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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Pakistan has moved closer to appointing the first woman judge of the Supreme Court.
 - This is after the high-power panel approved the elevation of Lahore High Court judge Ayesha Malik to the apex court.
- ❖ Kerala's Sruthy Sitara was crowned Miss Trans Global 2021.
 - Sruthy Sitara, 25, hails from Kerala.

TAMIL NADU

3rd National Water Awards 2020



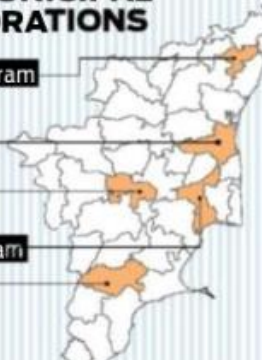
- ❖ Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat declared the winners of the 3rd National Water Awards 2020.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu secured the third prize in the Best State Category.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan bagged first and second prizes respectively.
- ❖ Vellaputhur Panchayat, Chengalpattu district, won the second prize in the category 'Best Village Panchayat - South zone'.
- ❖ Madurai Municipal Corporation won the third prize in the category 'Best Urban Local body'.
- ❖ Under the 'Best School Category', Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Kaveripattinam came first.

Bills introduced in the state assembly

- ❖ The state Government in the Assembly introduced a bill reducing the tenure of Cooperative Societies from five to three years.

- ❖ The state Government also brought in bills for the formation of new municipal corporations.
- ❖ The Local Administration Minister KN Nehru introduced the bill for the creation of municipal corporations for Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Sivakasi, Karur, Tambaram, and Kumbakonam.

NEW MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS



The sixth corpn will be formed by merging these municipalities

- Tambaram ● Pallavaram ● Pammal
- Chembakkam ● Anakaputhur

NEW MUNICIPALITIES

- Pallapatti ● Tittakudi ● Mangadu
- Nandivaram-Guduvancheri
- Ponneri ● Thirunindravur
- Sholinghur ● Edanganasalai
- Tharamangalam ● Vadalur
- Thirumuruganpoondi ● Gudalur
- Karamadai ● Karumathampatti
- Madukkarai ● Kottakuppam
- Thirukovilur ● Ulundurpet
- Adirampattinam ● Manamadurai
- Surandai ● Kalakkadu
- Tiruchendur ● Kundrathur
- Kollankode ● Musiri ● Lalgudi

Another municipality will be formed by merging Punjai Pugalur & TNPL Pugalur town panchayats

NATIONAL

Cultural survey of villages



Cultural Survey under
'MERA GAON, MERI DHAROHAR'
by CSC

FIRST EVER CULTURAL SURVEY OF INDIA'S VILLAGES THROUGH MOBILE APP

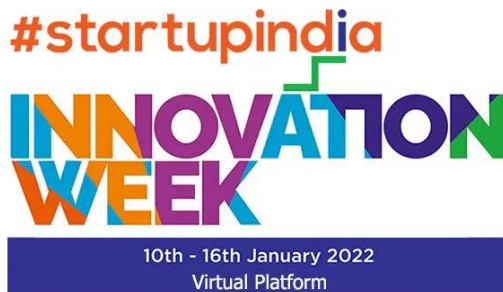
- Citizens to share what makes their village/block/district unique
- VLEs to conduct meetings with citizens & upload interesting facts about their village, places of interest, customs & traditions, famous personalities, festivals & beliefs, art & culture, etc., on the app



- ❖ The Government-promoted CSC SPV, (Common Service Centres Special Purpose Vehicle) in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, will undertake the first-ever cultural survey of India's villages.
- ❖ This will be done through a mobile application.
- ❖ The survey is titled 'Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar'.
- ❖ It will document the cultural identity at the village level by involving citizens to share what makes their village, block, or district unique.

Startup India Innovation Week

- ❖ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has decided to organize a week-long virtual innovation celebration called 'Startup India Innovation Week'.
- ❖ This is to showcase the spread and depth of entrepreneurship across India.
- ❖ The virtual event is organized from January 10 to January 16, 2022.
- ❖ The event also aims to commemorate the 75th year of India's independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.



