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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Karnataka Government has announced to give 1 percent reservation to transgenders in Police.
 - Reservation will be given to them across all the ranks in police department.
- ❖ Indian teenager Anahat Singh has scripted history by winning the U-15 girls category of the prestigious Junior US Open Squash tournament in Philadelphia.
 - The 13-year-old girl is from Delhi.

TAMIL NADU

Indco Tea Vandis

- ❖ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin flagged off 20 tea-cum-food trucks, called 'Indco Tea Vandis', at the Secretariat.
- ❖ They would serve Indcoserve's various tea varieties to customers with support from the Special Area Development Programme (SADP).
- ❖ They are to be deployed in Chennai, Coimbatore, Tirupur and the Nilgiris.



CM Dashboard monitoring system

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government launched the CM Dashboard monitoring system.

- ❖ This will enable Chief Minister M K Stalin to get real-time information on important matters including rainfall patterns, water storage levels in reservoirs and health-related among others.

ONE-STOP MONITORING SYSTEM

How chief minister M K Stalin will coordinate all departments and programmes with the new 'dashboard'

➤ A 180sq ft screen has been installed in the CM's conference room.

➤ The CM, the chief secretary and the secretaries to the CM get access to all dashboards



➤ Each secretary helming the department and his subordinates decided by him get access to the departmental dashboard

➤ Access is also given to heads of public sector undertakings and boards to log in with registered mobile numbers and one-time password



➤ A 50-member team of system analysts and senior data analysts outsourced help Tamil Nadu e-governance agency and departments to provide insights



➤ The first batch of dashboards will be launched by the CM on Thursday, including water storage, rainfall patterns, price mesh that monitors price stability of food grains/vegetables/fruits, employment trends and health



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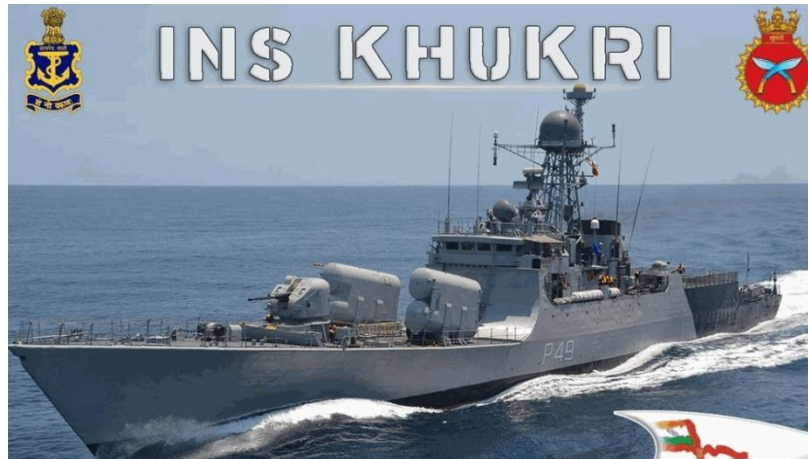
ASIGMA app



- ❖ The Indian Army launched a contemporary messaging application named, ASIGMA.
- ❖ It is dubbed as “Army Secure IndiGeneous Messaging Application”.
- ❖ It will replace the AWAN (Army Wide Area Network) messaging application.

- ❖ AWAN has been in service for last 15 years.
- ❖ It has been developed in line with the Government's Make in India initiative.

INS Khukri



- ❖ India's first indigenously built missile corvettes, INS Khukri (P49), was decommissioned after 32 years of service at Visakhapatnam.
- ❖ INS Khukri was built by the Mazagon Dock shipbuilders on August 23, 1989.
- ❖ It had the distinction of being part of Western as well as Eastern Fleets.

S-400 air defence missile system



- ❖ Indian Air Force (IAF) has deployed the first squadron of the S-400 air defence missile system in the western Punjab sector.
- ❖ This will take care of aerial threats from Pakistan and China.

- ❖ The S-400 air defence system was contracted for by India from Russia.

INTERNATIONAL

Dinosaur embryo found in China

- ❖ A 66-million-year-old dinosaur embryo was discovered in Ganzhou in southern China.
- ❖ The embryo is believed to be a toothless theropod dinosaur, or oviraptorosaur.
- ❖ It has been named Baby Yingliang.
- ❖ The discovery of embryo has also provided researchers a greater understanding of the link between dinosaurs and modern birds.
- ❖ The fossil provides that, embryo was in a curled position called as “tucking”.
- ❖ This behaviour is seen among birds, shortly before they hatch.
- ❖ It also indicates that tucking behaviour in modern birds has been evolved and originated from their dinosaur ancestors.



ECONOMY

CSB Bank

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the empanelment of CSB Bank, a private sector lender as an ‘Agency Bank’.

