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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa has been appointed as the Vice President of the Asian Development Bank.
- ❖ The United Kingdom has imposed a ban on its telecom companies from sourcing 5G equipment from Chinese telecom company Huawei.
- ❖ The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has appointed Hemang Amin as the interim CEO of the board.
- ❖ The Assam Government has announced the upgradation of Poba Reserve Forest as a wildlife sanctuary.

TAMIL NADU

7.5% Reservation

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Cabinet approved the provision of a 7.5 per cent quota within the existing reservation in medical UG courses for the students of state government higher secondary schools.
- ❖ It will be applicable for students clearing the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET).
- ❖ The "quota within quota" covers government seats in private colleges too.

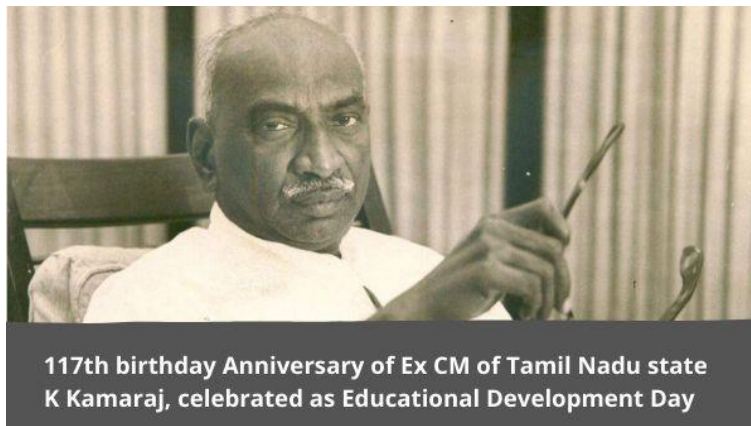
Non Brahmin Priest

- ❖ P Thiagarajan from Madurai became the state's second non-brahmin priest in Tamilnadu.
- ❖ He was appointed as a priest in Siddhi Vinayakar Temple in Nagamalai Pudukkottai.
- ❖ It comes under the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) department.
- ❖ T Marichamy from Madurai was appointed as Tamil Nadu's first non-brahmin priest at the Ayyappan temple in Tallakulam in February 2018.
- ❖ The Madras Hindu Religious Endowment Act by the first Justice Party government in 1925 brought many Hindu temples under the direct control of the State government.

- ❖ Later, in 1982, the then Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran appointed Justice Maharajan commission to identify reform measures to be taken in temple practices.
- ❖ The Karunanidhi-led DMK government issued a landmark Government Order (GO) allowing non-brahmins to become archakars in temples managed by the Department of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE), in the year 2006.

Educational Development Day

- ❖ The birthday of late Chief Minister K Kamaraj on July 15 is celebrated as 'Educational Development Day' since 2007.
- ❖ In 2006, the then Tamil Nadu Government passed an Act in this regard.
- ❖ A nutritious noon meal scheme was proposed to be introduced on that day.
- ❖ Under the scheme, eggs were to be provided to the students twice a week.



NATIONAL

Data on Family Planning

- ❖ Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare highlighted the following data.
- ❖ About 50 % of the country's population falls in the reproductive age group of 15-49 years.
- ❖ India's Crude Birth Rate (CBR) has reduced from 21.8 (2011) to 20 (2018).
- ❖ Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has declined from 2.4 (2011) to 2.2 (2018).
- ❖ The teenage fertility has halved from 16 to 7.9.
- ❖ The National Family Planning Program has introduced the Injectable Contraceptive in the public health system under the "Antara" program.



Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019

- ❖ The Union government has released draft rules framed under this Act.
- ❖ In the draft it has done away with the requirement of a medical examination for Trans persons applying for a certificate of identity.
- ❖ The Magistrate would issue a transgender identity certificate and card.
- ❖ It will be based on an affidavit by the applicant, “but without any medical examination”.
- ❖ States will be responsible for “timely prosecution of individuals” who committed crimes against transgender.
- ❖ State governments will have to set up a Transgender Protection Cell under the District Magistrate.

Anji Khad Bridge

- ❖ It will be India’s first cable-stayed Indian Railways bridge.
- ❖ It is being developed by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL).
- ❖ It is set to connect Katra and Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- ❖ It is a part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project.
- ❖ The above project also involves the Chenab river bridge.
- ❖ The Chenab Bridge once completed, will become the world’s highest rail bridge.

Demo Days

- ❖ “Demo Days” initiative was launched by Atal Innovative Mission of NITI Aayog in partnership with government bodies.
- ❖ It will identify promising start-ups that have the potential of COVID-19 innovations.

INTERNATIONAL

India-EU Summit - 15th Edition

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the India-European Union virtual summit.
- ❖ The fourteenth India-European Union Summit was held in New Delhi in 2017.



- ❖ In June 2007, India and the EU began negotiations on a broad-based Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA) in Brussels, Belgium.

2021 International Year of Fruits and Vegetables.

- ❖ India co-hosted the official launch of 2021 International Year of Fruits and Vegetables
- ❖ India and Chile joined the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN).
- ❖ India is the 2nd largest producer of fruits and vegetables in the World.

ECONOMY

43rd Annual General Meeting of Reliance

- ❖ The Reliance confirmed that Google will be its new strategic partner.
- ❖ Reliance Industries will use its digital infrastructure and supply chain to ensure that the covid vaccine reaches every corner of the country.
- ❖ The following services are also to be launched by the Reliance
 - Jio 5G
 - Jio TV Plus
 - Jio Glass - holographic video calling

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Corosure

- ❖ The Union Minister of Human Resource and Development Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishnak launched world's most affordable COVID-19 kit Corosure.
- ❖ The kit was developed by IIT Delhi.



- ❖ It is RT-PCR based COVID-19 diagnostic kit.
- ❖ The base price of the kit is Rs 399.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Youth Skills Day - July 15

- ❖ It was designated by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2014.
- ❖ Theme for 2020: “Skills for a Resilient Youth”.
- ❖ The day also marks the 5th anniversary of the launch of Skill India Mission.

