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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Mukansanga from Rwanda became the first female African to officiate at the men's top football event on 22 November 2022.

TAMIL NADU

Statue of 'Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiyar'

- ❖ Chief Minister MK Stalin inaugurated a refurbished 'Bharathi Illam' in Varanasi.
- ❖ In the house, Bharathiyar lived in his age of 15 to 19 years.
- ❖ He also inaugurated a statue of Bharathiyar in the 'Bharathi Illam'.
- ❖ He had announced that the centenary of Bharathi's death anniversary would be observed as Mahakavi Day (11th September).
- ❖ The memorial apart from the statue has a small library.



India Today's Best State

- ❖ For the 5th year in a row, Tamil Nadu has topped India Today's list of best performing states among India's largest states.
- ❖ At the end of every year, India Today publishes a ranking list on the performance of states.
- ❖ The agency lists the states as large and small under the categories of economy, medicine, agriculture, education, infrastructure, law and order, tourism and environment.



- ❖ In the list for 2022, Tamil Nadu is at the top with 1303.5 points.
- ❖ In the years 2018, 19, 20, 21, Tamil Nadu was at the top.
- ❖ It is followed by Himachal Pradesh and Kerala.
- ❖ Gujarat, Punjab and Maharashtra are the 4th, 5th, and 6th states.
- ❖ Gujarat is the first state in terms of economic development.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu, which was at the 4th position last year in that category, has moved up to the 2nd position this year.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has moved up from 5th place to 3rd place last year in medicine and has also moved up from 7th place to 3rd place in health.
- ❖ It has improved from last year's 4th place to 3rd place in terms of best infrastructure.

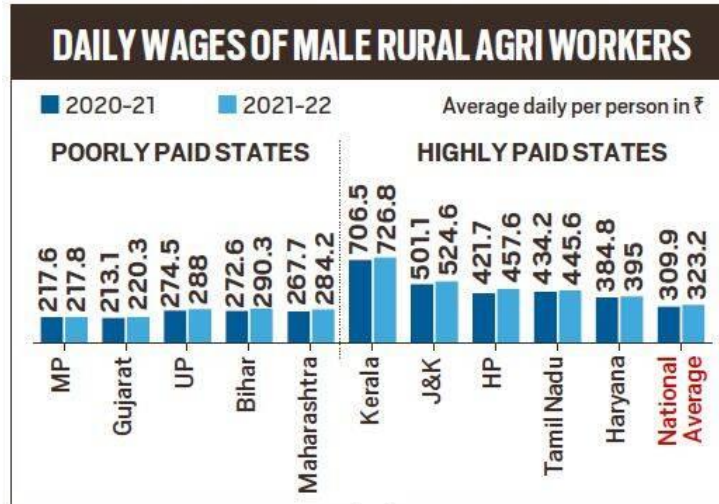
BEST PERFORMING BIG STATES OVERALL					
STATE	SCORE OUT OF 2080	2021	2020	2019	2018
TAMIL NADU	1,303.5	↔ 1	1	1	1
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1,257.2	↔ 2	2	2	7
KERALA	1,252.5	▲ 3	4	5	3
GUJARAT	1,226.4	▲ 4	5	6	4
PUNJAB	1,223.4	▼ 5	3	4	5
ANDHRA PRADESH	1,214.6	▲ 6	7	8	10
TELANGANA	1,204.8	▲ 7	9	10	9
HARYANA	1,199.9	▼ 8	6	3	2
MAHARASHTRA	1,166.0	▼ 9	8	9	8
KARNATAKA	1,141.5	▲ 10	11	7	6

NATIONAL

Daily wage payments in India

- ❖ Daily wagers in Kerala earned way more than their counterparts in more industrialised states like Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- ❖ They also earned more than double (837.3) the national average of Rs 373.30.
- ❖ Construction workers' average daily wage in Kerala was more than three times of that in the lowest paying states Tripura and Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The other two top states are Jammu & Kashmir and Tamil Nadu, where the wages were Rs 519 and Rs 478, respectively.

- ❖ Kerala leads in highly paid agricultural workers with an average wage of Rs 726.8 per worker.
- ❖ In Jammu & Kashmir, farm workers get an average wage of Rs 524.6, Himachal Pradesh Rs 457.6, and Tamil Nadu Rs 445.6 per person.



PM VIKAS Scheme

Launch of Integrated Scheme

By Combining Five (5) existing schemes of MoMA viz. Seekho aur Kamao, USTTAD, Hamari Dharohar, Nai Roshni and Nai Manzil

Guidelines for
PM VIKAS
(Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan)

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्रालय
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सत्यमेव जयते

- ❖ Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK) now named as Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme”.
- ❖ It is a Central Sector Scheme under Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- ❖ It aims improve livelihoods of the minorities, particularly the artisan communities, using the components of skill development, education, women leadership & entrepreneurship.

- ❖ The scheme combines the following five existing schemes: Seekho aur Kamao, USTTAD, Hamari Dharohar, Nai Roshni and Nai Manzil.

Project BOLD



- ❖ Ministry of MSME, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has launched a unique pilot project named “Project BOLD”.
- ❖ BOLD stands for Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought.
- ❖ The objective of this initiative is to scientifically harness the environmental benefits and economic potential of bamboo cultivation to protect environment and strengthen rural economy through various village industries.
- ❖ There is no budgetary provision for this project under KVIC.
- ❖ Bamboo saplings have been donated by an NGO that have been brought from Assam.
- ❖ No targets have been set for this project as it is a pilot project only.

