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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly adopted a Bill that seeks to increase the annual and life-time subscription, re-admission fee, registration fee for the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and also to provide for the issue of e-stamp.
- ❖ The CMs of Tamil Nadu and Kerala inaugurated the renovated memorial of Tamil reformist E.V. Ramasamy at Vaikom, Kottayam District, Kerala.
- ❖ IIT Madras has launched a truck driver rating app to provide the real-time assessment of their driving behaviour on safety and energy efficiency.
- ❖ TN Social Welfare and Women Empowerment launched the PAATHAI (personality affirming attitude, transformation, holistic approach intervention) initiative to care about to children who are first-time offenders.
- ❖ With about 26 % rise of FDI to USD 42.1 billion during the first half of the FY 2024-25, India's gross foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows reached to the USD 1 trillion.
- ❖ The 4th India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2024 was held in New Delhi under the theme “Innovations in Internet Governance for India”.
- ❖ Veteran filmmaker Shaji N Karun has been selected for the prestigious JC Daniel Award 2023 for his lifetime contributions to Malayalam cinema.
- ❖ Morocco, Portugal and Spain will co-host the FIFA Football World Cup in 2030, and Saudi Arabia will stage the 2034 finals.
- ❖ The Leh will host the ice events of the Khelo India Winter Games 2025 while the Gulmarg will host the snow events.

TAMIL NADU

Kalaignar Craft Scheme

- ❖ Tamil Nadu will implement 'Kalaignar Kaivinai Thittam,' aimed at empowering artisans and craftsmen based on social justice.
- ❖ The scheme has been formulated to benefit all sections of people who are engaged in 25 trades/crafts.
- ❖ The scheme is not based on family based traditional trades.
- ❖ It envisages subsidy linked credit support, skill and entrepreneur development for expansion of existing trades and launch of new initiatives.

- ❖ Credit support of Rs 3 lakh, which includes subsidy of 25 per cent (a maximum of Rs 50,000), 5 per cent interest subsidy and all other necessary support will be provided under this scheme.

இத்திட்டத்தின் சிறப்பம்சங்கள்

- ரூ.3 இலட்சம் வரை பிணையற்ற கடன் உதவி
- ரூ. 50,000 வரை மானியம்
- 5% வரை வட்டி மானியம்
- திறன் மேம்பாட்டிற்கான சிறப்புப் பயிற்சிகள்

விண்ணப்பிக்கும் தகுதி

- 35 வயது நிரம்பியவராக இருத்தல் வேண்டும்; எந்த வகுப்பினராகவும் இருக்கலாம்

கீழ்க்காணும் கைவினைக் கலைகள் மற்றும் தொழில்களில் உள்ளோர் இத்திட்டத்தின் கீழ் பயன் பெற விண்ணப்பிக்கலாம்.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ கட்டிட வேலைகள் ▪ மரவேலைப்பாடுகள் ▪ பாரம்பரிய முறையில் ஜவுளி அச்சிடுதல் ▪ தோல் கைவினைப் பொருட்கள், காலணிகள் தயாரித்தல் ▪ மீன் வலை தயாரித்தல் ▪ மலர் வேலைப்பாடுகள் ▪ மூங்கில், பிரம்பு, சணல், பனை ஓலை வேலைப்பாடுகள் 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ நகை செய்தல் ▪ சிகையலங்காரம், அழகுக்கலை ▪ துணி நெய்தல், துணிகளில் கலைவேலைப்பாடுகள் ▪ கதை வேலைப்பாடுகள் ▪ யூட்டு தயாரித்தல் ▪ உலோக வேலைப்பாடுகள் ▪ யுங்க்யூபினரின் இயற்கை சேகரிப்புகள், கைவினைப் பொருட்கள் 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ தையல் வேலை ▪ கூடை முடைதல், கயிறு, பாய் பின்னூதல், துடைப்பான் செய்தல் ▪ மன்பாண்டங்கள், கடுமண் வேலைகள் ▪ பொம்மைகள் தயாரித்தல் ▪ படகுக் கட்டுமானம் ▪ பாசிமணி வேலைப்பாடுகள் 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ துணி வெளுத்தல், தேய்த்தல் ▪ சிற்ப வேலைப்பாடுகள், கற்சிலை வடித்தல் ▪ ஓவியம் வரைதல், வண்ணம் பூசுதல் ▪ கண்ணாடி வேலைப்பாடுகள் ▪ பாரம்பரிய இசைக்கருவிகள் தயாரித்தல்
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TN Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1975

