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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Chile has passed a law permitting same-sex couples to marry.
- ❖ Manipur successfully defended their Senior Women's National Football Championship crown.
 - They won over Railways in the final at the EMS Stadium in Kozhikode, Kerala.

TAMIL NADU

National award for disability welfare

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has been recognized as the Best State in promoting the empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- ❖ It received the award on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 03), at a ceremony in New Delhi.
- ❖ Salem district also got an award for the best district in providing rehabilitation services.
- ❖ It is among the two districts in the country getting the award.

Nightingale Award

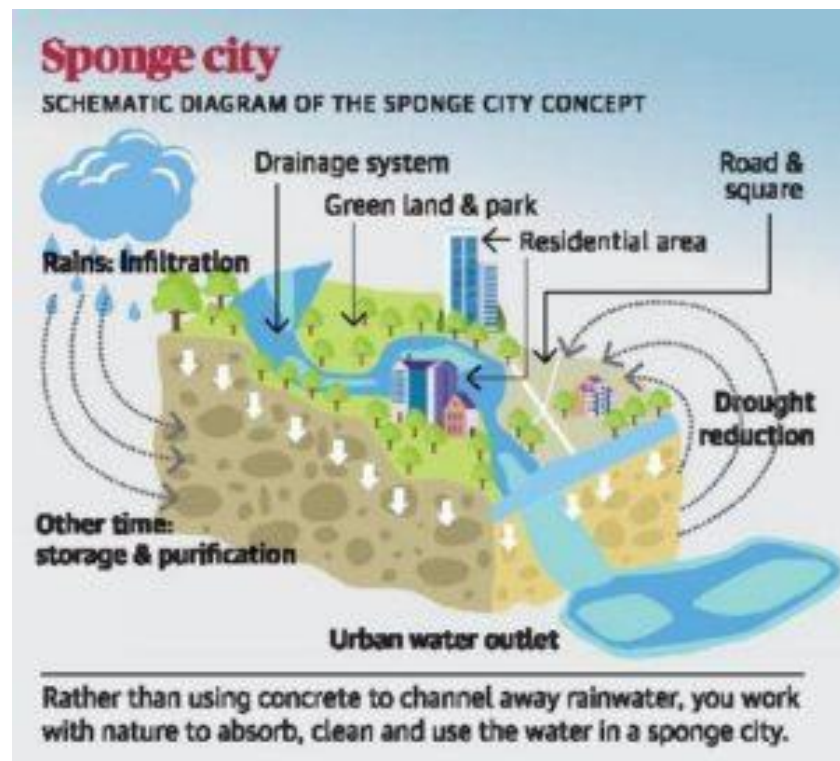
- ❖ Daniel Vijayaraj, a 50-year-old male nurse from Madurai, has been awarded the Nightingale Award.
- ❖ Each year, London's highest award, the Nightingale Award, is presented in recognition of the service rendered by nurses.

Initials in Tamil

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has issued an order making it mandatory for students to write the initials of their names in Tamil while applying for certificates in schools and colleges.
- ❖ The mandate would apply to members of the public when they submit applications for government records.
- ❖ The State government already made it compulsory for its employees to sign their names and initials in Tamil.

Sponge city

- ❖ Chennai is all set to adopt innovative water management strategies and transform into a sponge city to curb urban flooding.
- ❖ The sponge city concept seeks to make urban areas more permeable and to have more open spaces to store rainwater.
- ❖ Water Resources Department in Chennai is looking over the possibility of digging recharge shafts in smaller water bodies across the city.
- ❖ It will help replenish the water table.

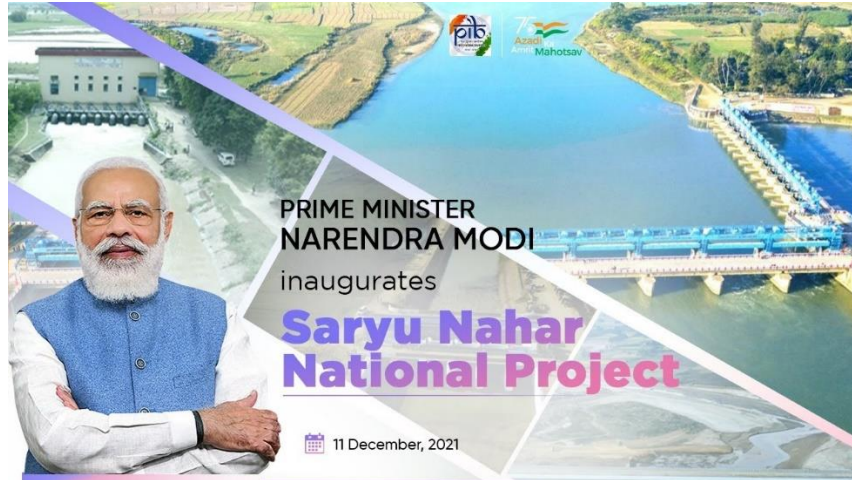


NATIONAL

Saryu Canal National project

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the Saryu Canal National project in the Balrampur district of Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The Saryu Canal project is the biggest in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ It will benefit some 25-30 lakh farmers across nine eastern UP districts.
- ❖ Under this project, five rivers namely Ghagra, Rapti, Banganga, Saryu, and Rohini, have been connected.

