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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Open sea swimmer Anshuman Jhingran from Mumbai became the youngest person (18) in the world to cross the North Channel, near England.
- ❖ HDFC Bank became the second most valuable company by market capitalisation by overtaking the Tata Consultancy Services.
- ❖ US President Joe Biden nominated Admiral Lisa Franchetti to lead the Navy as the first woman to command the service and to become a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- ❖ The 31 member NATO summit of 2023 took place in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania.

TAMIL NADU

Chola-period temple in Budalur



- ❖ The Chola-era Abathsagayeswarar temple in Budalur, near Thirukkattupalli in Thanjavur district, is in bad shape.
- ❖ The Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department has decided to renovate it.
- ❖ The importance of the temple is explained by inscriptions dating back to Parantaka Chola (907-953 CE).
- ❖ There are two more inscriptions and one belongs to the period of Kulothunga III (1178-1218 CE) and another to the period of Pandya king Jatavarma Sundara Pandya (1250-1284).



- ❖ The temples would have existed long before the emergence of Cholas, who have converted it into a stone structure.
- ❖ It has been recorded in the Annual Report of the Indian Epigraphy published in 1972-73.

Beneficiaries of pension schemes

Sl.No	Scheme	Date of Commencement
1	Old Age Pension (OAP) Launched by Government of Tamil Nadu	01-04-1962
2	Destitute Physically Handicapped Pension (PHP) renamed as Destitute Differently Abled Pension scheme (DDAP)	01-11-1974
3	Destitute Widow Pension scheme (DWP)	01-06-1975
4	Destitute Agricultural Labourers Pension Scheme (DALP) now implemented under Chief Minister's Uzhavar Padhukappu Thittam	15-03-1981
5	Destitute / Deserted Wives Pension scheme (DDWP)	03-05-1984
6	National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS)	15-08-1995
7	National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) renamed as Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS)	19-11-2007
8	Pension to Unmarried, Poor, Incapacitated Women of age 50 years and above (UWP)	01-07-2008
9	Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGN-WPS)	01-04-2010
10	Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGN-DPS)	01-04-2010

- ❖ Beneficiaries of social security pension schemes implemented by the various departments of the Tamil Nadu government will get ₹1,200 instead of ₹1,000 per month.
- ❖ Beneficiaries including old-age people, widows, refugees, members of various unorganised workers welfare board, women who remain unmarried even after the age of 50.
- ❖ The monthly pension to the differently-abled had already been increased to ₹1,500 from ₹1,000.

NATIONAL

Rule 176 vs Rule 267

- ❖ The Monsoon Session of Parliament witnessed disruptions due to disagreements between the government and the Opposition on the format of the discussion regarding the Manipur situation.



- ❖ The Opposition sought a discussion under Rule 267 to express the sense of the House, while the government proposed a discussion under Rule 176.
- ❖ While under Rule 176, there is a short discussion, Rule 267 calls for a longer discussion.
- ❖ The Rule 176 calls for a short-duration discussion not exceeding two-and-a-half hours.
- ❖ Under the rule 176 and 177, an urgent matter can be taken up for a short-duration discussion immediately, a few hours later or the next day or on a prescribed date and time.
- ❖ Rule 267 is suspending a particular rule in relation to a business which is listed in the agenda.
- ❖ The Prime Minister doesn't necessarily need to stay in house under Rule 267 as the issue is discussed for long hours.
- ❖ Parliamentary records show that there were 11 instances between 1990 up till 2016 that this rule was invoked for various discussions.
- ❖ The adjournment motion is governed by Rules 56-63 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha.

Category	Rule 267	Rule 176
Description	Relates to the suspension of rules	Enables short-duration discussion
Purpose	Used to prioritize a specific discussion by suspending normal proceedings	Used for raising urgent public matters within a time limit of two-and-a-half hours
Procedure	Requires consent of the Chairman for rule suspension	Requires written notice and explanatory note with signatures of at least two other members
Conduct	Temporarily suspends the rule in question	Allows for a time-limited discussion on the matter of urgent public importance
Objective	Gives priority to the specified topic for discussion	Facilitates addressing urgent public matters within a constrained timeframe

All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits) Amendment Rules, 2023

- ❖ The Central government has made changes to the rules regarding retirement benefits for IAS, IPS, and Indian Forest Service (IFoS) pensioners.]
- ❖ Now, the government has the power to take action against pensioners and withhold or withdraw their pension.

