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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Chennai is the safest city for women in the country as per statistics of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- ❖ The Greater Chennai Corporation has been ranked 199 among 446 cities in the country in Swachh Survekshan.
- ❖ TN Chief Minister launched Chennai Sangamam 'Namma Ooru Thiruvizha'.
  - The festival showcases a range of performances by various artists from Tamil Nadu and other States in 18 locations across the city
- ❖ The country's longest bridge over the sea, the 22 km Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, officially the Atal Setu Nhava Sheva Sea Link was inaugurated recently.
- ❖ The Indian Army will observe the year 2024 as the 'Year of Technology Absorption'.

## TAMIL NADU

### Arogyam Paramam Dhanam



- ❖ Tamil Nadu has decided to go ahead with the rebranding exercise and retain the tagline 'Arogyam Paramam Dhanam' in line with the directive of the Government of India.

- ❖ All AB-HWCs in the State will now be rebranded as 'Maruthuva Nallavazhu Nilayam' in both English and Tamil.
- ❖ It will have the tagline of 'Arogyam Paramam Dhanam' in English and 'Noyatra Vazhve Kuraivatra Selvam' in Tamil.
- ❖ In November 2023, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare asked the States to rename the Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWC) as 'Ayushman Arogya Mandir' with the tagline of 'Arogyam Paramam Dhanam' in English and Hindi.

### **Tamilnadu Government awards 2023**



- ❖ The Chief Minister presented awards to nine individuals for their contributions towards Tamil language and social justice.
- ❖ The following awards instituted by the Tamil Development Department
  - Ayyan Tiruvalluvar Award - Thavathiru Balamuruganadimai Swami for 2024;
  - The Peraringnar Anna Award to 'Pathamadai' Paramasivam (2023);
  - Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award to U. Balaraman (2023);
  - Mahakavi Bharathiar Award to Palani Bharathi (2023);
  - Paavendar Bharathidasan Award to M. Mutharasu (2023);
  - Tamil Thendral Thiru Vi Ka Award to S. Jayaseela Stephen (2023); and
  - Muthamizh Kavalalar K.A.P. Viswanatham Award to R. Karunanidhi (2023).

- ❖ The Thanthai Periyar Award, instituted by the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department was presented to Suba. Veera Pandian.
- ❖ The Ambedkar Award instituted by Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department for 2023 went to P. Shanmugam of the Tamil Nadu Tribal Association.

## NATIONAL

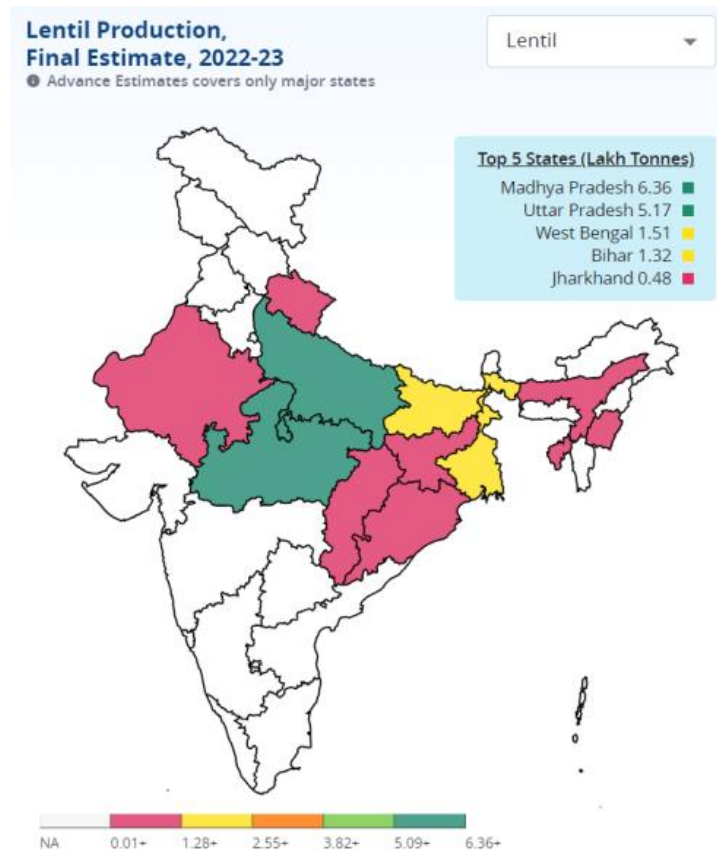
### Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023

