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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Pakistan has successfully test-fired the Shaheen-III missile.
  - It is a nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile which can strike targets up to 2,750 km.

## TAMIL NADU

### **Caste Census - Kulasekaran commission**

- ❖ Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami appointed a commission under the former high court judge Kulasekaran.
- ❖ It will begin collection of caste data in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The state government had recently announced that a survey will be undertaken across Tamil Nadu to ascertain the population based on caste.
- ❖ The decision comes amid the backdrop of the Supreme Court directions to all the states to collect quantifiable data highlighting the inadequacy of representation of a particular class in public service.
- ❖ Recently the Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) cadres engaged in protests across Chennai demanding 20% reservation for Vanniyars in government jobs and education.
- ❖ Besides, the caste-wise data is also required to conduct the case regarding the 69 per cent reservation for Tamil Nadu, pending before the Supreme Court.
- ❖ The Commission is also the first such panel to be put in place in Tamil Nadu since the 1950s.



[Tamil Nadu Background](#)



- ❖ The First Backward Classes Commission led by A N Sattanathan in 1969 availed the pre-Independence census data to arrive at population of various castes in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ In 1983, the Second Backward Classes Commission led by JA Ambasankar conducted caste-wise socio-economic and educational survey through door-to-door enumeration.
- ❖ It submitted a report in 1985.
- ❖ The state government enacted the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act, 1993 to protect the existing 69% quota.
- ❖ It was included in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution by the 76th Amendment 1994.

### Caste Census in India

- ❖ The Centre has decided to collect data on Other Backward Classes during Census 2021.
- ❖ This will be the first general census to collect such data since 1931, although a socio-economic census was conducted in 2011.
- ❖ The Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011 (SECC) was conducted for the 2011 Census of India.
- ❖ It was the first caste-based census since 1931 Census of India.
- ❖ It was the fourth exercise conducted by Government of India to identify households living below the poverty line (BPL) in India that would get various entitlements, after three censuses in 1992, 1997 and 2002.
- ❖ The SECC was conducted independently of the Population Census,
- ❖ The Population Census is mandated by the Census Act of 1948.
- ❖ It was carried out by the Union Rural Development Ministry in the rural areas and the Union Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation Ministry in the urban areas.
- ❖ For the first time since 1931, data on OBC population was also collected in 2011.
- ❖ The first caste census was conducted in India in 1881.
- ❖ In 1941, the census exercise was severely curtailed because of World War II.
- ❖ The SC/ST column were to be included in the census slips from 1961.
- ❖ The First Backward Classes Commission was constituted under Kaka Kalelkar in 1953 under Article 340 of the constitution.
- ❖ In 1979, the Second Backward Classes Commission was constituted under Mandal.



- ❖ According to the Mandal Commission report, scheduled castes and tribes made up 22.56 per cent of the population.
- ❖ Mandal Commission had put Other Backward Classes at 52 per cent.
- ❖ This was made on the basis of the 1931 Census.
- ❖ It gave the result in the provision of a 49.5 per cent quota in government jobs and public universities.
- ❖ This included a declaration for 27 per cent reservation for OBCs for the first time ever.
- ❖ It was implemented in 1990 by the Government led by VP Singh.

## **ECONOMY**

### **National Faceless penalty scheme**

- ❖ The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) notified that the penalty cases are assigned to the National Faceless Penalty Centre and to be disposed of by National Faceless Assessment Centre under Faceless Penalty Scheme, 2021.
- ❖ All the penalty cases were initiated under the Income-tax Act, 1961.
- ❖ It will have an unbiased and transparent digital faceless mechanism for imposing penalties on tax defaulters.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **The LongOps Project**

- ❖ It is a collaboration between UK and Japan.
- ❖ Under the operation, the scientists from Japan and UK will develop new and safe technologies to dismantle old nuclear facilities such as the Fukushima.
- ❖ It was severely damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes.
- ❖ The project is to use long-reach robotic arms and hence is called “LongOps Project”.

## **STATES**

### **Statehood Day**

- ❖ On January 21, 2021, Meghalaya, Manipur and Tripura celebrated their statehood day.

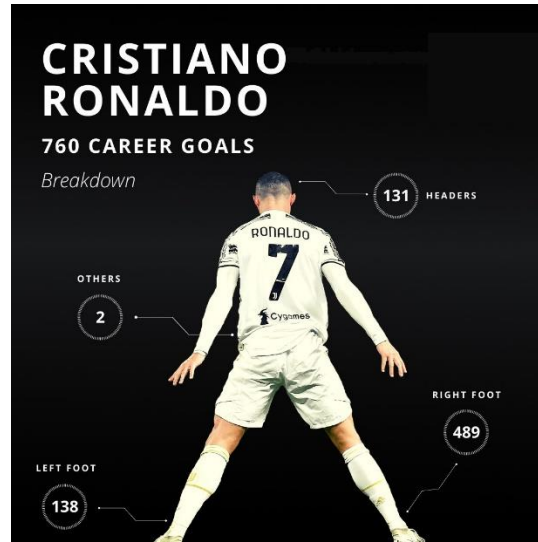
- ❖ The three states gained their statehood on January 21, 1972.
- ❖ The North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971 was a major reform of the boundaries of India's North-East region.
- ❖ The erstwhile princely States of Tripura and Manipur were merged with India in October 1949.
- ❖ Meghalaya was created as an autonomous state within the state of Assam on 2 April, 1970.



## **SPORTS**

### **Cristiano Ronaldo**

- ❖ He now holds the record for the most goals scored for club and country in football history.
- ❖ He is a Portuguese footballer.
- ❖ He was the five-time Ballon d'Or winner.
- ❖ He scored his 760th career goal on behalf of Juventus club in the Italian Super cup.
- ❖ Brazil's Pele's scored 757 goals earlier.
- ❖ Josef Bican of the Austrian-Czech legend scored 759 goals.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 43<sup>rd</sup> Kokborok Day – January 19

- ❖ It is celebrated in Tripura to celebrated the development of Kokborok language.
- ❖ The Kokborok is the official language of Tripura.
- ❖ This language was recognized as an official language on this day in 1979.
- ❖ The first left front government led by former chief minister Nripen Chakraborty carried out this.

