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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ President of India inaugurated the First Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights in New Delhi.
- ❖ India hosted the inaugural United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) South Asia conference.
- ❖ The International Day for Interventional Cardiology is celebrated annually on 16th September.
- ❖ International Equal Pay Day is observed on 18 September annually.

NATIONAL

National List of Essential Assistive Products



- ❖ The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has released the National List of Essential Assistive Products (NLEAP).
- ❖ It aims to prioritise essential assistive products towards making a difference in the lives of those with functional impairments.
- ❖ The NLEAP consists of 21 essential assistive products and technologies.
- ❖ They are considered fundamental for improving the lives of those with functional impairments.

- ❖ Assistive products (APs) play a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of life and promoting independence among individuals with functional impairments.

Immunity in pre-2014 corruption cases



- ❖ The Supreme Court held that its 2014 ruling which struck down Section 6A of the Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act would be applied retrospectively.
- ❖ Section 6A of this act introduced in the Act in 2003.
- ❖ It provided that sanction from the central government was mandatory before the CBI could conduct probes in corruption cases against bureaucrats of the rank of joint secretary and above.
- ❖ The Court stated that Section 6A violated fundamental rights and that once a law is declared unconstitutional, it is void from its inception.

Extension of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has given the green light for an extension of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) to 2025-26.
- ❖ This move will bring the total number of PMUY beneficiaries to 10.35 crore.
- ❖ As per the existing modalities of Ujjwala 2.0, the first refill and stove will also be provided free of cost to Ujjwala beneficiaries.
- ❖ Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was launched in Ballia (Uttar Pradesh) on May 1, 2016.

- ❖ It aims to provide clean cooking fuel to about 80 million poor households across the country.
- ❖ The target was achieved in September 2019.
- ❖ Later, PMUY phase-2 was launched in August 2021 with an initial target of 10 million connections, which was achieved by January 2022.
- ❖ Subsequently, the government released 6 million more connections under Ujjwala 2.0 till December 2022.
- ❖ Now the government has announced a third phase of the scheme.

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<h3>Extension of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana</h3> <p>Cabinet approves extension of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75 lakh LPG connections to be releases over three years Total financial implication of Rs.1650 crore Connections to be provided at following rates: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>14.2 kg Single Bottle Connection</td> <td>- Rs.2200 per connection</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 kg Double Bottle Connection</td> <td>- Rs.2200 per connection</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 kg Single Bottle Connection</td> <td>- Rs.1300 per connection</td> </tr> </table> 	14.2 kg Single Bottle Connection	- Rs.2200 per connection	5 kg Double Bottle Connection	- Rs.2200 per connection	5 kg Single Bottle Connection	- Rs.1300 per connection	<h3>Extension of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana</h3> <p>Cabinet approves extension of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana</p> <p>Benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LPG connections to poor households will provide access to clean cooking fuel Address health problems caused by use of traditional sources of cooking fuel such as fire-wood, coal, cowdung etc Enhance productivity of women, raise their quality of life by removing drudgery associated with collection of wood
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INTERNATIONAL

Storm Daniel

- ❖ Extreme rainfall from a storm system called Storm Daniel hit parts of the central and eastern Mediterranean.
- ❖ It leads devastating flooding and massive loss of life in Libya.
- ❖ Libya is the worst affected country, as well as in Greece, Türkiye and Bulgaria.

- ❖ It caused record-breaking rainfall in Greece on 5-6 September, with a reported 750 mm falling in 24 hours at a station in the village of Zagora.
- ❖ This is the equivalent of about 18 months of rainfall.



ENVIRONMENT

Elephant Corridors of India report

India's Elephant Corridors: 150 Identified, West Bengal Leads

- ❖ India has at least 150 elephant corridors spanning 15 range-states across four elephant-bearing regions.
- ❖ West Bengal tops the list with 26 such land strips.
- ❖ The central government's 2010 Elephant Task Force report (Gajah report) listed 88 corridors in the country.



- ❖ Of the total corridors, 15 have been impaired and require restoration efforts to restore functionality.
- ❖ Information regarding the current use of 18 corridors by elephants was unavailable.
- ❖ Of the 150 reported elephant corridors, 126 are within the political boundaries of states while 19 are located across two states.
- ❖ There are also six trans-national corridors between India and Nepal, primarily in Uttar Pradesh.

