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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting withdrew a fresh draft of the Broadcast Bill 2024 which it had privately circulated among a handful of industry stakeholders.
- ❖ The ad hoc Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) dismissed Vinesh Phogat's appeal against the United World Wrestling (UWW) and International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- ❖ The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise 'Mitra Shakti' is being held in Sri Lanka.
- ❖ The Actor-politician Khushbu Sundar resigned from the post of Member of the National Commission for Women.
  - She was nominated to the post in February 2023.

## TAMIL NADU

### Independence Day announcements 2024

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has announced the 'Mudhalvar Marundhagam' (Chief Minister's Pharmacy) scheme.
- ❖ It is aimed at providing generic medicines to citizens at subsidised rates in the State.
- ❖ A total of 1,000 such pharmacies will be operational in Tamil Nadu from the day of Pongal 2025.
- ❖ He also announced the 'Mudhalvarin Kaakkum Karangal' programme.
- ❖ It extends loans to military personnel up to ₹1 crore to start a business.
- ❖ The aid would include 30 percent capital subsidy and 30 percent interest subsidy.
- ❖ CM had presented the 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' award to veteran Congress leader Kumari Ananthan.
- ❖ Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam award was presented to ISRO scientist P. Veeramuthuvel.
- ❖ Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise was given to nurse A. Sabeena, who rescued people affected in the Wayanad landslides.
- ❖ The monthly pension for Freedom fighters will be increased from Rs 20,000 to Rs 21,000.
- ❖ Martyrs' family pension will also be increased from Rs. 11,000 to Rs. 11,500.

- ❖ The pension for the descendants of Kattabomman, VOC, and Maruthu brothers will be increased to Rs 10,500.



## NATIONAL

### 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day



- ❖ This year the nation marked its 78th Independence Day or Swatantrata Diwas.
- ❖ The government of India has announced the theme for this year is Viksit Bharat@2047 or Developed India.
- ❖ Prime Minister addressed the nation from the Red Fort for the 11th consecutive time.
- ❖ This was making him the third PM after Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi to do so.
- ❖ The 2024 PM's 98-min Independence Day address becomes his longest-ever Independence Day speech.

- ❖ Before him, Jawaharlal Nehru in 1947 and IK Gujral in 1997 had the longest speeches at 72 and 71 minutes, respectively.
- ❖ Nehru and Indira also gave the shortest speeches on record at 14 minutes in 1954 and 1966, respectively.
- ❖ Around 400 women representatives from Panchayati Raj Institutions invited as special guests at the Red Fort.

### **Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana 2024**


- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved amendments to the Pradhan Mantri JI-Van Yojana.
- ❖ This programme has focused on converting biomass to ethanol, by extending the project's implementation timeline by five years.
- ❖ The modified scheme extends timeline for implementation of scheme by Five (5) year i.e. till 2028-29.
- ❖ It includes advanced biofuels produced from lignocellulosic feedstocks i.e. agricultural and forestry residues, industrial waste, synthesis (syn) gas, algae etc. in its scope.

#### **Amendment in Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana**

- ❖ Modified scheme extends timeline for implementation of scheme by 5 year i.e. till 2028-29
- ❖ Financial support to Advanced Biofuel Projects using lignocellulosic biomass and other renewable feedstock

#### **Benefits:**

- ❖ Will provide remunerative income to farmers for their agriculture residue
- ❖ Will contribute to India's energy security and self-reliance



### **Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill - 2024**

- ❖ The Government introduced the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
- ❖ It seeks to increase the option for nominees per bank account to four, from existing one, among others.
- ❖ The Bill suggests the allocation of unclaimed dividends, shares, interest, or redemption of bonds to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF).

- ❖ It is redefining 'substantial interest' for directorships, which could increase to ₹2 crore instead of the current limit of ₹5 lakh, which was fixed almost six decades ago.
- ❖ The Bill also seeks to redefine the reporting dates for banks for regulatory compliance to the 15th and last day of every month instead of the second and fourth Fridays.
- ❖ The Bill, proposes to amend the
  - Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934,
  - The Banking Regulation Act, 1949,
  - The State Bank of India Act, 1955,
  - The Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 and
  - The Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980.

