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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Adidas has revealed Team India's jersey for the upcoming ICC Cricket World Cup 2023.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh chief minister unveiled the 108-feet tall 'Statue of Oneness' of Adi Shankaracharya on the bank of the Narmada River at Omkareshwar.

## NATIONAL

### Skills on Wheels Initiative



- ❖ The Union govt launched the 'Skills on Wheels' initiative.
- ❖ It aims to empower nearly 60,000 youth and improve their livelihood.
- ❖ The skill training programme will be conducted in collaboration with IndusInd Bank and NSDC.
- ❖ The initiative will operate from a 'customised bus with retrofitted tools' that will travel to the remotest corners of the country to train and prepare youth for the current job market.
- ❖ The youth, particularly women, will be equipped with key digital skills that are crucial in sustaining oneself in the present job sector.
- ❖ The mission will run for a period of five years.

### People's G20 eBook

- ❖ The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, unveiled the "People's G20" eBook, highlighting India's G20 Presidency.

- ❖ It provides a comprehensive overview of India's G20 Presidency, featuring three main parts.
- ❖ The first part covers the G20 Summit held in September 2023, explaining the G20's structure and initiatives during India's Presidency.
- ❖ It details the initiatives undertaken during India's Presidency.
- ❖ The second part offers a summary of meetings held by various Working Groups under the Sherpa and Finance Track, along with Engagement Group meetings.
- ❖ Third section includes a photo essay showcasing Jan-Bhagidari (public participation) events that transformed India's G20 Presidency into a people-driven movement.



### **PV Narasimha Rao Case – 1998**



- ❖ The Supreme Court referred a 1998 judgment that provided immunity to MPs and MLAs in cash-for-votes cases to a seven-judge bench recently.

- ❖ It granted legislators immunity against criminal prosecution for bribery charges related to their parliamentary activities.
- ❖ The P V Narasimha Rao case originated from the 1993 JMM bribery case, where legislators were accused of taking bribes to influence parliamentary votes.
- ❖ The Supreme Court had granted immunity under Article 105(2) in that case.
- ❖ In 2012, Sita Soren, was accused of accepting a bribe to vote for an independent candidate in a Rajya Sabha election.
- ❖ She attempted to invoke Article 194(2) for immunity, but the High Court declined her request, leading to further legal proceedings.

## INTERNATIONAL

### G77+China summit



- ❖ The two-day Summit of the G77+China concluded recently in Cuba.
- ❖ The theme of the event is “Current Development Challenges: Role of Science, Technology and Innovation.
- ❖ The summit saw the adoption of the 47-article Havana Final Declaration.
- ❖ This is aimed at all countries in the Global South defend the demands of developing countries amid the geopolitical divide while emphasizing on making the Global South a powerful force in the multipolar world.
- ❖ As many as 134 members, including India, the G77 is the largest intergovernmental group of developing nations.
- ❖ It’s called G77 Plus China because while China works closely with the group.

- ❖ The block represents more than 80 percent of the world's population and two-thirds of the United Nations membership.
- ❖ G77 had 77 members when it was founded in 1964.

### **Derna dam collapse**

- ❖ The catastrophic collapse of two dams occurred in the eastern Libyan city of Derna.
- ❖ The dam collapse came after an extreme storm, Storm Daniel, slammed into the north African country.
- ❖ There were two major dams upstream from Derna that, for one, had not been maintained since 2002.
- ❖ Also, the dams were not very large, with the first dam only 70 metres (230 feet) tall.
- ❖ Experts estimate that 30 million cubic metres of water were released when the dams broke, equivalent to 12,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools.



## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards**

- ❖ The Sangeet Natak Akademi on September 15 announced special one-time awards to 84 artists.
- ❖ It is commemorating 75 years of India's independence.
- ❖ This is awarded to, who are above the age of 75 years and haven't been accorded any national honour in their career so far.

- ❖ These Awards is a national honour bestowed by the country on performing artists, teachers and scholars in the field of performing arts, said Sandhya Purecha, chairperson of the Akademi.
- ❖ Awardees from Tamil Nadu:
  - Achalapuram Chinntambi – Nagasvaram
  - Purusai Subramanuim – Terukoothu
  - Sundaresan Ramamurthy - Theatre (Acting)
  - V.A.K Rangarao - Dance Music (Scholar & Documentation)
  - R. Ramani - Carnatic Veena.



### **14<sup>th</sup> World Spice Congress**

- ❖ The 14th edition of the World Spice Congress (WSC) held at Vashi in Navi Mumbai.
- ❖ This event has been organized by the Spices Board India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in association with various trade bodies and export forums.
- ❖ The theme of the WSC 2023 is VISION 2030: S-P-I-C-E-S (Sustainability, Productivity, Innovation, Collaboration, Excellence and Safety).
- ❖ Regional spices potential
  - Black Pepper: Grown in Kerala, Karnataka, and other southern states.
  - Cardamom: Mainly produced in Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu.
  - Turmeric: Cultivated in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Odisha.
  - Chilli: Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana are known for chilli production.
  - Cumin: Grown in Rajasthan and Gujarat.

- Coriander: Cultivated in states like Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh.



### **Moving Memory app**



- ❖ The 'Memory, Ecology, and Sustainability' conference, inaugurated is being attended by over 500 participants from various countries.

- ❖ An augmented reality/virtual reality (ARVR) app called Moving Memory was launched at the second annual international conference of the Indian Network for Memory Studies and the Centre for Memory Studies at IIT-M.
- ❖ This app captures moving models of memory through digital reconstruction and enables the user to select any desired avatar and navigate through these three-dimensional spaces.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Day of Peace (UN) 2023 - September 21



- ❖ The first International Day of Peace was celebrated on September 21, 1982.
- ❖ It aims to remind of the UN's commitment to peace and conflict resolution and encourages individuals, communities and nations to work towards a more peaceful and just world.
- ❖ This year's theme is 'Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals'.
- ❖ 2023 is also the 75th anniversaries of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide.

### World Alzheimer's Day 2023 - September 21

- ❖ This day is a global effort to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease.
- ❖ It also aims to eradicate the stigma around Alzheimer's disease as well as other types of dementia.
- ❖ Alzheimer's disease is the most common type of dementia and contributes to 60-70% of cases.
- ❖ Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that affects memory, thinking and behaviour.
- ❖ These symptoms get worse over time and start to affect one's daily living and activities.

- ❖ It usually affects people over the age of 65 years.
- ❖ This day was established on September 21, 1994, in Edinburgh, to mark the tenth anniversary of Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI).
- ❖ The theme for 2023 is 'Never Too Early, Never Too Late'.

