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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ World Homeopathy Day was observed every year on April 10.
 - The theme for this Day in India is 'People's Choice For Wellness.'
- ❖ Each year, the 11th of April is celebrated as National Pet Day in the US.
 - On this day, people scoop out some time from their busy schedules to pay extra attention, love, and care to their pets.

TAMIL NADU

Cheapest FDI location for electronics R&D

BEST LOCATIONS FOR COST OF OPERATING AN ELECTRONICS R&D CENTRE

RANK	LOCATION	COUNTRY	\$/YEAR
1	Chennai	India	1,241,653
2	Penang	Malaysia	1,321,254
3	Gurgaon	India	1,529,718
4	Pune	India	1,532,809
5	Kaunas	Lithuania	1,632,117
6	Jakarta	Indonesia	1,687,078
7	Bangalore	India	1,697,349
8	Ciudad Juarez	Mexico	1,783,171
9	Changzhou	China	1,812,795
10	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	1,867,036

Estimated cost to operate an electronics R&D centre with 50 employees and 2000 sq m of office space
Source: fDi Benchmark

- ❖ Chennai has an estimated annual operating cost of \$1.24 million for a 50-person R&D center.
- ❖ This is the cheapest in the world.
- ❖ The Malaysian city of Penang took the second spot.
- ❖ It was followed by Gurgaon and Pune.
- ❖ Also, FDI in Tamil Nadu increased by 41.5 percent.
- ❖ Chennai ranked second after Seoul.

- ❖ In this ranking, Chennai was followed by Chinese cities like Guangzhou and Shenzhen.
- ❖ Three other Indian cities, Bangalore, Pune, and Gurgaon were among the top 10 cities on this list.

NATIONAL

‘Tour of Duty’ Scheme

- ❖ The Department of Military Affairs has finalized the “Tour of Duty (ToD)” scheme.
- ❖ It is a radical proposal for future recruitment to the armed forces.
- ❖ Under this scheme, the youngsters will be recruited as soldiers only for 3 to 5 years in the backdrop of the urgent need.
- ❖ This is to curb the ballooning salary & pension bills that are badly impacting military modernization.
- ❖ The scheme would not entail any pensionary benefits being given to them.
- ❖ ToD scheme, which is likely to be called the “Agnipath” recruitment, is likely to be launched on an experimental basis first.



NHA Health Benefit Package

- ❖ A new version of the Health Benefit Package 2022, has been launched by the National Health Authority under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- ❖ 365 new procedures have been added in the new version of the NHA Health benefit Package which takes the total to 1,949.
- ❖ Under this scheme, differential pricing has been introduced that is based on city type and the level of care.

- ❖ This package was launched at a two-day meeting that was held at Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu.



Atal Innovation Mission



- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) until March 2023.
- ❖ AIM's stated goals include developing 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs), 101 Atal Incubation Centres (AICs), and sponsoring 200 entrepreneurs through the Atal New India Challenges, according to the statement.



- ❖ The AIM's goals are to foster an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across the country through interventions at the school, university, research, MSME, and industry levels.

Green Hydrogen into piped Natural Gas

- ❖ NTPC has taken the initiative of blending green hydrogen in the GGL (Gujarat Gas Limited) Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network at NTPC Kawas.
- ❖ This hydrogen blending project at NTPC Kawas is a ground-breaking initiative and the country's first of its type.
- ❖ This is a step toward decarbonizing the culinary sector and achieving energy self-sufficiency for the country.

AVSAR initiative

- ❖ The Airport Authority of India (AAI) has launched an initiative "AVSAR".
- ❖ This is to encourage the talent of women, artisans, and craftsmen and provide them with the right opportunities.
- ❖ AVSAR stands for 'Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans Of The Region'.

Learning and Development Center of BRBNMPL

- ❖ Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Shaktikanta Das has laid the foundation stone for the establishment of a Learning and Development Centre (LDC) of the Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) in Mysuru, Karnataka.
- ❖ Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of RBI.
- ❖ LDC is being established with active collaboration from Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) and Bank Note Paper Mill India Private Limited (BNPMIPL).

