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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Following the Russian withdrawal from the outskirts of Kyiv, videos and images of civilians lying dead on the streets of Bucha, Ukraine, have emerged.
 - The gruesome images have attracted worldwide condemnation and call for an investigation and stronger sanctions against Russia.

TAMIL NADU

Kaaval Uthavi app

- ❖ Chief Minister M K Stalin launched the 'Kaaval Uthavi' (police assistance) app at the Secretariat, Chennai.
- ❖ The app was launched with over 60 features to enable the public, especially women, to seek police help in case of emergency.
- ❖ The app comprises emergency help and a dialing facility (Dial-112/100/101).
- ❖ It also has a facility for mobile-based complaints and a location-sharing facility.



State education policy

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government formed a 13-member panel headed by Delhi high court retired chief justice D Murugesan to frame the state education policy.
- ❖ Chief Minister M K Stalin said the panel would give its recommendations to frame the new education policy within a year.
- ❖ The members of the panel are: L Jawaharnesan, former vice-chancellor of Saveetha University, R Ramanujam, retired professor from Institute of Mathematical Science, Sulthan Ismail and R Sreenivasan, both members of State




Planning Commission, Aruna Ratnam, former education specialist with Unicef, Tamil writer S Ramakrishnan, former chess world champion Viswanathan Anand, musician T M Krishna, educationists Tulsidas and S Madasamy, R Balu, headmaster of Government Panchayat Union Middle School in Kichankuppam and Jayashree Damodaran from Agaram Foundation.

NATIONAL

Bill To Ban Funding Of Weapons Of Mass Destruction

- ❖ A bill that seeks to ban funding of weapons of mass destruction and also empower the Centre to freeze, seize or attach financial assets and economic resources of people engaged in such activities was passed by Lok Sabha.
- ❖ The Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Act, passed in 2005, only banned the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction.

Objects and Reasons of the Bill

 Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill will align India with global requirements

Bill seeks to Insert a new Section 12A in the existing law which states that 'no person shall finance any activity which is prohibited under this Act, or under the United Nations (Security Council) Act, 1947, or any other relevant Act for the time being in force, or by an order issued under any such Act, in relation to weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems'

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"In recent times, regulations relating to proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems by international organisations have expanded... There is a need to amend the said Act to provide against the financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems so as to fulfil our international obligations"

S Jaishankar
External Affairs Minister

Mission Integrated Bio-refineries

- ❖ Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched a clean energy initiative named Mission Integrated Bio-refineries.

- ❖ This mission has been launched with the aim of enhancing and accelerating clean energy solutions across the country through various Public-Private Alliances.
- ❖ The mission has been launched keeping in mind India's commitment to a low-carbon future that can be achieved through "Mission Innovation".



Prakriti



- ❖ A mascot named 'Prakriti' was launched by Bhupendra Yadav, Union environment minister.
- ❖ This mascot was launched with the aim of spreading awareness among the people of the country about the small changes that can contribute to a better environment for the nation's future generations.
- ❖ The launch of the mascot 'Prakriti' takes another step toward the elimination of single-use plastic.

INTERNATIONAL

Sri Lanka's Cabinet

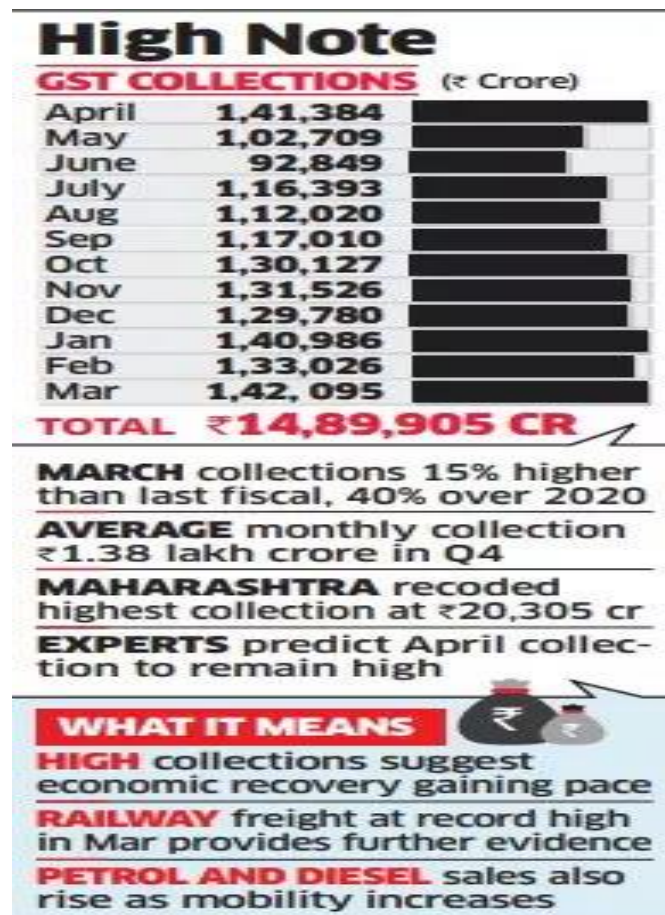
- ❖ Sri Lanka's entire Cabinet Ministers have decided to resign amid rising public anger against the government over the economic crisis in the country.
- ❖ The Public Emergency is Revoked.

