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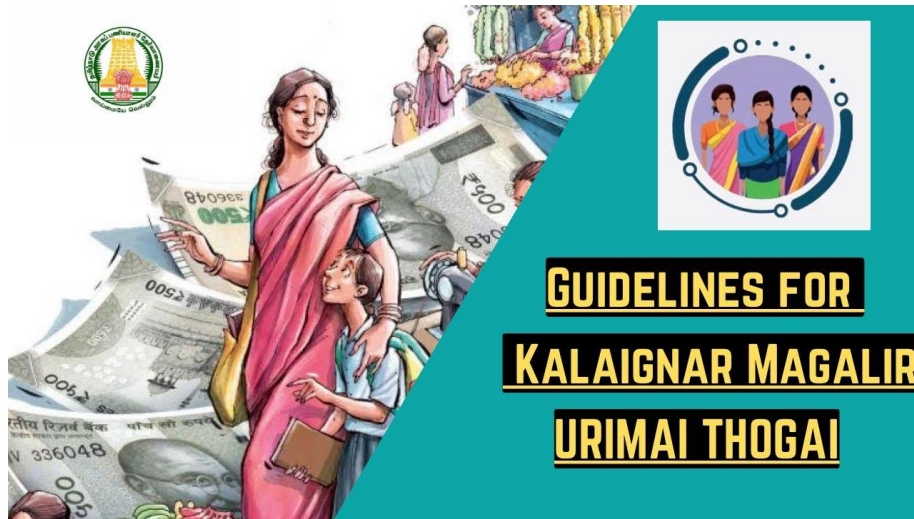
- ❖ NLC India Limited has bagged the 'Timely payments (CPSEs)' award for the year 2023 for its contribution in improving the reliability of e-market practices.
- ❖ The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M) is set to open its first-ever international campus in Zanzibar, Tanzania.
- ❖ The Indian Navy and the US Navy conducted the seventh edition of the IN-USN Salvage and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) exercise, known as SALVEX.
- ❖ The Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) has become the first urban body in the country to get the Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) credit by recycling the banned single-use plastic items after seizing them.
- ❖ Every year, on the 7th of July, people across the globe is celebrated the World Chocolate Day.
- ❖ The Global Forgiveness Day is observed on July 7 globally.
- ❖ The World Kiswahili Language Day is observed across the world on July 7.
 - Kiswahili is the only African language within the Directorate of the Global Communications at the United Nations.

TAMIL NADU

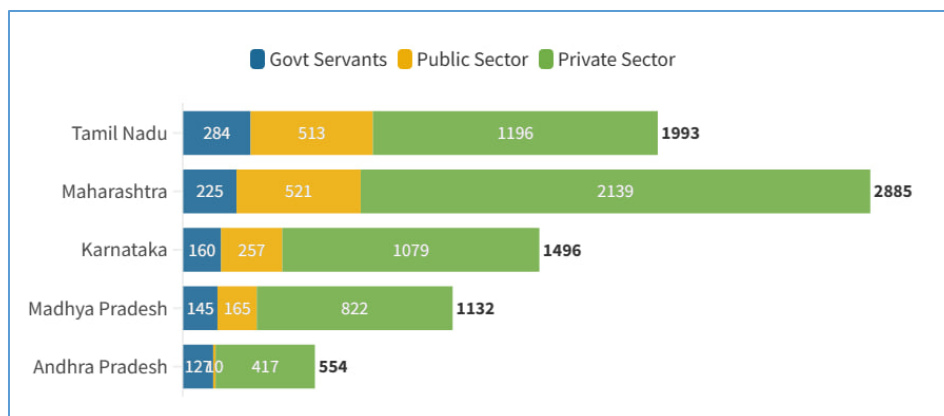
Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai – Guidelines

- ❖ The Tamilnadu State government released the operational guidelines for the implementation of 'Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai'.
- ❖ The scheme has been touted as the first-of-its-kind programme in the country.
- ❖ It is to be launched on September 15, the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister Annadurai.
- ❖ Women, who have completed 21 years of age (born before September 15, 2002), are eligible to apply for the scheme.
- ❖ Only one-woman member in a ration card is eligible to apply.
- ❖ Other Eligibility criteria:
 - Women with an annual family income of less than ₹2.5 lakh.
 - Family land holding not exceeding 5 acres (wetland) and 10 acres (dryland).
 - Annual household electricity consumption below 3,600 units.
- ❖ Ineligible for scheme:

- Women with an annual family income exceeding ₹2.5 lakh and who are income tax assesses.
 - Those with more than ₹2.5 lakh annual income and paying professional tax
 - Employees of Central and State governments /
 - Elected representatives (excluding village panchayat ward members),
 - Those having four-wheelers such as cars, jeeps, tractors and heavy vehicles for personal use are also ineligible.
 - “Families that are receiving aid from social security programmes such as old-age pension, widow pension, pension from the welfare board for the unorganised sector.
- ❖ A sum of ₹7,000 crore has been allotted in the Budget for this scheme.



