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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India hiked the policy repo rate - for a fifth consecutive time - by 35 basis points to 6.25 %.
- ❖ Deepika Padukone will be the first global actor to unveil the FIFA World Cup trophy during the finals, possibly the first in FIFA history.

TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu Climate Summit 2022

- ❖ The State government has kick started Tamil Nadu Climate Summit 2022 in Chennai.
- ❖ The CM launched initiatives such as climate smart villages, green schools and green temples.
- ❖ The Climate Summit addressed the three major missions of the state government - Climate Change Mission, Green Tamil Nadu Mission, and Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission.



Tamilnadu climate change mission

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission (TNCCM), has partnered with the Anna University's Centre for Climate Change and Disaster Management to form 'Climate Studio'.
- ❖ It will be a single-source data point for all climate activities.
- ❖ The Green Climate Change Company formed as a special-purpose vehicle to steer Tamil Nadu to become a climate smart state.

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Green Climate Change Company will focus on
 - Preparing decarbonisation pathways for various sectors,
 - Conceptualising and setting up finance models and a climate studio,
 - Climate budgeting and
 - Partnerships with local agencies.
- ❖ Increasing the State's green cover from 23.71 percent to 33 percent is the Green Tamil Nadu Mission's major goal.
- ❖ TNCCM will focus on bio fencing of coastal areas, green fellowship, climate smart villages, green rating of industries and buildings.
- ❖ The state is first to launch its own Climate Change Mission to make Tamil Nadu a climate smart state.



Health center's expansion



- ❖ DPHICON 2022, the conference of the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine held in Chennai to mark 100 years of service.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu will set up another 200 to 250 primary health centres (PHC) and 2,000 to 2,500 more health sub-centres (HSC) on the basis of population.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu had 2,286 primary health centres and urban health centres and 8,713 HSCs.
- ❖ As per norms, there should be one HSC for every 5,000 population.
- ❖ On the basis of population, the State may need at least 2,000 to 2,500 more HSCs.
- ❖ The State has 12,525 village panchayats.
- ❖ So, we will need more than 10,000 HSCs while we are having 8,713 HSCs.
- ❖ There should be one PHC for every 30,000 population in villages, 20,000 in hill areas and 50,000 in cities.
- ❖ The directorate will soon launch a YouTube channel Nalam 360 soon.

INTERNATIONAL

NSA Meet with Central Asia



- ❖ National Security Advisor (NSA) of India hosted a special meeting with his counterparts from Central Asian countries - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

- ❖ This was the first time that NSAs of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan were in Delhi for a high-level security meeting.
- ❖ The meeting coincides with the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between India and the Central Asian countries.
- ❖ India accorded the highest priority to Central Asia as it was “our extended neighbourhood”, and a “peaceful, secure, prosperous” Central Asia was in our common interest.

ENVIRONMENT

Tungareashwar Wildlife Sanctuary

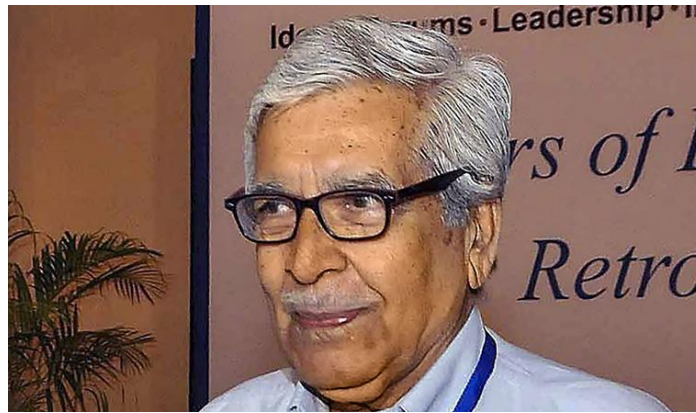


- ❖ Supreme Court exempted Maharashtra’s Tungareashwar Wildlife Sanctuary from mandating the creation of a 1 km eco-sensitive zones around the protected area.
- ❖ This is situated on a plateau east of Vasai and Virar in Maharashtra’s Palghar district.
- ❖ It forms a corridor between the Borivali National Park and Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ❖ Earlier, the Supreme Court had directed all protected forest, national park and wildlife sanctuaries across India to have a mandatory eco-sensitive zone of a minimum of 1 km starting from their demarcated boundaries.
- ❖ The ESZs are set up around the protected areas as a “shock observer”.

