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# **TNPSC BITS**

- Senior ICAS officer Bharati Das takes over as new Controller General of Accounts.
  - She is the 27th CGA, the principal advisor on accounting matters to the Union government.

# NATIONAL

## **Multi-Disciplinary Monitoring Agency**

Rajiv Gandhi



- The Indian Government recently disbanded the Multi-Disciplinary Monitoring Agency.
- It was set up to investigate the assassination of the former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- Multi-Disciplinary Monitoring Agency was set up in 1998 for two years under the Central Bureau of Investigation.
- ✤ It was setup based on the recommendations of the MC Jain Commission.
- Over 24 years of its functioning, the NDMA did not record any startling new findings about the conspiracy.

# INTERNATIONAL

## New prime minister of Britain

Rishi Sunak created history by becoming the first Indian-origin Prime Minister of UK.





- He is replacing Liz Truss, the outgoing leader who only lasted 44 days in the job before she resigned.
- ✤ He is the UK's 57th prime minister.
- ✤ Both his parents are of Indian descent.
- Sunak will also be the UK's first ever person of non-white to lead the country, and first Hindu prime minister.



### Xi Jinping's third term



 Chinese President Xi Jinping has created history, becoming the first leader of the ruling Communist Party after party founder Mao Zedong,





- Xi's "election" for the third term in power formally ends the over three decades of rule followed by his predecessors, barring Mao, of retiring after a 10-year tenure.
- ✤ Xi was first elected in 2012 and will be completing his 10-year term this year.

### **Global Youth Climate**

- The Global Youth Climate Summit, a three-day summit, held at Ava Center in Khulna, Bangladesh.
- ✤ It is one of Bangladesh's most climate vulnerable regions.
- The Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) for 2021, places Bangladesh seventh among ten countries that bore the cumulative impact of climate change between 2000 and 2019.
- But it accounts for a mere 0.56 percent of global emissions.
- Bangladesh was the first developing country to draw up a coordinated action plan in 2009 called the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.



# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

#### ISRO's heaviest rocket

- The Launch Vehicle Mark III LVM3-M2, India's heaviest rocket injected 36 broadband satellites of a UK-based customer into precise orbits.
- The vehicle is also dubbed as one of the heaviest for its ability to carry satellites up to 8,000 kg.
- ✤ It is becoming the first Indian rocket with a payload of 5,796 kg.
- LVM3-M2 is a three-stage launch vehicle consisting of two solid propellant S200 strap-ons on its sides.





- ◆ The core stage was comprising L110 liquid stage and C25 cryogenic stage.
- It was the first Indian rocket to carry a six-tonne payload, first commercial launch of LVM3 with NSIL.
- ✤ Also, this is the first multi-satellite mission of LVM3 to LEO and first One Web mission with NSIL/DoS.



**STATES** 

### Ayodhya Deepotsav







- ✤ The 6th edition of 'Deepotsav' celebrations took place in Uttar Pradesh.
- Ayodhya bagged the Guinness World record for the 'largest display of oil lamps' by lighting more than 15.76 lakh earthen lamps.
- The grand celebration was held on the occasion of Chotti Diwali at Ram Ki Paidi on the banks of the revered Saryu River.

# **IMPORTANT DAYS**



**Global Dignity Day - October 19** 

- ✤ It is observed every year on the third Wednesday of October.
- ✤ This year, Global Dignity Day is observed on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October.
- The day is an initiative to educate and inspire young people and help them to understand their self-worth and goals.
- ✤ It was established in 2008 and continues to grow in popularity.

### National Solidarity Day - October 20



This day is observed to honour the Armed Forces.





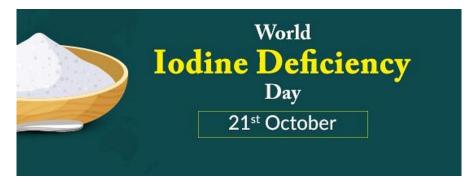
- ✤ It is the date on which China attacked India in 1962.
- The purpose of the day is to celebrate the memory of the solidarity, unity, and integrity of our people during the war in order to protect the nation.

#### **Police Commemoration Day - October 21**



- ✤ In the year 1959, a lot of tensions arose between the borders of India and China.
- The time was October 21 when China opened fire on 20 soldiers in Ladakh, out of which 10 Indian soldiers were dead.
- Since then, Police Commemoration Day is observed on October 21.

### **World Iodine Deficiency Day - October 21**



- The theme of World Iodine Deficiency Day, 2022 is 'Thyroid and Communication'.
- Iodine is a mineral used by the body to regulate metabolism.
- $\clubsuit$  It is an element that is needed for the production of thyroid hormone.
- The body does not secrete iodine.





- Globally, 2 billion people are at risk of iodine deficiency diseases.
- ✤ In 1992, iodized salt was made mandatory for human consumption in India.

**International Stuttering Awareness Day - October 22** 



- The day creates awareness about the speech disorder known as stuttering or stammering.
- Stuttering refers to disruptions in the fluency of speech.
- ✤ The theme for 2022 is "Being seen, being heard: Representation and normalisation of stuttering in the mainstream".

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Global Pension Index survey**

- ✤ The 2022 Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index survey was released recently.
- ✤ The index assesses the pension systems in various countries across the world.
- Iceland topped the list, and the second and third positions are held by the Netherlands and Denmark respectively.
- ✤ Thailand is the worst performer in the index.
- India stood at the 41st rank out of 44 countries in the index.
- In the previous edition, it held the 40th position out of 43 countries.
- India witnessed a marginal improvement with an increase in the overall index value from 43.3 in 2021 to 44.4 in 2022.
- ♦ However, this score is lower than 45.7 in 2020.
- India's scores in the three sub-indices adequacy, sustainability and integrity are 33.5, 41.8 and 61.0 respectively.
- ♦ However, the scores in "sustainability" and "integrity" have declined.





✤ The report recommended the expansion of coverage under private pension arrangements to boost the sub-indices adequacy and sustainability.



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