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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ PVR Cinemas launches India's first multiplex in an airport complex in Chennai
- ❖ The first G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group meeting under the G20 Indian Presidency held in Chandigarh.
- ❖ The Gujarat tableau at the 74th Republic Day parade has bagged the top rank in the 'People's Choice' category.
- ❖ Gautam Adani's group will deploy hydrogen fuel cell operated trucks for mining logistics and transportation for the first time in Asia as part of its decarbonisation plan.

TAMIL NADU

Compulsory Tamil for All State Government Jobs



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Assembly adopted a Bill that makes a Tamil language paper compulsory for recruitment to the State government services.
- ❖ It sought to include a fresh provision in the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016, to give effect to this mandate.

- ❖ It got retrospective effect from December 1, 2021.

Period of port city Poompuhar



- ❖ Poompuhar, the submerged ancient port city, is situated in modern-day Mayiladuthurai district in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Earlier studies had established that Poompuhar, also called as Kaveri poompattinam, had maritime trade links with South East Asia and Egypt, before it disappeared from the maritime map around 1,000 years ago.
- ❖ Initially it was believed that the port city that gained prominence during the Chola dynasty was around 2,500 years old.
- ❖ The latest study based on offshore explorations and geological features interpreted on the sea floor estimates it was at least 15,000 years old.

NATIONAL

Har Ghar Dhyam Campaign



- ❖ The Ministry of Culture launched Har Ghar Dhyana Campaign.
- ❖ The campaign will spread the importance of meditation to the public.
- ❖ The Ministry of Culture is conducting the campaign along with the Art of Living Foundation.
- ❖ During the campaign, the teachers from the organization will conduct meditation classes.
- ❖ The main objective is to empower the youth.

Visit India Year 2023 Campaign



- ❖ Union Tourism Ministry launched the Visit India Year 2023 campaign.
- ❖ It aims to encourage inbound travel to the country which is currently chairing the G20.
- ❖ The minister also launched a logo of the campaign that draws inspiration from visual representation of 'namaste'.
- ❖ The logo represents a “microcosm of the countless stories India holds”.

20 Point Program Progress Report

- ❖ The National Statistical Office (NSO) released a report on 20 Point Program Progress.
- ❖ The performance of the program has been poor in recent times.
- ❖ As per the report, only 41% of the fixed target was completed in 2022-23.
- ❖ NSO says that the performance of TPP was poor in all schemes.
- ❖ In 2016, TPP achieved only 96% of its target.

- ❖ In 2019, the scheme completed only 13% of its target.
- ❖ The Indian Government launched the 20 Point Program in 1975.
- ❖ It has been revised twice since its launch, once in 1982 and then in 1986.
- ❖ The main objective of the program is to eradicate poverty and improve the lives of rural people using 20 points.
- ❖ During the 2022-23 budget, the union government increased the budget for the program by 36%.

- **The Twenty Point Programme (TPP) was launched by the Government of India in 1975. The Programme was first revised in 1982 and again in 1986.**

