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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India has agreed to provide a grant to Sri Lanka to implement a 'Unitary Digital Identity framework', apparently modeled on the Aadhaar card.
 - The Rajapaksa government will "prioritize" the implementation of the Framework as a national-level program.
- ❖ India's Goa Shipyard Ltd delivered the 5th and final vessel of the 5 Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vehicle (CGOPV) Project.
 - The vessel was named ICGS 'Saksham'.
- ❖ Abraham Lincoln's Birthday known as Abraham Lincoln Day or Lincoln Day is celebrated annually on February 12.
 - He was the 16th President of the United States of America.
- ❖ Parker Solar Probe captured the images of Venus Surface.
 - NASA's Parker Solar Probe took its first visible-light images of the surface of Venus from space.

TAMIL NADU

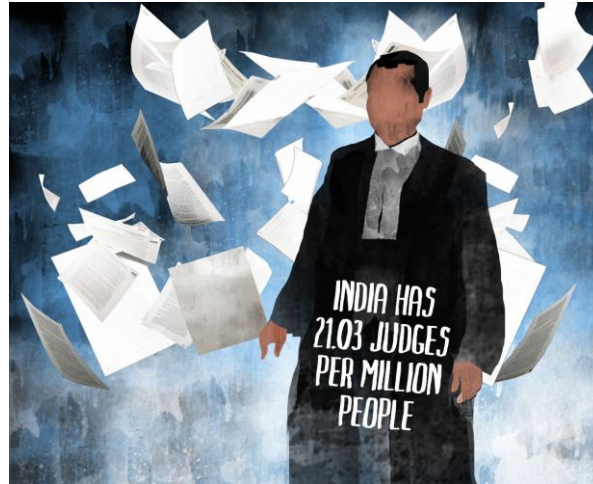
Tamil Nadu poverty reduction

- ❖ Tamil Nadu is considered the best-administered State in terms of implementation of schemes.
- ❖ All the three editions of NITI Aayog had one common feature of Tamil Nadu finishing on top with regard to Goal 1 "No Poverty."

NATIONAL

21 judges per million people - India

- ❖ The judge to population ratio (judge per million population) with respect to sanctioned strength of judges is 21.03 as of December 31, 2021.
- ❖ The sanctioned strength of the apex court is 34 while it is 1098 for the 25 high courts.
- ❖ The law ministry uses the population as per Census 2011.



EIU's Democracy Index

DEMOCRACY



INDEX 2021

- ❖ India has ranked 46th position in the 2021 Democracy Index's global ranking, according to The Economist Intelligence Unit.
- ❖ With the highest score of 9.75, Norway topped the Democracy Index 2021 by Economist Intelligence.
- ❖ India scored 6.91 to rank 46th on the list.

SMILE Scheme

- ❖ The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment launched the "SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" scheme.

- ❖ SMILE is a Central Sector scheme.
- ❖ The scheme has been designed for providing welfare measures to Transgender community and people engaged in begging.



Voice of Customer Recognition 2021

- ❖ Seven AAI airports have been selected for “Voice of Customer Recognition” under the “World Voice of Customer Initiative” of Airports Council International (ACI).
- ❖ AAI airports namely, Chennai, Goa, Kolkata, Patna, Pune, Chandigarh, and Bhubaneswar participated in ACI-ASQ (Airport Service Quality) survey in 2021.
- ❖ The “voice of customer initiative” was initiated by ‘Airports Council International’.
- ❖ This is for recognizing airports that are committed to ensure their voice was heard and continued to prioritize their customers, even during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Salesforce Global Digital Skills Index 2022

- ❖ India scored the highest place in Salesforce Global Digital Skills Index, 2022.
- ❖ The index was created comparing 19 countries.

- ❖ The index was calculated based on the readiness of the citizens in learning new digital skills and employee sentiments.
- ❖ Of all the countries, India had the highest readiness score.
- ❖ India scored 63 out of 100.



The target for Renewable Energy in Agriculture Sector

- ❖ The central government has set the target to replace diesel with renewable energy in the agricultural sector by 2024.
- ❖ This target was set in line with the Government's commitment to increasing the share of non-fossil fuels by 2030 and becoming a net-zero emitter by 2070.
- ❖ Through KUSUM Scheme, the central government is also running a scheme to solarise agriculture.
- ❖ This would help in installing solar-run irrigation systems.

INTERNATIONAL

Quad Ministerial meeting

- ❖ Foreign Ministers of Australia, India and Japan recently noted that, QUAD is cooperating on sharing intelligence information on threats in the Indo-Pacific region.
- ❖ Ministers called for justice for the 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai (2008) as well as Pathankot airbase attack in 2016.
- ❖ They also announced plans for a Quad summit including PM Modi, Australian PM Morrison and U.S. President Biden.

- ❖ The summit would be hosted in first half of 2022, by Japan's PM Kishida in Tokyo.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Luc Montagnier

- ❖ He, who recently passed away, was at 89.
- ❖ He is a French virologist who shared a Nobel Prize in 2008 for discovering the virus that causes AIDS.
- ❖ The discovery of H.I.V. began in Paris on Jan. 3, 1983.



Chairman of Tata Sons



- ❖ The board of Tata Sons Pvt Ltd has approved the re-appointment of N Chandrasekaran as the Executive Chairman of the company for the second five years term.
- ❖ Chandrasekaran's current tenure as the chairman was to expire at the end of February 2022.
- ❖ He joined the board of Tata Sons in 2016 and took over the role of Chairman in 2017.

Zara Rutherford

- ❖ 19-year-old Zara Rutherford became the youngest woman to fly solo around the world.
- ❖ Her plane touched down in Kortrijk, Belgium, completing a globe-trotting trip that spanned five continents and 28,000 nautical miles.
- ❖ The youngest person to fly solo around the globe is Travis Ludlow of Great Britain, who was 18 when he did so in 2021.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Darwin Day - February 12

- ❖ It is annually observed across the globe to commemorate the birth anniversary of the 19th-century British naturalist, Charles Darwin.
- ❖ He is well known for his work "The Theory of Natural Selection".
- ❖ The day highlights the contributions of Charles Darwin and celebrates Science.

- ❖ It is to inspire people to follow their intellectual curiosities and to urge them to explore the truth through scientific means.



World Radio Day - February 13

- ❖ The day is observed to recognize radio as a powerful medium, which brings people together from every corner of the globe, to promote diversity and help build a more peaceful and inclusive world.
- ❖ The day was Proclaimed in 2011 by the Member States of UNESCO and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 as an International Day.



Indian National Women's Day - February 13

- ❖ This is to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu.
- ❖ This year Nation celebrates its 143rd Birth Anniversary.
- ❖ She was born on February 13, 1879.

- ❖ She was famous for her nickname 'Nightingale of India' or 'Bharat Kokila' because of her poems.
- ❖ Sarojini Naidu is well-known across the globe for her contributions to literature.

