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TAMIL NADU

Mission vultures



- ❖ Tamil Nadu recently launched mission to save critically endangered vultures.
- ❖ State level committee, which has a two-year tenure, will take steps for monitoring the conservation and recovery of existing vulture sites and mapping of vulture populations across the State for creating safe zones.
- ❖ It will work to eliminate the use of toxic veterinary drugs (Diclofenac), the main reason for vulture fatalities.
- ❖ Prevention of poisoning of cattle carcasses, the principal food of vultures, is also one of the responsibilities of the newly formed committee.
- ❖ 9 species of vultures are found in India.
- ❖ Of these nine species, 4 are listed as Critically Endangered species of Vultures and one as endangered species in IUCN red list.
- ❖ Four species of vultures are found in Tamil Nadu.
 - The Oriental white-backed vulture,
 - The long-billed vulture,
 - The red-headed vulture, and
 - The Egyptian vulture.

- ❖ The first three are residents and can be found in the landscapes of the Nilgiris and Sathyamangalam.
- ❖ There is evidence of Egyptian vulture breeding only at one site in Dharmapuri.

NATIONAL

New Congress president

- ❖ Veteran Karnataka leader Mallikarjun Kharge defeated his rival, Shashi Tharoor of Kerala.
- ❖ He is become the first non-Gandhi Congress president in 24 years.
- ❖ He is also the first Scheduled Caste chief of the grand old organization in four decades.
- ❖ This was the first election for the post of Congress president in 22 years and only the sixth major contest in the party's 137-year history.
- ❖ The first election for Congress President was held back in 1939.
- ❖ Mahatma Gandhi's candidate Pattabhi Sitaramayya had lost to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
- ❖ Around 9,500 party delegates voted in the election.
- ❖ Kharge received 7,897 votes while Tharoor got 1,072 votes.



INTERNATIONAL

UK PM resignation

- ❖ U.K. Prime Minister Liz Truss resigned following a failed tax-cutting budget.
- ❖ Truss was in office for just 44 days, making her the shortest-serving prime minister in British history.
- ❖ Earlier, Boris Johnson resigned in early July.

- ❖ Prevailing economic uncertainty is expected to further spook the markets in the world's sixth-largest economy.



World health Summit 2022



- ❖ World Health Summit (WHS), an international health conference, is held in Berlin, Germany.
- ❖ This is the first time the World Health Organization has co-hosted the global health conference.
- ❖ The leading theme of the opening ceremony 'Taking Global Health to a New Level, stressed the need for exchange between scientific disciplines and science, politics and society'.

One Health Joint Plan of Action

- ❖ A new One Health Joint Plan of Action was launched by the Quadripartite –
 - The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO),
 - The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP),
 - The World Health Organization (WHO), and

- The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)
- ❖ The One Health Joint Plan of Action would develop a framework and integrate systems and capability to enable improved collaborative prevention, prediction, detection, and response to health hazards.
- ❖ This will support sustainable development while enhancing the health of people, animals, plants, and the environment.



GI Tag for Nihonshu

- ❖ This is the first time a product from Japan has filed for a tag at the Geographical Indication Registry in Chennai.
- ❖ Nihonshu also known as Japanese sake is an alcoholic beverage.
- ❖ It is regarded as a special and valuable beverage made from fermenting rice.

- ❖ People traditionally drink nihonshu on special occasions, such as festivals, weddings or funerals, but it is also consumed on a daily basis.
- ❖ Thus, it is an integral part of the lifestyle and culture in Japan.



