

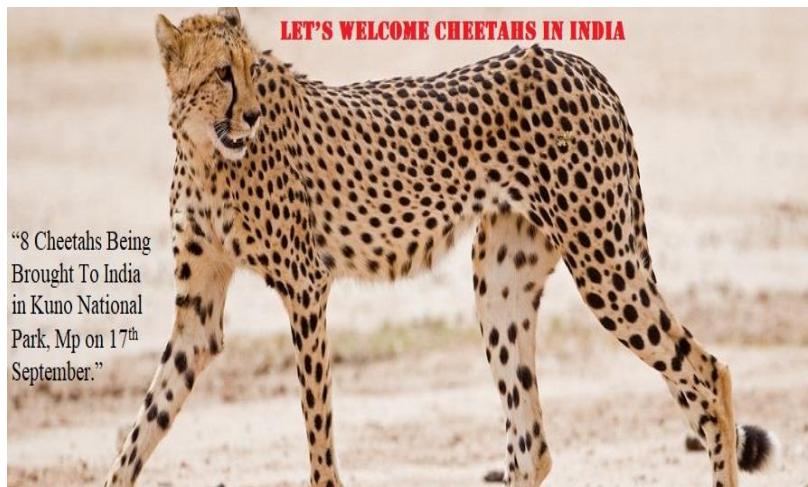
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## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ The government has constituted an expert committee headed by former SEBI chairman M Damodaran to suggest ways for scaling up of Venture Capital and Private Equity Investments.
- ❖ Iran has signed a memorandum of commitments to join the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in 2023.

## **NATIONAL**

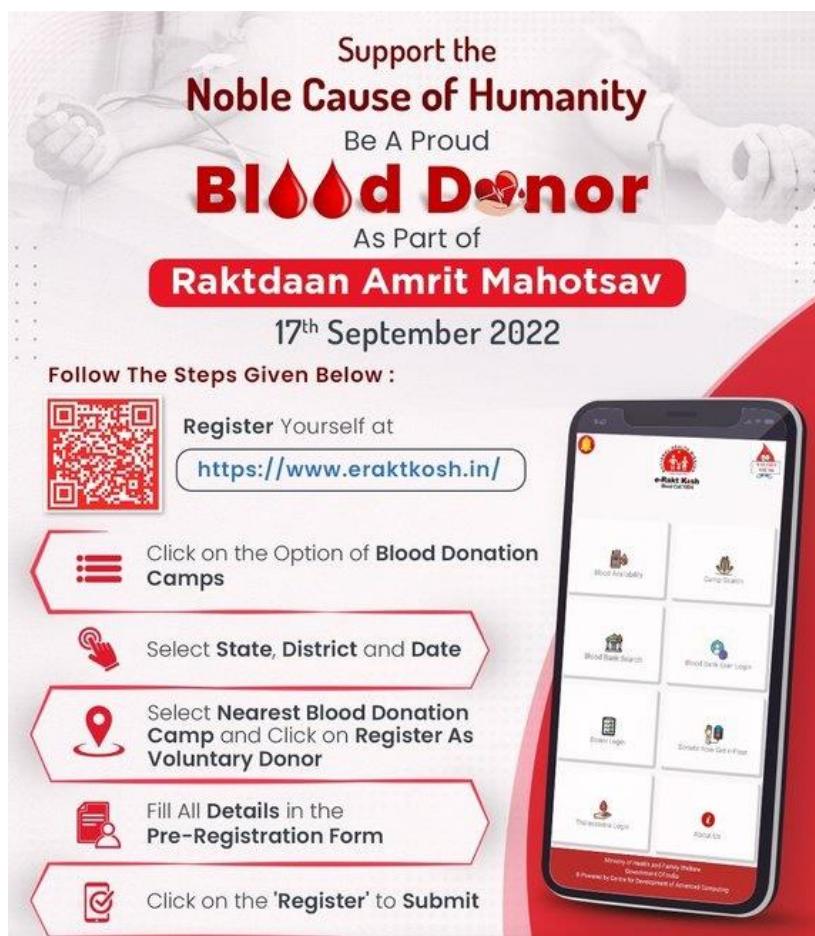
### **Cheetahs on India**



- ❖ 70 years after its extinction from India, the cheetahs are back on Indian soil.
- ❖ Eight big cats were released into the Indian wildlife in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno-Palpur National Park (KPNP) on 17<sup>th</sup> September by Prime Minister Modi on his 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday.
- ❖ India was home to Asiatic cheetahs in the past, but the species was declared extinct domestically by 1952.
- ❖ The last cheetah was killed in Koriya district of Chhattisgarh in 1947.
- ❖ The arrival of eight big cats from Namibia is the biggest wildlife translocation project in history.
- ❖ The Kuno National Park was chosen as the optimum location to introduce the extinct animal for its good prey base for cheetahs.
- ❖ The park has a good population of chinkara, spotted deer, and blackbuck, on which the cheetahs can prey and grow in the wild.

