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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh Government has established the "Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve" as the seventh tiger reserve in the state and 54th in the country.

TAMIL NADU

Tamilnadu Tourism Policy 2023



- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister released 'Tourism Policy 2023'.
- ❖ It aims to attract investments of ₹20,000 crore into this sector over the next five years.
- ❖ The comprehensive policy envisions both enhancing and upgrading the existing tourism infrastructure, along with the establishment of new, greenfield projects.
- ❖ This policy will be valid for a period of five years from the date of the policy notification, or till a new policy is announced.
- ❖ This provides for a single-window portal for necessary clearances, concessions in electricity tariff and other incentives for eligible tourism projects.
- ❖ It also envisions a Tourist Security Organisation.
- ❖ The Department has also set targets for the next five years which includes contributing to at least 12% of State Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) annually.
- ❖ Also, tourism and its supporting industries will employ 25 lakh people in Tamil Nadu.



- ❖ The policy also highlighted that a Tourism Facilitation Cell will be created within the Department to assist Guidance Tamil Nadu to monitor and promote tourism investment.
- ❖ The Department is planning to create one large-format amusement park, similar to global theme parks such as Disney and Universal Studios, with an area of at least 100 acres on the out-skirts of Chennai.
- ❖ Plans are on cards to launch cruise facilities on various stretches on the Chennai – Rameswaram – Kanniyakumari and Chennai – Port Blair route.
- ❖ The policy also mentions that existing towns and cities with good quality urban infrastructure will be developed as Gateway Hubs, from where the visitor to Tamil Nadu can initiate their journey.
- ❖ Chennai, Tiruchi, Madurai, Coimbatore and Kanniyakumari will be developed as gateway hubs.
- ❖ An allocation of 5% from the smart city funds will be dedicated to enhancing tourism infrastructure in primary Gateway Hubs.

Nilgiri Tahr count



- ❖ Tamil Nadu is now working on a standardised protocol to count the endangered population of southern India's only mountain ungulate.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Forest Department will also propose to its Kerala counterpart to conduct a synchronised census.
- ❖ The animal is only found in select habitats in the two States.
- ❖ For the first time, drones may be incorporated in the census.

- ❖ The Nilgiri Tahr prefers montane grasslands, with steep and rocky terrains at an altitude between 300 and 2,600 metres above sea level.
- ❖ There are believed to be a little over 3,100 of the animals living in highly fragmented habitats in the Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
- ❖ Their habitation ranging is between the Nilgiris in the north and the Kanniyakumari hills in the south.

Vishwakamal apartment and INC



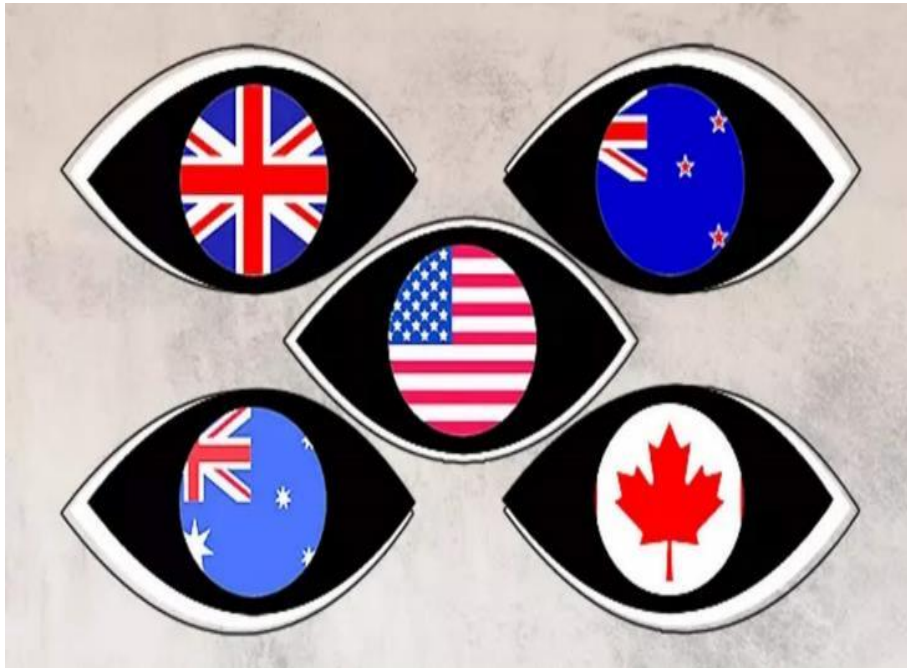
- ❖ To Opposite the Kapaleeswarar Temple tank at Mylapore in Chennai, stands an apartment named 'Vishwakamal'.
- ❖ The place of an epoch-making meeting that led to the formation of the Indian National Congress in 1885.
- ❖ Soon after the annual convention of the Theosophical Society at Adyar in December 1884, 17 men from different parts of the country met at this house.
- ❖ Allan Octavian Hume, the 'Father of the Congress', was not among them.
- ❖ But some claims are there as "The Indian National Congress organised here December 1884".
- ❖ In March 1885, it was decided to hold a meeting of representatives from all parts of India at the then coming Christmas without any reference to the 1884 meeting in Madras.