THE WAQF ACT, 1995

- Properties declared as waqf remain waqf regardless of current usage
- Established Waqf Tribunals to adjudicate disputes related to waqf properties, with decisions final and not subject to appeal in civil courts
- Designated mutawallis, members of managing committees, executive officers, and others holding office in a waqf as public servants

- ❖ This Bill seeks to amend the Tamil Nadu Public Premises (the Eviction of the Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1975 in line with Waqf Act, 1995 retrospectively from January 7, 2021.



- ❖ This bill sought for the necessary validation provision and to reserve it for the consideration of the President as required under the Article 254 (2) of the Constitution.
- ❖ An amendment was made to clause (e) of Section 7 of the Tamil Nadu Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Act, 2010.
- ❖ It is including the waqf premises registered with the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board within the definition of the term “public premises”.
- ❖ Several unauthorised occupants from the premises belonging to a waqf registered with the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board were evicted from such premises.

Tax on mineral-bearing lands

“ Royalty is not a tax. **Royalty is a contractual consideration paid by the mining lessee to lessor for enjoyment of mineral rights.** The liability to pay royalty arises out of the contractual conditions of the mining lease. **Payments made to the govt cannot be deemed to be a tax** merely because the statute provides for their recovery as arrears —**SC's majority order**

The **state legislatures have legislative competence** under Article 246 read with Entry 49-List II **to tax lands and buildings but not lands which comprise of mines and quarries** or have mineral deposits as mineral bearing lands do not fall within the description of lands (under Entry 49-List II)

— **Justice B V Nagarathna's dissenting order in 8:1 verdict**

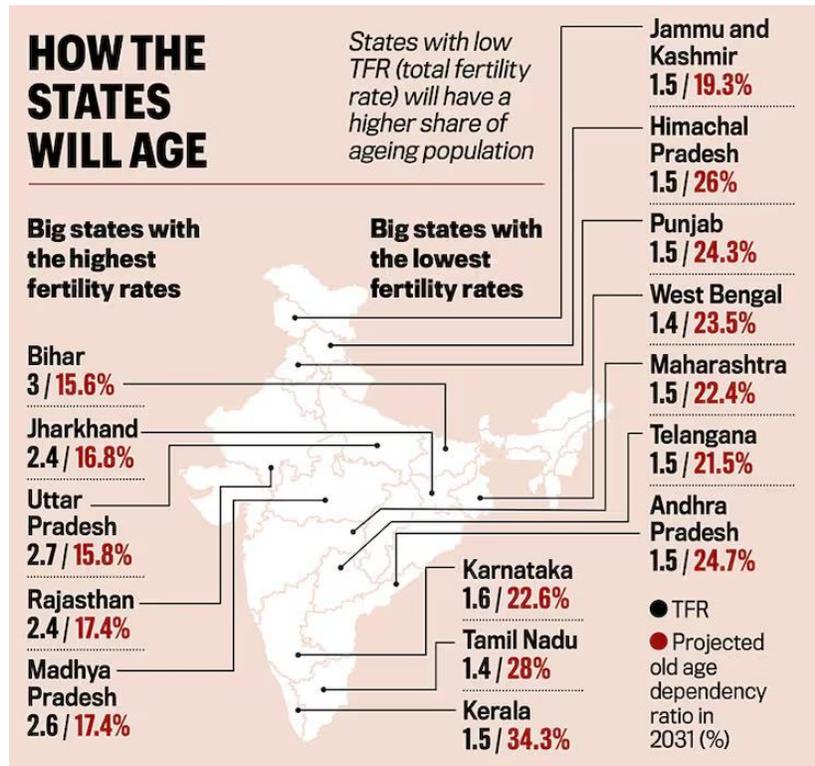
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly adopted a Bill that seeks to levy tax on mineral-bearing lands.
- ❖ The government hoped to augment its revenue through this legislation.
- ❖ The Supreme Court had earlier this year held that the minerals-bearing land fell within the description of ‘lands’ under Entry 49 of List II of the Seventh Schedule.
- ❖ So, the State Legislatures have the legislative competence under Article 29 to tax on lands, which comprises of mines and quarries.