Highest number of suicides of government employees



- ❖ The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) published the report for 2021.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded the highest number of suicides of government employees in the country in these two years.
- ❖ Nearly one in every five suicides of government employees reported in the country in 2021 was from Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ With 18,925 suicides, the Tamilnadu State is ranked only next to Maharashtra (22,207).
- ❖ 2017 – 2021 witnessed the sharp increase in the suicides among those in the PSUs is of particular concern.

NATIONAL

Scheme for minor rape victims

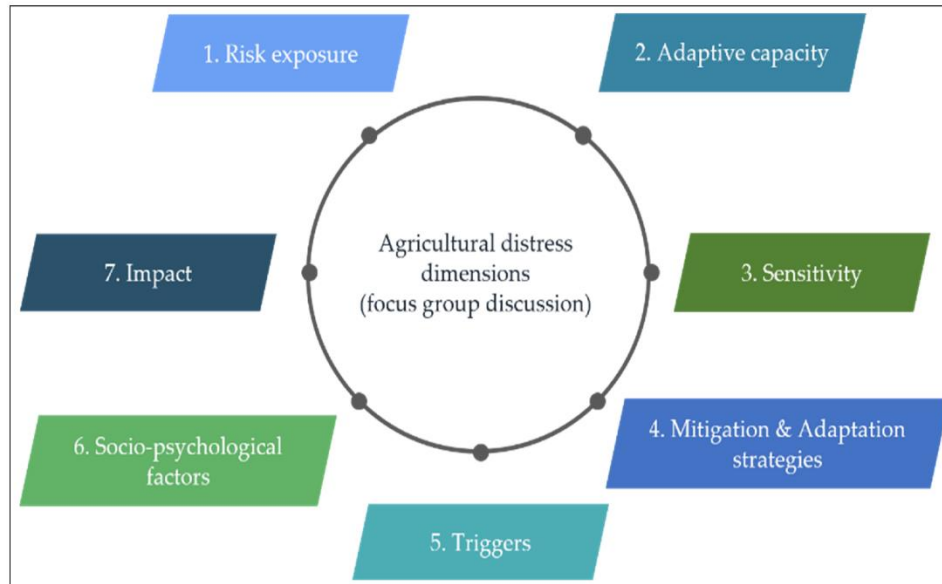


The infographic features a dark brown background with a white header containing logos for the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, and the 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The title '#MISSIONVATSALYA' is prominently displayed. Below the title, the text 'MISSION VATSALYA The scheme aims to :' is followed by four bullet points: 'Support and Sustain Children in difficulty circumstances', 'Develop context-based solutions for holistic development of children from varied backgrounds', 'Provide scope for green field projects for encouraging innovative solutions.', and 'Cement convergent action by gap funding as per the need.'. On the right side, there is a photograph of a woman and a child sitting together, with a large hand holding them from below. At the bottom, social media handles for @MinistryWCD and @ministrywcd, along with the website wcd.nic.in, are listed.

- ❖ This special scheme was announced by the Women and Child Development Ministry.
- ❖ The “scheme for critical care and support for accessing justice to rape/gang rape survivors or minor girls who get pregnant” will provide shelter, food, safe transportation for court hearings, and legal aid.
- ❖ It would operate under the aegis of the Nirbhaya Fund and an amount of ₹74.1 crore has been allocated for the same.
- ❖ Additionally, it leverages the administrative structure of Mission Vatsalya in collaboration with State governments and Child Care institutions [CCIs] to actualise this support to minor victims.
- ❖ In the year 2021, the National Crime Records Bureau reported 51,863 cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

- ❖ Mission Vatsalya, launched in 2021, is focused on the protection and welfare of children.