ZONAL CLEAN CITY AWARDS				
Zonal (North)	Zonal (East)	Zonal (North East)	Zonal (South)	Zonal (West)
Clean City (North Zone) (Population < 15,000) <b>Winner: Barwar</b>	Clean City (East Zone) (Population < 15,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Chikiti</b>	Clean City (North East Zone) (Population < 15,000) <b>Winner: Jiribam</b>	Clean City (South Zone) (Population < 15,000) <b>Winner: Kivelur</b>	Clean City (West Zone) (Population < 15,000) <b>Winner: Panchgani</b>
Clean City (North Zone) (Population between 15,000 - 25,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Mullanpur Dakha</b>	Clean City (East Zone) (Population between 15,000 - 25,000) <b>Winner: Arang</b>	Clean City (North East Zone) (Population between 15,000 - 25,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Mohanpur</b>	Clean City (South Zone) (Population between 15,000 - 25,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Gundlapochampally</b>	Clean City (West Zone) (Population between 15,000 - 25,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Budni</b>
Clean City (North Zone) (Population between 25,000 - 50,000) <b>Winner: Anupshahr</b>	Clean City (East Zone) (Population between 25,000 - 50,000) <b>Winner: Kumhari</b>	Clean City (North East Zone) (Population between 25,000 - 50,000) <b>Winner: Golaghat</b>	Clean City (South Zone) (Population between 25,000 - 50,000) <b>Winner: Nizampet</b>	Clean City (West Zone) (Population between 25,000 - 50,000) <b>Winner: Gadhinglaj</b>
Clean City (North Zone) (Population between 50,000-1,00,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Gajraula</b>	Clean City (East Zone) (Population between 50,000-1,00,000) <b>Winner: Mahasamund</b>	Clean City (North East Zone) (Population between 50,000-1,00,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Lunglei</b>	Clean City (South Zone) (Population between 50,000-1,00,000) <b>Winner: Siddipet</b>	Clean City (West Zone) (Population between 50,000-1,00,000) <b>Winner: Karhad</b>

- ❖ Surat in Gujarat and Indore in Madhya Pradesh were jointly declared cleanest cities of the country.
- ❖ Indore has been adjudged the cleanest city for the seventh time in a row.
- ❖ The list of top 10 cleanest cities with a population of more than one lakh also includes Greater Visakhapatnam, Bhopal, Vijayawada, New Delhi, Tirupati, Greater Hyderabad and Pune.
- ❖ As far as the States were concerned, Maharashtra came first, followed by Madhya Pradesh and then Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ Odisha is ranked fourth, followed by Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim, Karnataka, Goa, Haryana and Bihar.
- ❖ In the category of cities with a population of less than one lakh, Sasvad and Lonavala in Maharashtra as well as Patan in Chhattisgarh secured the top three spots.

- ❖ Mhow Cantonment Board in Madhya Pradesh was adjudged the cleanest cantonment board.
- ❖ Varanasi and Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, won the top two awards amongst the cleanest Ganga towns.
- ❖ Chandigarh won the Best Safai Mitra Surakshit Sheher (safest city for sanitation workers).
- ❖ Kilvelur town panchayat in Nagapattinam has topped Tamil Nadu in being the cleanest local body in Swachh Survekshan for 2023.
- ❖ Kilvelur has also been ranked the cleanest local body in the list of southern states (south zone).
- ❖ The theme of the cleanliness survey 2023 was “Waste to Wealth”, while for 2024 it is “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle”.

### Lentil Production in India 2023



- ❖ The country's masur (lentil) production is estimated to touch an all-time high of 1.6 million tonnes in the 2023-24 rabi season on higher acreage.
- ❖ Masur production stood at 1.55 million tonnes in the 2022-23 rabi season.

- ❖ In the ongoing rabi season, more area has been brought under the masur crop.
- ❖ The total masur acreage has increased to 1.94 million hectares as of January 12 in the ongoing rabi season.
- ❖ This was .83 million hectares in the year-ago period.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Snow leopards Conservation Breeding Program

