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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ PM recently launched the first industrial corridor of the scheme called Tumakuru Industrial Township.
 - This is the First industrial corridor in South India.
- ❖ The government has appointed a 16-member committee of union secretaries, law experts, and industry stakeholders under Manoj Govil, to draft within three months the Digital Competition Act after studying anticompetitive practices.

TAMIL NADU

Best medical college hospitals

- ❖ The Directorate of Medical Education released a ranking list based on the performance of medical college hospitals.
- ❖ The Chennai Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital (RGGGH) in Chennai took the top place from April to October 2022 in the rank.
- ❖ The government medical college hospitals in Salem and Coimbatore took the second and third positions respectively.

<p>1. Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai and attached hospitals</p>	
<p>2. Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital, Salem</p>	
<p>3. Government Coimbatore Medical College Hospital</p>	
<p>Some indicators for the ranking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Institutional service such as outpatient doctors, bed occupancy, maternity admissions■ Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care services — average deliveries per month, LSCS	<p>A long wait: Women waiting at the outpatient department of the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital.</p> <p>B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM</p>

Five new judges Madras High Court

- ❖ The President appointed five additional judges to the Madras High Court.

- ❖ With the appointment of five new judges, the working strength of the High Court had increased from 52 to 57.
- ❖ The sanctioned strength of the Madras High Court is 75.
- ❖ The number of women judges in the court also increased to an all-time high of 14 after the induction of the three new women judges.
- ❖ One of the new judges (Ms. Victoria Gowri) appointment was opposed by a group of advocates from Chennai on the ground of having delivered “hate speeches” against religious minorities.
- ❖ But the apex court dismissed the cases, on merits, minutes after she completed taking oath.



NATIONAL

New Judges to Supreme Court

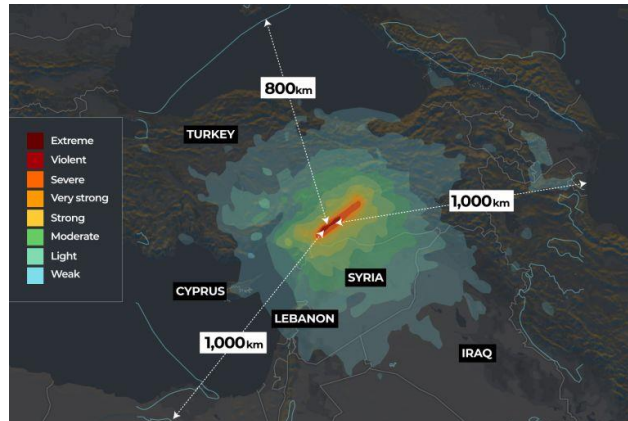


- ❖ By accepting the recommendations made by the collegium, the Centre notified the appointment of 5 Judges to the Supreme Court.
- ❖ The panel of judges known as the collegium, which makes the recommendations, had in December sent for elevation to the Supreme Court.

- ❖ Now the total strength of judges in the top court to 32.
- ❖ Currently, the Supreme Court of India has a sanctioned strength of thirty-four Judges

INTERNATIONAL

Major Earthquake struck Turkey and Syria



- ❖ A major earthquake struck Turkey and Syria on February 6, killing more than 3,800 people and flattening thousands of buildings.
- ❖ The first earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale struck was centred in the Pazarcik district of Turkey's Kahramanmaraş province.
- ❖ Less than 12 hours later, a second magnitude 7.6 tremor struck the same region.
- ❖ Magnitude 7 earthquakes are considered major.
- ❖ Turkey is in one of the world's most active earthquake zones.
- ❖ The country's last 7.8-magnitude tremor was in 1939, when 33,000 died in the eastern Erzincan province.
- ❖ The Turkish region of Duzce suffered a 7.4-magnitude earthquake in 1999, when more than 17,000 people died.

Gaziantep Castle

- ❖ The powerful earthquakes in south-eastern Turkey also caused the destruction of a 2,200-year-old Roman monument, the Gaziantep Castle.
- ❖ The hilltop Gaziantep Castle is situated in the centre of the city, Gaziantep in Turkey.
- ❖ It was built in the 2nd and 3rd Centuries as a watchtower in the Roman period.