Shore bird from Arctic



- ❖ Kurichi tank in Coimbatore spotted a Red-necked phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*).
- ❖ It is a shore bird that breeds in the Arctic region.
- ❖ The sighting of the bird is believed to be after a gap of a decade.
- ❖ The previous record of the species in Coimbatore was in 2012

REPORTS AND INDICES

Hunger Map LIVE: Global insights and key trends

- ❖ The World Food Programme has released “Hunger Map LIVE: Global insights and key trends”.
- ❖ It is a real-time monitoring system tracking key indicators of acute hunger.
- ❖ It is including household food consumption, livelihoods, child nutritional status, mortality, and access to clean water.

- ❖ The global issue of hunger and food insecurity has shown an alarming increase since 2015.
- ❖ These trends are exacerbated by a combination of factors including the pandemic, conflict, climate change, and deepening inequalities, which calls for attention.
- ❖ As per the findings, 828 million chronically hungry globally.
- ❖ 193 million experiencing acute hunger in 53 countries.
- ❖ 12 countries account for 33% of the total number of people with insufficient food consumption.
- ❖ Somalia, Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Niger, Mali, Haiti, and some others has a High Prevalence of Insufficient Food.
- ❖ The Central African Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, Namibia, and others has a high Challenges to Accessing Markets.



The World Best Countries Report 2023

- ❖ The U.S. News and World Report released its ranking of the best countries in the world.
- ❖ For the second year in a row, Switzerland is the best country in the world.
- ❖ It was also the No. 1 country from 2017 to 2020 until Canada's win in 2021.
- ❖ Canada listed as the No. 2 best country in the world.
- ❖ It is followed by Sweden at No. 3, Australia at No. 4, and the United States at No. 5.

- ❖ India's ranking improved by one position by securing the 30th spot.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Patient Safety Day 2023 - September 17



- ❖ This day was established by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about patient safety and to promote actions to elevate the safety of healthcare worldwide.
- ❖ The Patient safety focuses on the prevention of errors, adverse events and harm to patients during the delivery of medical services.
- ❖ The theme for this year is “Engaging patients for patient safety.”

World Bamboo Day 2023 - September 18

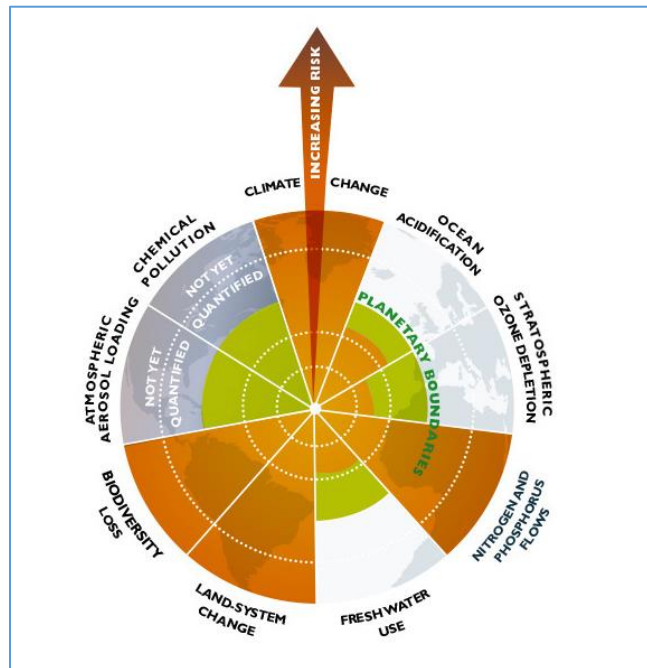
- ❖ This day was established courtesy the efforts of the World Bamboo Organization.
- ❖ The WBO organised the first World Bamboo Congress in Bangkok, Thailand.

- ❖ In 2009, during the 8th World Bamboo Congress, the participants officially declared this day.
- ❖ Bamboo is a type of grass that grows rapidly and is known for its strength, flexibility and eco-friendliness.



MISCELLANEOUS

Planetary Boundaries



- ❖ Six out of nine planetary boundaries have been breached due to human-caused pollution and destruction of the natural world.



- ❖ The planetary boundaries are a set of frameworks designed by scientists within which humanity can continue to develop and thrive for generations to come.
- ❖ These nine planetary boundaries were first proposed by a group of 29 internationally renowned scientists in 2009.
- ❖ If Earth can manage these nine factors, Earth could be relatively safe.

