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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Armed Forces Veterans' Day is celebrated on 14th January every year to commemorate the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army Field Marshal KM Cariappa retirement in 1953.
- ❖ The revamped Tamil channel of Doordarshan was inaugurated recently.
 - The channel, previously known as DD Podhigai, has been rebranded as DD Tamil.
- ❖ Tamil writer Charu Nivedita's Conversations with Aurangzeb was translated into English by Nandini Krishnan.
- ❖ The Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP) had convened its 12th General Assembly in New Delhi.
- ❖ Tata Group secures IPL Title Sponsorship for next 5 years with the highest-ever sponsorship amount in the history of the league.
 - The TATA Group had previously held the title sponsorship rights for the IPL in 2022 and 2023 and is also the title sponsor of the Women's Premier League.

TAMIL NADU

Sri Lankan passport from Tamil Nadu

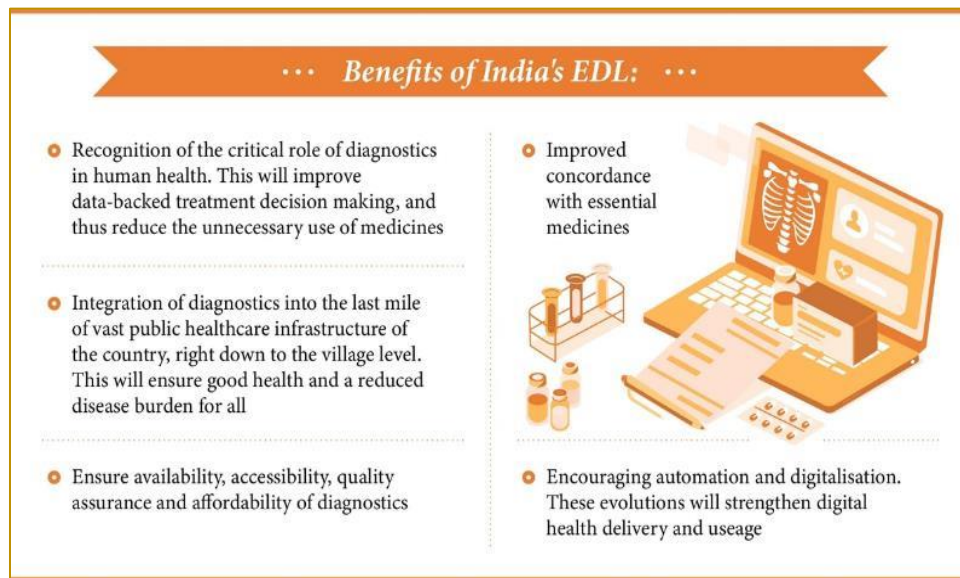


- ❖ A group of 200 Sri Lankan refugees living in Tamil Nadu received Sri Lankan passports at the country's Deputy High Commission in Chennai.
- ❖ This is the first time for the refugee community in India.

- ❖ Earlier, if Sri Lankan refugees living in Tamil Nadu wanted to leave for a third country, they had to first travel to Sri Lanka on a passport issued under the Refugee Repatriation Programme and then apply for a Sri Lankan passport there.
- ❖ Under the new initiative, they need not visit Sri Lanka, but can instead apply directly for a passport through the diplomatic missions in India.
- ❖ Then they can leave for a foreign country from India.