- ❖ These are Considered vulnerable under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of threatened species.
- ❖ There are fewer than 7,000 cheetahs left around the world, primarily in the African savannas.
- ❖ Its range includes the eight countries of Namibia, Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Angola, Zambia, Tanzania, and Kenya.
- ❖ The 'African Cheetah Introduction Project in India' was first conceived in 2009.
- ❖ In July 2020, India and the Republic of Namibia had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) around the conservation of cheetahs.

### Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav



- ❖ Union Health Minister launched a 15-day blood donation drive on the occasion of Prime Minister birthday.
- ❖ The blood donation drive is known as 'Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav'.
- ❖ It will continue till 1st October 2022 which is National Voluntary Blood Donation Day.

- ❖ The citizens can register themselves on Aarogya Setu App or e-Raktkosh portal to donate blood donations.

## INTERNATIONAL

### **Exercise Kakadu – 2022**

- ❖ It is a multinational exercise hosted by the Australian Navy in Darwin – the capital of Australia's Northern Territory.
- ❖ The Indian Navy is being represented by INS Satpura and P8 I Maritime Patrol Aircraft.
- ❖ The theme of this international exercise is 'partnership, leadership and friendship'.
- ❖ The inaugural edition of the Exercise Kakadu was held in 1993.



### **22<sup>nd</sup> Summit of SCO Council of Heads of State**

- ❖ 22<sup>nd</sup> Summit of SCO Council of Heads of State was held in Samarkand.
- ❖ The SCO held its first in-person summit in Samarkand in Uzbekistan after two years.
- ❖ Uzbekistan handed over the rotating presidency of the eight-member SCO to India.
- ❖ India will host next SCO summit as a chairman of Organisation in 2023.
- ❖ The city of Varanasi has been named the first-ever SCO Tourist and Cultural Capital for the period 2022-2023 in the summit.

- ❖ It will promote tourism, cultural and humanitarian exchanges between India and the SCO member Countries.



## STATES

### Right to Freedom of Religion Bill



- ❖ The 'Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill' was recently passed by the state legislative council.
- ❖ Karnataka's anti-conversion bill was passed in its assembly in December 2021.
- ❖ The bill bans forced religious conversions by direct or indirect means.
- ❖ It gives specific procedures for undertaking a religious conversion.

- ❖ Under this legislation, any individual seeking to convert their religion must submit a declaration at least 30 days before the conversion to the District Magistrate.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Malaysia's Cabinet minister Samy Vellu

- ❖ One of Malaysia's longest serving Cabinet ministers S. Samy Vellu passed away recently.
- ❖ He was president of the Malaysian Indian Congress, a key component of Barisan Nasional, for a record 31 years until 2010.
- ❖ He dominated Indian politics in Malaysia for decades after joining the party in 1959.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

