

Hostel 'Thozhi'



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# **TNPSC BITS**

- Dravidar Kazhagam president K. Veeramani will receive the 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' Award that was instituted by the Tamil Nadu government to honour a distinguished Tamil personality every year.
- The Indian women's hockey team defeated hosts Spain to win the three-nation Torneo del Centenario 2023 tournament in Terrassa, Barcelona.
- England's star Test pacer Stuart Broad announced his retirement from international matches.
- ✤ Australia's space agency has confirmed that the mysterious object that washed up on one of the country's beaches is ISRO's PSLV rocket debris.
- World Lung Cancer Day is observed every year on August 1 to raise awareness around the disease and encourage more research on it to break the stigma around the disease.



# TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu's Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment has started eleven hostels for working women in Nine districts.





- The hostels named 'Thozhi'' (translates to a female friend).
- It will be operated under the aegis of the Tamil Nadu Working Women's Hostel Corporation Ltd (TNWWHCL).
- They aim to provide safe and affordable accommodations to women.
- The hostels are located in Chennai, Chengalpattu, Salem, Trichy, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Villupuram, Perambalur and Thanjavur.

# NATIONAL

## TechEquity

- India launched TechEquity a digital inclusion platform that seeks to bridge the gender digital divide on G20 EMPOWER summit in Gandhinagar.
- The platform will impact two to three million women across the globe over the next year.
- It will collate best-in-class courses on digital and financial literacy, tech skill development and core skill enhancement.
- The platform to be funded by India for the next three years will be maintained by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).



# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

## **Trans Lunar Injection**

- Chandrayaan-3 was released from Earth orbit into trans-lunar orbit after a successful slingshot manoeuvre.
- It will follow a path that will take it to the vicinity of the moon.





- Chandrayaan-3 is currently in trans-lunar orbit.
- It will begin to experience the influence of lunar gravity when it reaches a distance of around 40,000 km from the Moon.
- From there, each lunar manoeuvre will reduce the apolune from 4,000 km to 5,000 km.
- ◆ Then reduced to 1,000 km before the spacecraft enters a 100 km circular orbit.



## **Ureilite Meteorite**



 Scientists have discovered that the Dhala structure in India was formed by a rare ureilite meteorite between 2500 and 1700 million years ago.





- This making it the world's seventh oldest impact structure.
- ✤ The around 11 km diameter Dhala impact structure is the largest confirmed impact structure reported so far between Mediterranean and south-east Asia.
- Ureilites are a unique class of primitive achondrite, comprising only a tiny fraction of all known meteorites on Earth.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### Western Tragopan

- Himachal Pradesh's State bird Western Tragopan (Tragopan-melanocephalus) has been facing habitat loss in parts of the country.
- But because of authorities' efforts, there has been a gradual increase in the population of this species at the State's Sarahan pheasantry, the conservation breeding centre.
- Its population has steadily gone up over the past two decades.
- The bird has a disjunct distribution in the northwest Himalayas from north Pakistan (Indus-Kohistan district) to India, including Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh, and the western parts of Uttarakhand.



#### **Bhutan's Tiger Population**

- ✤ India and Bhutan have seen a significant surge in their wild tiger populations.
- Bhutan's wild tiger population has increased to 131, up 27% since the first systematic survey in 2015.
- India recorded a count of 3,682 tigers, establishing it as the habitat for 75% of the global wild tiger population.





- ✤ In Nepal, the population of wild tigers has nearly tripled since 2010 to 355.
- Bangladesh has about 114 tigers, mainly in the Sundarbans Reserve Forest, according to the last census conducted in 2018.
- ✤ The first all-India tiger census revealed just 1,827 tigers in 1972, down from an estimated 40,000 in the early twentieth century.



## **STATES**

## **Free Movement Regime**



The illegal migration of tribal Kuki-Chin peoples into India from Myanmar is one of the key issues in the ongoing ethnic conflict between Meiteis and Kukis in Manipur.





- The FMR in Manipur allows tribes living along the border on either side to travel up to 16 km inside the other country, without a visa.
- The border between India and Myanmar runs for 1,643 km in the four states of Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✤ India temporarily suspended the FMR in September 2022.

## Paddari Tribe

- The Centre has introduced a bill to include four communities from Jammu and Kashmir in the Scheduled Tribe (ST) list - "Paddari Tribe", "Gadda Brahmin", "Koli", and "Pahari Ethnic Group".
- The Paddaris live in the hilly remote area of Kishtwar district, Jammu and Kashmir.
- The main ST communities in the Union Territory are Bakerwals and Gujjars, who are dominant in the districts of Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi, Kupwara, Ganderbal, Anantnag, Kishtwar, and Bandipora.
- Out of these, the Bakerwals are mostly nomadic.
- The Gujjar-Bakerwal form the third largest group in J&K after Dogras and Kashmiris.
- They were given ST status in 1991, along with two minority groups of Sippis and Gaddis.
- This empowered these communities with 10 per cent reservation in educational institutes and government jobs.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

## Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2023

- PM was conferred with the Lokmanya Tilak National Award after the inauguration of various projects.
- He is the  $41^{st}$  recipient of the award.
- The award is conferred on people to honour the legacy of Indian independence activist, Bal Gangadhar Tilak.
- The award was constituted by Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust in 1983.
- It is given to people who have worked for the progress and development of the nation and whose contribution can only be looked upon as remarkable and extraordinary.





- The award is presented every year on August 1, which is the death anniversary of Bal Gangadhar Tilak.
- Last year, the Lokmanya Tilak National Award was conferred upon senior scientist Tessy Thomas, popularly known as India's "missile woman."



# **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## World Breastfeeding Week - August 01/07



- It is celebrated globally to raise awareness and promote the importance of breastfeeding for the health and well-being of both infants and mothers.
- ✤ In 1991, the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) was formed to promote the benefits of breastfeeding.





- Theme of this year is "Enabling Breastfeeding: Making a difference for working parents".
- The WHO states that breastfeeding could save the lives of 8,20,000 children below the age of five years annually.