NATIONAL

National Essential Diagnostics List - first review



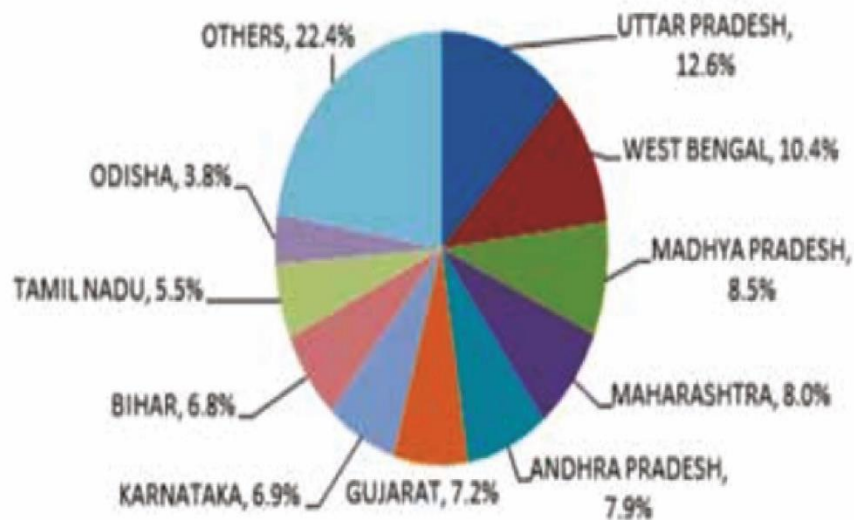
- ❖ The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has begun the process of revising the current National Essential Diagnostics List (NEDL).
- ❖ This has passed since the first such list was released in 2019.
- ❖ The Council has invited relevant stakeholders to offer suggestions on adding or deleting diagnostic tests to the current list by the end of February.
- ❖ The NEDL lists the essential and most basic tests that should be available at various levels of healthcare facilities in the country.
- ❖ It includes the village level, in sub-health centres, health and wellness centres, and primary health centres.

Horticulture production estimation 2022/23

- ❖ The Agriculture Ministry has raised the production estimate of horticulture crops of the 2022-23 season (July 2022-June 2023) further by two per cent.

- ❖ It has projected the 2022-23 output at over 355 million tonnes (mt) against 347 mt in 2021-22.
- ❖ The latest revision is marginally higher than the second estimate of 351.92 mt.
- ❖ Fruits production is estimated to have gone up to 109.53 mt in 2022-23 from 107.51 mt in the previous year.
- ❖ Vegetable output has increased to 213.88 mt from 209.14 mt.
- ❖ Potato production is estimated to have increased to 60.22 mt as against 56.18 mt in the previous year.
- ❖ Tomato output was dropped to 20.37 mt from 20.69 mt.

Major Horticulture Producing States



INTERNATIONAL

“Green Rooms” in Ukraine

- ❖ The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Ukraine, in partnership with the Government of Denmark, has launched two “green rooms” in Ukraine.
- ❖ The “green room” enables a set of activities within a specially equipped space to facilitate effective interaction between police officers and child survivors and witnesses of crime.
- ❖ The rooms operate on principles that safeguard the rights and freedoms of the child during investigative and procedural actions.
- ❖ The “green room” comprises two spaces separated by special glass.

- ❖ One room facilitates communication with the child, while the other allows observation of the conversation.