INTERNATIONAL

Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

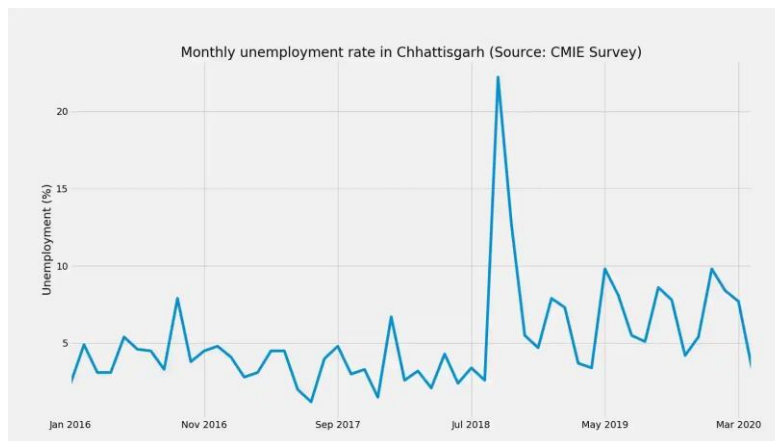
- ❖ Madagascar joined the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).
- ❖ It now becomes the 30th country to join the partnership.

- ❖ CDRI was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his speech at the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019.
- ❖ CDRI is a partnership of national governments, UN agencies and programs, multilateral development banks and financing mechanisms, the private sector, and knowledge institutions.
- ❖ It aims to promote the resilience of new and existing infrastructure systems to climate and disaster risks in support of sustainable development.
- ❖ The CDRI Secretariat is based in New Delhi, India.
- ❖ As of April 2022, 30 members, consisting of 23 national governments and 7 organizations have joined CDRI.



STATES

Lowest unemployment rate – Chhattisgarh



- ❖ Chhattisgarh has topped the country with the lowest unemployment rate in the month of March.

- ❖ This is according to the latest figures on unemployment recently released by the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy Organization.
- ❖ The unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh has reached the lowest level ever (0.6 percent).
- ❖ The unemployment rate in the country is 7.5%.
- ❖ The urban unemployment rate is 8.5 percent and the rural unemployment rate is 7.1 percent.

Note

- ❖ Chhattisgarh adopted a new model three years ago in line with Mahatma Gandhi's vision of 'Gram Swaraj' while setting the goal of inclusive growth, with an emphasis on increasing economic connectivity between villages and cities.
- ❖ Rozgar (Employment) Mission is being operated to create 12 to 15 lakh new employment opportunities in the coming 5 years in Chhattisgarh.

Nandini Ksheera Samridhi Cooperative Bank



- ❖ Karnataka Chief Minister, Basavaraj Bommai established the 'Nandini Ksheera Samridhi Cooperative Bank'.
- ❖ It is a revolutionary initiative that will provide greater financial strength for the milk producers.
- ❖ Karnataka is the only state in the country to set up an exclusive bank for milk producers.

- ❖ Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the logo of “Nandini Ksheera Samurdhi Sahakar Bank”.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Book by Vinod Rai

- ❖ Vinod Rai has penned a book titled, “Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI”.
- ❖ He encapsulates his 33-month stint at the BCCI in this book.
- ❖ He is the former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG).
- ❖ He is the chief of the Supreme court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) in 2017.



SPORTS

Orleans Masters 2022



- ❖ Indian shuttler Mithun Manjunath won the silver medal in the final of the men’s singles event at Orleans Masters 2022.
- ❖ It was held in France.

- ❖ He lost to Toma Junior Popov of France.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Safe Motherhood Day - April 11

- ❖ The day is marked annually in India.
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the care that a pregnant woman needs before, during, and after childbirth.
- ❖ National Safe Motherhood Day is an initiative undertaken by the White Ribbon Alliance.
- ❖ 2022 marks the 19th anniversary of the day.