- ❖ The canals are having a total length of 6,600 kilometers and have been linked to the 318 km long main canal.



World Economic Forum survey

- ❖ A global World Economic Forum (WEF) survey highlighted that,
 - around 90 percent of people in India believe they & their colleagues at workplaces should be fully vaccinated and
 - 93 percent of Indians agreed that they should wear masks at public places or in proximity with others.

Top Google Searches in 2021



- ❖ Google India announced the results for its Year in Search 2021 and has recapped the top search trends of 2021 in India.
- ❖ As per result, the top searches are Cricket and CoWin in 2021.
- ❖ Cricket continued to be a major search trend in 2021.
- ❖ Indian Premier League, CoWIN, and ICC T20 World Cup have occupied the top three spots in the overall list of search queries.
- ❖ Euro Cup and Tokyo Olympics were respectively at number four and five in the list.
- ❖ The Covid vaccine, Free Fire redeem code, Aryan Khan, Neeraj Chopra, and Copa America were other notable searches that made to the top ten list.
- ❖ Top searched movies on Google in India in 2021 is Jai Bhim.

75 years of Constituent Assembly's 1st sitting



The Constituent Assembly consisted of 385 members, of which 292 were elected by the elected members of the Provincial Legislative Assemblies while 93 members were nominated by the Princely States. To these were to be added a representative each from the four Chief Commissioners Provinces of Delhi, Ajmer- Marwar, Coorg and British Baluchistan.



First day (December 9, 1946) of the Constituent Assembly. From right: B. G. Kher and Sardar Vallabhai Patel; K. M. Munshi is seated behind Patel.

- ❖ The Constituent Assembly of India had held its first meeting 75 years ago on December 9, 1946.
- ❖ Distinguished people from different parts of India, different backgrounds, and even differing ideologies came together with one aim to give the people of India a worthy Constitution.
- ❖ The idea of a constituent assembly was put forward for the first time by MN Roy.
- ❖ In 1935, the Indian National Congress (INC), for the first time, officially called for a constituent assembly to frame a constitution for India.

- ❖ The demand for a constituent assembly was accepted for the first time by the British through their 'August offer' of 1940.
- ❖ Eventually, a constituent assembly was established under the provisions of the Cabinet Mission plan.
- ❖ It was constituted in 1946.

INTERNATIONAL

Mount Semeru

- ❖ The eruption of Mount Semeru, East Java, Indonesia has killed at least 14 persons and left dozens injured.
- ❖ Semeru, an active volcano in East Java, is located in a subduction zone, where the Indo-Australian plate subducts under the Eurasia plate.
- ❖ It is the highest volcano in Java.
- ❖ This stratovolcano is also known as Mahameru (The Great Mountain)
- ❖ The recent eruption of the Semeru volcano was triggered due to heavy rain.



The World Malaria Report 2021

- ❖ The report was released by the World Health Organization.
- ❖ The 2021 report is based on information received from malaria-endemic countries in all WHO regions.
- ❖ If speedy action is not taken, the world is in danger of seeing an immediate resurgence of the disease, mostly in Africa.
- ❖ There was an increase of 12% in malaria deaths in 2020 over 2019.

- ❖ Most of the increase came from countries in the WHO African Region, which accounted for about 95% of cases.
- ❖ India accounted for 83% of cases in the WHO South-East Asia Region.



ECONOMY

Paytm Payments Bank



- ❖ Paytm Payments Bank has been given the scheduled bank status by the Reserve Bank of India.

- ❖ The bank has been included in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- ❖ The approval will help it to bring more financial services and products.

STATES

Police Commissionerate system - Bhopal & Indore

POWER SHIFT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Police commissioners will be of IG rank ➤ 38 police stations in Bhopal, 36 in Indore brought under commissionerate system ➤ Police commissioner won't report to district magistrate ➤ Judicial & executive powers – inquiries to granting permits – will be shifted to police officers from magistrates ➤ Can ban activities of any organization under UAPA ➤ Can now grant parole & extern criminals ➤ Can fix parking areas, set speed limit of vehicles 	<p>“ The police commissioner system will not only strengthen law and order, but also help in solving problems and cracking down on crime. It has been implemented in view of the law and order requirements arising out of geographical expansion and technology</p>  <p>– Shivraj Singh Chouhan CHIEF MINISTER</p>

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh government issued a notification to implement the police Commissionerate system in Bhopal and Indore.
- ❖ With the announcement, both the cities will now get police commissioners of ADG rank.
- ❖ Police commissioners in both districts will be assisted by two IG rank officers and nine SP rank officers.
- ❖ Under the police Commissionerate system, the police commissioner will not have to report to the district magistrate

IMPORTANT DAYS

SAARC Charter Day 2021: 8th December

- ❖ The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day is observed annually to commemorate the adoption of the SAARC Charter.

- ❖ This year marks the 37th anniversary of the regional group.
- ❖ The charter was signed by the Leaders of SAARC Countries Heads of State or Government at the First SAARC Summit held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- ❖ The countries that signed were Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.



Energy Conservation Week - December 08 to 14



- ❖ The Ministry of Power is celebrating the Energy Conservation Week from 2021 under "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav".



- ❖ The Celebration by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency will include three major activities.
- ❖ They are,
 - National Painting Competition for school children,
 - National Energy Conservation Awards for Industries and establishments and
 - National Energy Efficiency Innovation Awards.