NATIONAL

Total Fertility Rate of 2.0

- ❖ India has achieved a Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of 2.0, according to the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019–21).

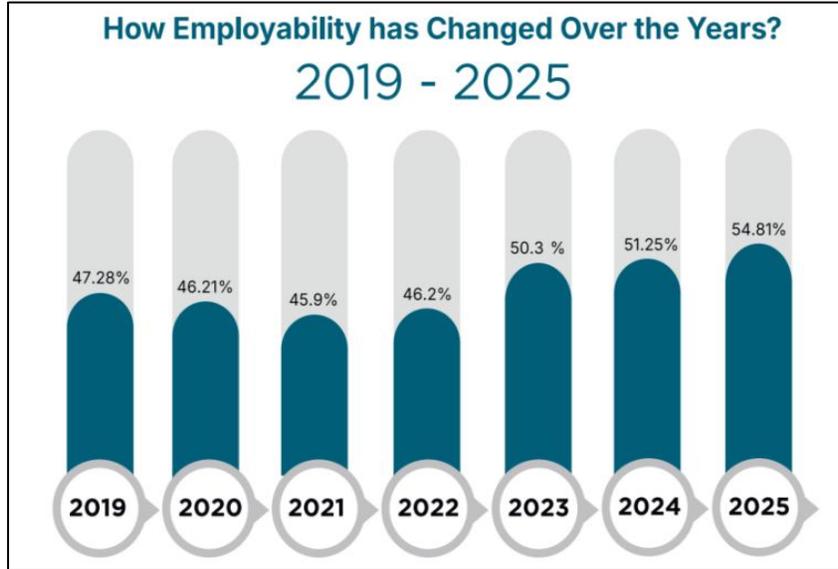
- ❖ This meets the targets set under the National Population Policy 2000 and the National Health Policy 2017, which aimed for a TFR of 2.1.
- ❖ The total fertility rate is the average number of children that a woman will have during her lifetime.
- ❖ It is measured in terms of children per woman.
- ❖ The total fertility rate, was as high as 6 or more in 1950s.



India Skills Report 2025

- ❖ Nearly 55 per cent of Indian graduates are expected to be globally employable in 2025, up from 51.2 per cent in 2024.
- ❖ Maharashtra, Karnataka and Delhi are emerging as major hubs for employable talent.
- ❖ Cities such as Pune, Bengaluru and Mumbai are leading the way in providing a skilled workforce.
- ❖ The employability rate for men is expected to rise to 53.5 per cent in 2025 from 51.8 per cent in 2024.
- ❖ Meanwhile, for women the employability rate is projected to decline to 47.5 per cent from 50.9 per cent during the same time.

- ❖ Maharashtra leads in the employability, followed by Delhi, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala are the top States favoured for employment across India.



INTERNATIONAL

World first national soundscape



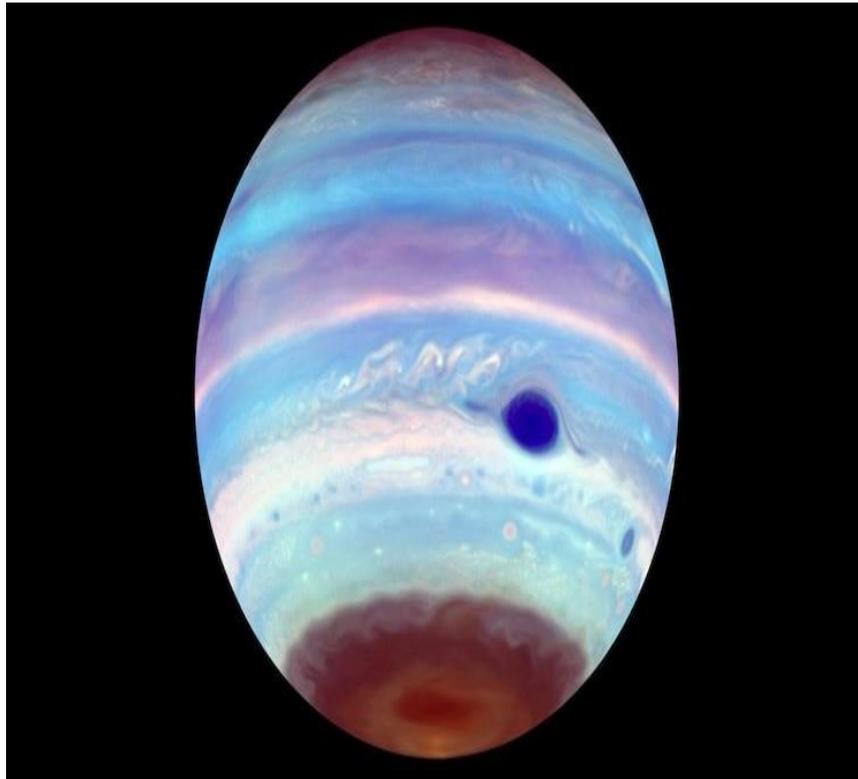
- ❖ Finland has become the world's first country to release a national soundscape.
- ❖ The soundscape consists of 15 compositions inspired by the country, its people and their characteristics.