- ❖ During the reign of Byzantine Emperor Justinian in 527-565 C.E., it was further developed and it took its current form.
- ❖ It also saw changes made during the reign of the Ayyubids in the 12th and 13th Centuries, as well as the Ottoman Empire.
- ❖ It played an important role during Turkey's war of independence of the early 20th Century.
- ❖ It was a symbol of the defence of the city against the French forces after the fall of the Ottoman Empire.



ECONOMY

RBI Monetary Policy 2023



- ❖ The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India on hiked the key policy rate, the Repo rate.
- ❖ This is the rate at which the RBI lends funds to banks.
- ❖ It is hiked by 25 basis points to 6.50 per cent in a bid to rein in retail inflation.

- ❖ A basis point is one-hundredth of one percentage point.
- ❖ The RBI has also projected a GDP growth for the next fiscal at 6.4 per cent.
- ❖ Retail inflation is expected to be 5.3 per cent in FY24.
- ❖ Due to this EMIs on vehicles, home and personal loans will rise.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

"World's brightest" students list

- ❖ Indian-American schoolgirl Natasha Perianayagam from Chennai was named in the "world's brightest" students list for the second consecutive year.
- ❖ The 13 year old Natasha is a student at Florence M Gaudineer Middle School, in New Jersey.
- ❖ This list is released by the U.S.-based Johns Hopkins Centre For Talented Youth.
- ❖ It is based on the results of above-grade-level tests of over 15,000 students across 76 countries.
- ❖ In her latest attempt, Perianayagam scored the highest grades among all candidates.



Golden Book Awards - 2023

- ❖ The "Golden Book Awards" is announced its winner for 2023.
- ❖ This prestigious event recognizes and celebrates the best book in literature.
- ❖ Golden Book Awards recognizes the exceptional literary works that have made a significant impact.
- ❖ This year 76000+ books were published in India.

- ❖ The book 'Agaligai' by Jayaprakash is one of the winners of this award.

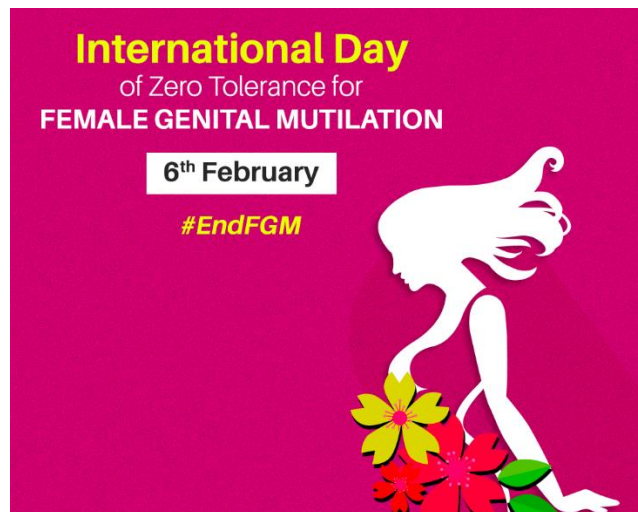


GOLDEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS 2023



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation - February 06



- ❖ For this, WHO in 1997 issued a joint statement together with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- ❖ The Joint Programme on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting was initiated by UNFPA and UNICEF in 2007 to accelerate the abandonment of the practice.

- ❖ This day spread awareness about Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) which is a violation of the human rights of girls and women.
- ❖ The theme for 2023 is “Partnership with Men and Boys to transform Social and gender Norms to End FGM”.
- ❖ It is performed mainly in Africa, particularly in North-Eastern, Eastern and Western Africa.

Safer Internet Day - February 07

- ❖ It is an EU-wide initiative to promote a safer Internet for all users, mainly children, and young people.
- ❖ This year marks the 19th edition of Safer Internet Day.
- ❖ This year's theme for Safer Internet Day is "Together for a better internet".