Recognition for Namami Gange



- ❖ The United Nations has recognised the Namami Gange initiative to rejuvenate India's sacred River Ganga as one of the top 10 World Restoration Flagships to revive the natural world.
- ❖ They were selected under the banner of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.
- ❖ It is a global movement coordinated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- ❖ Namami Gange Programme was started in 2014 by central government after recognising the need to rejuvenate River Ganga.

STATES

All India Institute of Ayurveda

- ❖ The Prime Minister virtually opened the All-India Institute of Ayurveda in Goa, the National Institute of Unani Medicine in Ghaziabad, and the National Institute of Homeopathy in Delhi.
- ❖ He delivered a speech at the 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

7th India Water Impact Summit

- ❖ 7th India Water Impact Summit is recently held in New Delhi.

- ❖ The theme of the event: Restoration and Conservation of Small Rivers in a Large Basin, with emphasis on the 'Mapping and Convergence of 5Ps' – People, Policy, Plan, Programme and Project.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Universal Health Coverage Day - December 12

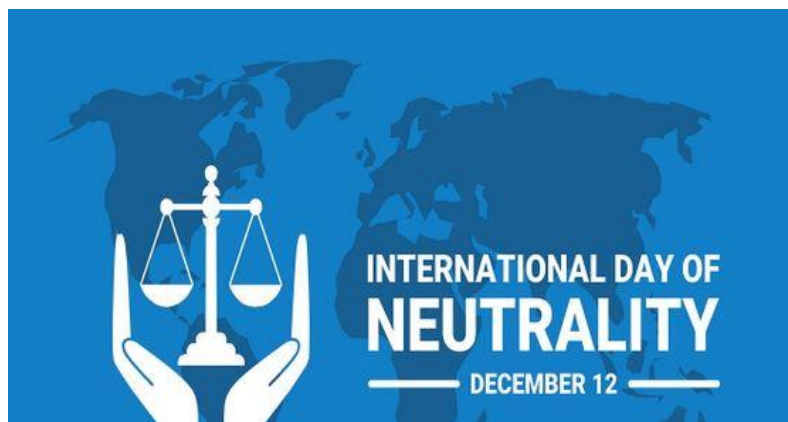


- ❖ The day is marked to promote the importance of building robust, resilient, world-class healthcare systems globally.
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness of the need for strong and resilient health systems and universal health coverage with multi-stakeholder partners.

- ❖ This year's theme is "Build the world we want: A healthy future for all".

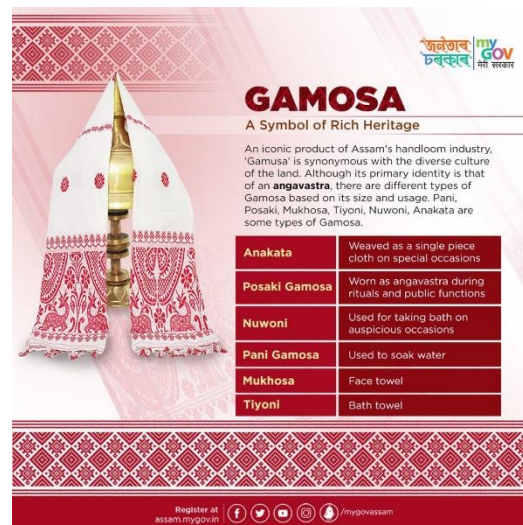
International Day of Neutrality - December 12

- ❖ It is a day when people look at the possibility of a world free of armed and other types of conflicts.
- ❖ The day was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2017.
- ❖ Its focus was on advocating and campaigning for intra-state peaceful relations.
- ❖ It was proposed by Turkmenistan and UNGA established this day in 2017.
- ❖ Switzerland serves as the perfect example of neutrality.



MISCELLANEOUS

New GI tags

A graphic for the GI tag of Gamosa. It features a white Gamosa with red patterns and a golden tassel. The text "GAMOSA" is written in red, with "A Symbol of Rich Heritage" below it. A table lists different types of Gamosa and their uses. The graphic also includes the Assam Government logo and social media icons.

GAMOSA
A Symbol of Rich Heritage

An iconic product of Assam's handloom industry, 'Gamosa' is synonymous with the diverse culture of the land. Although its primary identity is that of an **angavastra**, there are different types of Gamosa based on its size and usage. Pani, Posaki, Mukhosa, Tiyoni, Nuwoni, Anakata are some types of Gamosa.

Anakata	Weaved as a single piece cloth on special occasions
Posaki Gamosa	Worn as angavastra during rituals and public functions
Nuwoni	Used for taking bath on auspicious occasions
Pani Gamosa	Used to soak water
Mukhosa	Face towel
Tiyoni	Bath towel

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- ❖ Nine new items, including gamocha of Assam, Tandur red gram of Telangana, Raktsey Karpo apricot of Ladakh, and Alibag white onion of Maharashtra, have been given the coveted GI tag.
- ❖ Kerala has been awarded five GI tags for its agricultural produce.
- ❖ With this, the total number of GI tags in India comes to 432.
- ❖ The top five states holding the maximum number of GIs are Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala.
- ❖ Of these, 401 are Indian-origin products, 31 foreign-origin.
- ❖ Karnataka and Tamil Nadu are states with the highest number of GI tags, followed by Kerala (35), Uttar Pradesh (34), and Maharashtra (31).

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