

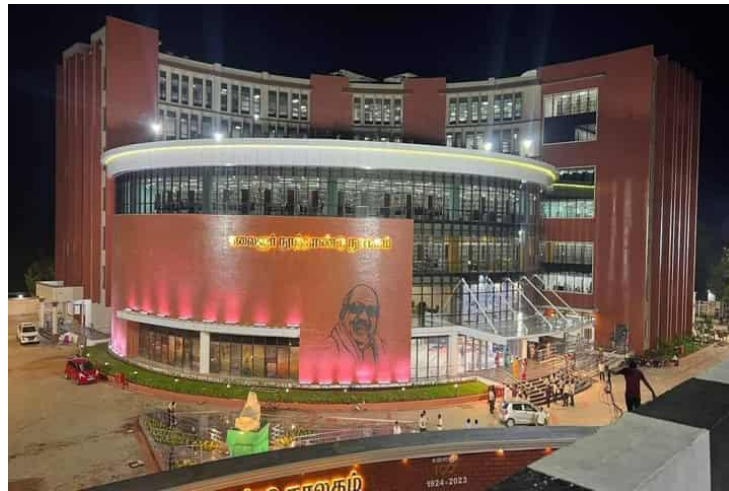
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ By implementing the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai scheme, Tamil Nadu will become the third State in the country to have a basic income scheme for women after West Bengal (Lakshmir Bhandar) and Madhya Pradesh (Ladli Bahna Yojana).
- ❖ Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) became India's first airport to have four runways.
- ❖ Adani Transmission Limited (ATL) got the 'Golden Peacock Environment Management Award 2023' in the Power Transmission Sector by the Institute of Directors.
- ❖ Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare launched a new campaign for banks under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund titled BHARAT (Banks Heralding Accelerated Rural & Agriculture Transformation).
- ❖ Czech Republic's Marketa Vondrousova beat Tunisia's Ons Jabeur to win her maiden Grand Slam title of the Wimbledon Tennis 2023 women's singles.

TAMIL NADU

Kalaignar Centenary Library



- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurated the state-of-the-art Kalaignar Centenary Library in Madurai.
- ❖ The six-storey building, with a built-up area of 2.13 lakh square feet, has come up on 2.70 acres.

- ❖ It has different sections, including those for children and the differently abled.

GI Tag for Authoor betel leaves

- ❖ Geographical Indications Registry issued the GI Tag for Authoor betel leaves to Thoothukudi district administration.
- ❖ These betel leaves are nurtured by Thamirabarani river water.
- ❖ The leaves also find a mention in the 13th-Century book 'The Travels of Marco polo.
- ❖ The district is also waiting for the GI tag recognition of Kayathar lemon, Srivaikuntam banana, and Udangudi Karupatti.



Monthly pay for urban local body representatives



- ❖ In a first, the Tamil Nadu government has decided to pay a monthly honorarium for all elected representatives of urban local bodies, including mayors.

- ❖ The honorarium for mayors will be Rs 30,000 per month, deputy mayors will get Rs 15,000, and corporation councillors will get Rs 10,000 per month.
- ❖ Municipal chairpersons will get Rs 15,000, vice-chairpersons Rs 10,000, and municipal councillors Rs 5,000.
- ❖ Chairpersons of town panchayats will get Rs 10,000, vice-chairpersons will get Rs 5,000 every month throughout their tenure.

Pazhayarai temple gopuram

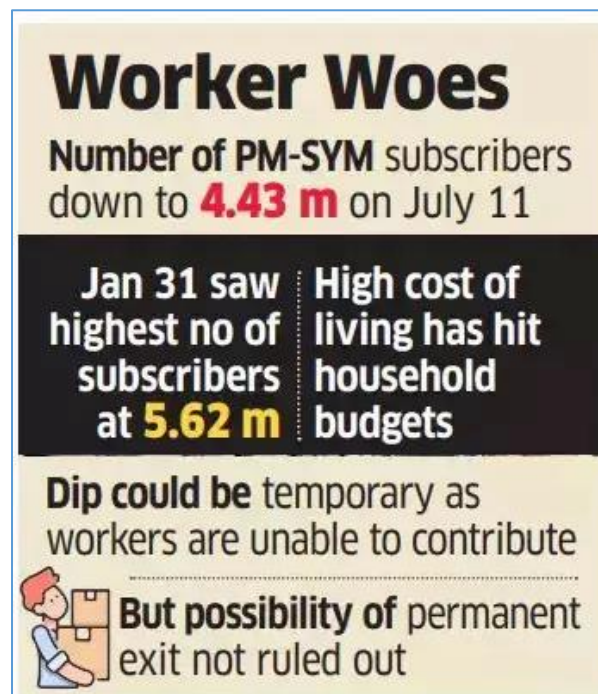


- ❖ The dilapidated gopuram of the Somanathar temple at Pazhayarai near Kumbakonam will be renovated by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department.
- ❖ The Somanathar temple is situated on the banks of the Thirumalairajan river, a tributary of the Cauvery.

