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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The TN Health and Family Welfare department nominated Dr P Umanath, the Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation to Centre's committee for implementation of OBC reservations in medical education.

## TAMIL NADU

### Jal Jeevan Mission Review

- ❖ Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat held a review meeting with Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The mission is under implementation in partnership with States to provide drinking water to every rural household of the country.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is planning 100 per cent coverage by 2024 to accomplish the target of providing tap connection to every rural household of the State.
- ❖ Out of one crore 26 lakh rural households in Tamil Nadu, around 26 per cent of the household are provided with tap connections.
- ❖ In 2020-21, Tamil Nadu has planned to provide tap connections in around 34 lakh households.



### Turmeric under 'one district, one product' scheme

- ❖ Turmeric of Erode has been selected under the 'one district one product' (ODOP) approach of the Central government sponsored scheme.



- ❖ Similarly, Carrot is selected for the Nilgiris District.
- ❖ Under the Aatma nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries launched PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME) scheme.
- ❖ Under this, a product from each district is selected
- ❖ ODOP is aimed at providing financial, technical and business support for upgrading existing micro food processing enterprises in the district.
- ❖ The Central government contributes 60%, the State government contributes 40% for the activities.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA)**

- ❖ Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements 2020 classified the institutes into two broad categories and six subcategories.
- ❖ The objective of ARIIA is to rank higher education institutions and universities in India as per Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Start-ups, and Development amongst faculty and students.
- ❖ ARIIA is an initiative by the Ministry of Education and is implemented by AICTE and Ministry's Innovation Cell.



Category	Top 3 Winners
<b>Centrally Funded Institutions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ IIT Madras</li> <li>❖ IIT Bombay</li> <li>❖ IIT Delhi</li> </ul>
<b>Women (only higher educational institutions):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women</li> <li>❖ Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women</li> </ul>
<b>Private Institutions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ S R Engineering College, Telangana</li> <li>❖ G. H. Rasoni College of Engineering, Nagpur</li> <li>❖ Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology</li> </ul>
<b>Private/Deemed Universities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Odisha</li> <li>❖ SRM Institute of Science and Technology</li> <li>❖ Vellore Institute of Technology</li> </ul>
<b>State-Funded Autonomous Institutions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ College of Engineering Pune, Maharashtra</li> <li>❖ PES College of Engineering, Karnataka</li> <li>❖ Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Tamil Nadu</li> </ul>
<b>State-Funded Universities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Institute of Chemical Technology, Maharashtra</li> <li>❖ Punjab University</li> <li>❖ Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University</li> </ul>

### **National Recruitment Agency**

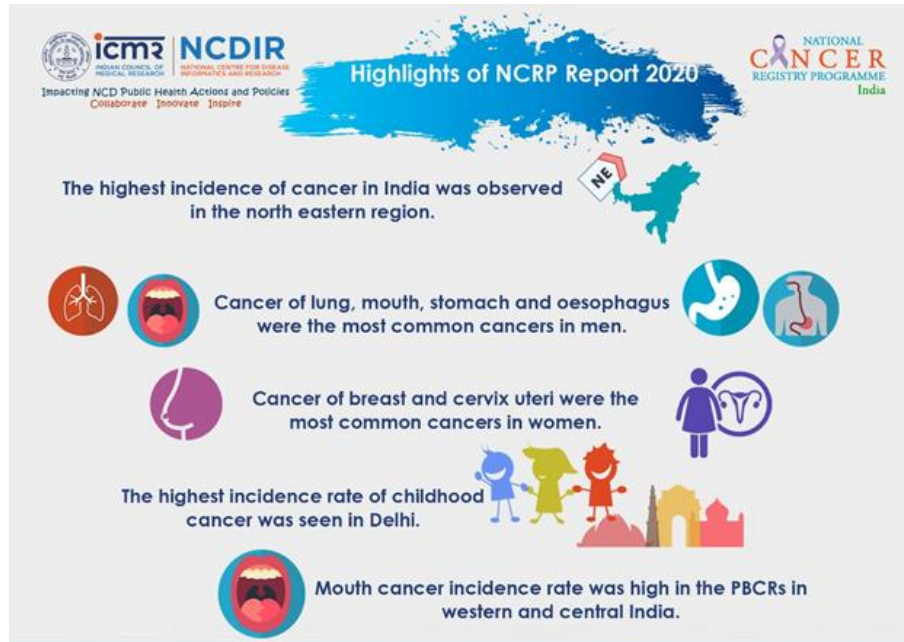
- ❖ The Union Cabinet decided to set up a National Recruitment Agency (NRA) to conduct a common preliminary examination for various recruitments in the central government.
- ❖ The NRA will conduct the Common Eligibility Test (CET) for recruitment to non-gazetted posts in government and public sector banks.
- ❖ This test aims to replace multiple examinations conducted by different recruiting agencies for selection to government jobs advertised each year, with a single online test.
- ❖ The present recruitment agencies – Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) and the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) — will remain in place.

