

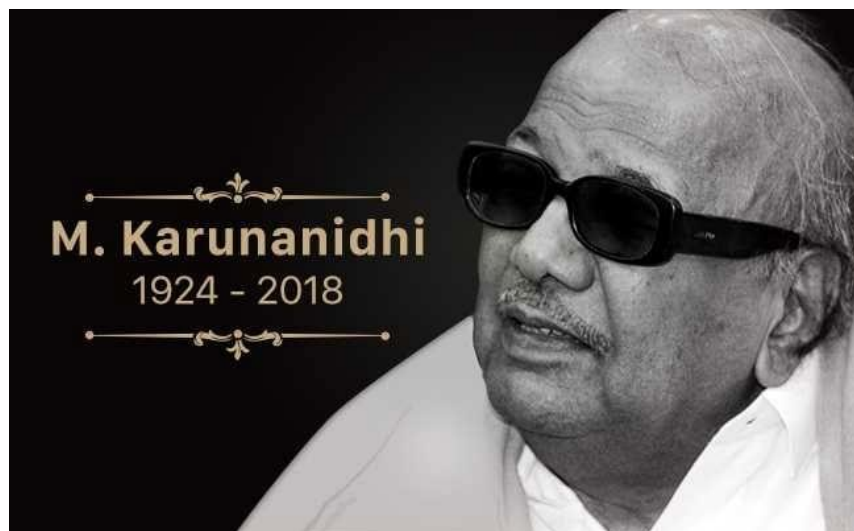
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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Pennsylvania has become the first major fossil fuel-producing state in the US to adopt a carbon pricing policy to address climate change.
  - It joins 11 states where coal, oil, and natural gas power plants must buy credits for every ton of carbon dioxide they emit.
- ❖ Teenaged Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh of Chennai won the Menorca Open chess tournament.
  - He recently won the 48th Open Ajedrez La Roda chess tournament held in La Roda, Spain.
- ❖ Shikhar Dhawan became only the second batter after Virat Kohli to complete the milestone of 6,000 runs in the Indian Premier League.
  - Dhawan achieved the elusive feat against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.
- ❖ A court in military-ruled Myanmar convicted former leader Aung San Suu Kyi of corruption and sentenced her to five years in prison.

## TAMIL NADU

### **M Karunanidhi's birth anniversary**



- ❖ Chief Minister MK Stalin announced in the State Assembly that birth anniversary of former CM M Karunanidhi will be celebrated on June 3rd every year as a government function.

- ❖ A statue of the DMK leader will also be installed at the Omandurar Government Estate Complex on June 3 this year.

### **Tamil Nadu based products - GI tags**

- ❖ The Puliyanakudi acid lime, Thooyamalli rice and Virudhunagar sambha vathal (Chilly) have applied for a Geographical Indication (GI) tag recently.
- ❖ Puliyanakudi, a village in Tenkasi, is famous for acid lime cultivation.
- ❖ In Tamil Nadu, chillies are mainly grown in the districts of Virudhunagar, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai and Thoothukudi.
- ❖ Thooyamalli rice is high in iron, magnesium and zinc.



## **NATIONAL**

### **MP quotas scrapped - Kendriya Vidyalayas**

- ❖ The Union government has scrapped the quota through which members of Parliament could recommend names for admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KV).
- ❖ Under the KVS Special Dispensation Admission Scheme, a Member of Parliament had the power to recommend a maximum of 10 students from their respective constituencies in every academic year for admissions in classes 1 to 9.

### **Pact on Sustainable Development Goals**

- ❖ The Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed a joint statement of understanding on the localization of Sustainable Development Goals.

- ❖ The agreement was signed by Sunil Kumar, Secretary, Panchayati Raj, and UNDP resident representative Shoko Noda.

## Sivagiri Pilgrimage & Brahma Vidyalaya



- ❖ PM Modi participated in the inaugural ceremony of year-long joint celebrations of the 90th anniversary of the Sivagiri Pilgrimage and the Golden Jubilee of Brahma Vidyalaya.
- ❖ PM Modi will also launch the logo dedicated to the year-long joint celebrations.
- ❖ Both Brahma Vidyalaya and Sivagiri Pilgrimage were started with the blessing and guidance of great social reformer Shri Narayan Guru.

## Smart Cities India expo 2022

Categories	Winners	Projects
Best Green Buildings Project	Faridabad Smart City Limited	ICCC Building
Best Healthcare Initiatives	Bhopal Smart City Development Corporation Limited	COVID Management through ICCC
Best Startup Initiatives	Bhopal Smart City Development Corporation Limited	B-Nest Foundation
Best Water Management	Solinas Integrity Private Limited	Pipeline Management Project for 24x7 Water Supply
City Innovation	Ujjain Smart City Limited	Digital Center
COVID 19- Recovery Innovation Award	Jabalpur Smart City Limited	Leveraging ICCC against COVID Pandemic
Digital City	New Town Kolkata Green Smart City Corporation	Digital Services in New Town Kolkata
Governance and Economy	Pimpri Chinchwad Smart City Limited	Smart Sarathi
Public Private Partnership Initiatives	Indore Smart City Development Limited	She Kunj
Safe City	Dehradun Smart City Limited	DICCC
Smart Energy Project	Jabalpur Smart City Limited	Smart Light Project
Smart Parking Initiatives	Indore Smart City Development Limited	Two Wheeler Multi-Level Parking
Smart Urban Mobility	Silvassa Smart City Limited	E-Bus Project
Smart Waste Disposal and Clean City	New Town Kolkata Green Smart City Corporation	Integrated Solid Waste Management System in New Town Kolkata
Smart City of the Year	Ujjain Smart City Limited	MRIDA

- ❖ The Smart Cities India Expo combines transformational technology with essential pillars of urban development, such as green buildings, clean energy, clean environment, water, urban mobility, and the use of smart ICT for resource optimization and making cities smart and sustainable.
- ❖ The Smart Cities India 2022 Awards are a one-of-a-kind platform that honors, recognizes, and encourages individuals, policymakers, businesses, municipalities, government organizations, and associations for their efforts in both the urban and rural sectors.
- ❖ Chennai, Coimbatore, Dindigul, Erode, Madurai, Salem, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur and Vellore are the 12 smart cities of Tamilnadu.