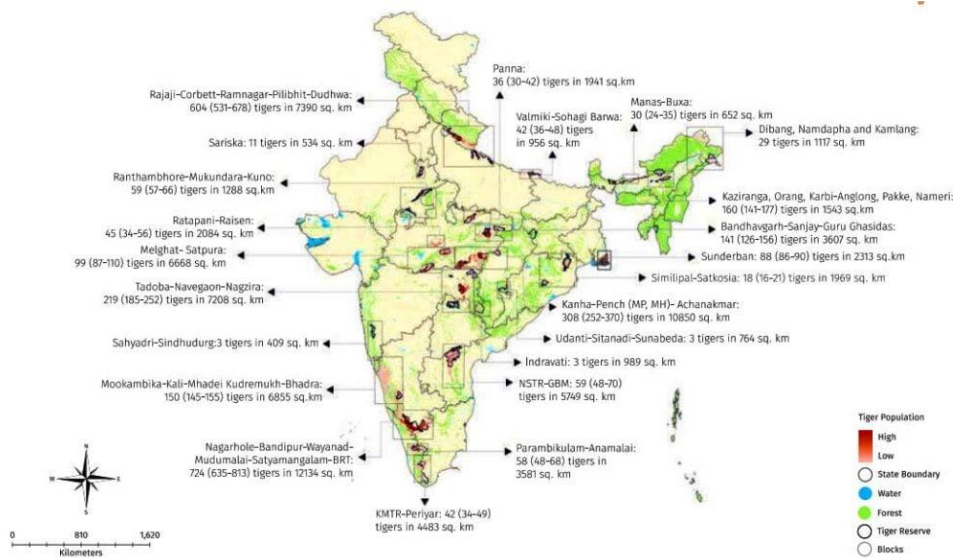
Expenditure limit - election commission

For Parliamentary Constituencies (PCs)	
Earlier expenditure limit (2014)	Enhanced expenditure limit now
Rs. 70 Lakh	Rs. 95 Lakh
Rs. 54 Lakh	Rs. 75 Lakh

For Assembly Constituencies (ACs)	
Earlier expenditure limit (2014)	Enhanced expenditure limit now
Rs. 28 Lakh	Rs. 40 Lakh
Rs. 20 Lakh	Rs. 28 Lakh

- ❖ The election commission has hiked the poll expenditure limit up to ₹95 lakh for the Lok Sabha elections from 70 lakhs.
- ❖ For the state assembly elections, the expenditure limit has been enhanced to ₹40 lakh from ₹28 lakh.
- ❖ The revision in the expenditure has come due to the rise in the cost inflation index and the size of the electorate.
- ❖ The new expenditure limits will be applicable for candidates contesting in the upcoming elections in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa, and Manipur.