INTERNATIONAL

Five Eyes Alliance

- ❖ Canada claims that the Indian government may have "potential links" to the killing of separatist leader Harmeet Singh Nijjar in Canada.

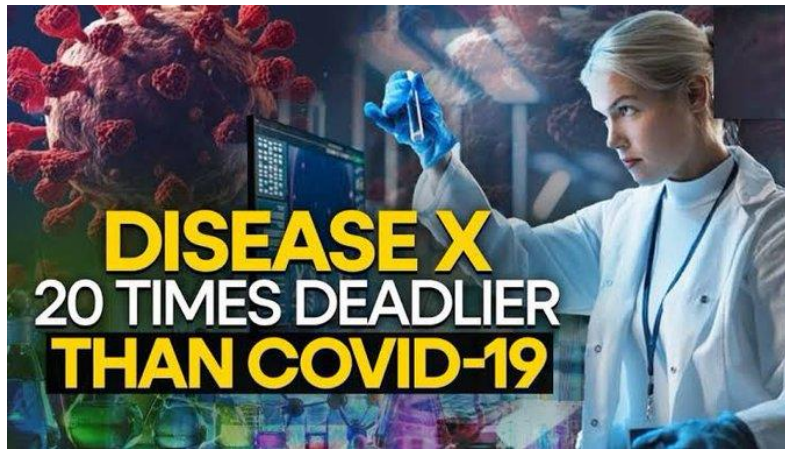
- ❖ This issue was “shared intelligence among Five Eyes partners”.
- ❖ “Five Eyes” refers to an intelligence-sharing alliance of the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand.
- ❖ In 1943, the Britain-USA (BRUSA) agreement laid the foundations for what would become the UK-USA (UKUSA) agreement.
- ❖ The UKUSA was signed in 1946.
- ❖ Canada joined it in 1949, and New Zealand and Australia did so in 1956, forming the alliance.
- ❖ In 2016, the Five Eyes Intelligence Oversight and Review Council came into being.
- ❖ It includes the non-political intelligence oversight, review, and security entities of the Five Eyes countries.
- ❖ They exchange views of mutual interest, compare best practices, hold conference calls throughout the year and gather in person annually.



The Next Pandemic: Disease X

- ❖ Disease X, the name given by World Health Organisation (WHO), can cause another pandemic deadlier than Covid-19.
- ❖ The new virus could have a similar impact to the devastating Spanish Flu of 1919-1920.
- ❖ According to WHO, Disease X could be a new agent - a virus, a bacterium or fungus - without any known treatments.

- ❖ It could be related to zoonotic disease likely an RNA virus.
- ❖ Covid-19 caused 20 million or more deaths across the world.



SPORTS

Berlin marathon world record



- ❖ Ethiopia's Tigist Assefa broke the women's marathon world record as she won the Berlin Marathon by completing the course in 2:11:53.
- ❖ It marked her second consecutive Berlin Marathon title.
- ❖ This was two minutes and 11 seconds faster than Brigid Kosgei's previous world record set at the 2019 Chicago Marathon.



- ❖ Meanwhile, Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge won a record fifth title in the men's race, stopping the clock at 2:02:42.
- ❖ This is the fifth-fastest time of his career.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Lung Day 2023 - September 25

- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about lung health and promote better lung care around the world.
- ❖ It endeavours to highlight the importance of healthy lungs and to address the causes and prevention methods of lung diseases.
- ❖ The first World Lung Day was celebrated in 2018
- ❖ The theme for this year is "Access to Prevention and Treatment for All. Leave No One Behind".



World Tourism Day 2023 - September 27

- ❖ It aims to promote the tourism all over the world.
- ❖ It was established by the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) to celebrate the power of the tourism sector to help bridge cultures.
- ❖ In 1979, the UNWTO announced the World Tourism Day.
- ❖ But officially it was started celebrated from 1980.

- ❖ The theme for 2023 is "Tourism and green investment".



