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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Chief Electoral Officer of Tamil Nadu Satyabrata Sahoo has been selected for the national award under the category of best-performing State.
  - This award is for overall performance in various areas of election management during the legislative assembly elections in the state during 2021.

## TAMIL NADU

### Tamil Nadu Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Corporation



- ❖ Tamil Nadu now has its own drone manufacturing corporation established at Anna University.
- ❖ The corporation will design, manufacture and trade all types of drones and allied systems.
- ❖ The Centre for Aerospace Research on the Madras Institute of Technology campus of Anna University has been producing drones with financial assistance from the State government.

### Anna medals for gallantry to brave hearts

- ❖ The Tamilnadu CM Stalin presented Anna medals for gallantry to policemen and members of the public.
- ❖ Inspector Rajeswari who saved Ganesh, a painter, from a dilapidated house in Otteri of Chennai during the Nivar cyclone was given the award.

- ❖ M Rajiv Gandhi, a fireman from Villupuram district who rescued two boys from drowning in a flood was given award.
- ❖ Dr. K Asokan, a forest veterinary assistant surgeon, was awarded the gallantry medal for successfully tranquilizing two forest elephants and saving many lives.
- ❖ Muthukrishnan from Sivaganga was awarded for saving the lives of five people who fell into a canal.
- ❖ Nine-year-old Chandrasekaran of Tiruchy got the award for saving the life of a Class four student who fell into a well.
- ❖ Sokknathan and Sudha, from Tiruppur, were awarded the medal for rescuing five schoolchildren from drowning.
- ❖ M Thaniyarasu from Tiruvottiyur was awarded for alerting the residents of the TNUHDB building before it collapsed.
- ❖ C Ramasamy from Salem district was awarded C Narayanasamy Naidu Award for the highest yield of rice (13,800 kg per hectare).
- ❖ Gandhi Adigal police medal was given to policemen for their outstanding work in curtailing illicit liquor.
- ❖ The Tirupur south, Tiruvannamalai Taluk, and Anna Nagar of Madurai police stations were named the best police stations in the places of first, second and third respectively in the State.



### **Awards for scholars**

- ❖ The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced the 2021 awards for scholars, organizations, and media houses that contributed to the development of the Tamil language.
- ❖ This year the award money has been increased to ₹2 lakh from ₹1 lakh each.

- ❖ The award winners will be honored with a one-sovereign gold medal, a shawl, and a citation.
- ❖ The list of awardees are given below

பேரறிஞர் அண்ணா விருது - நான்குசில் சம்பத்  
மகாகவி பாரதியார் விருது - பாரதி கிருஷ்ணகுமார்  
பாவேந்தர் பாரதிதாசன் விருது - புலவர் செந்தலை கவுதமன்  
சொல்லின் செல்வர் விருது - சூர்யா சேவியர்  
சிங்காரவேலர் விருது - கவிஞர் மதுக்கூர் இராமலிங்கம்  
தமிழ்த்தாய் விருது - மலேசியத் தமிழ் எழுத்தாளர் சங்கத்திற்கு.  
அருட்பெருஞ்சோதி வள்ளலார் விருது - முனைவர் இரா.  
சஞ்சீவிராயர்  
  
சி.பா. ஆதித்தனார் திங்களிதழ் விருது - உயிர்மை  
திங்களிதழ்க்கும்  
தேவநேயப்பாவாணர் விருது - முனைவர் கு. அரசேந்திரன்  
உமறுப்புலவர் விருது - நா. மம்மது  
கி.ஆ.பெ. விருது - முனைவர் ம. இராசேந்திரன்,  
கம்பர் விருது - பாரதி பாஸ்கர்  
ஜி.யு.போப் விருது - ஏ.எஸ். பன்னீர்செல்வம்  
மறைமலையடிகள் விருது - சுசி.சிவம்  
இளங்கோவடிகள் விருது - நெல்லைக் கண்ணன்  
அயோத்திதாசப் பண்டிதர் விருது - ஞான. அலாய்சியஸ்

### **Tamilnadu republic day parade**

- ❖ The Wing Commander Anuj Gupta was the overall Parade Commander of the Republic Day parade.
- ❖ Three tableaux were showcased in the Tamilnadu republic day celebration.



#### **First tableau**

- ❖ The first of the three tableaux depicted the Vellore Sepoy Mutiny in 1806.

