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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Indian boxer and Tokyo Olympics Bronze medallist, Lovlina Borgohain was elected as IBA's Athletes' Committee Chair.
- ❖ A new book titled "Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure" authored by Ruskin Bond.

## NATIONAL

### Reconstitution of CABA



- ❖ The Central Advisory Board on Archaeology (CABA) was formed 7-years ago.
- ❖ Recently, the CABA has been reconstituted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- ❖ The board has been reconstituted by the ASI to include the culture minister as the chairperson.
- ❖ It includes ASI and Culture Ministry officials, state government nominees, MPs, scientists, university representatives, and experts on the Indus Valley script among the members.
- ❖ This board will also consist of 5 persons that will be nominated by the Indian Government along with the former Director-General of ASI.
- ❖ It is revised for a period of three years.

### Bilateral Exercise Bongosagar

- ❖ The third edition of Indian Navy – Bangladesh Navy Bilateral Exercise is known as 'Bongosagar'.

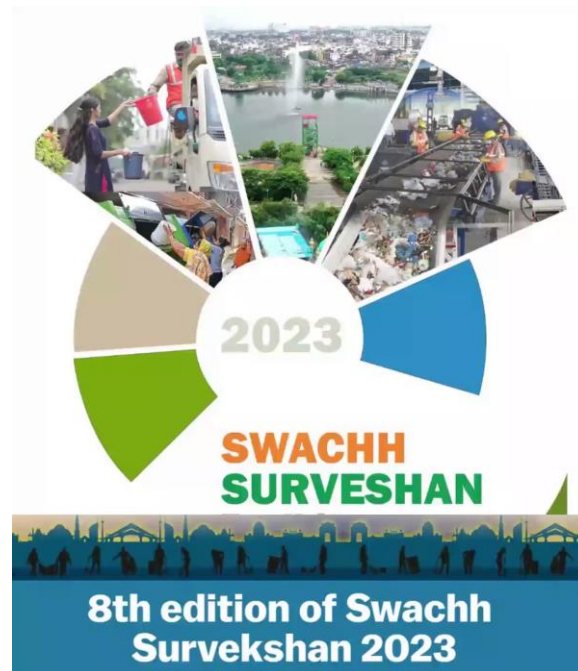


- ❖ Exercise Bongosagar is aimed at developing a high degree of interoperability and joint operational skills through the conduct of a wide spectrum of maritime exercises and operations between the two navies.
- ❖ Indian Naval Ships Kora, an indigenously built Guided Missile Corvette, and Sumedha, an indigenously built Offshore Patrol Vessel are participating in the Exercise.

### **First-ever National conference of female legislators**

- ❖ The President will kick off the two-day National Women Legislators' Conference-2022 at Thiruvananthapuram.
- ❖ It is expected to draw a large number of female parliamentarians and legislators from throughout the country.
- ❖ The first-ever such event is hosted by the Kerala state Assembly.
- ❖ It is part of the nation-wide celebrations scheduled under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav honouring India's 75th anniversary of independence.

### **Swachh Survekshan 2023**



- ❖ The Union Government has launched the Eighth Edition of Swachh Survekshan – SS-2023 under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0.
- ❖ It is designed with the theme of 'Waste to Wealth' as its driving philosophy.

- ❖ The survey would give priority to the principle of 3 Rs - Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.

## National Achievement Survey Report



- ❖ The National Achievement Survey report for the 2021 edition has been released by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.
- ❖ It assesses the health of school education system in the country by conducting comprehensive evaluation survey of children's learning competencies at classes 3, 5, 8 and 10th with a cycle period of three years.
- ❖ The report reflects the overall assessment of school education system.
- ❖ The last National Achievement Survey was held in 2017.

## Additional fertilizer subsidy

- ❖ The Government will provide an additional fertilizer subsidy of Rs 1.10 lakh crore to protect farmers from the rise in fertilizer prices.
- ❖ With the recent announcement, the government's total fertilizer subsidy will reach Rs 2.15 lakh crore in the current financial year (2022-23).
- ❖ A fertilizer subsidy of Rs 1.05 lakh crore was announced in the 2022-23 Budget.

## India's First Olympic Values Education

- ❖ The Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) of the International Olympic Committee was launched in Odisha.



- ❖ The OVEP is a practical set of resources aimed at introducing young people to the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship.
- ❖ It will be a values-based curriculum, to be implemented initially in 90 schools in Rourkela and Bhubaneswar, catering to about 32,000 children.



## **OLYMPIC VALUES** **EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Global Organic Expo**



- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Organic Expo 2022 held at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), PUSA, New Delhi.
- ❖ It provides a platform for Organic Producers, Aggregators, Processors, Value Chain Integrators, and the Industry Partners by offering Global level conference.