World Rabies Day 2023 - September 28

- ❖ This annual event aims to raise awareness of rabies prevention and the progress being made in the fight against this terrible disease.
- ❖ It is also the anniversary of the death of Louis Pasteur.
- ❖ He was a French chemist and microbiologist who developed the first vaccine against rabies.
- ❖ This day was established by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control in 2007.
- ❖ Rabies claims the lives of about 60,000 people each year.
- ❖ This year's theme is "All for 1, One Health for All".



World Maritime Day 2023 - September 28

- ❖ World Maritime Day is observed every year on the last Thursday of September.
- ❖ The day is observed to recognise the contribution of people engaged in the maritime industry.
- ❖ It also aims to draw public attention towards various issues related to the industry such as shipping, marine trade and environmental causes, among others.
- ❖ This day was established by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

- ❖ Theme for 2023 is 'MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on'.



International Day for Universal Access to Information 2023 - September 28

- ❖ universal access to information means that everyone has the right to seek, receive, and impart information.
- ❖ The day focuses on the importance of access to information.
- ❖ UNESCO declared this day on 17 November 2015.
- ❖ The theme of 2023 is "the importance of the online space for access to information."



International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste 2023 - September 29

- ❖ It is an opportunity to raise awareness of the issue of food loss and waste, and to promote actions to reduce it.

- ❖ The theme for 2023 “Reducing food loss and waste: Taking Action to Transform Food Systems”.
- ❖ According to the UN FAO, a staggering 1.3 billion tonnes of food being wasted annually costs the world about \$750 billion.
- ❖ 61 percent of food waste comes from households, 26 percent from food services and 13 percent from retail.
- ❖ Globally, food waste contributes roughly 20 percent of the global greenhouse gas emissions.
- ❖ It is a third of all human-contributed gas emissions.
- ❖ India's contribution to wasted food, at 68.8 million tonnes annually, is 7 percent of the global total.
- ❖ Up to 40 percent of the food produced in India is wasted, adding up to nearly Rs 50,000 crores worth of wasted food.



World Heart Day 2023 - September 29

- ❖ This day aims to raise awareness about heart disease and preventive measures that can help prevent and manage cardiovascular diseases.
- ❖ Heart attacks, stroke and heart failure kill more than 20.5 million people every year.

- ❖ This day was first founded in 1999 with the World Heart Federation (WHF) collaborating with the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- ❖ The theme for 2023 is "Use Heart, Know Heart".



International Translation Day 2023 - September 30



- ❖ This day serves as a global celebration dedicated to recognizing the invaluable contributions of translators and interpreters in bridging linguistic and cultural divides.
- ❖ This day was established by the United Nations in 2017.
- ❖ The 30 September is the death anniversary of St. Jerome.
- ❖ St. Jerome is known for translating a large part of the Bible from its original manuscripts into Latin.

- ❖ He is known as the patron saint of translators.
- ❖ The theme for 2023 is 'Translation unveils the many faces of humanity'.

International Blasphemy Rights Day 2023 - September 30

- ❖ This day educates individuals and groups about blasphemy laws and defends freedom of expression.
- ❖ This day is observed in reaffirmation of our belief that no religion or sect is beyond criticism.
- ❖ Blasphemy, in a religious sense, refers to great disrespect shown to God or to something believed as holy.
- ❖ The open criticism of religion is criminalized in many countries such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ Blasphemy Day was introduced as a worldwide celebration in 2009.



MISCELLANEOUS

Battle of Colachel against the Dutch

- ❖ The Travancore forces got victory over the Dutch East India Company at Colachel in Kanniyakumari district in 1741.
- ❖ New evidence, suggests that the Travancore army had in its service a German sergeant, Carl August Duijvenschot, who had deserted the Dutch East India Company at Kanniyakumari.
- ❖ He played a significant role in the battle of Colachel against the Dutch and their defeat.
- ❖ King Martanda Varma rewarded Duijvenschot appointing him a general in recognition of his services in the siege of Colachel and his successful enlistment of Europeans for the Travancore army.



- ❖ This has written by Mark de Lannoy of Leiden University in his book, The Kulasekhara Perumals of Travancore: History and State Formation in Travancore from 1671 to 1758.

BATTLE OF COLACHEL, 1741

HOW KING MARTHANDA VARMA SERVED THE DEATH BLOW TO DUTCH-RULE IN INDIA

- 1** By the 18th century, the Dutch East India Company had established themselves along the Coromandel coast and Sri Lanka and were trying to monopolize the spice trade.
- 2** The Dutch Governor met Travancore ruler Marthanda Varma and threatened to wage war against him if he did not agree to the Dutch monopoly contracts.
- 3** But King Marthanda Varma deployed his military and the sea-faring Mukkuvar community to cut-off supplies to the Dutch garrison.
- 4** He encircled the Dutch forces at Colachel and defeated them. The Dutch East India Company never recovered from the blow.

