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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board has filed an application seeking GI tag for Madurai sengarumbu, peravurani coconut and mulanur kuttaimurungai.
- ❖ NCERT has established a 19-member National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee (NSTC), chaired by NIEPA chancellor MC Pant, to revise textbooks for classes 3 to 12.
- ❖ The Supreme Court announced the launch of portal 'SuSwagatam', which would enable advocates, visitors, interns and others to register themselves online and get e-passes to enter the apex court.
- ❖ India is ambitiously working to increase its current 6% natural gas share in its energy composition to 15% by 2030.
- ❖ India is the largest source of Human Hair (raw material) in the world.
 - India had exported 169.23 million dollars in value of Human Hair during last fiscal.

TAMIL NADU

Judice K. Chandru committee



- ❖ One-man committee under retired judge K. Chandru has been appointed to advise the government on measures to eliminate caste and racial differences among students in educational institutions.

- ❖ The committee has been constituted in the wake of the recent incident at Nanguneri in Tirunelveli district.
- ❖ The committee had been formed since this was an important issue that had to be addressed urgently.

Tamil Nadu Elephant Conclave 2023

- ❖ The two-day Tamil Nadu Elephant Conclave concluded in Coimbatore.
- ❖ The Forest Department released a handbook on camp elephant management and a standard operating procedure (SOP) for handling orphaned elephants.
- ❖ The state announced the creation of a separate cadre within the TN forest department for dedicated veterinary service
- ❖ 42 Elephant corridors (24 south of Palghat and 18 north of Palghat) have been identified so far.
- ❖ The Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) announced the launch of 'Yaanai Thiruvizha' in Tamil Nadu.



Daily coal stock availability

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's daily coal stock availability declined from 2 million tonnes as on March 31 to 1.5 million tonnes as on July 26.
- ❖ The stock is sufficient to run Tangedco's power plants for 10 days.

- ❖ Mettur Thermal Power Station had just 3% of coal stock as against the normative requirement.
- ❖ The North Chennai and Tuticorin power stations had 19% stock each, as against their respective normative requirements.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has the highest energy consumption among the southern States.
- ❖ The State saw an all-time high peak demand of 19,387 MW on April 20.
- ❖ On that day, an all-time high daily consumption of 423.785 million units was recorded.
- ❖ On August 12, the State's peak power demand was 15,928 MW and daily consumption was 345.834 million units.