- ❖ This can happen if the pensioners are found guilty of serious misconduct or are convicted of a serious crime.
- ❖ If a pensioner is found guilty of grave misconduct or convicted of a serious crime by a court, the central government can act on its own.
- ❖ These rules define 'grave misconduct' as the communication or disclosure of any document or information mentioned in the Official Secrets Act.
- ❖ Additionally, a 'serious crime' includes any offence under the Official Secrets Act.
- ❖ The amended rules emphasise that the decision of the Central Government on withholding or withdrawing the pension will be final.




Rajya Sabha panel of Vice – Chairpersons



- ❖ The Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has nominated four women Parliamentarians to the panel of Vice-Chairpersons.

- ❖ All women members nominated to the panel are first term Parliamentarians.
- ❖ The panel reconstituted before the Monsoon Session contains a total of eight names, out of which half are women.
- ❖ This is the first time in the history of the Upper House that equal representation has been given to women members in the panel of Vice-Chairpersons.

IMD Heat Index



New tool for Met department

IMD, in addition to giving out the day's maximum and minimum temperatures, will soon issue a heat index (H.I.) reading

WHEN IS H.I. MOST REQUIRED?
Between June and August, when the high temperature and high humidity level makes stepping out uncomfortable. Prior to June, and after August, H.I. is similar or less than the actual temperature as dry heat is prevalent

COLOUR-CODED WARNINGS

- GREEN ALERT**
No risk
- YELLOW ALERT**
Be aware of high heat
- ORANGE ALERT**
Be prepared to take precautionary action against heat, or avoid exposure
- RED ALERT**
Be vigilant, step out only if necessary

WHAT IS HEAT INDEX?
An H.I. reading gives an estimation of what the temperature actually feels like. It factors:

- Cloud cover
- Wind speed
- Relative humidity
- Maximum temperature

- ❖ India Meteorological Department (IMD) has launched Heat Index on experimental basis.
- ❖ Heat Index provides guidance towards additional care to be taken by people to reduce human discomfort.
- ❖ The following colour codes used for Experimental Heat Index.
 - Green: Experimental Heat Index less than 35 deg C

- Yellow: Experimental Heat Index in the range 36-45 deg C
- Orange: Experimental Heat Index in the range 46-55 deg C
- Red: Experimental Heat Index greater than 55 deg C

SPORTS

Virat Kohli 500 international Match



- ❖ Indian cricketing stalwart Virat Kohli became only the 10th cricketer to make 500 international appearances.
- ❖ Kohli is the fourth Indian to join this exclusive list, with the other three being Sachin Tendulkar (664), MS Dhoni (538) and Rahul Dravid (509).
- ❖ Kohli also became the fifth-highest run-scorer in international cricket.
- ❖ He became the first player to have scored a half-century in his 500th international game.
- ❖ Kohli has represented India in 274 ODIs and 115 T20Is and 111 Tests.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Broadcasting Day 2023 - July 23

- ❖ The day aims to remind us about the impact of radio on our lives.
- ❖ This day also marks the start of organised radio broadcasts in the country by All India Radio.
- ❖ On July 23, 1927, the India Broadcasting Company came into existence and became the first radio company in India.

- ❖ All India Radio (AIR) came into being in April 1930 as the Indian Broadcasting Service.
- ❖ On June 8, it was rebranded as All India Radio.
- ❖ The famous Akashvani tune was composed by an Indian Jewish refugee Walter Kauffman in 1930.
- ❖ The AIR came under the purview of the Department of Information and Broadcasting in British India in 1941.
- ❖ All India Radio (AIR) has been officially known since 1956 as 'Akashvani'.

