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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ To enhance the livelihood of the rural women in Tamilnadu, the Tamilnadu Chief Minister Edappadi Palanisamy has announced a new scheme, under Rule no 110, such as issuance of Free Nattukozhi as that of free distribution of Goat and Bull scheme.
- ❖ Tamilnadu Chief Minister Edappadi Palanisamy flagged off the youth parade in the name of “Enadhu Bharathan Ponnana Bharatham” organized by Bramma Kumari’s women Association. The all India level youth parade has been organised since the past 2017 by the Bramma Kumari’s Association.
 - The aim of the movement is to emphasise that ethical activity must be protected through peace, purity and yoga.
- ❖ After Chennai Central and Egmore, Tambaram is becoming a terminal. The new coach terminal constructed on the eastern side of the Tambaram station was dedicated to the nation by Union Minister of State for Railways Rajen Gohain.
- ❖ Days after notifying the Cauvery scheme approved by the Supreme Court, the Union government nominated central water commission chairman, S Masood Hussain and chief engineer, Navin Kumar as chairman and member of Cauvery Water Management Authority. Kumar also becomes the chairman of Cauvery water regulation committee, as per the scheme.
 - The arrangements are “interim” until the process of regular appointments are made as per Cauvery scheme
- ❖ The Central Government has decided to raise five Indian Reserve Police (IRP) battalions in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) with an aim to provide jobs to local youths. These battalions will have 60% reservation to people from border areas of J&K.

TAMILNADU

German Award to Chennai Corporation

- ❖ The German firm GIZ awarded the Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative worth of 2 Lakhs Euro to Chennai Metro Corporation.
- ❖ The awarding Ceremony recently held at leibbes City in Germany.

- ❖ For the design of Roads, the Chennai Corporation has been awarded by the German firm.
- ❖ On behalf of Germany's GIZ firm, the competition for Award for "Initiative on Making changes in the urban traffic" was organised.
- ❖ For this award, on behalf of Chennai Corporation the application for "The Competition in the name of designing work including all the characteristics of Roads" has been submitted.

Kumbakonam Municipality's waste recycling model

- ❖ The Kumbakonam Municipality (KM), a premier municipal body in Thanjavur district, has become a model for recycling of solid wastes.
- ❖ With two lakh tonnes of solid wastes collected over a period of years sent for recycling, KM has become the first in the country to do so.
- ❖ This model has been included as a model for emulation in the Swachh Bharat scheme.
- ❖ A private company, 'Zigma Global Environ Solutions', was employed to recycle the solid wastes.

Tamil Nadu's 1st Antyodaya Express

- ❖ The Union Minister of State for Railways RajenGohain flagged off an Antyodaya Express train service for unreserved passengers.
- ❖ Antyodaya Express will ply on the Tambaram-Tirunelveli route in the Southern state of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Tambaram-Tirunelveli Antyodaya Express train, which is a daily, unreserved express train will be managed by the Southern zone of Indian Railways.
- ❖ The Tambaram-Tirunelveli Antyodaya Express train is the first Antyodaya service from Tamil Nadu.



NATIONAL

Taj Declaration to Beat Plastic Pollution

- ❖ Union Minister Mahesh Sharma administered a pledge called “Taj Declaration to Beat Plastic Pollution” to Agra Residents.
- ❖ It was done with an aim to make 500-meter area around Taj Mahal litter free and phase out single use plastic.
- ❖ The pledge was made in the presence of United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) Executive Director Erik Solheim and UNEP Goodwill Ambassador Diya Mirza.
- ❖ The declaration came in line with the World Environment day (June 5) which has a slogan of ‘Beat Plastic Pollution’.



Cheapest LNG from Gazprom Russia

- ❖ India received first shipment of its so far cheapest Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Russian supplier Gazprom.
- ❖ The LNG has been delivered at a price close to USD 7 per million British Thermal Unit (mmBtu) which is around 1.5 USD cheaper from the LNG imported from Qatar, India's oldest and largest supplier of LNG.
- ❖ This price is also 1-1.5 USD per mmBtu cheaper than the LNG sourced from Australia and United States.
- ❖ At present, close to half of Natural Gas demand is fulfilled by imports where India is fourth largest importer of LNG.
- ❖ Natural Gas is one of the key inputs for generation of power and manufacturing products in fertilizer and steel industries.