- ❖ Decades of neglect has earned it the name, 'mottai gopuram'.
- ❖ There is adequate evidence for Pazhayarai to be the capital of the Cholas once.
- ❖ It existed even in the 5th Century.
- ❖ Pazhayarai lost its importance with the capital shifted to Thanjavur.
- ❖ The National Institute of Technology (NIT), Tiruchi, has submitted a report after studying the gopuram and the soil around the temple.

NATIONAL

PM-SYM scheme viability



- ❖ The Centre's pension scheme for unorganised workers saw nearly 21 per cent of subscribers leave in less than six months.
- ❖ The pension scheme is known as Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM).
- ❖ The overall number of subscribers to the scheme decreased to 4.43 million on July 11.
- ❖ It is fall of 1.19 million from an all-time high of 5.62 million on January 31.
- ❖ PM-SYM is a voluntary contributory pension scheme.
- ❖ It aims to bring millions of unorganised workers into the social security net.

- ❖ It serves unorganised sector workers aged 18 to 40 and earning less than Rs 15,000 per month.

Export Preparedness Index Report

Rank	State	Category
1	Tamil Nadu	Coastal
2	Maharashtra	Coastal
3	Karnataka	Coastal
4	Gujarat	Coastal
5	Haryana	Landlocked

- ❖ NITI Aayog is releasing the third edition of Export Preparedness Index (EPI) for States/UTs of India for the year 2022.
- ❖ The report highlights the need to develop our districts as export hubs in the country.
- ❖ It undertakes a district-level analysis of merchandise exports in the country.
- ❖ EPI assess the performance of the States and UTs across four pillars – Policy, Business Ecosystem, Export Ecosystem, and Export Performance.

STATES

Revival of Namda Art of Kashmir



- ❖ The Namda craft of Kashmir is being successfully revived under a Skill India's Pilot Project as part of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).

- ❖ The first batch of Namda Art products are exported to the United Kingdom (UK) initiated recently.
- ❖ Nearly 2,200 candidates from across six districts of the state, receiving training in the dying art form.
- ❖ The project sets a great example of the public-private partnership (PPP) model in the field of skill development, as it is being implemented in collaboration with local industry partners.

India's first PPP model ATL



- ❖ OPPO India in collaboration with NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has announced the establishment of an Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) in Kerala.
- ❖ This collaboration marks the establishment of the first-ever Atal Tinkering Lab, based on the PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model.
- ❖ This initiative aims to create an empowered future-ready workforce and nurture entrepreneurship and technological skills among the youth.
- ❖ Till 2022, 10,000 ATLs were established across 35 States and UTs in India through government grants.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Honorary doctorate to N. Sankaraiah

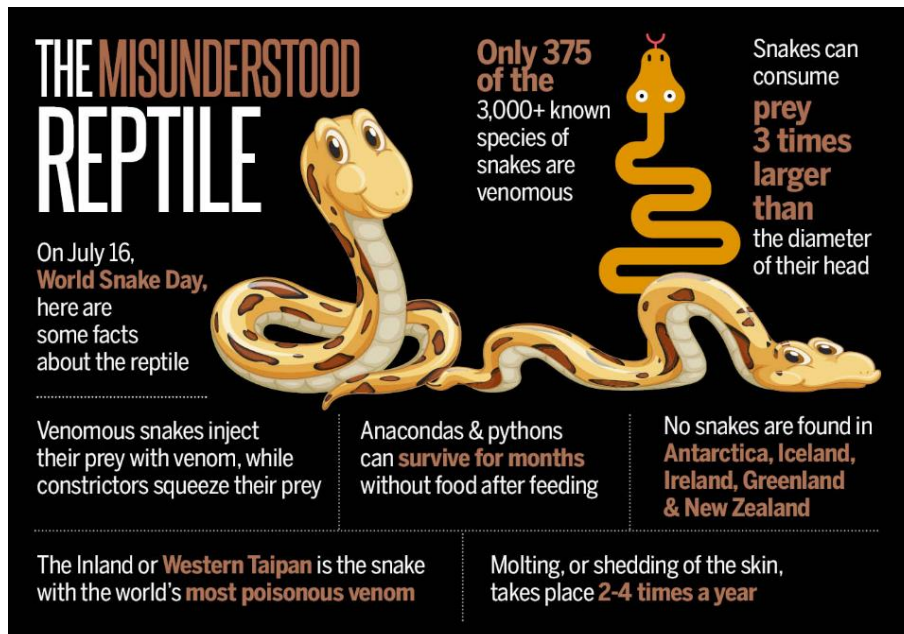
- ❖ Freedom fighter and Communist leader N. Sankaraiah will be conferred an honorary doctorate by the Madurai Kamaraj University.
- ❖ He was elected to the Tamil Nadu Assembly in the 1967, 1977 and 1980 elections.