- ❖ They act as a transition zone from the areas with high protection to those having lesser protection.
- ❖ The Sanjay Gandhi National Park and Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary in Mumbai are exempted earlier.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Former Union minister Yoginder K Alagh

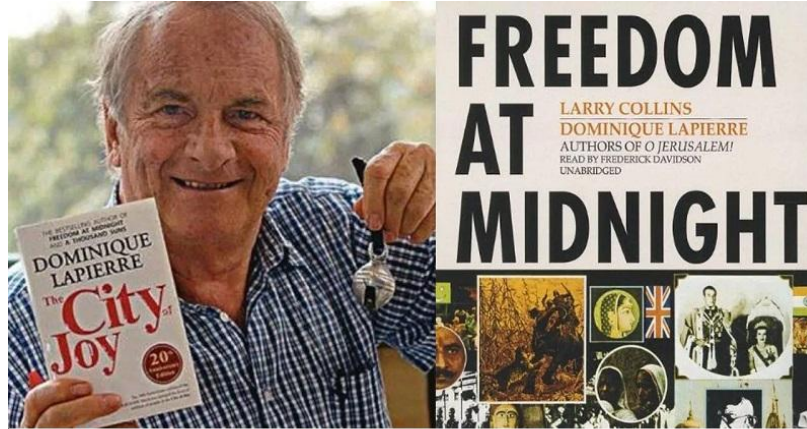


- ❖ Noted economist and former Union minister Yoginder K Alagh passed away.
- ❖ He was an emeritus professor at the Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research in Ahmedabad.
- ❖ He was elected to Rajya Sabha from Gujarat in 1996 and remained a member of the Upper House till 2000.
- ❖ He served as the union minister of state for Planning and Programme Implementation, Science and Technology and Power during 1996-98.
- ❖ He also served as the chairman of the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) from 2006 to 2012.
- ❖ He was a Member of the Planning Commission and had also served as the chairman of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices in the Ministry of Industry.

City of Joy' author Dominique Lapierre

- ❖ Freedom at Midnight author Dominique Lapierre has passed away.
- ❖ He is the author of the ode to Kolkata, 'City of Joy'.
- ❖ He is also collaborated with American Larry Collins to write six books that sold more than 50 million copies in over 30 languages.
- ❖ He was conferred the Padma Bhushan in 2008.

- ❖ He founded the City of Joy Foundation to rescue children suffering from leprosy from the slums of Kolkata.
- ❖ Set up in 1981, it was supported by the royalties from his many literary successes.



Dominique Lapierre, 'City of Joy' author dies at the age of 91

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development - December 05



- ❖ It aims to recognize and promote the tireless work, not just of UN Volunteers, but of volunteers across the globe.
- ❖ The international observance was mandated by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 1985.
- ❖ The day commemorates 80 countries in the world.

- ❖ The UN Generally Assembly proclaimed 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers.
- ❖ Theme of the event for this year is solidarity through volunteering.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cyclone Mandous

- ❖ Cyclonic storm Mandous recently formed over the southwest Bay of Bengal.
- ❖ It was named by the United Arab Emirates.
- ❖ In Arabic, the word means a 'treasure box' and is pronounced as 'Man-Dous'.
- ❖ The cyclone made landfall near Mamallapuram on December 9.
- ❖ In the past 121 years (1891-2021), 12 cyclones have crossed the coast between Chennai and Puducherry.
- ❖ Cyclone Mandous is the 13th to make landfall in the region.