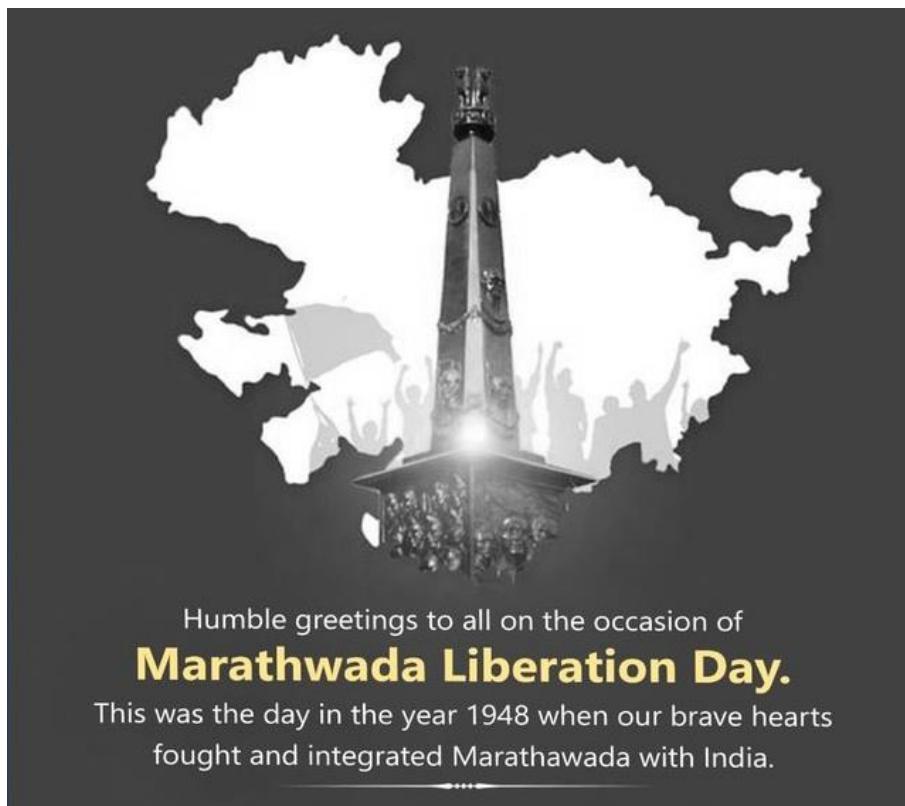
### World Patient Safety Day - September 17

- ❖ It aims to create awareness about different safety measures that should be taken to ensure patient safety.
- ❖ The day focuses on preventing and reducing risks, errors, and harm that patients face.
- ❖ This year, the theme of World Patient Safety Day 2022 is 'Medication Safety'.

- ❖ The slogan for the year is 'Medication Without Harm' with a call to action to 'Know, Check & Ask'.
- ❖ It was established in 2019 by the 72nd World Health Assembly.



### Marathwada Liberation Day - September 17



- ❖ The day is celebrated in commemoration of the anniversary of Operation Polo, which led to the annexation of Hyderabad into the Union of India.

- ❖ The Marathwada region of the present-day Maharashtra was a part of the then princely state of Hyderabad, which was under the Nizam's rule.
- ❖ Hyderabad's Nizam, Mir Osman Ali Khan, wished to continue his rule as either a self-governing monarchy or a protectorate of the British Empire and did not intend to join either India or Pakistan.
- ❖ The British government, on the other hand, refused to grant Hyderabad any kind of sovereignty.
- ❖ Hyderabad's population was predominantly Hindu and wished to reunite with India.
- ❖ The Nizam, a Muslim, was hesitant to join the Union of India.
- ❖ To maintain power, he even went to permit the formation of a private militia known as the Razakars.
- ❖ In the end, the talks between India and Hyderabad failed.
- ❖ India launched Operation Polo, a military operation against Hyderabad.
- ❖ On September 17, 1948, Nizam's army was forced to submit.
- ❖ And the state of Hyderabad became a part of the Union of India.

### **International Coastal Clean-up Day - September 17**



- ❖ This Day is traditionally held on the third Saturday in September.
- ❖ Coastal Clean-up Day was established by the Ocean Conservancy.
- ❖ The first International Coastal Clean-up Day was observed in 1986.

- ❖ The day aims to increase public awareness about the accumulation and negative impacts of litter in oceans, on coastlines and on beaches.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022

- ❖ Chainalysis published its global crypto adoption index for 2022.
- ❖ Vietnam is ranked first in cryptocurrency adoption for the second consecutive year.
- ❖ India stood at 4th rank and two spots down from last year.
- ❖ The report noted, “Out of our top 20 ranked countries, 10 are lower-middle income.
- ❖ The Indian government still hasn’t laid out a proper regulatory framework for the cryptocurrency industry except for the 30% crypto tax which came into effect on July 1 of this year.

Country	Overall index ranking	Overall score	Centralized service received	Retail centralized value	P2P trade volume	DeFi received ranking
Vietnam	1	1.000	5	5	2	7
Philippines	2	0.753	4	4	66	13
Ukraine	3	0.694	6	6	39	10
India	4	0.663	1	1	82	1
United States	5	0.653	3	3	111	3
Pakistan	6	0.609	10	10	50	22
Brazil	7	0.562	7	7	113	8
Thailand	8	0.560	12	12	61	5
Russia	9	0.541	8	8	109	11
China	10	0.535	2	2	144	6
Nigeria	11	0.521	18	18	17	20
Turkey	12	0.519	9	9	121	19

