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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Iran was officially admitted as a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.
  - The decision to admit Iran as a full member was declared in the 21st summit of the SCO leaders in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- ❖ Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has won the third term to serve as the PM of the country.
  - Justin Trudeau is in power since 2015.
- ❖ India's D Gukesh won the Norway Chess Open 2021 Masters section.

## NATIONAL

### Blue Flag certification



- ❖ Two more beaches in India have been awarded “Blue Flag” certification.
- ❖ With the addition of two beaches, the total number of such beaches in India have reached to 10.
- ❖ “Blue Flag” certification is an international eco-level tag.
- ❖ The two beaches to receive the certification this year are Kovalam in Tamil Nadu and Eden in Puducherry.

- ❖ The Foundation for Environment Education (FEE), Denmark, accords the Blue Flag certification.
- ❖ The other eight beaches got the Blue Flag certification in 2020.
- ❖ Beaches with Blue Flag certification are considered as the cleanest beaches across the world.

### **IAS & IPS officers - gifts from Foreign Dignitaries**

- ❖ As per the existing rules, these officers were allowed to accept gifts from their near relatives or from personal friends having no official dealings with them, on the occasions like weddings, funerals, anniversaries, and religious functions.
- ❖ However, they are required to make a report to the government if the value of such gift is more than Rs 25,000.

#### **Amended rule**

- ❖ A new subsection has been added to the All-India Service (Conduct) Rules, 1968.
- ❖ According to it, a member of the service may receive and retain gifts from foreign dignitaries as per the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Acceptance or Retention of Gifts or Presentations) Rules, 2012.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Oldest living identical twins**



- ❖ Guinness World Records has certified two Japanese sisters as the “oldest living identical twins” of the world.
- ❖ Twin sisters that have set the Guinness World Records are Umeno Sumiyama and Koume Kodama.



- ❖ Both the sisters are at 107.

### **Food grain production - India**

- ❖ India's food grain production is expected to touch a record of 150.50 million tonne in the Kharif season of 2021 with a better rice output.
- ❖ This is according to the Agriculture Ministry.
- ❖ Record production is expected in rice, sugarcane and cotton.

### **Charger for electric vehicles**

- ❖ The Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) has developed its indigenous charger for electric vehicles.
- ❖ ARAI has developed indigenous technology for EV charger called AC001.
- ❖ It has been taken up for manufacturing and promotion by the Bharat Electronics.
- ❖ ARAI is also setting up its new centre in Takwe, at Maharashtra.



### **India - 3rd largest importer by 2050**

- ❖ India could become the world's third-largest importer by 2050.
- ❖ This is according to a report released by the UK's Department of International Trade.
- ❖ With a 5.9 per cent share of global imports by 2050, the country will become the third-largest importer.

- ❖ It will follow China and the United States.
- ❖ At present, India occupies the eighth spot on the list of the largest importing countries with a 2.8 per cent share.
- ❖ As per the Global Trade Outlook report, the country's position on the list will jump to the fourth position by 2030 with a 3.9 per cent share.

### Upward trajectory

India is ranked eighth among largest importing nations with a 2.8% global import share and is set to become the fourth largest importer by 2030.

Rank	2019	2030	2050
1	United States	China	China
2	China	United States	United States
3	Germany	Germany	<b>India</b>
4	France	<b>India</b>	Germany
5	UK	UK	UK
6	Japan	Japan	France
7	Netherlands	France	Netherlands
8	<b>India</b>	Netherlands	Japan
9	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Hong Kong
10	South Korea	Canada	Vietnam

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### The Himalayan Film Festival 2021



- ❖ The first edition of 'The Himalayan Film Festival-2021' (THFF) is from 24 to 28 September at Leh, Ladakh.

- ❖ The film festival is being organised by the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh.
- ❖ It is done in collaboration with the Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.

### **SDG Progress Award**



- ❖ Bangladesh Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, has been conferred with the “SDG Progress Award”.
- ❖ Award was conferred by the UN-sponsored Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).
- ❖ She was awarded for Bangladesh’s steady course in responding to the universal call of action to end poverty, protect the planet as well as ensure peace & prosperity for all.

#### **Note**

- ❖ Ninth Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development was held on September 20.
- ❖ On this occasion, Sheikh Hasina was introduced as jewel in the crown of the day.

### **Chief of Air Staff - Vivek Ram Chaudhari**

- ❖ Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force Air Marshal, Vivek Ram Chaudhari has been appointed the next Chief of Air Staff.
- ❖ The current Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria is set to retire on September 30.
- ❖ Chaudhari had taken over as the vice chief on July 1 this year, after Air Marshal HS Arora retired.
- ❖ He is a recipient of the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the Vayu Sena Medals.



## **SPORTS**

### **Prime Volleyball League**

- ❖ The Prime Volleyball League championship, sponsored by fantasy game leaders A23 was launched Hyderabad recently.
- ❖ It featured six teams.
- ❖ The teams are Calicut Heroes, Kochi Blue Spiders, Ahmedabad Defenders, Hyderabad Black Hawks, defending champions Chennai Blitz and the new addition Bengaluru Torpedoes.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **World Rose Day – 22 September**

- ❖ World Rose Day is observed in the memory of 12-year-old Melinda Rose from Canada who was diagnosed with Askin's Tumour, a rare form of blood cancer.
- ❖ World Rose Day is annually celebrated on September 22 in dedication to the welfare of cancer patients.
- ❖ World Cancer Day is observed on February 4.



## **World Rhino Day – 22 September**

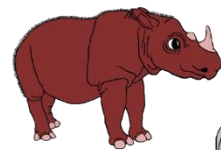
- ❖ This day is celebrated to raise awareness of the need to protect all the five existing species of Rhinoceros.
- ❖ They are
  - Black Rhino,
  - White Rhino,
  - Greater one-horned Rhino,
  - Sumatran Rhino and
  - Javan Rhinos.
- ❖ World Rhino Day was first announced by World Wildlife Fund-South Africa in 2010.
- ❖ It is being observed internationally since 2011.

# **WORLD RHINO DAY**

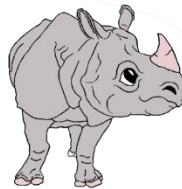
## **22 September**

### *Celebrating*

### **the FIVE species of rhinoceros**



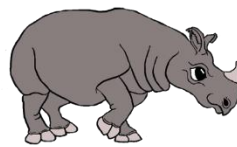
*Sumatran rhino*



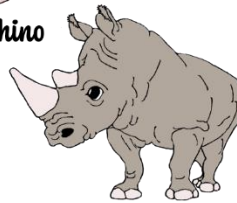
*Greater one-horned rhino*



*Black rhino*



*Javan rhino*



*White rhino*

## **World Car-Free Day – 22 September**

- ❖ World Car-Free Day is an opportunity to highlight the benefits of going car-free.
- ❖ The day is celebrated every year on 22 September around the globe to encourage motorists to give up their cars for a day.



- ❖ The event highlights the numerous benefits of going car-free to citizen including reduced air pollution and the promotion of walking and cycling in a safer environment.