The Flow 

First LNG ship from Russia reaches Dahej import terminal | **India** also has long-term LNG contracts with US, Australia and Qatar

In 2012, GAIL signed 20-year pact with Gazprom for supply of 2.5 MT of LNG a year

Duration of contract was later extended by three years | **GAIL** to also buy additional 2 MT of LNG from Gazprom

 **GAIL** also has contracts with US for 5.8 MT per year of LNG

ICGS C 439

- ❖ Indian Coast Guard (ICG) recently commissioned interceptor ship ICGS C 439 at Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❖ Its induction will help to further enhance operational capabilities to undertake multifarious tasks such as surveillance, interdiction, search and rescue and medical evacuations along western coast.
- ❖ ICGS C 439 is designed by L&T Marine & Ship Design Division, an in-house facility of Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Limited.
- ❖ It is powered by twin water-jet propulsion systems to enable quick response. It can achieve maximum speed of 45 knots.

Berne Convention

- ❖ World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has notified declaration submitted by India relating to Article II and III of Appendix to Paris Act (1971) related to Berne Convention for Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.
- ❖ The declaration entered into force, with respect to India from March 28, 2018.
- ❖ It will enable India to avail itself faculties provided in Berne Convention during 10 years' period that will expire, on October 10, 2024.
- ❖ India has been member of Berne Convention since April 1928.
- ❖ Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (Berne Convention) is international copyright agreement that mandates equal treatment of copyrighted works by signatories, known as Berne Union.
- ❖ It was adopted in 1886 in Berne, Switzerland.
- ❖ The convention requires signatory member countries to recognize copyrighted literary or artistic works in same way that its national copyrights are recognized.

Copyright: Berne Convention



- The Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works was concluded in 1886, but has been revised several times. 174 States party.
- Article 9(1) of the TRIPS Agreement incorporates Articles 1-21 of the Berne Convention (Paris Act 1971) and the Appendix thereto by reference.
- Exception is Article 6*bis* dealing with moral rights on which there was no consensus among WTO Members.

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INTERNATIONAL

Trooping the Colour

- ❖ A 22-year-old Sikh Coldstream Guard created history by becoming the first to wear a turban instead of a bearskin hat during an annual parade that marks the birthday of Britain's longest-reigning monarch Queen Elizabeth II.



- ❖ Charanpreet Singh Lall of the Coldstream Guards marched among 1,000 British soldiers who took part in the Trooping the Colour parade.
- ❖ Ceremony marks the Queen's official 92nd birthday held at London.

- ❖ Trooping the Colour, staged every June by London's Horse Guards Parade, has commemorated the birthday of the sovereign for more than 250 years.
- ❖ It originated from traditional preparations for battle.

Friendship Medal

- ❖ China awarded its first highest state honour Friendship Medal to Russian President Vladimir Putin.
- ❖ The award was personally bestowed on Vladimir Putin by Chinese President Xi Jinping in grand ceremony held at Great Hall of the People in capital city of Beijing.
- ❖ This was first time China has awarded medal since it was established in 2015.
- ❖ Friendship Medal is conferred by China only on foreigner who has made outstanding contributions in promoting exchange and cooperation between China and world, and in maintaining world peace.



SCO summit

- ❖ The 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit concluded with the adoption of the Qingdao declaration at China.
- ❖ It was adopted by leaders of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.
- ❖ It was India and Pakistan's first summit as full members of SCO grouping.
- ❖ The Qingdao declaration calls for implementing three-year plan to combat terrorism, separatism and extremism.

Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

- ❖ SCO is a Eurasian economic, political and security organisation headquartered in Beijing, China.
- ❖ The Declaration on establishment of SCO was signed in Shanghai (China) in June 2001 by six founding states – Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.



- ❖ India and Pakistan were granted SCO membership in June 2017. Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran and Mongolia currently enjoy observer status of SCO.
- ❖ Sri Lanka, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Cambodia and Nepal are dialogue partners of SCO.