## INTERNATIONAL

### International Religious Freedom Report 2022



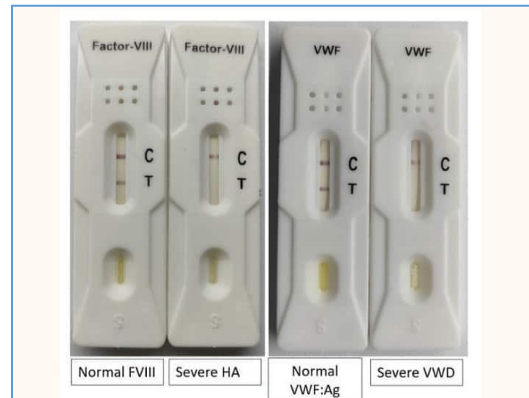
- ❖ The US Commission on International Religious Freedom has recommended for the second year in the row to put India on a list (Countries of Particular Concern or CPCs) for the worst violations of religious freedoms in 2021.
- ❖ Other than India, countries recommended for the CPC designation are Afghanistan, Nigeria, Syria, and Vietnam.

- ❖ Countries recommended for redesignating include Myanmar, China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan as CPCs.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### ICMR-NIIH kit

- ❖ ICMR-NIIH ((National Institute of Immunohaematology) has developed a simple and rapid result test kit to test for the diseases Haemophilia and Von Willebrand's disease (VWD).
- ❖ This kit has got the green signal from DGCI and it has been called for mass production.
- ❖ Von Willebrand disease is a bleeding disorder that is lifelong.



### Self-replicating MRNA Covid-19 Vaccines



- ❖ A self-amplifying mRNA vaccine is one in which the delivered RNA multiplies inside the body.
- ❖ It has shown promising results against Covid-19 in ongoing trials.

- ❖ The vaccine, ARCT-154, has been developed by Arcturus Therapeutics Holdings, based in San Diego, California.
- ❖ Its trials are in progress in Vietnam.
- ❖ It offered 95% protection against severe Covid-19 and death, and 55% against Covid infection.

## STATES

### Khongjom Day

- ❖ Khongjom Day was observed in Manipur at the Khongjom War Memorial Complex.
- ❖ Rich tributes were paid in Manipur to the valiant sons of the state who made tremendous sacrifices fighting against the British in the battle of Khongjom during the 1891 Anglo-Manipuri War.
- ❖ Every year on the 23rd of April, Manipur commemorates Manipuri warriors who battled against the British.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Stationery Day 2022 - April 27

- ❖ World Stationery day is celebrated every year on the last Wednesday of April.
- ❖ This year it falls on 27th April.
- ❖ The day is celebrated to mark the importance of stationery and writing on paper than using computers.
- ❖ It is celebrated around the world by enthusiasts to protect and encourage the use of Stationery.
- ❖ World Stationery Day is celebrated every year since 2012 to honor the 800th anniversary of the creation of the Magna Carta.

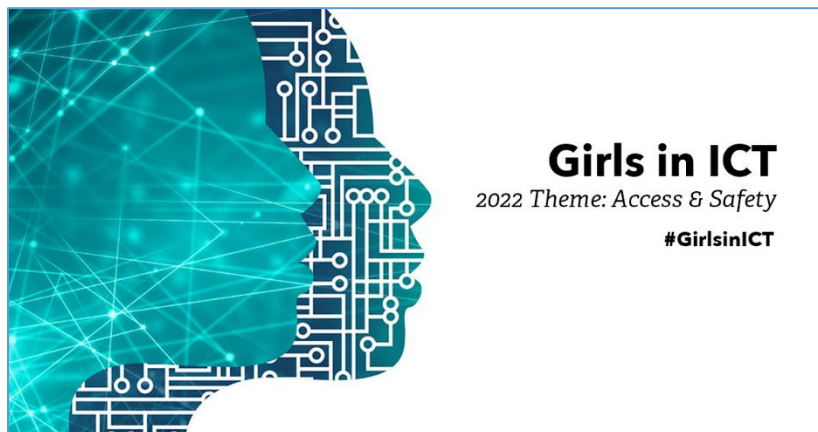
- ❖ Magna Carta is one of the most important written documents in British history.

Writing matters

**WORLD**  
**STATIONERY**  
**DAY™ 27 APRIL**

**International Girls in ICT Day 2022 - April 28**

- ❖ International Girls in ICT Day is marked annually on the fourth Thursday in April.
- ❖ This year the day falls on 28th April 2022.
- ❖ International Girls in ICT Day aims to inspire a global movement to increase the representation of girls and women in technology.
- ❖ This year's theme is access and safety.



**World Day for Safety and Health at Work - April 28**

- ❖ The day promotes the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally.

- ❖ The World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022 focuses on enhancing social dialogue towards a culture of safety and health.
- ❖ This year's theme is "Participation And Social Dialogue In Creating A Positive Safety And Health Culture".

