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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ TN Chief Minister announced an increase in the monthly financial assistance to various categories of persons with disabilities from ₹1,000 to ₹1,500.
- ❖ Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu won silver at the 2022 World Weightlifting Championships in Colombia.
- ❖ Aditya Mittal from Mumbai has become India's 77th chess Grandmaster during an ongoing tournament in Spain.
- ❖ IDFC Asset Management Company Limited will be renamed as Bandhan AMC and IDFC Mutual Fund is proposed to be renamed as Bandhan Mutual Fund.

TAMIL NADU

Vanavil Mandram

- ❖ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched Vanavil Mandram in Trichy.
- ❖ It is attempting to transition students of classes from VI to VIII State-wide from rote learning to activity-based assimilation of content.
- ❖ The activities of the forum (Vanavil Mandram) will be executed block-wise across the State in over 13,200 schools covering about 20 lakh students by STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) facilitators.
- ❖ The facilitators have been equipped with 'mobile laboratory' kit.



First woman mace-bearer of Madurai Bench

- ❖ D. Lalitha, has been appointed as the first woman chobdar (mace-bearer) of the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court.

- ❖ She is the mace-bearer for Justice N. Mala.
- ❖ In the High Court, the mace-bearer walks in front of the judges so as to ensure free passage for them as they move from their chambers to the court halls.
- ❖ Earlier in June this year, the Madras High Court had got its first woman mace-bearer.



Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR)

FACT SHEET | Special bulletin, Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR), census of India

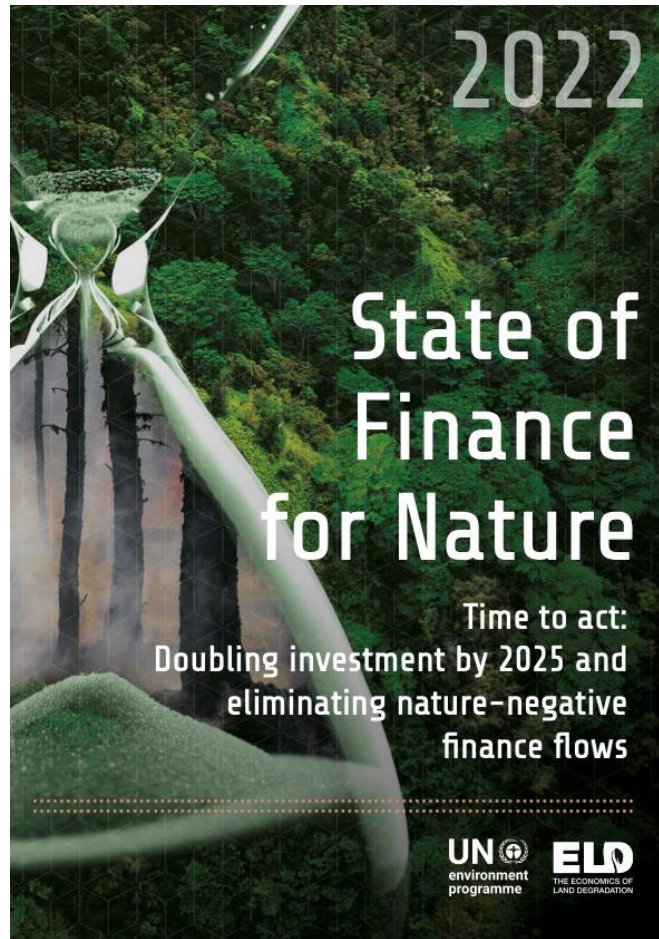
India & Major States	MMR 2017-19	MMR 2018-2020
INDIA	103	97
Andhra Pradesh	58	45
Telangana	56	43
Karnataka	83	69
Kerala	30	19
Tamil Nadu	58	54
Maharashtra	38	33

- ❖ TN's MMR dropped to 54 per one lakh live births in 2018-20 from 58 in 2017-19.
- ❖ Tamilnadu conducts a death audit for every maternal death in the state at four levels (community, hospital, collectorate, and expert panel).
- ❖ Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) and pregnancy-induced hypertension are the main causes of maternal deaths in TN.
- ❖ Among southern states, Kerala has the lowest MMR with 19 deaths per one lakh births.

- ❖ It is followed by Telangana at 43, and Andhra Pradesh at 45, while Karnataka stayed behind TN with an MMR of 69.