<b>ENSURING SMOOTHER TRANSITION</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Govt seeks to make nomination facility more consumer-friendly</li><li>➤ Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024 has a provision for simultaneous and successive nominations</li><li>➤ This means nomination of first nominee will be effective after death of the deposit or account holder</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YOU READ IT HERE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Govt plans to increase deposit nominees to 4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bill To Introduce 'Successive &amp; Simultaneous' Nominations To Reduce Customer H</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Sidhartha &amp; Dipak Dash   19 Aug 2024</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KEY PROPOSALS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Proposal to allow transfer of dividends and bonds to investors</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aug 2024</b></p> <p>➤ Nearly ₹78,000 crore is lying unclaimed with private and state-run players as banks are known to make it difficult to transfer funds to heirs</p>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Survey of Lake Turkana**

- ❖ A comprehensive survey of Lake Turkana, has been conducted for the first time in 50 years.
- ❖ It is located in the remote northern region of Kenya.
- ❖ Lake Turkana stands as Africa's fourth-largest lake and the largest permanent desert lake in the world.
- ❖ This UNESCO World Heritage site is renowned for its unique biodiversity and cultural significance.
- ❖ Seasonal flooding from the Omo River is making up over 90% of its inflow.

- ❖ The lake hosts 79 fish species, including 12 endemics, and the largest population of Nile crocodiles.
- ❖ The last lake wide acoustic survey was done by Hopson in 1974.



## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Gallantry awards 2024

## HONOURING HEROES

President Droupadi Murmu has approved **103 gallantry** awards to Armed Forces and **213 to personnel** of CAPF and state police forces on the eve of Independence Day.

<p><b>FOR ARMED FORCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4 Kirti Chakras (3 posthumous),</li> <li>● 18 Shaurya Chakras (4 posthumous)</li> <li>● 1 Bar to Sena Medal.</li> <li>● 63 Sena Medals (2 posthumous),</li> <li>● 11 Nao Sena Medal (for Navy),</li> <li>● 6 Vayu Sena Medals (for Air Force)</li> </ul>	<p><b>POLICE FORCES</b></p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">1,037</p> <p>medals for personnel of police forces, home guard, firefighters and civil defence</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">213</p> <p>Gallantry Medals</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">214</p> <p>personnel to be decorated with bravery medals</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; font-weight: bold;">President's Medal for Gallantry</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">for Telangana Police Head Constable <b>Chaduvu Yadalah</b> for showing 'rare gallantry' in apprehending two notorious chain-snatchers and arms traffickers on <b>JULY 25, 2022</b></p>
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**FOR COAST GUARD**

- 1 President's Tatrakshak Medal (Distinguished Service),
- 1 Tatrakshak Medal (Gallantry)
- 2 Tatrakshak Medals (Meritorious Service)

A maximum of

## 52 GALLANTRY

medals to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)


31 to Jammu and Kashmir Police, awards for 17 police personnel each from Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, 15 from Chhattisgarh, 12 from Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ A total of 1,037 police personnel was awarded Police Medals on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day.
- ❖ The list includes
  - One President's Medal for Gallantry,
  - 213 Police Medals for Gallantry,
  - 94 President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service, and

- 729 Police Medals for Meritorious Service.
- ❖ The President's Medal for gallantry was given to Telangana Police Head Constable Chaduvu Yadaiah, who caught two chain snatchers despite being stabbed in 2022.
- ❖ Out of 213 Medal for Gallantry (GM), 208 GM have been awarded to Police Personnel, 31 personnel from J&K Police, 17 personnel each from Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, 15 personnel from Chhattisgarh, 12 from Madhya Pradesh, seven personnel each from Jharkhand, Punjab and Telangana.
- ❖ Vannia Perumal K and Abhin Dinesh Modak from Tamil Nadu were awarded President's Medals for Distinguished Service.
- ❖ Kannan N, Babu AG, Praveen Kumar Abhinapu and Feroze Khan Abdullah K from Tamil Nadu were awarded Medal for Meritorious Service.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Partition Horrors Remembrance Day 2024 - August 14



