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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) will set up India's first group captive solar plant for a residential society in Mumbai.
- ❖ Hockey world cup 2023, Men's Hockey World Cup, will be played from January 13 to 29, 2023 in Odisha.
- ❖ The 21st Edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise between India and France – Exercise Varuna commenced recently in India.
 - The bilateral exercise between the two navies were initiated in 1993.

TAMIL NADU

First International Book Fair

MEGA EVENT		
➤ The first edition of Chennai International Book Fair will be a three-day event	➤ International pavilion, a publishing conference, rights hub to be part of the fair	
➤ Authors from 30 to 40 countries are expected to attend	➤ TN to unveil its global translation grant programme at the event	
		

- ❖ The first edition of the Chennai International Book Fair kicked off at the YMCA Grounds in Nandanam.
- ❖ The three-day international fair has been organised by the Directorate of Public Libraries, Tamil Nadu Text Book and Educational Services Corporation and Booksellers and Publishers Association of South India.
- ❖ Now Chennai joins cities such as Frankfurt, Poland, London and Beijing, known for their book festivals.

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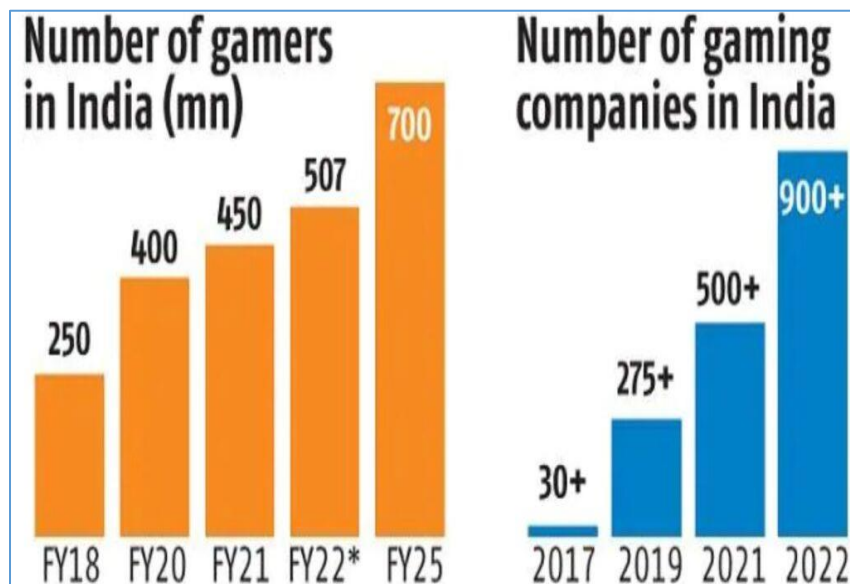
School of Logistics, Waterways, and Communication

- ❖ India's first School of Logistics, Waterways, and Communication was launched in Agartala.

- ❖ The school aims to enable the rich pool of talent in the region to become world-class experts in the transportation and logistics sector.
- ❖ The school will be enabling the innate capacity of human resources along the opulent waterways of the region.



Mobile Gaming Report 2022



- ❖ Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the top destination for mobile gamers.
- ❖ UP is followed by Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Bihar and West Bengal.

- ❖ Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Himachal Pradesh have seen the highest increase in mobile gamers in 2022 compared to 2021.
- ❖ Last year, India became the largest consumer of mobile games in the world, recording over 15 billion downloads.

FSSAI regulatory standards for Basmati Rice

- ❖ For the first time in India, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has specified the identity standards for Basmati Rice.
- ❖ It will be enforced with effect from 01st August 2023.
- ❖ They are aimed at establishing fair practices in the trade of Basmati rice and protecting consumer interest, both domestically and globally.
- ❖ Basmati rice shall possess the natural fragrance characteristic of basmati rice
- ❖ It has a unique fragrance and flavour due to the presence of a chemical called 2-acetyl-1-pyrroline.
- ❖ It should be free from artificial colouring, polishing agents and artificial fragrances.