ENVIRONMENT

State of Finance for Nature 2022 Report



- ❖ It is released by the UNEP along with the Economics of Land Degradation initiative of Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the UNCCD, and the European Commission.
- ❖ It was released 10 days after the conclusion of the COP27 and a week before the start of the UN Conference on Biodiversity (COP15 CBD) in Montreal, Canada.
- ❖ The current global investment in nature-based solutions (NbS) is 154 billion USD per annum.
- ❖ This needs to be increased to 384 billion USD by 2025.
- ❖ The investments in economic activities that are increasing GHG emissions are 3 to 7 times higher than the investments in NbS.

- ❖ Subsidies for economic activities that are harmful for the environment is highest in energy sector.
- ❖ In agriculture sector, the subsidies are estimated to be around 500 billion per annum.
- ❖ The report recommended the phasing out of these subsidies.

REPORTS AND INDICES

World's 100 Most Powerful Women



- ❖ European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen topped Forbes' 2022 list of World's 100 most powerful women.
- ❖ Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel was at the top of the list from 2006 to 2020, except in the year 2010.
- ❖ US First Lady Michelle Obama took the spot in 2010.
- ❖ The 100th position is held by Iran's Mahsa Amini.
- ❖ She is the first to be included in the list posthumously.
- ❖ Six Indian women featured on the 2022 list.
- ❖ These includes
 - Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman,
 - Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw,
 - Nykaa founder Falguni Nayar,
 - HCL Tech Chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra,
 - SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and

- Steel Authority of India Chairperson Soma Mondal.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

TIME Person of the Year 2022



- ❖ Time magazine named Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky 2022's "Person of the Year".
- ❖ He was inspired Ukrainians and won global accolades for his courage in resisting Russia's devastating invasion.
- ❖ Tesla Inc Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk was named Time's "Person of the Year" in 2021.
- ❖ Time began this tradition in 1927.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Armed Forces Flag Day - December 07

- ❖ During this day, Indian flags, batches, stickers, and other items are sold to raise funds for the betterment of the Armed Forces staff.

- ❖ The funds raised on Flag Day are also used for the rehabilitation of battle casualties.
- ❖ In honour of Indian soldiers, sailors, and airmen, this day has become a tradition over the years since 1949.
- ❖ On August 28, 1949, a committee was set up under the then Defence Minister of India and decided to observe a Flag Day annually on December 7.



International Civil Aviation Day - December 07



- ❖ Every year, this day is celebrated to promote awareness of the importance of international civil aviation organisations in international air travel.
- ❖ Safety standards in international aviation are maintained by the ICAO, an autonomous UN body.

- ❖ This Day was first celebrated in 1994 and UNGA recognised in 1996.
- ❖ The theme for 2022 is “Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development”.
- ❖ The theme will remain the same until the year 2023.

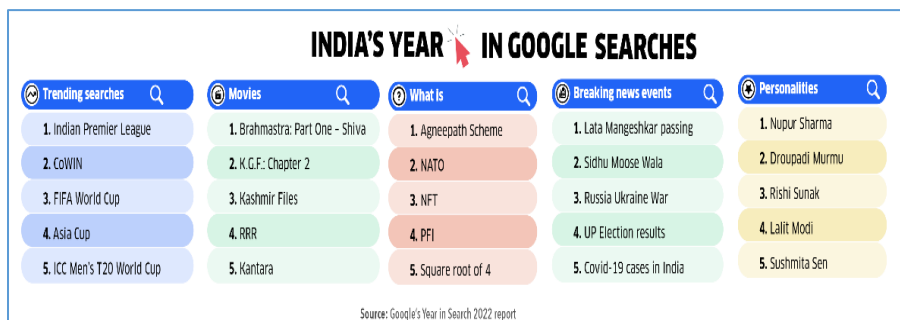
MISCELLANEOUS

Oxford’s 2022 Word of the Year



- ❖ “Goblin mode” has been chosen by the public as the 2022 Oxford word of the year.
- ❖ The first Oxford word of the year was to be chosen by public vote.
- ❖ The term stands for “a type of behaviour which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations”.
- ❖ “Metaverse” was the second choice, followed by “#IStandWith”

Google "Year in Search 2022" report



- ❖ Google's annual list of top-trending searches is out for the year 2022.
- ❖ The annual Year in Search lists the most-popular searches of the year.



- ❖ The list includes news, personalities, how-to dos, recipes, 'near me' searches, 'what is' searches and more.
- ❖ The country's cricket league IPL topped the trending searches.
- ❖ It was followed by CoWIN and FIFA World Cup.