Farmers Distress Index



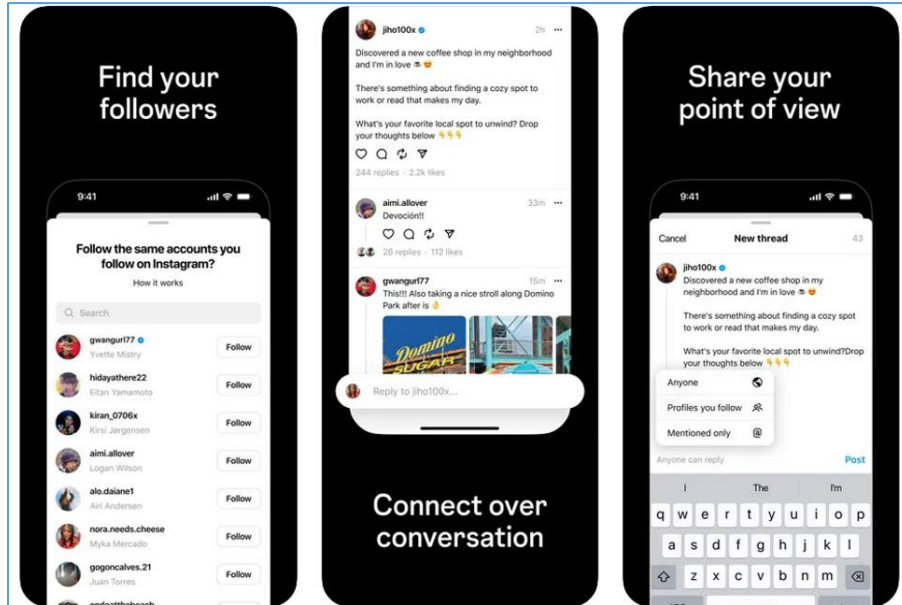
- ❖ The Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) of ICAR worked on a kind of an early warning system called 'farmers distress index'.
- ❖ It is a first of its kind for India.
- ❖ The main aim behind creating such an index is to minimise the agrarian distress in the form of crop loss / failure and income shock.
- ❖ Based on these 21 questions, the degree of distress will be identified.
- ❖ The index will have values from 0-1.
- ❖ A value between 0-0.5 will indicate 'low distress', 0.5-0.7 will indicate 'moderate' distress and above 0.7 will indicate 'severe' distress.

INTERNATIONAL

Meta launches "Threads"

- ❖ Meta's Instagram officially unveiled Threads app.
- ❖ Threads attracted 70 million users in just two days.
- ❖ Thread users will need an Instagram account to log in.
- ❖ Deactivating your Threads profile will not deactivate your Instagram account.

- ❖ The app closely resembles Twitter visually, although some of the wording has been changed.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

India's First NavIC



- ❖ Elena Geo Systems, a Bengaluru based Space Technology Company, introduced India's First NavIC - Based PNT Device.
- ❖ PNT devices stands for Positioning, Navigation and Timing devices.

- ❖ The PNT device can be easily connected to a smartphone using the On-The-Go (OTG) connector.
- ❖ The device aims to provide precise guidance for railways, land surveying, telecommunications and hydrocarbon exploration.

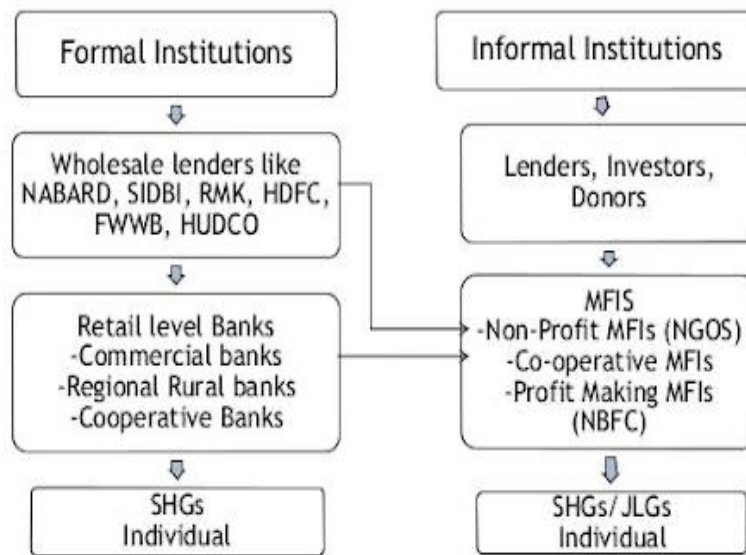
STATES

India's largest MFI market

MICROFINANCE INSTITUTIONS IN INDIA

Microfinance institutions (MFIs) are the organisations or associations of individuals that provide financial services to the poor.

