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TAMIL NADU

Tamil documents and estampages - Mysore to Chennai

- ❖ The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court directed the Ministry of Culture and the Archaeological Survey of India to shift all Tamil documents and estampages preserved in its epigraphy branch in Mysore to the branch in Chennai in six months.
- ❖ A Division Bench of Justices N. Kirubakaran and M. Duraiswamy also directed the Centre and ASI to name the epigraphy branch of the Archaeological Survey of India in Chennai as the epigraphy branch-Tamil.

CM-headed advisory committee

- ❖ The state government has formed a State-level advisory committee headed by Chief Minister MK Stalin to streamline the maintenance of famous temples under the Hindu Religious and Charitable and Endowment (HRCE) department and to improve facilities for devotees.
- ❖ The HR and CE Minister PK Sekar Babu will be the vice-chairman of this committee.

NATIONAL

Strategic areas - Jammu and Kashmir

- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir administration gave its approval to declare more than a thousand kanals of land in Gulmarg and 354 kanals in Sonamarg areas as “strategic areas”.
- ❖ This land will be utilized for the “operational and training requirements” of the armed forces.

Green Energy Corridor Phase – II

- ❖ The Government of India approved Green Energy Corridor Phase – II.
- ❖ Under this phase, 10,750 kilometres of transmission lines are to be constructed and 27,500 MVA (Mega Volt Ampere) substations are to be added.
- ❖ The project is to be implemented in seven states.

- ❖ They are Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Kerala, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, and Gujarat.
- ❖ The Green Energy Corridor Phase II will be implemented between 2021-22 and 2025-26.
- ❖ 33% of the project cost is to be provided by the central government.
- ❖ It will help India achieve its target of 450 GW of renewable energy by 2030.



GREEN ENERGY CORRIDOR PHASE-II

Cabinet approves Intra-State Transmission System – Green Energy Corridor Phase-II

- To facilitate grid integration and power evacuation of approximately **20 GW of Renewable Energy projects in 7 States**
- Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh
- Total estimated cost **Rs. 12,031 crore**
- Central Financial Assistance at **33% of project cost** i.e. Rs. 3970.34 crore
- To be created **over a period of five years**

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Open Rock Museum

- ❖ Union Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Jitendra Singh, inaugurated India's first "Open Rock Museum" in Hyderabad.
- ❖ The museum displays about 35 different varieties of rocks from different parts of India.
- ❖ The age of these rocks is ranging from 3.3 billion years to around 55 million years.
- ❖ These rocks also represent the deepest part of the Earth, which is up to 175 km of distance from Earth's surface.

- ❖ The Museum was inaugurated at the CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI).



NEET-PG and NEET-UG admissions

EWS SCRUTINY

- SC to scrutinise Rs 8 lakh annual income cap for EWS in **third week of March**
- Move after solicitor general Tushar Mehta argues against changing EWS criteria at this **late stage**
- Says general category will not be affected as seats in all colleges have gone up by 25%

- ❖ The Supreme Court, in an interim order directed that counselling may proceed on the basis of the July 29, 2021 government notification by which 10 percent

seats were reserved for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and 27 percent for Other Backward Classes (OBC) candidates.

- ❖ A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna also accepted the recommendation of the Ajay Bhushan Pandey Committee to stick to the prescribed Rs 8 lakh income limit for the EWS quota for the current admission cycle.

India Skills competition

- ❖ The India Skills competition is conducted by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- ❖ It is held once in two years.
- ❖ The winners of India Skills 2021 will participate in World Skills competition.
- ❖ The World Skills competition is to be held in Shanghai, China in 2022.
- ❖ The winners will compete against 1500 participants from 60 different countries.
- ❖ The World Skills competition is called “Olympics of Skills”.



Sea Dragon 2022

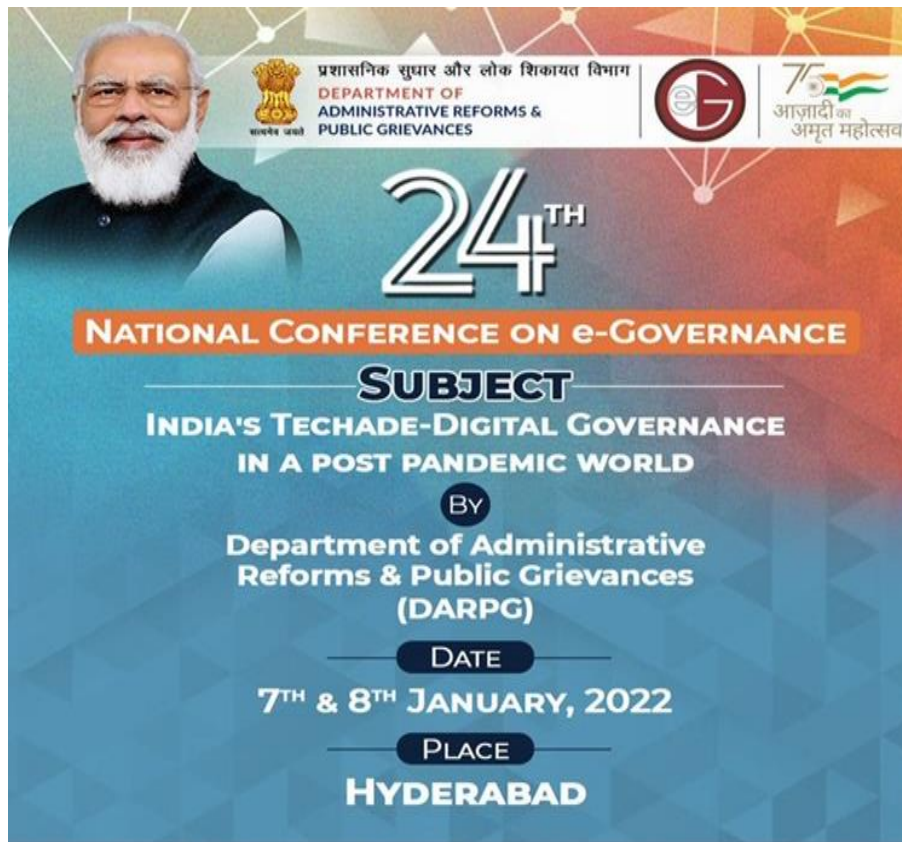
- ❖ It is a US-led exercise.
- ❖ India and its partners in the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or Quad along with Canada and South Korea are participating in the multinational exercise Sea Dragon 2022.
- ❖ It takes place at Guam in the Western Pacific.
- ❖ The six nations that are participating in the exercise are the United States, Australia, Canada, India, Japan, and South Korea.