- ❖ It also had
  - Rani Velu Nachiyar, the only queen who fought with the British and regained her kingdom
  - Kuyili, a woman soldier who made a suicide attack on the munitions depot of East India Company by setting herself ablaze
  - Veerapandiya Kattabomman who had been a nightmare for the British
  - Veeran Sundaralingam who was the commander of Veerapandiya Kattam bomman's army
  - Ondiveeran, who fought alone and destroyed the British forces
  - Poolithevan, the first in the history of the Indian freedom movement to voice Quit India
  - Veeran Azhagumuthkon, who opposed paying tax to the British and
  - The Kalaiyar Kovil Temple worshipped and patronized by Marudhu Brothers

### Second Tableau

- ❖ The second Tableau showcased Mahakavi Bharathiyar, VO Chidambaranar, Subramaniya Siva, and social reformer Vijayaraghavachariar.

### Third Tableau

- ❖ The third float depicted Thanthai Periyar who fought for social reforms, women's liberation, and for eradicating untouchability
- ❖ The other leaders from Tamil Nadu who played key roles in the freedom struggle who were depicted in this tableau include Rajaji, Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar, Kamaraj, Rettaimalai Srinivasan, Vanchinathan, Theeran Chinnamalai, Va Ve Su Iyer, Quaid-e-Millet, JC Kumarappa and Kakkan.

## **Ramachandran Nagasamy**



- ❖ Veteran archeologist and epigraphist Ramachandran Nagasamy died in Chennai at the age of 91.

- ❖ He served as the director of the Government Archaeology Department in Tamil Nadu
- ❖ Nagasamy is known for his epigraphy research on the sculptures in Maha bali Puram.
- ❖ He has written several books on Tamil literature.
- ❖ He was honored with the Padma Bhushan award in 2018 for his research work in archeology.
- ❖ He was also the recipient of the Kalaimamani award - the highest civilian award, from the Tamil Nadu government.

## NATIONAL

### Republic day tableau – 2022



- ❖ The Republic Day event and the parade was held at the Rajpath in New Delhi.
- ❖ This year tableaux of 12 states were selected.
- ❖ Tableaux of Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand were shown at this year's parade.
- ❖ Additionally, tableaux of nine ministries and departments of the Central government were at this year's parade.



- ❖ The tableau of the Ministry of Civil Aviation was included in the Republic Day parade for the first time.
- ❖ The theme of this tableau was 'Udaan - Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik'.

### **Corruption Perceptions Index**

- ❖ Transparency International has released the Corruption Perceptions Index 2021.
- ❖ India has been ranked at 85th spot (Score of 40).
- ❖ The ranking has been topped jointly by three countries- Denmark, Finland, and New Zealand (Score of 88).
- ❖ This ranking measures how corrupt each country's public sector is perceived to be.
- ❖ The results are given on a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).
- ❖ 180 countries are ranked in it.

<b>List of India's Rank Different Index 2021-22:</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Global Drug Policy Index 2021:	18th
Climate Change Performance Index 2022:	10th
2021 TRACE global Bribery Risk Rankings:	82nd
World Talent Ranking report 2021:	56th
Global Health Security Index 2021:	66th
5th Truecaller's Global Spam & Scam Report 2021:	4th
Hurun's Global Unicorn Index 2021:	3rd
"2019 Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) Report:	3rd
Henley Passport index 2022:	83rd

### **India's first Woman Rafale pilot**

- ❖ Pilot Shivangi Singh is India's first Woman Rafale pilot.
- ❖ She was a part of the Indian Air Force Tableau at the Republic Day celebrations.
- ❖ She joined the Indian Air Force in 2017.
- ❖ She is the only second woman pilot to participate in the Indian Air Force Tableau.
- ❖ Fighter Jet pilot Bhawna Kanth was the first woman pilot to participate in the IAF tableau.

- ❖ Shivangi Singh was born in Bihar.
- ❖ The theme of 2022 IAF Tableau was “Indian Air Force Transforming for the future”.



## INTERNATIONAL

### **Nordic “clinker boats”**

- ❖ United Nations’ culture agency, UNESCO, added the Nordic “clinker boats” to its Heritage List.
- ❖ The wooden sailboats have allowed peoples of northern Europe to spread influence, trade, and sometimes war across continents and seas, for thousands of years.
- ❖ Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Sweden and Norway jointly sought the UNESCO designation.

