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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India and Japan, 2+2 ministerial dialogue emphasised the need for all to seek peaceful resolution of disputes in accordance with international law without resorting to use of force or attempt to unilaterally change status quo.
- ❖ Volker Türk of Austria was appointed as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights by the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.
- ❖ According to the United States (US) Embassy in India, the US issued a record 82,000 student visas to Indians in 2022, more than any other nation.

TAMIL NADU

Best among large zoos

82% SCORE IN MEE TEST

➤ Arignar Anna Zoological park is spread over 502 hectares, housing about 2,300 animals

➤ A total of 178 species of birds, mammals and reptiles are in the facility. **Of these, 98 species are birds, 48 are mammals and 32 are reptiles**

➤ Some species in the zoo such as Nilgiri langur, lion-tailed macaque, Malabar giant squirrel, fresh water otter, hyena and wild dogs are found in the **Western Ghats of Tamil Nadu**



UNIQUE FEATURES

➤ Skill development programme for zoo staff, **including animal keepers**

➤ As part of green initiatives, solar lamps have been installed on all roads inside the zoo and on roads inside the staff quarters. **This helps in reducing electricity charges**

➤ More than 200 cameras installed in key enclosures to **monitor the health of the wildlife**

- ❖ The Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Vandalur has been ranked best in the country among large zoos.

- ❖ It is scoring 82% in a test on capacity and efficiency for conservation of species outside their natural habitat and for following best practices.
- ❖ Of the total six criteria, Vandalur zoo got 85% in three and in the remaining three, it got more than 75%.

INTERNATIONAL

Gogra-Hot springs Area



- ❖ The Indian and Chinese troops have begun disengaging at Patrolling Pillar-15 (PP-15) in the Gogra-Hot spring region of Eastern Ladakh.
- ❖ The move comes ahead of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Uzbekistan.
- ❖ PP-15 is one of the 65 patrolling points in Ladakh along the Line of Actual Control.
- ❖ Hot Springs is just north of the Chang Chenmo River and Gogra Post is east of the point.
- ❖ The area is north of the Karakoram Range of mountains, which lies north of the Pangong Tso lake, and south east of Galwan Valley.

ECONOMY

Bank on Wheel

- ❖ HDFC Bank has unveiled its state-of-the-art 'Bank on Wheel' van in Gujarat.
- ❖ The Bank in Wheel van service will take banking services to unbanked villages.

- ❖ The Bank in Wheel van will visit remote villages located 10-25 km from the nearest branch.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Tarantula Nebula



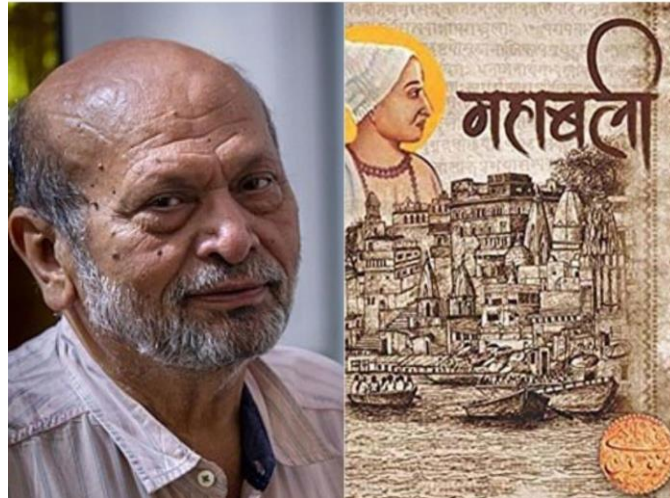
- ❖ James Webb telescope has shared an image of a tarantula nebula in space.
- ❖ It is nicknamed as Tarantula due to its long and dusky filaments.
- ❖ This region of space is characterized by its dusty filaments that resemble the legs of a hairy spider.

