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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Kazakhstan passed a bill to restore the capital's old name Astana.
  - It was changed to Nur-Sultan in 2019.
- ❖ The Global Fintech Fest 2022 was held in Mumbai Maharashtra.
- ❖ Former President Ram Nath Kovind has launched a book titled 'Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer's Ideas Performer's Implementation'.

## TAMIL NADU

### Joymala's Case



- ❖ The Assam government filed a petition in Guwahati High Court seeking the custody of Joyamala.
- ❖ Joyamala is a temple elephant that the state had given to Tamil Nadu on lease.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu government refused to return the elephants it had taken from Assam.
- ❖ This controversy started after the animal rights group, PETA claiming that Joyamala was being subjected to cruelty at a temple in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Assam claims it had leased nine elephants, including Joyamala, to Tamil Nadu.

## NATIONAL

### Decommission of INS Ajay

- ❖ INS Ajay was commissioned on January 24, 1990 at Poti, Georgia in the erstwhile USSR.

- ❖ It was decommissioned after rendering 32 years of glorious service to the nation.
- ❖ It participated in several naval operations including Operation Talwar during the Kargil War and Operation Parakram in 2001.



### **First female camel riding squad**



- ❖ Border Security Force's first female camel riding squad will be deployed along the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan & Gujarat.



- ❖ The squad will participate for the first time in the BSF Raising Day Parade on 1st December.
- ❖ This Squad will be the first of its kind in the world.

### **Status of SC converts to Islam and Christianity**

## **Matter of Fact**



**Three-member** panel likely to be chaired by a Cabinet minister and have on board a member from the judiciary and another retired central government secretary



**The Ranganath Mishra** Commission in 2007 had recommended that the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, should be deleted to delink SC status with religion and grant religion-neutral status to all Dalits, like Scheduled Tribes

- ❖ The Central Government will constitute a national commission to study the social, economic and educational status of members of Scheduled Castes or Dalits who have converted to religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism.
- ❖ It will also study the impact of adding more members into the current SC list.
- ❖ It will not include members of STs and OBCs who have converted to Islam and Christianity.
- ❖ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 under Article 341 states that no individual belonging to religion other than Hinduism, Sikhism or Buddhism can be recognized as a member of the Scheduled Caste.

- ❖ The original order classified SC members belonging to only Hinduism.
- ❖ It was later amended in 1956 to include Sikhs and in 1990 to include Buddhists.

## INTERNATIONAL

### First trilateral ministerial meeting

- ❖ India, the UAE and France have held their first trilateral ministerial meeting.
- ❖ They discussed a new and more contemporary way of doing diplomacy with a focus on “active exchange” of ideas between strategic partners and UNSC members.



### 77th session of UNGA



- ❖ The 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA77) convened on September 13.
- ❖ The theme of the UNGA 77 is “A watershed moment: transformative solutions to interlocking challenges”.
- ❖ Brazil will be the first UN member state to speak at the annual general debate.
- ❖ It has remained the first speaker for nearly 7 decades since the 10th UNGA in 1955.
- ❖ The US, which will host the event, will be the second member state to speak.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Report on Southwest monsoon



- ❖ The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) and the Asian Development Bank released a joint report recently.
- ❖ The report found that southwest monsoon is lasting longer than its season.
- ❖ It may overlap with the northeast monsoon, causing more severe downpour, flooding and storms in South Asia.
- ❖ The southwest monsoon reached the peninsular India on time, it had stayed beyond seasonal boundary of September.
- ❖ In 2021, it had lasted until October, overlapping with the northeast monsoon.

- ❖ It found that disasters displaced about 61.4 million people in south Asia during this period.
- ❖ Of this, 58.6 million were displaced because of weather-related disasters.
- ❖ Floods and storms caused about 90 per cent of the total displacement.
- ❖ Floods caused the displacement of 37.4 million and storm, including major tropical cyclones, caused 21 million internal displacements.
- ❖ In the overall Asia-Pacific region, about 225 million individuals were displaced during the 2010-2021 period.
- ❖ This means that nearly 19 million people were displaced because of disaster each year.
- ❖ This is more than 75 per cent of the total global figure on displacement.
- ❖ 95 per cent of all disaster displacements in Asia Pacific are caused by monsoon rains, floods and storms.

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

### **Soviet Cosmonaut Valery Polyakov**



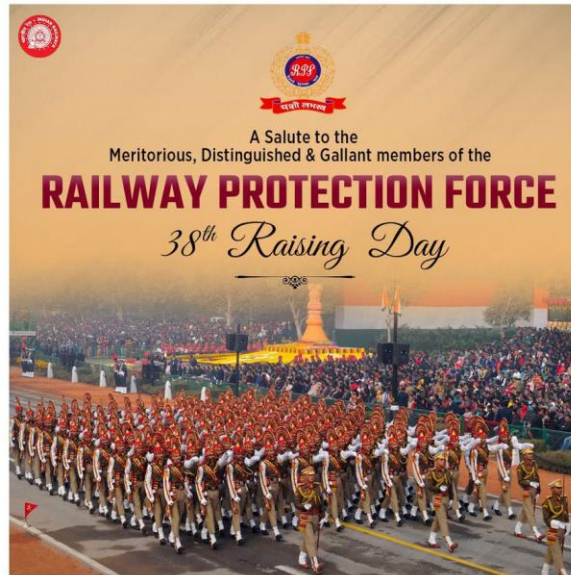
- ❖ Valery Polyakov, who held the record for the achieving the longest single stay in space, has passed away.
- ❖ He stayed 437 days in space from January 8, 1994.
- ❖ He orbited the Earth more than 7,000 times before returning back to Earth on March 22, 1995.
- ❖ Earlier, Polyakov spent 288 days in space on a mission that took place in 1988-89.

- ❖ He participated in an experiment SFINCSS-99 (Simulation of Flight of International Crew on Space Station) in 1999.
- ❖ Polyakov's longest record of 678 days in space has been surpassed in 1999 by cosmonaut Sergei Avdeyev, who stayed in space for 747 days

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 38th Raising Day of RPF

- ❖ The Railway Protection Force (RPF) celebrated its 38th Raising Day on 20th September 2022.
- ❖ This is the first time that a National Level Parade of RPF was organized outside New Delhi.
- ❖ The Railway Protection Force was constituted by an Act of Parliament in 1957 for providing security to Railway property.
- ❖ 'Armed Force of the Union' status was bestowed upon the force on 20th September 1985 by amending the RPF Act by the Parliament.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### Global Registry of Fossil Fuels

- ❖ Global Registry of Fossil Fuels is the world's first public database on fossil fuel reserves, production and emissions.

- ❖ The Global Registry of Fossil Fuels is the “first-ever fully transparent” public database that tracks fossil fuels across the world.
- ❖ It was launched by the Carbon Tracker and Global Energy Monitor.
- ❖ It was released to coincide with the two important international climate talks – the UNGA, which is set to commence in New York on September 13 and COP27.
- ❖ It will be organized in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt in November.
- ❖ This inventory has data from more than 50,000 oil, gas and coal fields in 89 countries.
- ❖ This accounts for 75 per cent of global production.