Institutional Arrangement for Microfinance Disbursement in India

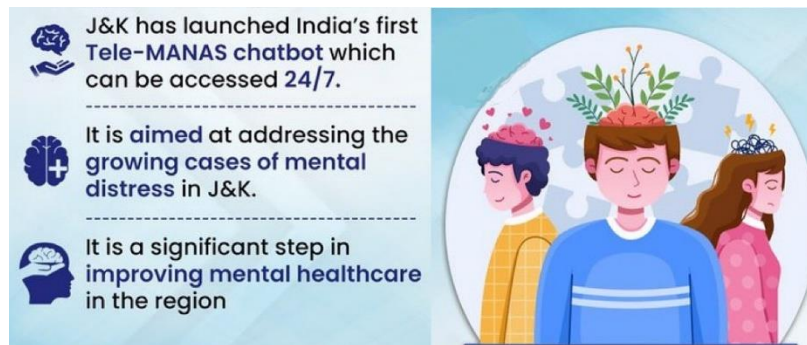


- ❖ Bihar has overtaken Tamil Nadu to become the state with the highest microlending borrowings in India as of March 2023.
- ❖ Bihar has the impressive growth with a 13.5 percent increase in the gross lending portfolio during the March quarter.
- ❖ As of March 2023, Bihar's microfinance (MFI) borrowings were amounted to Rs 48,900 crore.
- ❖ It was accounting for 14.5 percent of the overall portfolio.
- ❖ Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu's MFI borrowings stood at Rs 46,300 crore.
- ❖ It was representing 13.7 percent of the total outstanding.

- ❖ The average exposure per borrower in Bihar was Rs 27,200.
- ❖ It is slightly higher than Tamil Nadu's Rs 26,600.

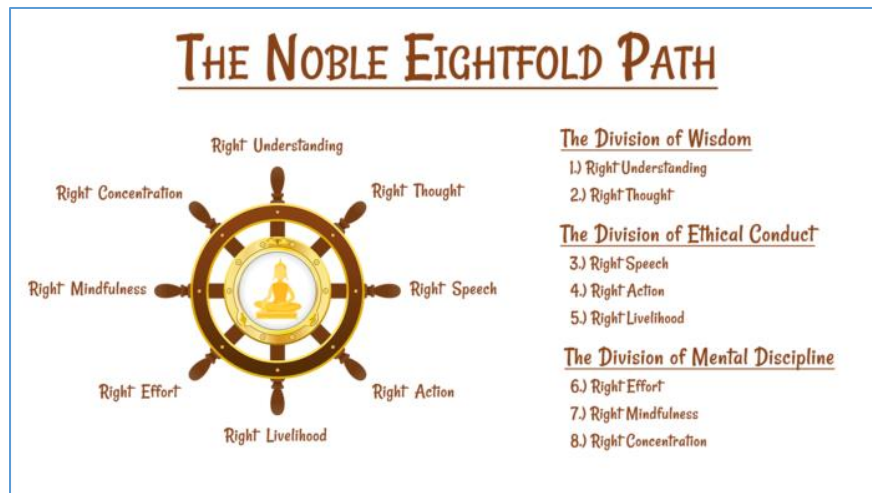
India's first Tele-MANAS chatbot

- ❖ India's first Tele-MANAS chatbot, which will start an instant conversation with people in distress, was launched in J&K.
- ❖ The initiative will ensure round-the-clock services for health counsellors, clinical psychologists and consultants.
- ❖ This year Kashmir saw the highest number of distress calls to the Tele-Manas centre.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Dharma Chakra Day 2023 - July 03



- ❖ Dharma Chakra Day is celebrated to commemorate Buddha's first teaching after attaining enlightenment at Sarnath.



- ❖ This day falls on the first full moon day of the month of Asadha as per Indian sun calendar.
- ❖ It is also known as Esala Poya in Sri Lanka and Asanha Bucha in Thailand.
- ❖ It is the second most sacred day for Buddhists after the Buddha Poornima or Vesak.
- ❖ The day marks the beginning of the Rainy Season retreat for monks and nuns.