- ❖ It is located 161,000 light-years away.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

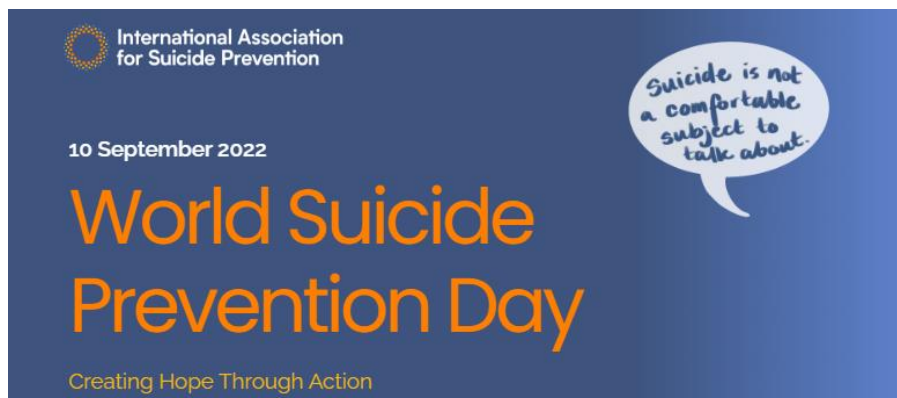
31st Vyas Samman

- ❖ The 31st Vyas Samman was conferred on to well-known Hindi writer Dr Asghar Wajahat.
- ❖ He has been chosen for the prestigious award for his play Mahabali.
- ❖ The Vyas Samman is given by K K Birla Foundation for outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years.
- ❖ Ram Vilas Sharma received the inaugural Vyas Samman in 1991 for his work 'Bharat ke Pracheen Bhasha Parivar aur Hindi'.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World suicide prevention Day - September 10



- ❖ It is organized by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) and endorsed by the World Health Organization.
- ❖ The overall goal of this day is to raise awareness about suicide prevention worldwide.
- ❖ The theme of WSPD 2022 is “Creating hope through action,”
- ❖ This has been the triennial theme for World Suicide Prevention Day from 2021 to 2023.

World First Aid Day - September 10



- ❖ World First Aid Day is celebrated every year on the second Saturday of September.
- ❖ The day is recognized worldwide to promote the significance of first aid, which is an important fundamental skill, and to create awareness on a global level about how it can save precious lives.
- ❖ The day was introduced first by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

- ❖ Theme of this year is 'Lifelong First Aid'.

International PCOS Awareness Month



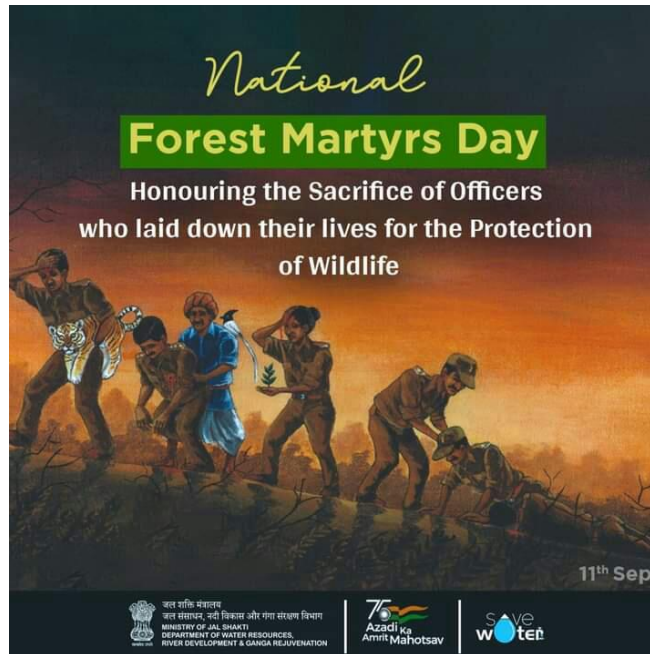
The poster for PCOS Awareness Month 2022 features the title "PCOS AWARENESS MONTH 2022" in large green and blue letters, with the tagline "CREATING CHANGE TOGETHER" below it. To the right is the "PCOS Challenge" logo, a circular pattern of dots. Below the title, it says "The Biggest PCOS Awareness Month Ever! Join Us This September". The central part of the poster is a collage of various campaign materials, including "WORLD PCOS DAY", "100 MILES WALK TO THE CHALLENGE", "STREAM FOR CHANGE", "PCOS AWARENESS MONTH JOIN US LIVE!", "PCOS AWARENESS SYMPOSIUM 2022", and "09.23.22 RISE TO THE CHALLENGE GALA". At the bottom, there is a dark teal banner with social media handles: "FOLLOW US @PCOSChallenge" and icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn. On the right side of the banner, it lists the hashtags: "#CreatingChangeTogether", "#PCOS", "#WorldPCOSDay", "#PCOSAwarenessMonth", and "#PCOSChallenge".