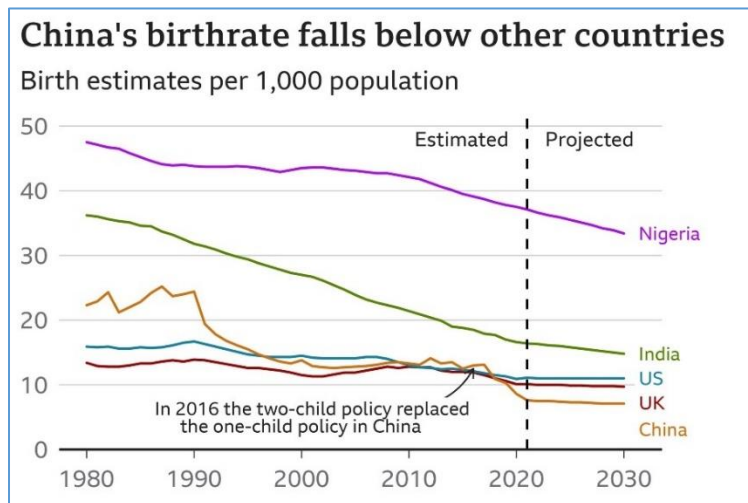


INTERNATIONAL

China's population falls

- ❖ The Chinese government said that 9.56 million people were born in China in 2022, while 10.41 million people died.

- ❖ It was the first-time deaths had outnumbered births in China since the early 1960s.
- ❖ Births were down from 10.6 million in 2021, the sixth consecutive year that the number had fallen.
- ❖ The population in 2022 - 1.4118 billion - fell by 850,000 from 2021.
- ❖ The birth rate in 2022 was also down from 7.52 in 2021.
- ❖ By 2035, 400 million people in China are expected to be older than 60, accounting for nearly one-third of its population.
- ❖ In comparison, in 2021, the United States recorded 11.06 births per 1,000 people, and the United Kingdom, 10.08 births.
- ❖ The birth rate for the same year in India was 16.42.



ECONOMY

Top five ECM markets

Fishing in troubled seas	Fund raising landscape remained challenging last year	
	Funds raised (\$ bn)	YoY Change (%)
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China	164.6	-38
United States	73.4	-85
Germany	20.9	-28
Canada	19.4	-56
India	16.4	-43
United Kingdom	13.9	-78
Australia	11.3	-63

- ❖ India was among the top five markets, globally, in terms of equity fundraising.
- ❖ \$16.4 billion were transacted via equity capital market (ECM) activity in India in 2022.
- ❖ Traditionally, India has rarely featured in the top 10 in terms of ECM activity.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Global Punctuality League 2023

- ❖ Japanese airports nabbed the top three spots and nine of the top 12 in the world.
- ❖ Osaka International Airport topped in the on-time performance (OTP) rating.
- ❖ It is followed by Matsuyama, Miyazaki and Nagoya Chubu Centrair airports.
- ❖ The Coimbatore (CJB) airport in the southern state of Tamil Nadu in India ranked 13th spot.
- ❖ None of the other airports from India got ranked in top 20.