ENVIRONMENT

Rare migrant birds in Nanjarayan sanctuary

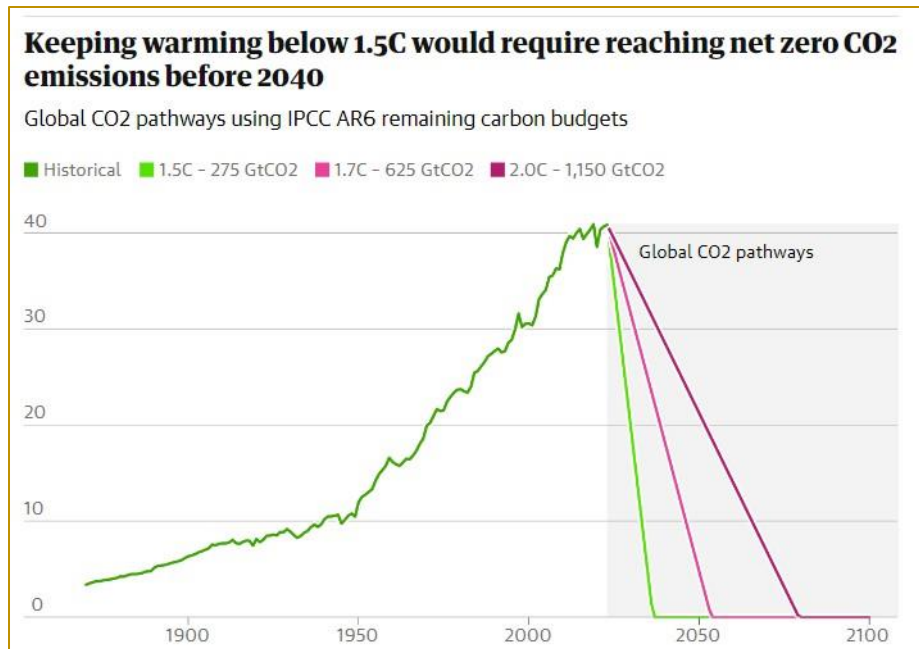


- ❖ Rare water birds visited the region have gathered at the Nanjarayan Tank bird sanctuary on the outskirts of Tirupur.

- ❖ They are European Wigeon (*Mareca Penelope*) and Ruddy Shelduck (*Tadorna ferruginea*).
- ❖ Eurasian Wigeon was sighted at the tank after a long gap.
- ❖ Ruddy Shelduck was earlier sighted at the tank when a flock of 14 arrived in November 2020.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Global Carbon Project Report



- ❖ The global carbon emissions from fossil fuels have reached an all-time high in 2023.
- ❖ Global emissions from oil are projected to rise most steeply in 2023 compared to 2022.
- ❖ The annual report projects fossil carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions of 36.8 billion tonnes in 2023, up 1.1 per cent from 2022.
- ❖ The report stated that “global emissions from coal (1.1 per cent), oil (1.5 per cent) and gas (0.5 per cent) are all projected to increase”.
- ❖ The expected emissions rise in India during 2023 compared to 2022 is over eight per cent.
- ❖ In 2023, compared to 2022, the emission is projected to increase in India by 8.2 per cent, China by 4.0 per cent.

- ❖ In the same time, it got decline in the EU by 7.4 per cent, US by 3.0 per cent; and the rest of the world by 0.4 per cent.

STATES

Regenerative tourism model

- ❖ Goa's tourism department unveiled a groundbreaking model for regenerative tourism.
- ❖ This innovative approach seeks to revolutionise the Indian tourism industry by advocating environmental restoration, cultural preservation, and community empowerment through four key pillars.
- ❖ The 4 pillars are spirituality, indigeneity, civilizational and cultural nationalism, and conscious tourism.



Revolutionizing Tourism

India's first 'Regenerative Tourism Model' in Goa!

- **Sustainable Transformation:**
Prioritizing environmental restoration, cultural preservation, and community empowerment.
- **Deepening Connections:**
Beyond environmental concerns, fostering meaningful traveler-place bonds in Goa.

SPORTS

FIFA Football Awards 2023

- ❖ Lionel Messi won the best men's player award for the second successive year after winning a tie-breaker with Erling Haaland.
- ❖ Spain's Aitana Bonmati was the stand-out winner for the women's best player award.
 - The Best FIFA Men's Goalkeeper: Ederson.
 - The Best FIFA Women's Goalkeeper: Mary Earps

- The Best FIFA Men's Coach: Pep Guardiola
- The Best FIFA Women's Coach: Sarina Wiegman
- The FIFA Puskas Award: Guilherme Madrugá
- The FIFA Fair Play Award: Brazil national team
- ❖ Pep Guardiola was honoured with the best men's manager award.



IMPORTANT DAYS

NDRF raising day 2024 - January 19



- ❖ The successive natural calamities from 1990 to 2004 led to the enactment of the Disaster Management Act on December 26, 2005.

- ❖ The act formulated the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) as the apex body for natural disasters.
- ❖ It also creates the NDRF as the specialised rescue force under the NDMA's mandate.

Kokborok Day 2024 - January 19

- ❖ It aims to recognise, promote and preserve the indigenous language.
- ❖ The Kokborok language acts as a lingua franca of most of the 19 tribal communities of the Tripura state.
- ❖ Around 8,14,375 people from Tripura, Reang, Jamatia, Noatia, Kalai, Rupini, Murasing and Uchoi communities speak Kokborok in Tripura.
- ❖ The tribal language became the state official language in 1979.
- ❖ However, the indigenous language is yet to get its own script.