International Solar Alliance chair

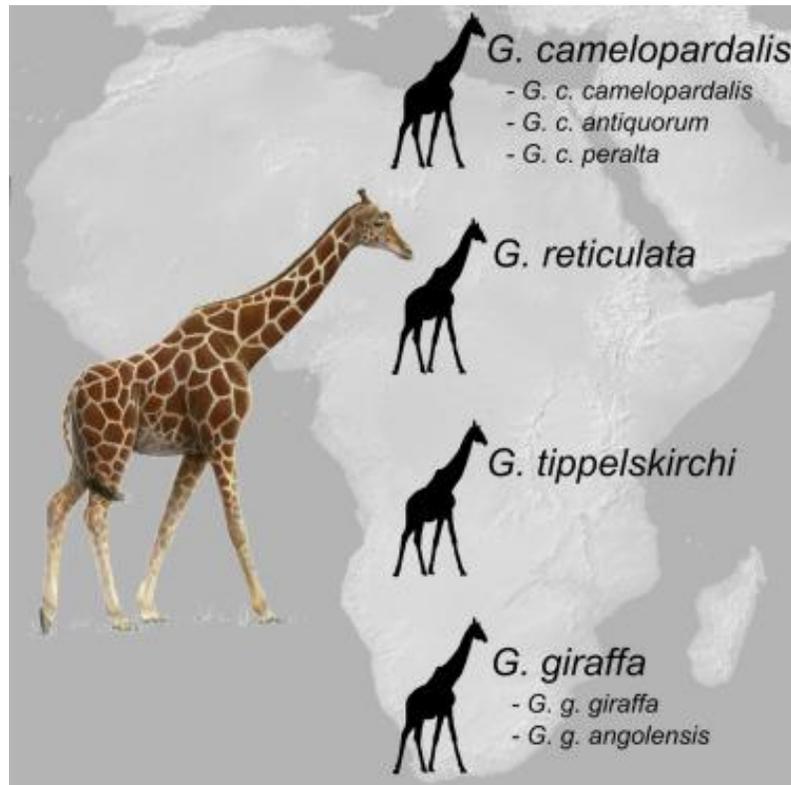


- ❖ India and France have been re-elected as the President and Co-President of the International Solar Alliance.
- ❖ Union Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh has been re-elected as the President of International Solar Alliance.

- ❖ Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, France Minister of State for Development has been re-elected as Co-President.

ENVIRONMENT

Genealogical study on Giraffe



- ❖ The giraffes at the Alipore Zoological Garden in Kolkata are most likely Nubian giraffes or Rothschild giraffe.
- ❖ The largest captive herd of the northern Giraffe (29 individuals) in India is at the Alipore Zoological Garden in Kolkata.
- ❖ About 150 years ago, British colonists brought batches of northern giraffes from their other colonial possessions in Africa.
- ❖ The Nubian giraffe is the nominate subspecies of giraffe.
- ❖ It is used to be widespread everywhere in Northeast Africa.
- ❖ However, 95% of the population of Nubian Giraffe has declined in the past 3 decades.
- ❖ Rothschild's giraffe is one of the tallest subspecies, growing up to 6m tall.
- ❖ Its colouring is unique compared to other giraffes as their markings stop halfway down their legs.

- ❖ The Nubian and Rothschild giraffes are listed as ‘critically endangered’ and ‘endangered’ by the IUCN.

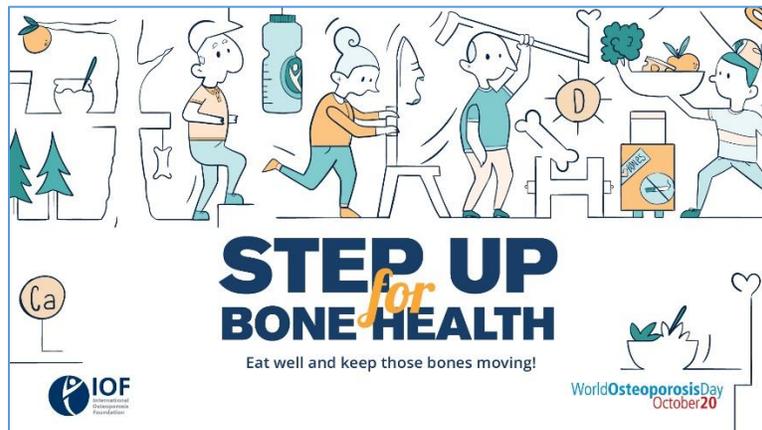
IMPORTANT DAYS

World Statistics Day - October 20



- ❖ World Statistics Day was established in 2010 by the United Nations Statistical Commission.
- ❖ It aims to highlight the importance of statistics and the significance of academic research on the development of civil society and business.
- ❖ The theme of Statistics Day 2022 is “Data for Sustainable Development”.

World Osteoporosis Day - October 20



- ❖ The day is observed with the aim of raising global awareness about the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease.



- ❖ Osteoporotic fractures affect around 10 million Indians each year, both males and females.
- ❖ The day was introduced on October 20, 1996, by the United Kingdom's National Osteoporosis Society to raise awareness about the bone health.
- ❖ Osteoporosis makes your bones weak and fragile.
- ❖ It leads them to break easily - even after a sudden movement, a minor fall, a sneeze, or a bump.
- ❖ The theme for World Osteoporosis Day 2022 is 'Step Up for Bone Health'.

International Chefs Day - October 20



INTERNATIONAL CHEFS DAY 20 OCTOBER 2022



- ❖ International Chefs Day was initiated in 2004.
- ❖ It was created by the late Dr. Billy Gallagher, a renowned chef and businessman.
- ❖ He was the President of the South African Chefs Association for 21 years.
- ❖ Dr Gallagher also became the President of the World Association of Chefs Societies (WACS) in 1996.
- ❖ The theme for this year is "Growing A Healthy Future."