Rank	Coverage	Airport Name	Country	Code	OTP 2022	Cancellation Rate % 2022	OTP 2019
1	94.6%	Osaka Intl (Itami)	Japan	ITM	91.45%	1.04%	88.03%
2	92.7%	Matsuyama	Japan	MYJ	91.44%	0.72%	-
3	90.3%	Miyazaki	Japan	KMI	91.34%	2.45%	-
4	97.2%	Nagoya Chubu Centrair International Apt	Japan	NGO	90.78%	1.04%	-
5	81.5%	Durban King Shaka International Apt	South Africa	DUR	89.73%	1.37%	83.59%
6	94.2%	Kagoshima	Japan	KOJ	89.05%	2.14%	83.34%
7	88.9%	Kumamoto	Japan	KMJ	88.87%	1.95%	-
8	82.0%	Pinto Martins – Fortaleza Intl Apt	Brazil	FOR	88.81%	1.06%	83.34%
9	97.3%	Panama City Tocumen International	Panama	PTY	88.65%	0.47%	92.21%
10	93.7%	Fukuoka	Japan	FUK	88.26%	3.02%	-
11	86.8%	Sapporo New Chitose Apt	Japan	CTS	88.06%	2.25%	84.06%
12	90.6%	Tokyo Intl (Haneda)	Japan	HND	88.06%	2.10%	86.60%
13	88.1%	Coimbatore	India	CJB	88.01%	0.54%	-
14	98.9%	Belo Horizonte Tancredo Neves Int Apt	Brazil	CNF	87.26%	1.66%	81.55%
15	86.6%	Alejandro Velasco Astete Intl Apt	Peru	CUZ	87.08%	3.42%	-

STATES

First Constitution Literate District

- ❖ The Indian district of Kollam has become the country's first constitution literate district.

- ❖ The district's success is the result of a seven-month campaign launched by the Kollam district panchayat, District Planning Committee, and the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA).
- ❖ The campaign is aimed to provide constitutional literacy to 23 lakh citizens belonging to 7 lakh families in the district.
- ❖ To achieve this goal, awareness classes were organized for around 90% of the people in Kollam.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

UN medal for exemplary service

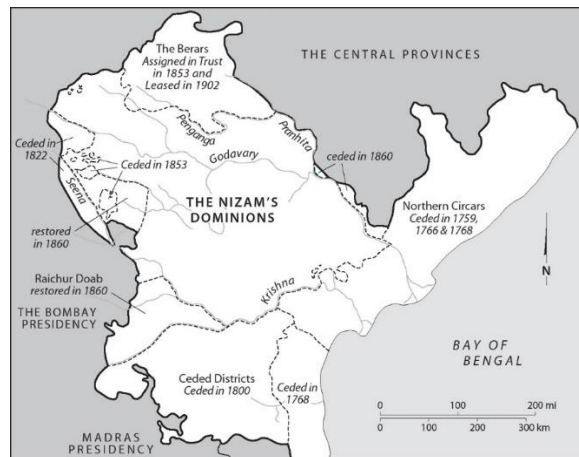


- ❖ The Indian peacekeepers serving with the UN Mission in South Sudan have been honoured with the prestigious UN medals.
- ❖ 1,171 peacekeepers from India deployed with the UN mission in South Sudan.

- ❖ As of June 2022, 2370 Indian military personnel are deployed with UNMISS, the second highest after Rwanda (2637).

Hyderabad's Last Nizam

- ❖ The last Nizam of Hyderabad Mukarram Jah Bahadur passed away in Turkey.
- ❖ While the Nizam's Dominion of Hyderabad ceased to exist after it acceded to the Indian union in 1948.
- ❖ The seventh Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan served as the Raj Pramukh of the state from January 26, 1950, when it accepted the Indian Constitution, till October 31, 1956.
- ❖ When parts of the Hyderabad state were merged with neighbouring regions to form Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra.
- ❖ In June 1954, Osman Ali Khan wrote to the Union Government to recognise Mukarram Jah as his successor and the request from the former monarch was accepted by the Centre in 1964.
- ❖ Following the passing of Osman Ali Khan in 1966, Jah continued to hold the title of the Nizam of Hyderabad till November 1971.
- ❖ In 1971, the Indian government abolished the privy purse and royal titles.
- ❖ Now, the Mukarram Jah's demise brings down the curtains on the Asaf Jahi dynasty founded in 1724.



MISCELLANEOUS

ICG ship 'Kamla Devi'

- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship 'Kamla Devi', the Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) was commissioned recently.

- ❖ ICGS Kamla Devi is officially the fifth and last vessel of the series of FPVs.
- ❖ It will patrol the seas and carry out anti-smuggling, anti-poaching and search and rescue operations as and when required.



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