- ❖ Initially, CET will cover recruitments made by three agencies: viz. SSC, RRB and IBPS at Group B and C (non - technical) posts.
- ❖ CET will be a first level test to shortlist candidates and the score will be valid for three years.
- ❖ National Recruitment Agency will be a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act,1860.

The infographic features a central photograph of two women sitting at a desk, looking at a document. The background is light blue with geometric shapes. On the left, there is a logo for the 'Office of Officers In-charge DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING GOVERNMENT OF INDIA'. On the right, there is a 'myGov' logo with the text 'मेरी सरकार'. The main title is 'National Recruitment Agency (NRA) GOOD GOVERNANCE THROUGH TRANSPARENCY'. Below the title, there are four bullet points, each with a corresponding icon: a clock for 'Reduces time taken in selection process', a document for 'Mitigates hardships for candidates from appearing in multiple exams of multiple agencies with similar eligibility conditions', a person at a desk for 'CET to be conducted at over 1000 centres, every District will have at least one exam centre, including the 117 aspirational districts', and a person with a magnifying glass for 'Better access to rural, underprivileged candidates and women'.

### **National Cancer Registry Programme Report 2020**

- ❖ The Indian Council of Medical Research released “National Cancer Registry Programme Report”, 2020.
- ❖ According to the report, the number of cancer patients in India are to increase to 15.7 lakhs by 2025.
- ❖ Tobacco related cancers are to account to 27.1% of India’s cancer burden in 2020.
- ❖ The highest incidence of cancer in India was observed in North East region.
- ❖ Aizawl district in Mizoram and Papumpare district in Arunachal Pradesh recorded the highest age adjusted rates (AAR) of cancer per 1 lakh population.
- ❖ The highest incidence of breast cancer was observed in Chennai, Hyderabad, Delhi and Bengaluru.



## ENVIRONMENT

### 3 cheetahs from South Africa

- ❖ Mysuru Zoo in Karnataka has acquired one male and two female African hunting Cheetah from Ann Van Dyke Cheetah Centre at Johannesburg, South Africa as part of the Animal Exchange Program.
- ❖ The zoo earlier received African hunting cheetahs which widely considered as the fastest terrestrial animal from Germany in 2011.
- ❖ Mysuru zoo is the second zoo in the country to house hunting cheetahs after Hyderabad zoo which has a pair of big cats.

## STATES

### Domicile based Job Quota

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan recently made announcement that that the state government jobs will only be given to the "children of the state".
- ❖ But the following Article of Indian Constitution clearly prohibits discrimination based on place of birth.
- ❖ **Article 16:** This Article prohibits states from discriminating in matters of employment on grounds of place of birth or residence.

- ❖ **Article 16(2):** It states that in respect of employment or office in the state, no citizen should be discriminated on the grounds of "religion, race, caste, sex, descent, place of birth, residence or any of them".
- ❖ Exception in **Article 16(3):** This clause provides an exception by stating that the Parliament can form a law "prescribing" the requirement of residence for jobs in any state.
- ❖ However, this can only be done by Parliament, not by state legislatures.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism - August 21**

- ❖ The day is observed to pay tribute to the individuals across the globe who have been attacked, injured, traumatized or lost their lives because of terrorist attacks.
- ❖ An online high-level event entitled "Not Forgotten: Stories of Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism", was held.
- ❖ The day was designated by United Nations General Assembly in 2017 and the first time the day was observed in 2018.



### **International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief - August 22**

- ❖ It aims to honour victims and survivors of heinous acts who often remain forgotten.
- ❖ On 22 August 2019 for the first time the world is observing this day.