NATIONAL

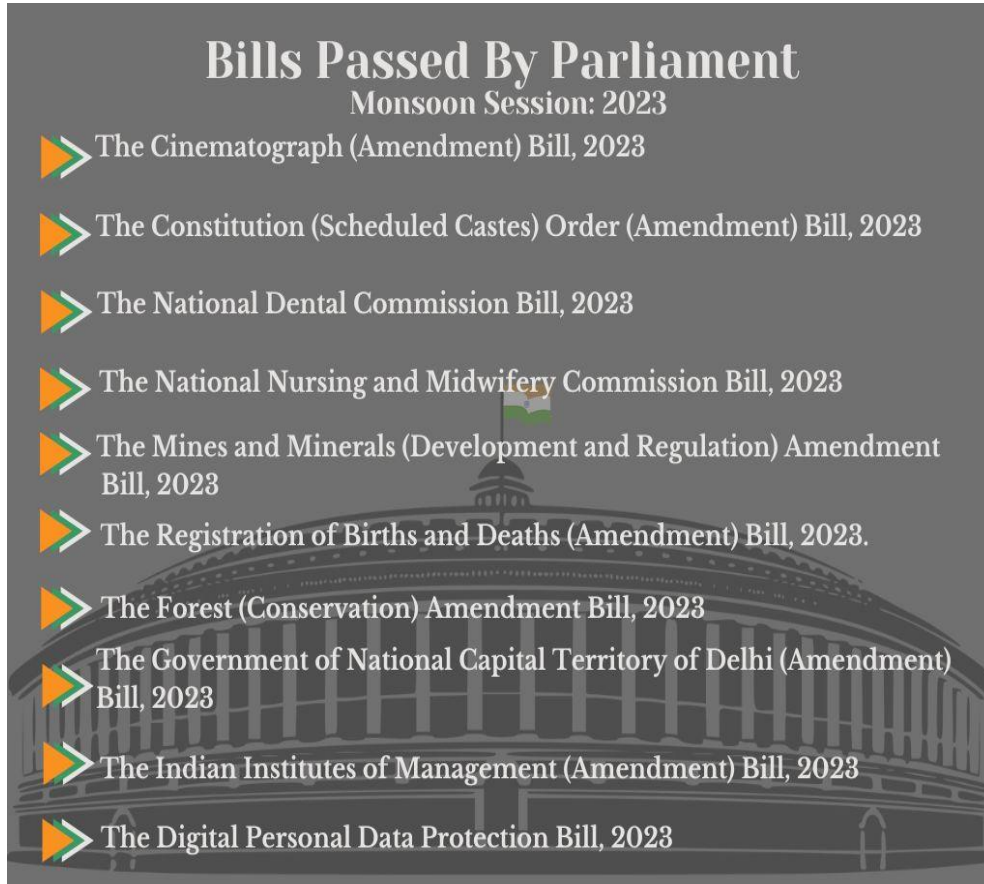
Independence Day 2023



- ❖ India celebrates its 77th Independence Day on August 15, 2023.
- ❖ Theme for this year's Independence Day is "Nation First, Always First".
- ❖ The invitees of this year encompass a wide range of individuals.
- ❖ It includes sarpanches from 'Vibrant Villages', teachers, nurses, farmers, fishermen, labourers who contributed to the construction of the Central Vista Project.

- ❖ Roughly 1,800 individuals had received invitations to attend PM's speech on Independence Day.