Water Atlas

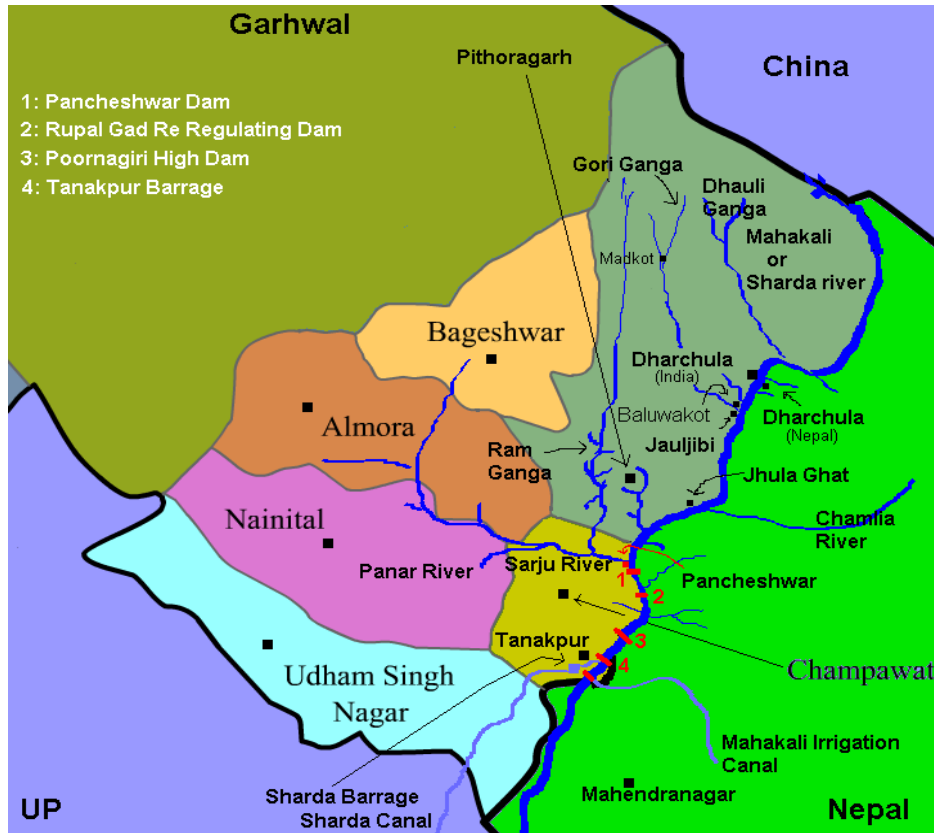


- ❖ The 19th Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was held under the chairmanship of the union minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Bhupender Yadav.
- ❖ During the meeting, the union minister released a Water Atlas.
- ❖ The water atlas maps all the water bodies in the tiger-bearing areas of India.
- ❖ Landscape-wise information has been outlined in this water atlas.
- ❖ It includes the Shivalik Hills and Gangetic plain landscape, Central Indian Landscape and Eastern Ghats, Western Ghats landscape, North Eastern Hills and Brahmaputra flood plains, and Sundarbans.

Mahakali River bridge

- ❖ The Cabinet has cleared a plan to build a new bridge connecting India and Nepal.

- ❖ The two countries are set to sign a memorandum of understanding regarding the bridge, which will be built over the Mahakali river.
- ❖ It will link Dharchula in Uttarakhand with Nepal's Dharchula.



Mobile Honey Processing Van



- ❖ Khadi and Village Industries Commission has launched the country's first Mobile Honey Processing Van at Village Sirora in Ghaziabad.

- ❖ The Mobile Van has been designed in-house by KVIC at its Multi-disciplinary Training Centre, Panjokehra, Haryana.
- ❖ This mobile honey processing unit can process up to 300 KG of honey in 8 hours.
- ❖ The van is also equipped with a testing laboratory, that would instantly examine the quality of honey.

INTERNATIONAL

Secretary-General of SCO

- ❖ China's senior diplomat Zhang Ming has taken charge as the new Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.
- ❖ He was until recently China's ambassador to the European Union.
- ❖ The SCO comprises eight member states.
- ❖ They are India, Kazakhstan, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.
- ❖ India joined SCO at the Astana summit in 2017.



STATES

Lifetime Cabinet Status

- ❖ Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said the state cabinet has decided to give the permanent status of a cabinet minister to former chief minister Pratapsingh Rane.

- ❖ Mr. Rane is currently a Congress MLA representing the Poriem Assembly segment.
- ❖ The decision to accord him the honour was taken as Mr. Rane has completed 50 years as a legislator in the Goa Assembly during his current tenure.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

78th SKOCH summit



Live streaming at summit.skoch.in [f](https://www.facebook.com/skochgroup) [skochtv](https://www.youtube.com/skochtv) [@skochgroup](https://twitter.com/skochgroup) [skochgroup](https://www.instagram.com/skochgroup)

- ❖ The Forensic Science Laboratory - Forensic Service, Delhi, has won the SKOCH Award 2021(Silver).
- ❖ It got the award in the Governance category for its work towards combating Crime and Violence against Children.
- ❖ The award was presented during the 78th SKOCH Summit held on 6th January 2022.
- ❖ The summit was organized with the theme “State of Governance”.

- ❖ The SKOCH award, instituted in 2003 is the highest civilian honour in India.
- ❖ It is conferred by an independent organization to recognize the people, projects, and institutions that work to build a better India.
- ❖ The SKOCH Literature Award 2021 was presented to the book titled 'Rising to the China Challenge: Winning Through Strategic Patience and Flexible Policies' authored by leading members of Pune International Centre.
- ❖ The book was published in 2021 by Rupa Publications India Ltd.
- ❖ The book was based on the 2020 Galwan Valley clash provoked by China.

SPORTS

Md Arif Khan



- ❖ Sports Ministry's Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) of India has approved the inclusion of Alpine Skiing athlete Md Arif Khan in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) Core group, until the Winter Olympics, scheduled this February in Beijing, China.
- ❖ The feat earned Khan the unique distinction of becoming the first Indian to win direct quota spots in two different Winter Olympics events.
- ❖ He is also the first athlete from the country to seal a berth at the Winter Olympic games 2022.

Multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition

- ❖ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged-in India's first multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition conducted by National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports in France.



- ❖ The expedition was conducted in November last year and the team comprised 12 people.
- ❖ The expedition team carried out over 250 kilometres of winter trekking in the Alps Mountain Ranges.

NIMAS MULTIDIMENSIONAL EXPEDITION, FRANCE-2021