National Logistics Portal – Marine

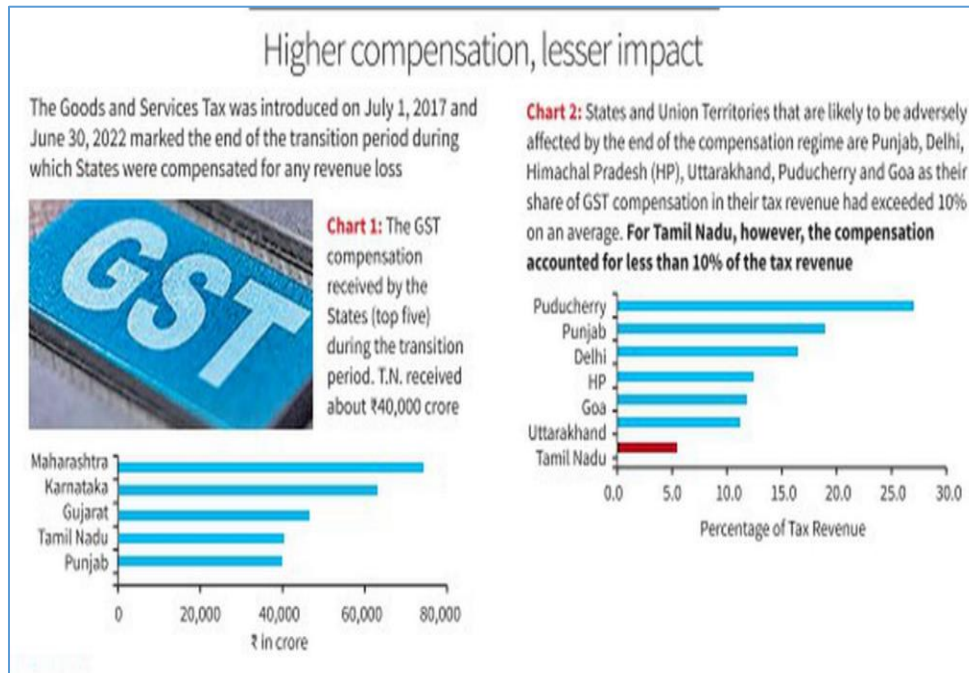


- ❖ Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the National Logistics Portal (marine) in New Delhi.
- ❖ The National Logistic Portal (marine) (NLP) is a project of national importance.

- ❖ It aims to use IT to connect all logistics community stakeholders, to improve efficiency and transparency by reducing costs and time delays and achieving easier, faster, and more competitive service offerings.
- ❖ It will serve as a single point of contact for all logistics trade processes across the country, including all modes of transportation via waterways, roads, and airways.

ECONOMY

Top five States receiving GST compensation



- ❖ Tamil Nadu was among the top five GST compensation receiving States during the five-year transition period from July 2017 to June 2022.
- ❖ The Goods and Services Tax (GST) was introduced on July 1, 2017.
- ❖ June 30, 2022 marked the end of the transition period during which the States were compensated for any loss in revenue due to the implementation of the new tax regime.
- ❖ It is calculated as the difference between the projected revenue based on a 14% annual growth with 2015-16 as the base year and the actual GST revenue.
- ❖ The compensation to the States was being met through the levy of a GST compensation cess on specified goods and services.
- ❖ According to the data shared in the report, Tamil Nadu received a GST compensation of about ₹40,000 crore during the transition period.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu was the fourth highest compensation receiving State, after Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat.
- ❖ Punjab stood fifth in this.

ENVIRONMENT

Bar-headed goose

- ❖ This is the first time since 2010 that a bar-headed goose has been spotted at Pallikaranai, Chennai.
- ❖ It is considered one of the world's highest-flying birds.
- ❖ It is native to Central Asia, and known to migrate over the Himalayas to spend the winter in South Asia, from Assam to as far as Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ In earlier rare occurrences, a few were spotted at the Andhra Pradesh end of the Pulicat Lake, two in Kancheepuram and five over the Kelambakkam creek in 2018.
- ❖ Nearly 193 species of birds have been spotted at the Pallikaranai marshland since 2010.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Human Fraternity - February 04

- ❖ It aims to underline the importance of raising awareness about different cultures and religions, or beliefs, and the promotion of tolerance.
- ❖ It also aims to educate people that tolerance, pluralistic tradition, mutual respect, and the diversity of religions and beliefs promote human fraternity.

- ❖ The motto of the observance is “harmony in difference.”



World Cancer Day - February 04

- ❖ World Cancer Day is observed on the 4th of February each year.
- ❖ It aims to save millions of lives each year through education, raising awareness and pressing governments and individuals worldwide to take action.
- ❖ The official colours of World Cancer Day are blue and orange.
- ❖ The first Cancer Day was celebrated in Geneva, Switzerland in the year 1933.
- ❖ It is an initiative taken by the World Health Organisation.
- ❖ The theme for the last three years 2022, 2023 and 2024 is "Close the Care Gap".