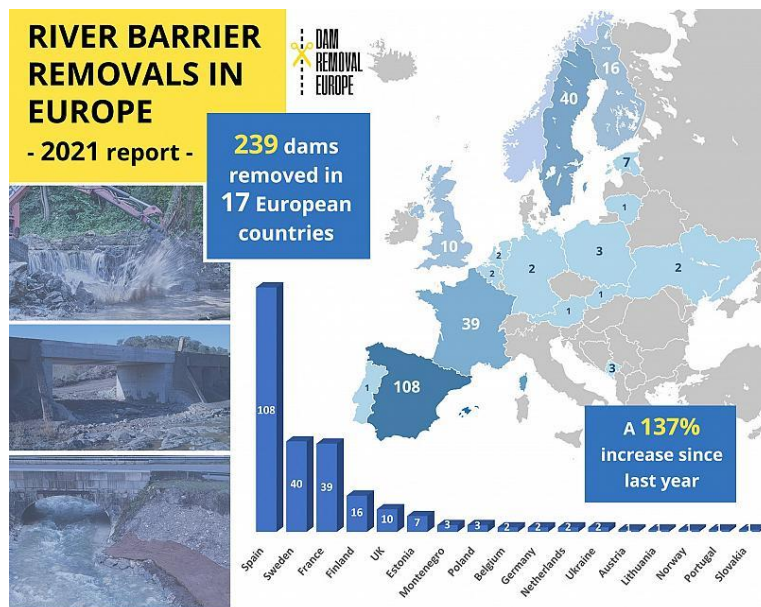
- ❖ Theme of the Expo is “Profitability for Humanity”.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan

- ❖ The two-day security dialogue on Afghanistan held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- ❖ India, Tajikistan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Iran, Kyrgyzstan and China participate in this Dialogue.
- ❖ This meeting was a follow up from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan held in New Delhi in November 2021.



### Europe’s Record Dam Removal





- ❖ According to the 2021 Dam Removal Progress report, around 239 dams were removed from rivers across 17 European countries.
- ❖ This is a 137% increase from the previous year.
- ❖ Till now 4,984 dams have been removed.
- ❖ In 2021, Spain removed the highest number of barriers over its rivers (108).
- ❖ Countries like Portugal, Montenegro, and Slovakia removed riverine barriers for the first time.

### **New chair of WTO committee**

- ❖ Anwar Hussain Shaik from India has been made the chair of the World Trade Organisation's Committee on Technical Barriers on Trade.
- ❖ Shaik will take this role from Elisa Maria Olmeda de Alejandro from Mexico.
- ❖ WTO is a 164-member multilateral body.
- ❖ It formulates rules for global exports and imports and adjudicates disputes between countries on trade-related issues.
- ❖ India is a founder member since 1995.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Sale of Hindustan Zinc stake**

#### **THE STORY SO FAR**

##### **2002:**

- Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA govt decides to divest majority shareholding in Hindustan Zinc
- Vedanta's Sterlite Industries acquires 26%; additional 20% purchased through open offer

**2003:** Anil Agarwal-led group further buys 19% stake in HZL

**2009:** Sterlite exercises call option, which was contested by Centre; Vedanta invokes arbitration to claim settlement

**2022:** Vedanta withdraws arbitration



- ❖ The Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the sale of the government's remaining stake of 29.5% in Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL).
- ❖ Vedanta group's stake in Hindustan Zinc Limited is 64.92%.
- ❖ The government is also planning to offload its 7.91% stake in ITC.
- ❖ The government's disinvestment target for FY23 stands at Rs 65,000 crore.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **The Sela Macaque Monkey**

- ❖ A new species of old-world monkey recorded from Arunachal Pradesh has been named after Sela Pass in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The Sela Pass is a strategic mountain pass at 13,700 ft above sea level.
- ❖ The New Species has been named Sela Macaque.
- ❖ There are some distinct morphological traits to differentiate the two species.
- ❖ The Sela macaque has a pale face and brown coat.
- ❖ The Arunachal macaque has a dark face and dark brown coat.



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

### **VASVIK Industrial Research Award 2020**

- ❖ A Gopalakrishnan, Director of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute has won the VASVIK Industrial Research Award for the year 2020.

- ❖ This is the recognition of his significant contribution towards the research works related to fish genetics.
- ❖ The research works related to fish genetics which is relevant for conserving many commercially important and endangered species.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World No Tobacco Day – May 31







- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the damage caused by consuming tobacco.
- ❖ This year, the theme for World No Tobacco Day is “Tobacco: Threat to our environment.”
- ❖ The WHO member countries agreed to observe World No-Tobacco Day on May 31 in 1987.

