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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh CM Shivaraj Singh Chouhan has announced that Gwalior Gaurav Diwas is being celebrated on former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birthday.
- ❖ Lovlina Borgohain and Nikhat Zareen have won gold medals at Women's National Boxing Championship 2022 in Bhopal.
- ❖ Indian swimmer Chahat Arora set a national record in the women's 100-metre breaststroke (1 minute, 13.13 seconds) at the FINA World Swimming Championships 2022 in Melbourne, Australia.
- ❖ Indian cyclist Swasti Singh has been honoured with the prestigious 30th Ekalabya Puraskar for the year 2022.
- ❖ The 19th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, C Rangarajan authored a book titled "Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond".

TAMIL NADU

DGCA Approval for Kisan drones



- ❖ Drone manufacturer Garuda Aerospace Private Ltd has received Type Certification and Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RPTO) approval from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- ❖ This is received for its indigenously-designed Kisan drones.
- ❖ Thus, it become India's first drone start-up to get these approvals.

- ❖ DGCA Type certification is provided on the basis of the quality check of the drones and is issued after a rigorous testing process.
- ❖ In India, the government introduced Type certification in August 2021 under Drone Rules.
- ❖ The Made in India 'Kisan' drones are particularly developed for agricultural purposes such as reducing crop loss, crop health monitoring, yield measurement, and crop loss mitigation with the latest manufacturing capacities.

NATIONAL

Project Vaani

- ❖ Project Vaani will be implemented jointly by the Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc), ARTPARK (AI and Robotics Technology Park), and Google.
- ❖ It aims to gather speech data from across India for the creation of an AI-based language model that can understand diverse Indian languages and dialects.

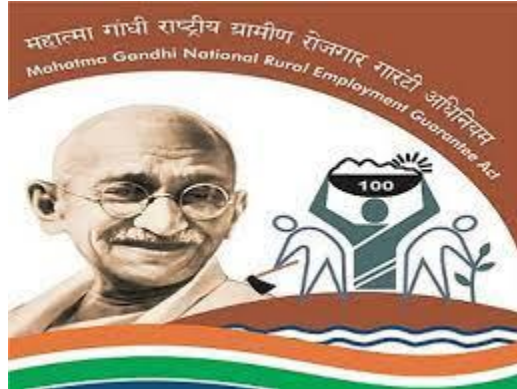


The infographic is divided into two main sections. The left section, on a yellow background, states: "Project Vaani will aim to build AI models that represent and speak to every Indian". It includes the "Google for INDIA" logo and a decorative floral illustration. The right section, on an orange background, states: "IISc will aim to bring together speech data from 773 INDIAN DISTRICTS". It features a speech bubble icon and the text: "This will be open sourced via Bhashini - enabling startups, students, and developers to create products that speak to every Indian."

National Mobile Monitoring System - MGREGS

- ❖ Digitally capturing the attendance of workers employed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGREGS) has been made universal by the Centre from January 1, 2023.
- ❖ From May 16, 2022, capturing attendance via the app was made compulsory for all worksites with 20 or more workers.

- ❖ This is required uploading two time-stamped and geotagged photographs of the workers.
- ❖ The job fell on the mates/supervisors, who are paid only marginally more than the unskilled workers.



AVGC Promotion Task Force Report

National AVGC-XR Mission
Recommendations by AVGC Task Force for promotion & growth of AVGC sector

Domestic Industry Development

- 'Create in India' Campaign: Content Creation In India, For India & For World!
- Establish a National Centre of Excellence

Developing Talent ecosystem to realise Demographic Dividends

- Leverage NEP to develop creative thinking with dedicated AVGC course content at school levels
- Establish AVGC Accelerators and Innovation hubs in academic institutions

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- ❖ Government has received the report of the Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC) Promotion Task Force.

- ❖ The Union Budget 2022-23 announced the formation of an AVGC Promotion Task Force.
- ❖ This Force mandate to realise and develop – local capacity, and local and global demand, to widen the scope of the AVGC industry.