- ❖ The month of September is recognized as International PCOS Awareness Month.
- ❖ Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) is a common hormonal disorder in women that is also the leading cause of female infertility.
- ❖ It is a serious genetic, hormone, metabolic and reproductive disorder that affects women and girls.

National Forest Martyrs Day - September 11

- ❖ It pays tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to protect forests and wildlife.
- ❖ The tragic Khejarli massacre occurred on September 11, 1730.
- ❖ This day was chosen to be recognised as National Forest Martyrs Day.
- ❖ Cutting down the Khejarli trees in the forest was ordered by Maharaja Abhay Singh of Rajasthan.
- ❖ Bishnoi community people protested against the order as they considered Khejarli trees to be sacred.

- ❖ A woman named Amrita Devi offered her head to save Khejarli trees from being cut down, as a mark of protest.



International Day for South-South Cooperation - September 12



- ❖ It aims to highlight the importance of cooperation among people and countries in the global South.
- ❖ The day also aims at spreading awareness on the social, economic, and political developments made in the Southern region.

- ❖ The creation of the UNOSSC was proposed in 1974 in the United Nations General Assembly as a special unit within the United Nations Development Programme.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Gender Snapshot 2022



- ❖ The report entitled “Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): The Gender Snapshot 2022” was launched recently.
- ❖ It was authored by the United Nations (UN) Women and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).
- ❖ By the end of 2022, around 383 million women and girls will live in extreme poverty compared to 368 million men and boys.
- ❖ It will take close to 300 years to achieve full gender equality at the current rate of progress.
- ❖ Progress must be 17 times faster than last decade’s progress of the last decade, to eradicate child marriage by 2030.

- ❖ In 2021, about 38% of female-headed households in war-affected areas experienced moderate or severe food insecurity, compared to 20% of male-headed households.
- ❖ Over 1.2 billion women and girls of reproductive age (15-49) live in countries and areas with some restrictions on access to safe abortion.

Fortune India rich list 2022

INDIA'S TEN RICHEST IN 2022				
Rank	Name	Value (₹trn)	\$bn	
1	Gautam Adani	10.29	129.16	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$
2	Mukesh Ambani	7.55	94.57	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$
3	Shapoor Mistry & Cyrus Mistry family	2.57	32.35	\$ \$ \$ \$
4	Radhakishan Damani	2.19	27.53	\$ \$ \$
5	Azim Premji	1.74	21.94	\$ \$ \$
6	Cyrus Soli Poonawalla	1.62	20.42	\$ \$
7	Shiv Nadar	1.57	19.73	\$ \$
8	Kumar Mangalam Birla	1.53	19.25	\$ \$
9	Adi Godrej & family	1.40	17.60	\$ \$
10	Shekhar Bajaj, Niraj Bajaj, Rajiv Bajaj & Sanjiv Bajaj	1.21	15.21	\$ \$

Note: The wealth estimate is based on stock prices as on August 16, 2022; the rupee-dollar exchange rate considered is 79.74, as of August 12

- ❖ The wealth of 142 billionaires based in India is collectively worth USD 832 billion (Rs 66.36 trillion).
- ❖ Asia's richest man Gautam Adani has overtaken Amazon founder Jeff Bezos to become the 3rd richest person in the world.
- ❖ He became India's richest man with a net worth of USD 129.16 billion (Rs. 10.29 trillion)