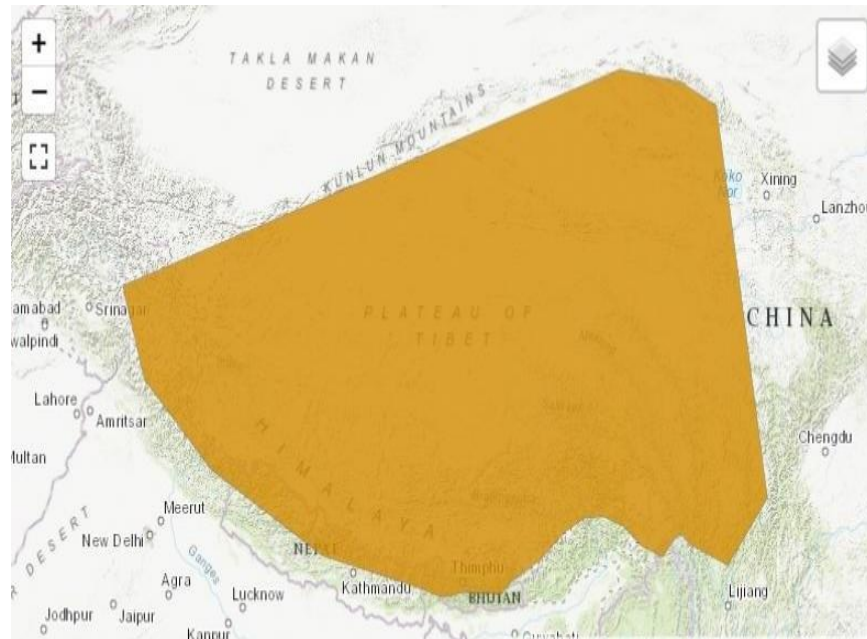
- ❖ Darjeeling zoo now has the world's largest number of snow leopards in captivity — 14 in total with 7 males and 7 females.
- ❖ Among them, there are six cubs from three mothers.
- ❖ This is the highest since the launch of the breeding programme at Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZP), also commonly known as Darjeeling Zoo.
- ❖ Snow leopards are in the “vulnerable” category of the International Union for Conservation of Nature or IUCN “Red List of Threatened Species”.
- ❖ Its estimated global population is 4,000 to 7,500.
- ❖ The conservation breeding programme for snow leopards, the first and the only in the country, was launched at Darjeeling Zoo in 1985.
- ❖ Four years later in 1989, the Conservation Breeding Centre (CBC), which is currently spread across five hectares at Topkeydara, recorded the first birth of a snow leopard.
- ❖ Since then, 77 snow leopards have been born in the zoo.



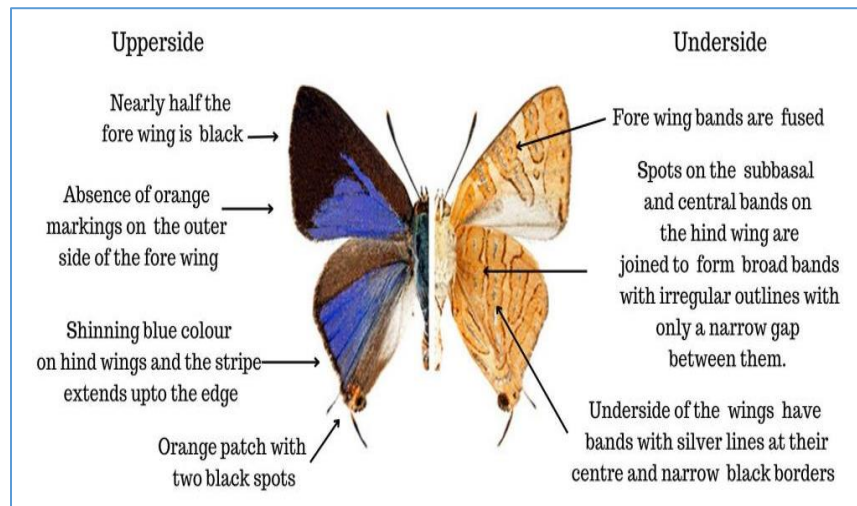
### IUCN Assessment of the Himalayan Wolf

- ❖ The Himalayan Wolf (*Canis lupus chanco*), has been assessed for the first time in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s Red List.
- ❖ The animal has been categorised as ‘Vulnerable’ on the IUCN Red List.

- ❖ Its population size estimation shows 2,275-3,792 mature individuals.
- ❖ India has 227-378 mature individuals in its section of the Himalayas.



### Conjoined Silverline



- ❖ A new species of silverline butterfly has been identified in the biodiversity hotspots in India's Western Ghats.
- ❖ This unique species, named *Cigaritis conjuncta* or the "conjoined silverline", was first spotted in 2008.
- ❖ This is the first such find in India's Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot since the 1970.

- ❖ The scientists identified 30 individuals of the conjoined silverline butterfly, which belongs to the Lycaenidae family.
- ❖ In India, there are 16 species of silverline butterflies, with 11 of them found in both peninsular India and Sri Lanka.

## REPORTS AND INDICES

### Global Risks Report 2024

- ❖ The Global Risks Report 2024 was released by the World Economic Forum.
- ❖ The most serious threats that the world may see in the coming years, considering the impact of technological advancements, economic instability, climate change, and armed conflict.
- ❖ The report underscores the risks posed by AI-driven misinformation and disinformation.
- ❖ Immediate concerns center around the risk of interstate armed conflict.
- ❖ A persistent cost-of-living crisis may lead to uncertainties in the global economic stability.
- ❖ Inflation and economic downturn have emerged as noteworthy additions to the top risks.

