hindi as a medium of instruction in IITs, IIMs and central universities in Hindi-speaking states.
- ❖ High Courts in non-Hindi speaking states, where proceedings are recorded in English or a regional language.
- ❖ The same must make translations available in Hindi since they are often cited in judgements.
- ❖ Government officials and other employees in the central government not using Hindi in Hindi-speaking states will face consequences in the Annual Performance Assessment Report (APAR).
- ❖ According to the rules, Hindi is official language in A category states.
- ❖ Category B states is the states where Hindi is used less than 65 per cent.
- ❖ Category C states are those where the use of Hindi is less than 65 per cent.
- ❖ The Committee suggests fully using Hindi as a medium of communication in A category states, while other states can use regional languages.
- ❖ Its ultimate aim is to minimize the usage of the English language in official communication and increase the usage of Hindi.

- ❖ The Official Language Committee, headed by the union home minister, was set up to review and promote the use of Hindi language in official communication.
- ❖ It is mandated by Article 351 of the Indian Constitution.
- ❖ It was constituted in 1976 under Section 4 of The Official Languages Act, 1963.
- ❖ The first report of the Committee was submitted in 1987.



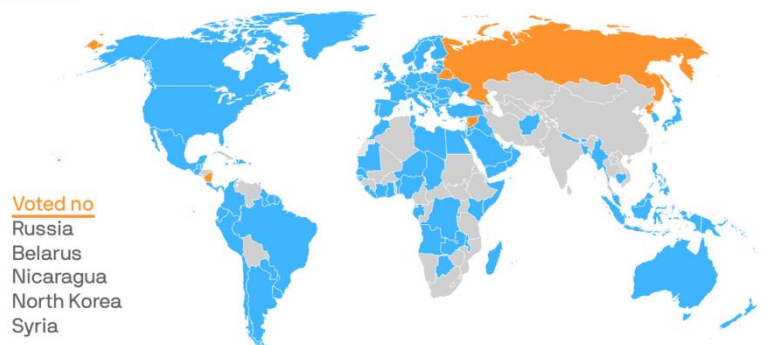
## INTERNATIONAL

### Resolution condemning Russian annexation

Votes on the UN resolution to condemn Russia's "illegal annexation" in Ukraine

On Oct. 12, 2022

Yes No Abstain



- ❖ The 193-member UN General Assembly on voted on a motion by Albania that action on the draft resolution that would condemn Russia's illegal annexation.
- ❖ Russia had demanded that the resolution be voted upon by secret ballot.

- ❖ Moscow's demand for a secret ballot was rejected after 107 UN member states, including India.
- ❖ Only 13 nations voted in favour of Russia's call for a secret ballot while 39 abstained.
- ❖ Russia and China were among the countries that did not vote.
- ❖ Meanwhile, India has not yet condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and maintained that the crisis must be resolved through diplomacy and dialogue.

## STATES

### Verdict on Karnataka hijab ban

# HIJAB ROW TIMELINE

- June 1, 2021**  
Udupi PU College issues guidelines for uniform dress code
- December 27, 2021**  
Udupi: 8 students wearing Hijab denied entry into a Government college
- January 4, 2022**  
Students wearing saffron shawls protest against girls in Hijab
- January 31, 2022**  
Girls file a petition against Hijab ban in the Karnataka High Court
- February 5, 2022**  
Karnataka government issues order to follow uniform dress code
- February 8, 2022**  
Case referred to a larger bench; government shuts schools, colleges for 3 days
- February 10, 2022**  
High Court interim order restrains students from wearing any religious attire
- March 15, 2022**  
High Court pronounces verdict, says 'Hijab not essential part of Islam'
- March 15, 2022**  
Muslim students move Supreme Court challenging High Court verdict
- September 5, 2022**  
Supreme Court begins hearing on Hijab Ban
- September 22, 2022**  
Supreme Court reserves Hijab judgment
- October 13, 2022**  
Supreme Court delivers split verdict, case before CJI to send to 3-judge bench

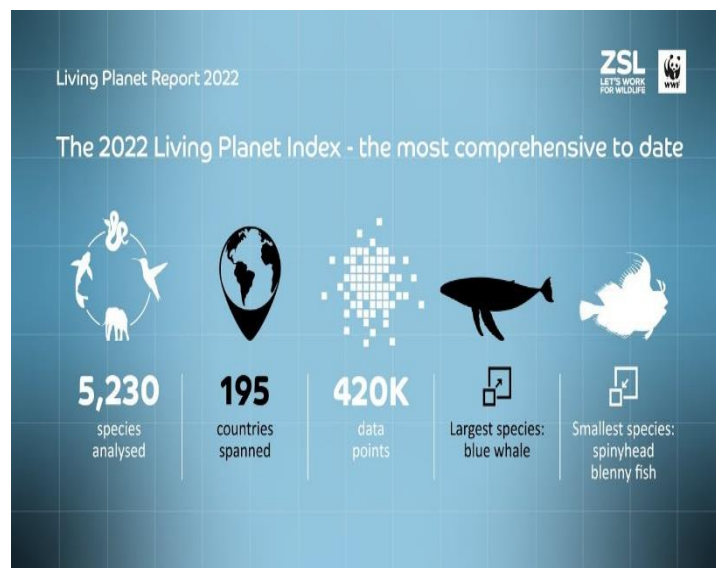


- ❖ The Supreme Court delivered a split verdict on the ban of wearing of hijab in educational institutions in Karnataka.
- ❖ Justice Hemant Gupta upheld Karnataka's prohibitive government order of February 5.

- ❖ He said that the Apparent symbols of religious belief cannot be worn to secular schools maintained from State funds.
- ❖ In his divergent opinion, Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia said secularity meant tolerance to “diversity”.
- ❖ He said that the Wearing or not wearing a hijab to school was “ultimately a matter of choice”.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Living Planet Report 2022



- ❖ Living Planet Report 2022 is a joint endeavour of the World Wildlife Fund and Zoological Society of London.
- ❖ There has been a 69 per cent decline in the global wildlife population between the years 1970 and 2018.
- ❖ This does not mean that 69 per cent of individual animals across the world has declined.
- ❖ The report analysed almost 32,000 populations of 5,230 species.
- ❖ The Latin America and the Caribbean region, which hosts the Amazon Rainforest, witnessed the highest wildlife decline of 94 per cent between 1970 and 2018.
- ❖ Africa recorded the second highest decline of 66 per cent during the same period, followed by the Pacific (55 per cent).
- ❖ North America and Europe recorded lesser nature decline, falling by 20 per cent and 18 per cent respectively.
- ❖ Freshwater species population declined by 83 per cent.

- ❖ Mangroves continue to be lost to aquaculture, agriculture and coastal development at a rate of 0.13% per year.
- ❖ Around 137 square kilometres of the Sundarbans mangrove forest in India and Bangladesh has been eroded since 1985.

## Friendship Benches



- ❖ Thirty-two 'Friendship Benches' representing the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022's competing nations are being installed in prominent locations around Qatar to promote mental wellbeing.
- ❖ In conjunction with World Mental Health Day, a selection of the first benches was presented at Stadium 974 in Doha.
- ❖ Earlier, the bench initiative was symbolically inaugurated with the preview of the England bench at Qatar Foundation's global health event.