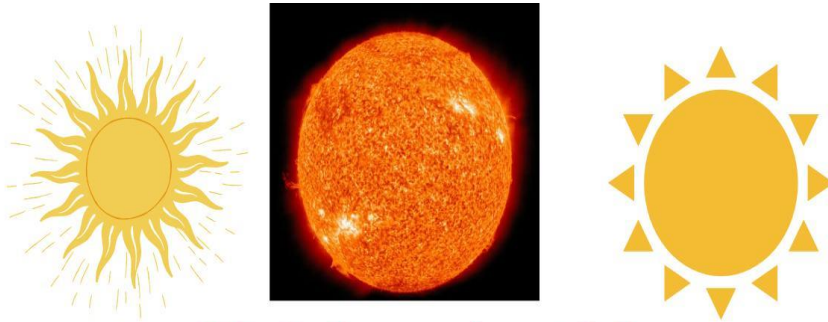


- ❖ Through this appointment, the CSB Bank will undertake the general banking business of the central and state governments under the guidelines set by the RBI.
- ❖ CSB Bank Limited (formerly Catholic Syrian Bank Limited) is an Indian private sector bank with its headquarters at Thrissur, Kerala.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Artificial sun



Artificial sun by China

more powerful than the real sun

10 times hotter than the sun

- ❖ China conducted a nuclear fusion experiment, for advancing its “artificial sun.”
- ❖ The Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST) heating system was kicked off by Hefei Institute of Physical Science in December 2021.

- ❖ EAST heating system experiment was conducted with the aim of making artificial sun or auxiliary heating system 'hotter and more durable.
- ❖ Tokamak uses extremely high temperatures to boil the hydrogen isotopes into a plasma and then fuse them together to release energy.

STATES

Anti-conversion bill



- ❖ “Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021” was passed in the Karnataka State legislative Assembly.
- ❖ The bill is popularly known as anti-conversion bill.
- ❖ The bill is being opposed, tagging it as “anti-people”, “inhuman”, “unconstitutional”, “anti poor” and “draconian”.
- ❖ This Bill was passed by a voice vote.
- ❖ This bill provides for protection of the right to freedom of religion.
- ❖ It also prohibits unlawful conversion from one religion to another by force, misrepresentation, coercion, undue influence, allurement or by any fraudulent means.

Delhi's first Teachers' University

- ❖ Delhi Cabinet approved to set up Delhi's first Teachers' University.
- ❖ The university will offer a four-year integrated teacher education programme after Class 12.
- ❖ Delhi Teachers' University will be a public university.

- ❖ It will be dedicated to prepare excellent quality teachers for Delhi across different school stages.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Mother Teresa Memorial Award



- ❖ Environmentalist Dr Anil Prakash Joshi has been awarded the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice 2021.
- ❖ Dr Anil Prakash Joshi also was conferred the Padma Bhushan this year.

- ❖ Vidyut Mohan, the winner of the Earth shot Prize, and Ridhima Pandey, a young environmental activist from Uttarakhand, were also the recipients of the award.

SPORTS

SAFF Football U 19 Women's Championship



- ❖ Bangladesh women team has won the SAFF U 19 Women's Championship by defeating India in the finals.
- ❖ Shaheda Akter Ripa of Bangladesh scored the maximum number of goals in the tournament.
- ❖ She received the 'most valuable player' award.
- ❖ The 2021 SAFF U-19 Women's Championship was the 2nd edition of the SAFF U-19 Women's Championship.

IMPORTANT DAYS

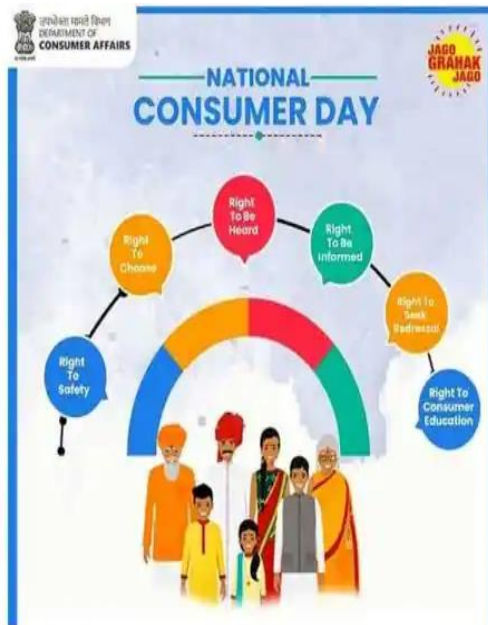
5th Siddha Day - December 23

- ❖ The day is observed to create awareness about the Siddha system of medicine.
- ❖ The day is annually organised by the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy (AYUSH).
- ❖ It is celebrated on the eve of the birthday of Siddhar Agathiyar, which falls during the Ayilyam star in the Tamil month of Margazhi.
- ❖ In 2021, the Siddha Day falls on 23rd December 2021.
- ❖ The year 2021 marks the celebration of the 5th Siddha Day.

- ❖ The theme of the 5th Siddha Day is “Strength of Siddha in Communicable Diseases”.
- ❖ It sensitises the public on the importance of the Siddha system in tackling communicable diseases.



National Consumer Rights Day - December 24



- ❖ On this day in 1986, the Consumer Protection Act 1986 received Presidential assent and thus came into force.
- ❖ The Act aims to provide consumers with effective safeguards against different types of exploitation, such as defective goods, deficiency in services and unfair trade practices.

- ❖ World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated annually on March 15.

Good Governance Day - December 25

- ❖ Good Governance Day is also called as Sushasan Divas.
- ❖ On this day nation celebrates the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna and former-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- ❖ Atal Bihari Vajpayee served as the Prime Minister of India for three times.
- ❖ His first term was for only 13 days in 1996.
- ❖ He served his second term for a period of thirteen months.
- ❖ Then he served a full term from 1999 to 2004.