E-Governance Conference

- ❖ The 24th National E-Governance Conference is to be organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), the State

government of Telangana, and the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

- ❖ The conference is to be held at Hyderabad International Convention Centre, Madhapur.
- ❖ The conference is to be organized under the theme, “India’s Techade: Digital Governance in a Post Pandemic World”.
- ❖ It will provide momentum to the e-governance initiatives.
- ❖ It provides opportunities to industries and civil servants to exhibit their successful interventions in E-Governance.



Veer Gatha Project

- ❖ The Government of India launched the “Veer Gatha Project” as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
- ❖ Veer Gatha project was launched to inspire the school children in India, by making them aware of stories of war heroes and brave hearts.
- ❖ 25 students have been selected as the winners of this project.
- ❖ Under it, students were motivated to do activities and projects, based on gallantry award winners.

- ❖ The Veer Gatha Project was organized by the Ministry of Education, the Department of School Education & Literacy, and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).



INTERNATIONAL

Asian Waterbird Census

- ❖ The Asian Waterbird Census (AWC) is an integral part of the International Waterbird Census.
- ❖ The international census is conducted in 143 countries.
- ❖ The AWC is jointly held by Wetlands International and Bombay Natural History Society.
- ❖ AWC is held in the month of January every year.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards

- ❖ The Indian Express Group has announced the Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards (RNG Awards) for journalists across the country, for their work done in 2019.
- ❖ RNG awards are one the most prestigious awards in India in the field of journalism, held annually since 2006.
- ❖ The award is named after Ramnath Goenka, the founder of “The Indian Express” and Indian Express Group in 1932.

List of winners

- Hindi (Print): Anand Choudhary, Dainik Bhaskar
- Hindi (Broadcast): Sushil Kumar Mohapatra, NDTV India
- Regional Languages (Print): Aniket Vasant Sathe, Loksatta
- Regional Languages (Broadcast): Sunil Baby, Media One TV
- Environment, Science and Technology Reporting (Print): Team Pari (People's Archive of Rural India)
- Environment, Science and Technology Reporting (Broadcast): Team Scroll
- Uncovering India Invisible (Print): Shiv Sahay Singh, The Hindu
- Uncovering India Invisible (Broadcast): Tridip K Mandal, The Quint
- Business And Economic Journalism (Print): Sumant Banerji, Business Today
- Business And Economic Journalism (Broadcast): Ayushi Jindal, India Today TV
- Reporting On Politics and Government (Digital): Dheeraj Mishra, The Wire
- Reporting On Politics and Government (Broadcast): Seemi Pasha, Thewire.in
- Sports journalism (Print): Nihal Koshie, The Indian Express
- Sports journalism (Broadcast): Team NewsX
- Investigative Reporting (Print): Kaunain Sheriff M, The Indian Express
- Investigative Reporting (Broadcast): S Mahesh Kumar, Manorama News
- Reporting On Arts, Culture and Entertainment: Uday Bhatia, Mint
- Prakash Kardaley Memorial Award for Civic Journalism: Chaitanya Marpakwar, Mumbai Mirror
- Photojournalism: Zishaan A Latif, The Caravan
- Books (Non-Fiction): Arun Mohan Sukumar

T S Tirumurti



- ❖ India's Permanent Representative to the UN, T S Tirumurti has been appointed as the Chair of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022.
- ❖ India has assumed the chairmanship of the United Nations Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee (UNSC-CTC) for one year, beginning from January 01, 2022.

- ❖ India is currently a non-permanent member of the 15-nation UNSC.
- ❖ Its two-year term will end on December 31, 2022.

World Record in Numerology



- ❖ JC Chaudhry has achieved the first-ever Guinness World Record in Numerology and the first world record of 2022.
- ❖ He achieved this by educating about ancient science to around 6000 participants, enthusiasts of numerology joined from the United States, the United Kingdom, Middle East, and India.
- ❖ The Guinness World Record London office has opened a new category, “Numerology” for this achievement.