- ❖ The State government, in 2021, conferred on him the Thagaisal Tamil award when he completed 100 years.
- ❖ But he donated the prize money to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Snake Day 2023 - July 16



THE MISUNDERSTOOD REPTILE

On July 16, **World Snake Day**, here are some facts about the reptile

Only 375 of the 3,000+ known species of snakes are venomous

Snakes can consume **prey 3 times larger than the diameter of their head**

Venomous snakes inject their prey with venom, while constrictors squeeze their prey

Anacondas & pythons can **survive for months** without food after feeding

No snakes are found in **Antarctica, Iceland, Ireland, Greenland & New Zealand**

The Inland or **Western Taipan** is the snake with the world's **most poisonous venom**

Molting, or shedding of the skin, takes place **2-4 times a year**

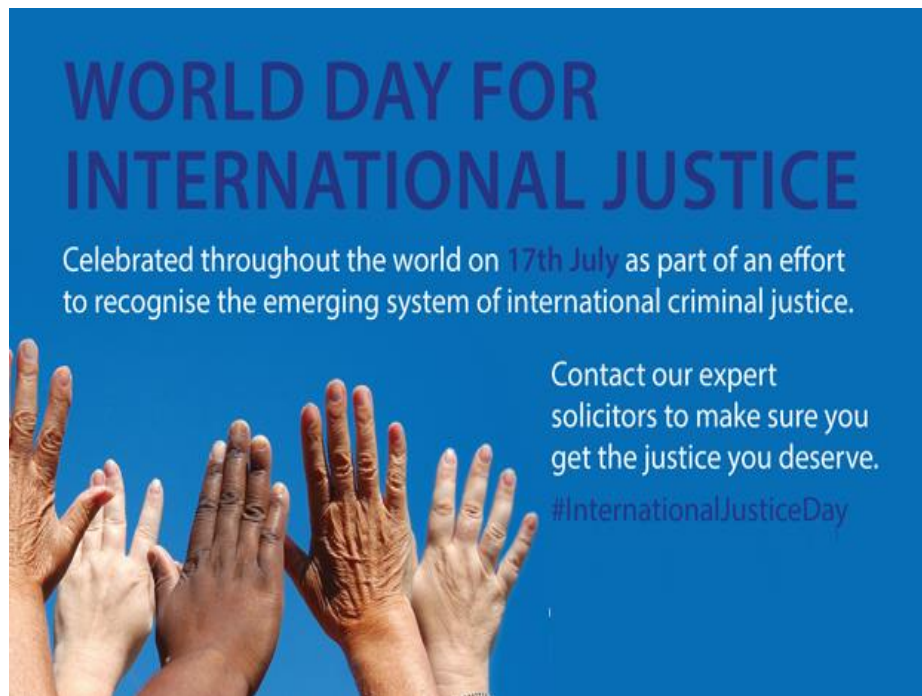
- ❖ This day is aimed at increasing awareness about the different species of snake all around the world.



- ❖ The reptile is thought to have come from terrestrial lizards that existed around 174.1 million to 163.5 million years ago.
- ❖ There are more than 3,500 known species of snakes on the planet.
- ❖ Among the 3,500 species, only about 600 are venomous.
- ❖ India is known as the snake-bite capital of the world.

World Day for International Justice 2023 - July 17

- ❖ It marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute on 17 July 1998.
- ❖ It is the founding treaty of the International Criminal Court.
- ❖ This court seeks to protect people from genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression.



MISCELLANEOUS

3,000-Year-Old “Condor’s Passageway”

- ❖ Archaeologists of Peru have uncovered a 3,000-year-old sealed corridor dubbed "the condor's passageway".
- ❖ It likely leads to other chambers inside what was once a massive temple complex pertaining to the ancient Chavin culture.

- ❖ The Chavin de Huantar archaeological site is among the culture's most important centers, thriving from around 1,500-550 B.C.
- ❖ UNESCO declared Chavin de Huantar a world heritage site in 1985.