- ❖ The soundscape is also intended to increase awareness of Finnish culture, which according to surveys is the least well-known aspect of the country image.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Dark Ovals on Jupiter

- ❖ Astronomers discovered the presence of Earth-sized dark ovals at the Jupiter's poles just as the Great Red Spot.
- ❖ They are typically found just below the planet's auroral zones.
- ❖ The Observations between 2015 and 2022 show that these features are more prevalent at the south pole, appearing in 75% of the images.
- ❖ But they are rarely seen at the north pole.



ENVIRONMENT

Marble Duck

- ❖ A marbled duck, an unusual winter migrant was spotted at Sultanpur National Park, Haryana.
- ❖ The species had not been seen in Sultanpur since 1990.

- ❖ This species is classified as "vulnerable" globally by IUCN.
- ❖ They are native to Europe, where it breeds during summer months.
- ❖ Its last sighting was at Bhindawas wetland in 2022.
- ❖ They are known to breed in the three distinct regions — eastern and western Mediterranean and Iran.

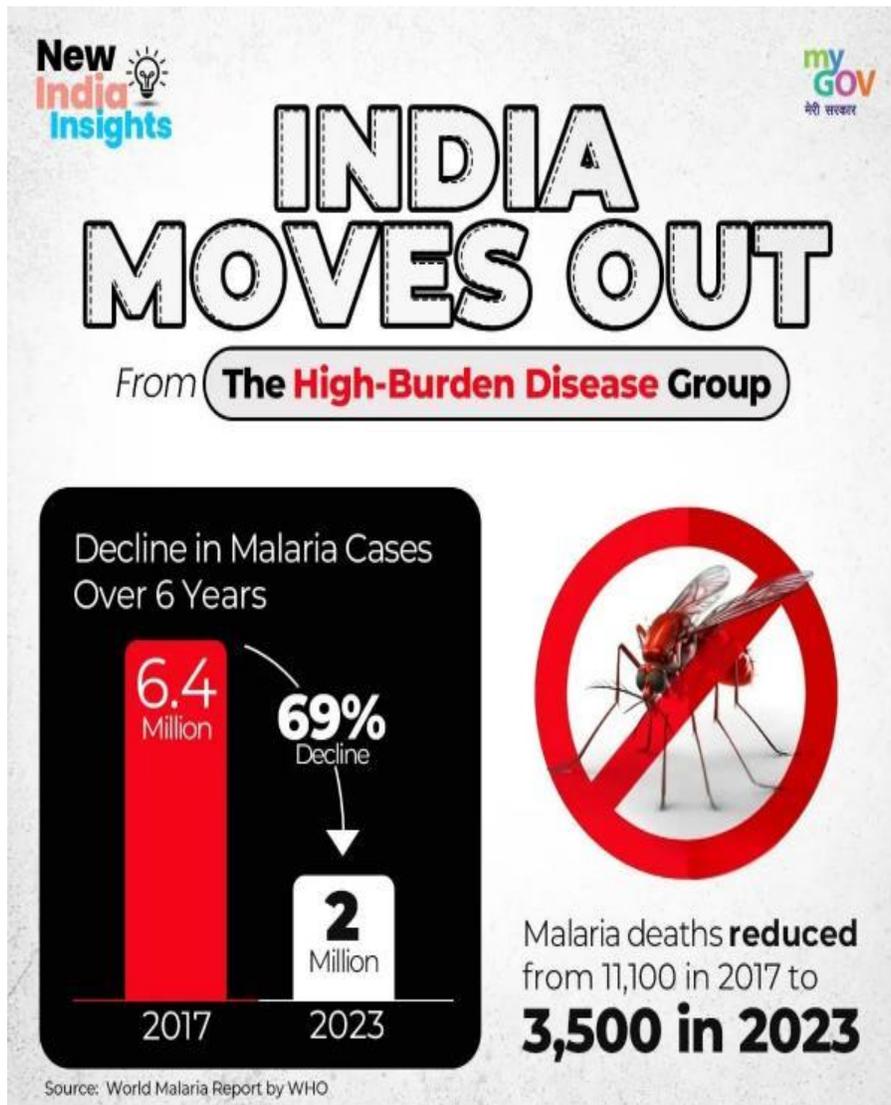


REPORTS AND INDICES

World Malaria Report 2024 -WHO

- ❖ In 2023, the South-East Asia Region reported eight malaria-endemic countries accounting for four million cases.
- ❖ India alone contributed to half of the region's cases, followed by Indonesia with nearly one-third.
- ❖ In India, the estimated cases dropped by 17.7 million from 200 to 2023.
- ❖ The malaria incidence fell by 93%, from 20 cases to 1.5 cases per 1,000 people at risk.
- ❖ Sri Lanka was certified malaria-free in 2016.
- ❖ Globally, in 2023, 29 out of 83 malaria-endemic countries were responsible for nearly 95% of global malaria cases and 96% of malaria deaths.

- ❖ Nigeria (25.9%), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (12.6%), Uganda (4.8%), Ethiopia (3.6%), and Mozambique (3.5%) made up more than half of all malaria cases worldwide.
- ❖ The four countries accounted for more than half of all malaria deaths globally are Nigeria (30.9%), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (11.3%), Niger (5.9%), and Tanzania (4.3%).



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

National Panchayat Awards 2024

- ❖ Six panchayats of the state were awarded the National Panchayat Awards-2024 for driving grassroots development.

- ❖ The awards were given under several categories by the Panchayati Raj Ministry.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has won 2 awards in Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP) category.