Monsoon session 2023

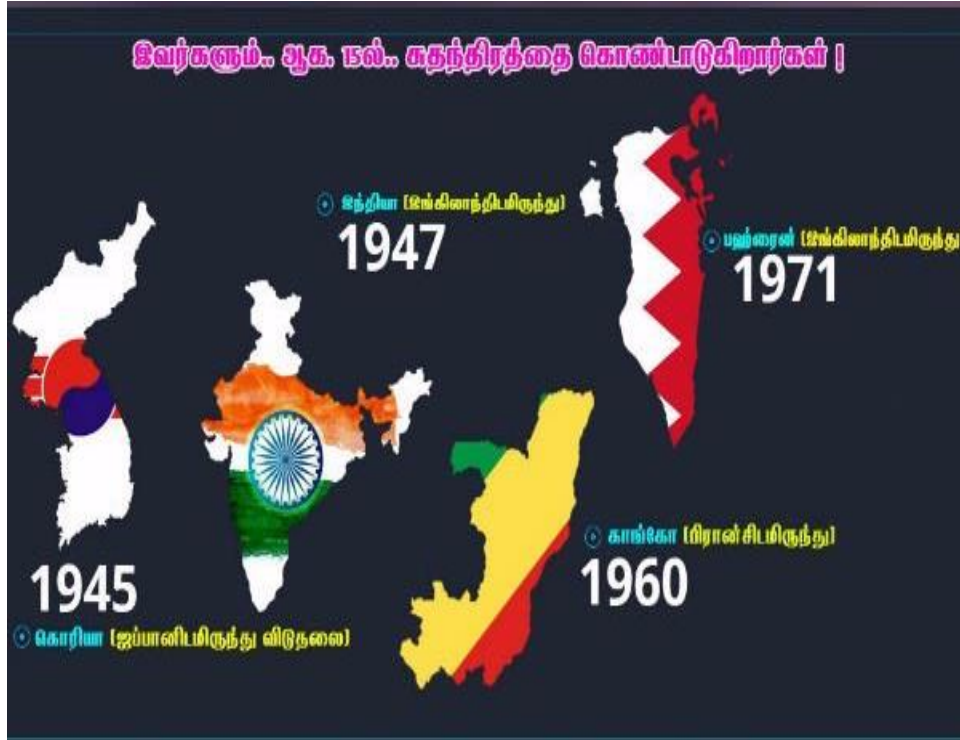


- ❖ Lok Sabha functioned for only 43% of its scheduled time and Rajya Sabha 55% in the just-concluded Monsoon session.
- ❖ But the legislative activity remained high with 23 bills being passed.
- ❖ The lower house had 17 sittings, which lasted for about 44 hours 15 minutes.
- ❖ The debate on no-confidence motion lasted for 19 hours and 59 minutes.
- ❖ Twenty-three bills were passed during the session.
- ❖ Most of the bills were passed with little scrutiny.
- ❖ Around 56% of the bills introduced in this session were passed by both houses.
- ❖ On an average, a bill introduced in this session was passed within eight days.
- ❖ Out of the bills introduced, three have been referred to committees.
- ❖ In this Lok Sabha, 17% bills have been referred to committees.

- ❖ This is lower as compared to the last three Lok Sabhas.
- ❖ Of the 23 bills passed in this session, seven have been examined by standing committees.
- ❖ The bills to create the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission and the National Dental Commission were discussed and passed together in Lok Sabha within three minutes.
- ❖ The CGST and IGST amendment bills were passed together within two minutes in Lok Sabha.
- ❖ Rajya Sabha passed 10 bills in three consecutive days.

INTERNATIONAL

Independence Day on August 15



- ❖ There are five other countries that also mark this day as a national Independence Day.
- ❖ Bahrain gained independence from the United Kingdom on August 15, 1971.
- ❖ On August 15, 1945, the Korean peninsula was freed from Japanese rule.
- ❖ South Korea and North Korea both celebrate this day as their National Liberation Day.

- ❖ In the year 1960, the Democratic Republic of the Congo gained full independence from France.
- ❖ One of the smallest countries of the world, Liechtenstein gained independence from German rule on the same day in 1866.

STATES

Fiscal Health report card

- ❖ A report on the fiscal health of the key 17 states was penned by Kaushik Das, the chief economist at Deutsche Bank India.
- ❖ Based on the FY24 first budget estimates, the top three states are Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Telangana.
- ❖ The bottom three states are Bengal, Punjab and Kerala.
- ❖ Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh typically in the top quartile during fiscals 2004 to 2016.
- ❖ For the 2004-2016 period, the states that featured repeatedly in the bottom quartile are Bengal, Bihar, UP, and Rajasthan.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Lefthanders Day 2023 - August 13



- ❖ This day aims to raise awareness about the challenges and accomplishments of left-handers.
- ❖ It is promoting inclusivity and understanding in a predominantly right-handed world.

- ❖ This day was first observed in 1976, initiated by Dean R. Campbell, founder of the Left-Handers Club.
- ❖ Theme of 2023 is "Left-Handers in Sports."

World Organ Donation Day 2023 - August 13

- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation and transplantation.
- ❖ It encourages people to pledge to donate their organs and tissues after death to save lives and improve the quality of life for those in need.
- ❖ This day was first observed in 2005.
- ❖ The first organ donation was performed in 1954, when Ronald Lee Herrick donated his kidney to his twin brother.
- ❖ The first organ donor in India is widely recognized as Lalitha Raghuram.
- ❖ In 1994, she became the first recorded living organ donor in the country when she donated a kidney to her husband.
- ❖ Theme for 2023 is "Step up to volunteer; we need more organ donors to fill the lacunae".

BE A LIFE SAVER

Donate your Organ,
Donate the Gift of Life

What organ can you donate?

Kidney

Liver

Pancreas

Lungs

Heart

Intestine

Eye Cornea

Hand

Organs that can be donated by living donors

- One kidney
- One lung
- A part of the liver
- A part of the pancreas
- A part of the intestine

Organs that can be donated when donor is deceased

- Kidneys (2)
- Liver
- Lungs (2)
- Heart
- Pancreas
- Intestines
- Hand
- Face

Partition Horrors Remembrance Day in India 2023 - August 14

- ❖ Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas is observed on August 14 to remember all those who lost their lives due to partition.



- ❖ The partition caused one of the largest migrations in human history, affecting about 20 million people.
- ❖ Millions of families had to abandon their ancestral villages/towns/cities and were forced to start anew as refugees.

