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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Supreme Court on January 12, 2021 criticised the government's handling of the farmers' protests and stayed the implementation of the three farm laws until further notice.
- ❖ In the 51st International Film Festival, Bangladesh will be the country of focus.
 - It will be held at Goa.
- ❖ Bharat Biotech has signed an agreement with Precisa Medicamentos for the supply of COVAXIN to Brazil.
- ❖ The External Affairs Minister Jaishankar proposed an eight-point agenda to address the menace of terrorism.
 - He made it at the UNSC open debate on 'International Cooperation in combating terrorism 20 years after the adoption of 1373'.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet gave its approval for the purchase of 10 trainer aircraft and 83 Tejas Light Combat Aircraft fighter jets.
 - The Tejas LCA is an indigenously designed and manufactured fourth-generation fighter.

TAMIL NADU

Rainfall in Tamilnadu

- ❖ The entire state of Tamil Nadu has registered a record high rainfall of January.
- ❖ All 37 Districts recorded the Large Excess rainfall for the First-Time Ever.
- ❖ Total monthly rainfall for Tamil Nadu in January stands at 15.5mm.

Tamilnadu State Awards

- ❖ The Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami announced State government awards for the year 2020, Tiruvalluvar award for 2021 and the Chithirai Tamil New Year and Tamil Chemmal awards for 2020.
- ❖ Thirty-eight Tamil scholars have been chosen from 38 districts for Thamizh Chemmal awards for 2020.

- ❖ The writer Ki Rajanarayanan has been chosen for U.Ve.Sa award.
 - He is being hailed as the father of Karisal literature.
 - He has authored a dictionary titled Karisal Vattara Vazhakku Agarathi.
- ❖ Kambar award was given to HV Hande.
 - He was the veteran politician and a close associate of former Chief Minister MG Ramachandran.
 - He has translated Kamba Ramayanam in English.

Thiruvalluvar Thirunal Awards

- Thiruvalluvar Award for the year 2021 - Dr. Vaigaichelvan
- Thanthai Periyar Award - A. Tamilmagan Hussein
- Annal Ambedkar Award - Varakur A. Arunachalam
- Perarignar Anna Award - Mr. Amarar. Kadampur MR Janarthanan
- Perunthalaivar Kamarasar Award - Dr. C. Devaraj
- Mahakavi Bharathiar Award - Poet Poovai Senkuttuvan
- Pavendar Bharathidasan Award - Arivumathi (A) Mathiyazhagan
- Tamil thendral Thiru.Vi.ka Award - V.N. Saami
- Muthamizh kaavalar K.A.P. Viswanathan Award - Dr. V. Sethu ramalingam

Chithirai Tamil New Year Awards

- Tamil Thai Award for 2020 - VGP World Tamil Association
- Kapilar Award - C. Ezhumalai
- U.Ve.Sa Award - Ki. Rajanarayanan
- Kambar Award - Dr.H.V. Hande
- Sollin Selvar Award - Nagai Mukundan
- Umarupulavar Award - M.A. Syed Asan (A) Paridasan
- GU Pope Award - Dr. Ulrike Nicholas from Germany
- Ilangovadigal Award - Ma. Vaidyalingan
- Amma Ilakkiya Award - Dr. T. Mahalakshmi
- Sindhanai Sirpi Singaravelar Award - A. Azhagesan
- Maraimalai adigalar Award - Marai.T.Thayumanavan
- Ayodhidhasa Panditar Award - Dr. K.P.Chellamal
- Arutperunchothi Vallalar Award - Dr.Ooran adigal
- Karaikal Ammaiyyar Award - Dr. Mo. Gnanappoongothai



- Tamizhar Thanthai C.P. Adithyanar Naalidhazh Award - Dinamani Daily
- C.P. Adithnar Weekly Magazine Award - Kalki Weekly Magazine
- C.P. Adithyanar Monthly Magazine Award - Senthamizh Monthly Magazine
- Devaneyya pavanar Award - Dr. Ku. Sivamani
- Veerama munivar Award - Dr. Gregory James from Hong Kong
- Best Translator Award: Cho. Sesachalam, Dr. Rama. Kurunathan, P. Gunasekar, Dr. Padmavathi Vivekanandan, Su.Jyotirlatha Girija, J.Ramki (Rama kiruttinan), Swami Vimurthanandar, Meera Ravishankar, Thilagavathi, Kiruttina Prasad
- Chief Minister's Computer Tamil Award for 2019 - Se.Rajaraman

Madurai World Tamil Sangam Awards:

- Literary Award for 2020 - Dr. Alexis Thevaras senmark from France
- Grammar Award - Professor Arunachalam Shanmugadasu from Sri Lanka
- Linguistics Award - Dr. Suba.Thinnappan from Singapore

NATIONAL

Republic Day Chief Guest 2021

- ❖ The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that there will be no foreign leader as the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations 2021.
- ❖ This will be the first time in more than 50 years that there will not be any foreign head at the Republic Day parade.

Heritage Conservation Committee

- ❖ The Heritage Conservation Committee has approved the construction of a new parliament.
- ❖ It is set up under the Ministry of Urban Affairs.
- ❖ It was setup under the provisions of in Delhi Building Byelaws, 1983 to protect heritage buildings.
- ❖ Only buildings in and around Delhi are governed by these laws.

All Women Pilot Group

- ❖ Air India recently operated the longest non-stop Flight operated by an all-women pilot group.
- ❖ The new route has saved fuel consumption, flying time, and curbing carbon footprint by flying over the polar route as the flight path.
- ❖ The flight is Air India's longest route in its network at approx 14,000 km (8,698 miles) and the longest flight to and from India (approximately 16 hours).
- ❖ It includes the four women - Captain Zoya Aggarwal, Captain Papagari Thanmai, Captain Akansha Sonaware and Captain Shivani Manhas.
- ❖ They flew for 17 hours.
- ❖ The flight was started at San Francis of the USA.
- ❖ It landed at the Kempegowda international airport in Bengaluru.
- ❖ This route is also one of the top 10 longest routes in the World, in terms of distance flown.
- ❖ Air India has the most number of Women pilots in the world.



INTERNATIONAL

'Indian Cities in Post-Pandemic World' Report

- ❖ This report was carried out by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- ❖ It highlights the country's most pressing urban challenges.

- ❖ The study found that an average of 25-30 people migrate to cities from rural areas every single minute.
- ❖ The study further said that about 35% per cent of all urban households cannot afford housing at market prices.

Stockpile of Ebola vaccine

- ❖ It was recently established by four international health and humanitarian organizations.
- ❖ They are World Health Organization (WHO), Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and UNICEF.
- ❖ It was established at Switzerland to control future outbreaks of ebola.
- ❖ The World Health Organization is pressing to establish a global stockpile of Ebola vaccines.
- ❖ The GAVI Vaccine alliance will be providing financial support for the vaccine stockpile to ensure outbreak response.