Sl.No.	State/UT	Category-wise awardees							Grand Total
		Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar	Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar			Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar	Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar	Panchayat Kshamta Nirmaan Sarvottam Sansthan Puraskar	
			Gram Panchayats	Gram Panchayats	Block Panchayats				
1	Andhra Pradesh	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2	Assam	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	Bihar	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
4	Chhattisgarh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Gujarat	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
6	Himachal Pradesh	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
7	Karnataka	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
8	Kerala	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
9	Ladakh	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
10	Maharashtra	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	6
11	Odisha	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	7
12	Tamil Nadu	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
13	Telangana	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
14	Tripura	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	7
15	Uttar Pradesh	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
	Total	27	3	3	3	3	3	3	45

Karmaveer chakra awards 2024-25



- ❖ It is the global civilian honours given by the international confederation of NGO (iCONGO) in partnership with United Nations.
- ❖ Rumana Sinha Sehgal, a T-Hub mentor and founder, has received the Karmaveer Chakra Platinum Medal 2024-2025.

- ❖ Switcheko's Founder Akshay Deshpande was recognized with the Karmaveer Chakra Bronze Medal.
- ❖ Goodeebag's Founder has been recognized for its pioneering initiatives in sustainable waste management.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Indian navy submarine day 2024 - December 08

- ❖ On this day in 1967, the first submarine, the erstwhile INS Kalvari, was commissioned.
- ❖ Kalvari is the Malayalam name for Tiger Shark, a predator in the Indian Ocean.
- ❖ The Kalvari was decommissioned in 1996 after 29 years of service.
- ❖ INS Kalvari came from Russia.
- ❖ Currently, India currently operates 18 conventional submarines, including five Scorpene class (French), four HDWs (German) and seven Kilo-class (Russian).