- ❖ Apart from Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, others resigned.

ECONOMY

Goods and Services Tax

- ❖ The greatest ever GST was collected in March, which is very good for the economy.
- ❖ The Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection totaled in March month is Rs 1,42,095 crore.
- ❖ It is breaking the previous high of Rs 1,40,986 crore collected in January 2022.
- ❖ The March 2022 revenues are 15% greater than the same month last year.
- ❖ It is 46% higher than the March 2020 revenues.



Trade deficit of India

- ❖ The trade deficit of India rose by 87.5 percent from USD 102.63 billion in 2020-21 to USD 192.41 billion in 2021-22.



- ❖ The total export in the last fiscal year touched a record margin of USD 417.81 billion
- ❖ The imports for the same period imports too soared to touch USD 610.22 billion.
- ❖ Thus it is leaving USD 192.41 billion trade gap.

ENVIRONMENT

Air Quality Database 2022



- ❖ Ahead of World Health Day (7th April), the World Health Organisation (WHO) has released Air Quality Database 2022.
- ❖ It shows that Almost the entire global population (99 %) breathes air that exceeds WHO's air quality limits.
- ❖ The WHO for the first time has taken ground measurements of annual mean concentrations of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂).
- ❖ It also includes measurements of Particulate Matter with diameters equal to or smaller than 10 µm (PM₁₀) or 2.5 µm (PM_{2.5}).
- ❖ According to the report "Air quality is poorest in the Eastern Mediterranean and Southeast Asia regions, followed by Africa".
- ❖ The highest concentrations of Nitrogen dioxide were found in the eastern Mediterranean region.
- ❖ In low and middle-income countries, air quality in less than 1% of the cities complies with WHO recommended thresholds.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Asia's richest person

- ❖ Gautam Adani became Asia's richest person with a net worth touching \$100 billion.
- ❖ Adani is at 10th position in the global Index, while Reliance Industries chairman Ambani slipped to 11th position.

- ❖ According to Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Adani has also become a centibillionaire.
- ❖ Centibillionaire refers to a person with a net worth of \$100 billion or above.

Book by Professor Alok Chakrawal



- ❖ Union Minister of Education and Skill Development, Dharmendra Pradhan released a book titled “Birsa Munda – Janjatiya Nayak”.
- ❖ The book has been written by Prof. Alok Chakrawal.
- ❖ This book is a comprehensive attempt to bring to the fore the struggle of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and the contribution of forest dwellers in the freedom movement.

Chameli Devi Jain Award

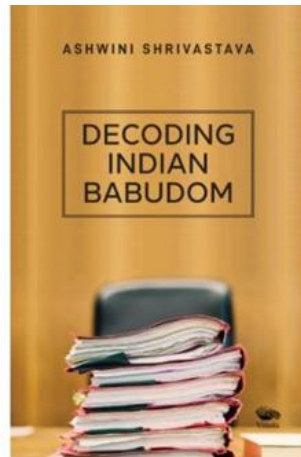


Scroll.in reporter Aarefa Johari
wins Chameli Devi Jain Award

- ❖ Aarefa Johari was awarded the Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Media person 2021.
- ❖ It was announced by the Media Foundation.
- ❖ Aarefa Johari works for 'Scroll' in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❖ Chameli Devi Jain Award is the annual prestigious recognition in the field of Journalism for women media person journalists in India who have reported on themes such as social development, politics, equity, gender justice, health, war and conflict, and consumer values.

Book by Ashwini Shrivastava

- ❖ A new book titled "Decoding Indian Babudom" authored by Ashwini Shrivastava and published by Vitasta Publishing Private Limited launched.
- ❖ This is a first-of-its-kind book by a journalist covering the bureaucratic system of India.
- ❖ It highlights India's administrative system and functioning of governance from a common man's point of view.
- ❖ The author recommended "15 Sutras" to achieve good and effective governance that can bring in investment by boosting businessmen's confidence in the administration.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace - April 06

- ❖ The day was declared by the UN General Assembly.

- ❖ The adoption of this Day signifies the increasing recognition by the UN of the positive influence that sport can have on the advancement of human rights, and social and economic development.
- ❖ The global theme of IDSDP 2022 is, “Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All: The Contribution of Sport”.



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