‘PRASAD’ project

- ❖ President of India Droupadi Murmu inaugurated ‘PRASAD’ project at the tourism facilitation centre in the pilgrim town of Srisailam in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ PRASAD scheme is ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive’.
- ❖ It is 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme under Tourism Ministry.
- ❖ This scheme focuses on developing and identifying pilgrimage sites across India for enriching the religious tourism experience.
- ❖ It aims to integrate pilgrimage destinations in a prioritized, planned, and sustainable manner to provide a complete religious tourism experience.
- ❖ The growth of domestic tourism hugely depends on pilgrimage tourism.



INTERNATIONAL

Imprisonment for former president

- ❖ The Maldives criminal court sentenced former president Abdulla Yameen to 11 years in prison and fined him \$5 million.

- ❖ Court finding him guilty of corruption and money laundering charges related to receiving kickbacks from a private company.
- ❖ He lost power in 2018, but has been declared presidential candidate for the Progressive Party of the Maldives for an election due in 2023.



ENVIRONMENT

Antarctica's Emperor Penguins



- ❖ Antarctica has a unique species of plants and animals that can survive the coldest, windiest, highest and driest continent on Earth.
- ❖ These species include 2 flowering plants, hardy moss and lichens, numerous microbes, invertebrates and breeding seabirds like emperor and Adélie penguins.
- ❖ These animals and plants are threatened because of global warming and climate crisis.

- ❖ If the current conservation efforts remain the same, the population of 97 percent of Antarctic terrestrial species and breeding seabirds could decline between now and 2100.
- ❖ At the best-case scenario, 37 percent of the species would decline.
- ❖ Emperor penguins are at the risk of going extinct by 2100 in the worst-case scenario.
- ❖ It is the only species in the study that is facing this destiny.

Bar-headed Goose

- ❖ The bar-headed goose (*Anser indicus*) is considered to be one of the world's highest-flying birds.
- ❖ They are Native to Central Asia.
- ❖ This species is capable of flying through the passes of high mountains at an altitude of 12,000 to 14,000 feet.
- ❖ It spends the winters in South Asia, as far south as peninsular India. It migrates south from Tibet, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, and Russia before crossing the Himalayas.
- ❖ The goose migrates more than 1,609 km in a single day.
- ❖ Over the past few days, around a thousand bar-headed geese flocked to the Odisha's Rushikulya river.



STATES

5-Star Rating for prison Food

- ❖ The Bulandshahr prison of Uttar Pradesh was awarded a five-star rating and the tag 'Eat Right Campus' by the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI).






- ❖ Bulandshahr Jail is the second prison after Farrukhabad jail to get this tag from Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The District Jail was awarded the Excellent Certificate by rating Five stars.



SPORTS

ICC Men's ODI Rankings 2022

- ❖ The ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings is an international One Day International (ODI) cricket rankings system of the ICC.
- ❖ New Zealand placed at the top of the points table.

RANK	TEAM	MATCHES	POINTS	RATING
1	 NEW ZEALAND	23	2670	116
2	 ENGLAND	30	3400	113
3	 AUSTRALIA	32	3572	112
4	 INDIA	36	3908	109
5	 PAKISTAN	22	2354	107

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Epidemic Preparedness - December 27

- ❖ It aims to raise public awareness on epidemics on all levels and prepare for future outbreaks.

- ❖ This day was first commemorated on December 27, 2020 by WHO and UN.



MISCELLANEOUS

Global List of Best Cuisines

1		Italy	4.72
2		Greece	4.68
3		Spain	4.59
4		Japan	4.59
5		India	4.54

- ❖ India is ranked fifth on the global list of the best cuisines for 2022, according to Taste Atlas.
- ❖ The ranking is based on audience votes for ingredients, dishes, and beverages.
- ❖ Italy's food came in first place followed by Greece and Spain.

Great Workplace to Work

- ❖ Tata Steel has been certified as 'Great Place to Work' by Great Place to Work Institute for 2023.
- ❖ This is the sixth consecutive year that the Company has received the recognition.

- ❖ This reflects its efforts towards building an inclusive and sustainable organisation.