The **Indian Independence Act** received royal assent on July 18, 1947

# FINAL STEP TOWARDS FREEDOM

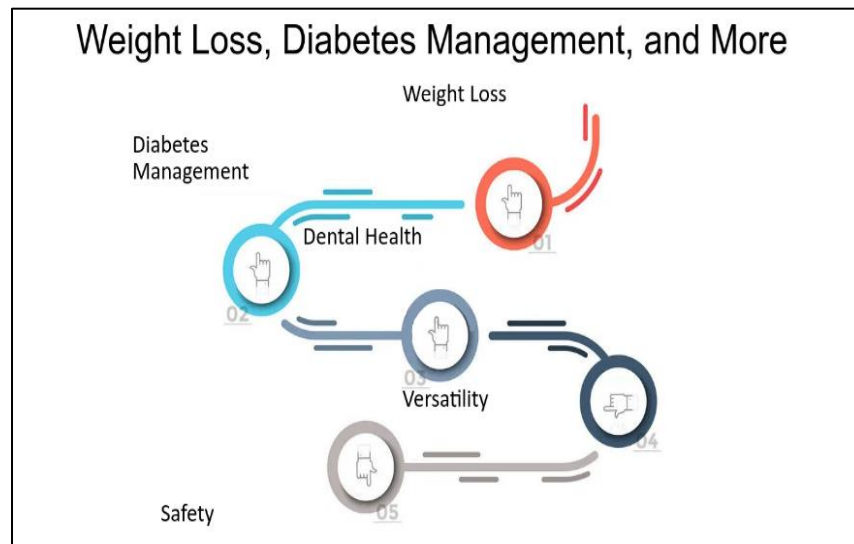
This was the last plan for independence, based on the 3rd June Plan or <b>Mountbatten Plan</b>	Status of the Princely States as of August 15, 1947: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Granted independent status</b></li><li>• <b>Free to accede to either of the new dominions</b></li><li>• <b>Over 560 princely states chose to accede to India</b></li></ul>
Provided for the <b>division of British India into India &amp; Pakistan</b> with effect from August 15, 1947	The riots that resulted from the partition of the country resulted in an <b>estimated 20,00,000 deaths</b>

- ❖ It aims to pay tribute to those who lost their lives and were displaced during the country's partition in 1947.
- ❖ At a press conference on 3 June 1947, Lord Mountbatten announced the date of independence – 14 August 1947.

- ❖ On 18 July 1947, the British Parliament passed the Indian Independence Act that finalized the arrangements for partition and abandoned British suzerainty over the princely states.
- ❖ During the migration riots erupted between Sikhs - Muslims – Hindus.
- ❖ Total migration across Punjab during the partition was estimated at 12 million people.
- ❖ Total migration across Bengal during the partition was estimated at 3.3 million.
- ❖ According to the 1951 Census of India, 2% of India's population were refugees (1.3% from West Pakistan and 0.7% from East Pakistan).
- ❖ Around 1.3 million Muslims who left western India but did not reach Pakistan.
- ❖ The corresponding number of missing Hindus/Sikhs along the western border is estimated to be approximately 0.8 million.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Artificial sweetener sucralose



- ❖ Recent study shows that small amounts of sucralose do not impact blood glucose levels.
- ❖ It also indicates a slight improvement in body weight (BW), waist circumference (WC), and body mass index (BMI).
- ❖ Sucralose is one of the most popular non-nutritive or artificial sweeteners and sugar substitute.
- ❖ There are two types of sweeteners, nutritive and non-nutritive.



- ❖ Nutritive ones like fructose can add calories and are not suitable at all for people with diabetes.
- ❖ Sucralose is not metabolised by the body, so it adds no calories.

