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TNPSC BITS

- ◆ Tamil Nadu Government announced that the modern film city to be built in Poonamallee, at a cost of ₹500 crore on 140 acres of land.
- ✤ The Indian Army Chief Gen MM Naravane authored a Book names "Four Stars of Destiny" ·
- Nepal and India signed a power trade agreement on Thursday for Kathmandu to export 10,000 megawatts (MW) of hydroelectricity to India over the next 10 years.
- Renowned Bengali writer Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay has been awarded the 2023 Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar.
- The Vice Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi was appointed as new Vice Chief of the Naval Staff.
- Birmingham University Professor Adrian Michael Cruise honored with Officers of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his services to Space Science.
- Hero MotoCorp's manufacturing facility in Gurugram bagged the CII National Award for Excellence in Water Management, securing the top position in the 'Within the Fence' category.

TAMIL NADU



- The Tamil Nadu STEPS Survey-2 aimed at estimating the prevalence of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) risk factors has commenced across the State.
- This would help the State chalk out interventions to reduce the burden of NCD risk factors.

STEPS survey





- STEPS Survey 2020 indicated a community prevalence of 33.9% for hypertension, 17.6% for diabetes, and control rate for hypertension (7.3%) and diabetes (10.8%) among patients put on treatment in Tamil Nadu.
- ◆ Our earlier assessment found a 10.8% control rate for diabetes.
- Our target was to increase the control rate of diabetes from 10.8 to 16.8%, and for hypertension, from 7.3 to 10.3%.

NATIONAL

PRERANA program

- The Education Ministry has launched the 'Prerana: An Experiential Learning Programme' for students in Classes 9 to 12.
- This residential initiative, held weekly, caters to 20 selected students and takes place at a vernacular school in Mehsana, Gujarat.
- The Prerana school follows a syllabus based on nine value-based topics prepared by the IIT, Gandhinagar.



Tur Dal Procurement Portal

✤ A tur dal procurement portal inaugurated to aid farmers to sell their produce to NAFED and NCCF at a minimum support price or market price.

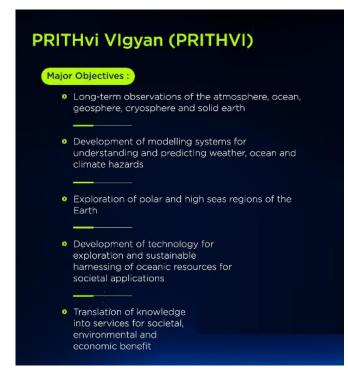




- ✤ A similar facility will be launched in future for urad and masoor farmers as well as maize farmers
- The registered tur farmers will have an option to sell to either NAFED/NCCF or open market.
- Pulses production has increased in the last ten years to 26.05 million tonnes in 2022-23 from 19.2 million tonnes in 2013-14 crop year (July-June),



PRITHVI VIGYAN Scheme



The Union Cabinet has approved "PRITHvi VIgyan" scheme for the Ministry of Earth Sciences.





- ✤ The scheme would be implemented between 2021-26 and encompasses five ongoing sub-schemes ACROSS, O-SMART, PACER, SAGE and REACHOUT.
- It also seeks to promote exploration of polar and high seas regions of Earth towards the discovery of new phenomena and resources.

SUPREME COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Supreme Court Legal Services Committee

- Supreme Court judge Justice BR Gavai has been nominated as the Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee.
- This Committee was constituted under Section 3A of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- It will provide "free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of society", in cases falling under the top court's jurisdiction.
- Section 3A of the Act states that the Central Authority (the National Legal Services Authority or NALSA) shall constitute the committee.
- It consists of a sitting SC judge, who is the chairman, along with other members possessing the experience and qualifications prescribed by the Centre.
- So the chairman and other members will be nominated by the CJI.

Symbol Allotment to Unrecognized Parties

- The Election Commission of India making it mandatory for registered unrecognized political parties to provide additional financial documents and election expenditure statements for getting a common election symbol.
- The move aims to improve transparency in the allotment process ahead of the 2024 general election.
- Registered unrecognized political parties refer to political parties that are registered with the ECI but do not qualify as state or national parties.





- ✤ It includes:
 - Newly registered parties that are yet to establish themselves
 - \circ $\;$ Parties that have never contested an election post-registration
 - Parties that did not get sufficient votes in recent state or national elections to be recognized.

INTERNATIONAL

Palace of Aigai

- The Palace of Aigai in northern Greece was fully reopened following a 16-year renovation.
- It was built more than 2,300 years ago during the reign of Alexander's father, Phillip II.
- The palace was the largest building in classical Greece covering an area of 15,000sq m.
- ✤ The Palace of Aigai was destroyed by the Romans in 148 BC.



ECONOMY

Steel Sector production

- ◆ India become the world's second-largest producer of crude steel in FY23.
- It produced 125.32 million tonnes (MT) of crude steel and 121.29 MT of completed steel.





- This production was increased by 75% since 2008.
- Steel consumption per capita in India was 86.7 kilograms in FY23.

Global crude steel output and offtake*				
1	2023	2024	2025	
Consumption	1,927	1,962	1,990	
Production	1,916	1,947	1,974	
*in million tonnes Source: Office of the Chief Economist, Australia				

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PSLV-C58's POEM3 Platform



✤ ISRO has successfully tested a 100 W class Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cell based Power System (FCPS) in its orbital platform, POEM3.





- ✤ It was launched onboard PSLV-C58 recently.
- The ability to produce electricity directly from fuels without any intermediate step renders them very efficient.
- With water as the only byproduct, they are totally emission free.

STATES

Map All Accident-Prone Sites



- Punjab has become the first state in India to map all 784 accident black spots on the Mappls App, a navigation system developed by MapMyIndia.
- Punjab Police team-up with MapmyIndia for real-time traffic updates and alerts on Mappls App about Black and Blind spots.
- Citizens can receive voice alerts in Punjabi near critical areas marking Punjab as the first state to Map accident-prone sites Road Safety."
- ✤ An accident blackspot is a place where road traffic accidents have historically been concentrated.

West Bengal - state song and state day

- The West Bengal government has issued a notification declaring Poila Boisakh, the first day of the Bengali New Year, as the State Day.
- It also declares a song Banglar Mati Banglar Jal written by Rabindranath Tagore as the State Song.





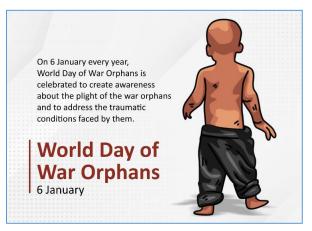
◆ The State Song that the approximate playing time is 1 minute and 59 seconds.

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Poila Baisakh will be state day, Bangla Divas	participants must stand like during national anthem		
'Banglar Mati, Banglar Jal' will be state song	 > 13 states, including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Bihar, Odisha and Assam, have state songs 		
State govt programmes to start with state song and end			
with national anthem	Most states have foundation or formation day		
 During state song, 			

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Day of War Orphans 2024 - January 06

- The day aims to raise awareness about the trauma experienced by orphans and the social, psychological and physical obstacles they often need to overcome to lead a normal life.
- This day was founded by the French organisation SOS Enfants en Detresses.
- ✤ According to the UNICEF, more than 30 million children have been displaced by conflict.



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