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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The government has extended the unemployment scheme, the Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana, under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation for a period of two years up to June 30, 2024.
- ❖ Kerala got the country's first Construction Innovation Hub (CIH) which seeks to promote affordable and sustainable building facilities to foster collaboration, innovation and knowledge-sharing among stakeholders.
- ❖ Indian cricketer Virat Kohli equals Sir Don Bradman's record (29 centuries in 52 tests) of most test centuries (29) in his 111th Test match.
- ❖ Elon Musk renamed Twitter as X and unveiled a new logo, marking a focus on building an "everything app."
- ❖ Every year July 24 is observed as US National Thermal Engineers Day to celebrate the contribution of thermal engineers to society.

NATIONAL

Horizon 2047 Roadmap

List of outcomes: Prime Minister's visit to France

<p>Political/strategic areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roadmap on Indo-French Strategic Partnership Horizon 2047 ● Roadmap India-France Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific ● NSIL and Arianespace intent to work together in commercial launch services <p>Scientific cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter of intent in health and medicine ● MoU between NIOT, MoES, Chennai and IFREMER 	<p>Institutional cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter of Intent (LoI) on New National Museum and Cooperation on Museology ● MoU in Digital Technologies between MeitY and French Ministry of Economy ● Technical cooperation between Direction-Générale d'Aviation Civile, France and Airports Authority of India ● Technical arrangements for Civil Aviation Security between India and France ● LoI between Prasar Bharati and France Media Monde 	<p>Cooperation strategic areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Head of Agreement (HoA) between Indian Oil and Total Energies to establish a long-term LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) <p>Sustainable development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joint Commitment on Eliminating Single-use Plastic Pollution <p>AGREEMENTS ALSO ANNOUNCED... Cooperation in area of space and for people-to-people exchanges, welfare</p>
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- ❖ Marking 25 years of their strategic relations, India and France outlined the trajectory of its bilateral ties till 2047.
- ❖ The countries agreed to “strengthen cooperation in the sectors of the future” as a part of the ‘Horizon 2047’ framework.
- ❖ This encompasses various areas of collaboration, including defense, space, nuclear energy, climate change, green transitions, education, and people-to-people connections.

- ❖ In 2047, India will celebrate 100 years of Independence as well as diplomatic relations with France and the two countries will share 50 years of strategic partnership.

INTERNATIONAL

Italy - Indian Army contribution in WW II

- ❖ A memorial has been unveiled in Italy as a tribute to the Indian troops who fought in the Italian Campaign during the Second World War.
- ❖ The motto of the memorial is “We all live under the same sun”.
- ❖ The memorial is named after Naik Yeshwant Ghadge, Victoria Cross, who was killed in action fighting on the heights of Upper Tiber Valley.
- ❖ More than 50,000 Indian Army soldiers from the 4th, 8th and 10th Divisions were involved in WW II.

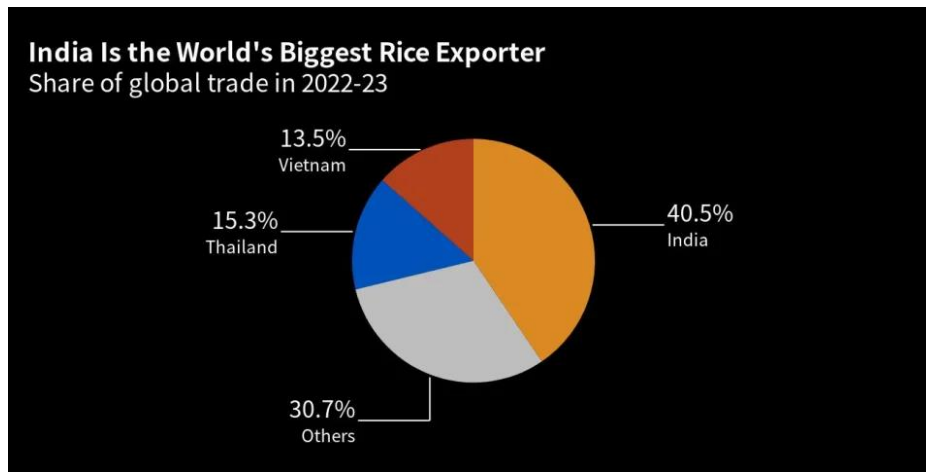


ECONOMY

Export of non-basmati white rice

- ❖ The Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry recently banned the export of non-basmati white rice, with immediate effect.
- ❖ It aims to ensure adequate availability of non-basmati white rice in the Indian market and to allay the rise in prices in the domestic market.

- ❖ Rice production has taken a hit owing to vagaries of weather such as heavy monsoon rains in rice-producing States in the north and deficit rainfall in other parts of the country.
- ❖ China, a major rice producer, has also suffered owing to inclement weather.
- ❖ India is the world's leading rice exporter, accounting for more than 40% of the global rice trade, as well as the second-largest producer after China.
- ❖ The major markets for Indian rice are African countries.
- ❖ China, India, Thailand, Vietnam, and Pakistan are the leading producers and major global suppliers of rice.



ENVIRONMENT

Ludwigia peruviana in Tamilnadu

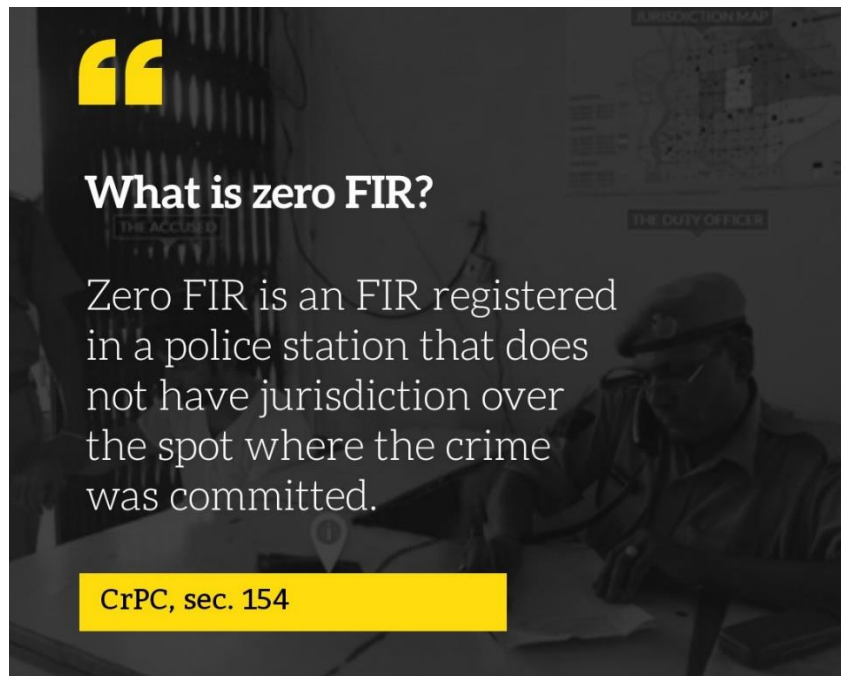


- ❖ Ludwigia peruviana is an aquatic weed native to some countries in Central and South America, including Peru.

- ❖ It is threatening elephant habitats and foraging areas in Valparai, a Tamil Nadu hill station.
- ❖ It grows fast along water bodies, has infested the majority of the hill station's swamps, locally known as vayals.
- ❖ It is limiting the growth of grass and native plants that are palatable to elephants and other animals including gaur.
- ❖ Ludwigia is among the 22 priority invasive plants in Tamil Nadu.

STATES

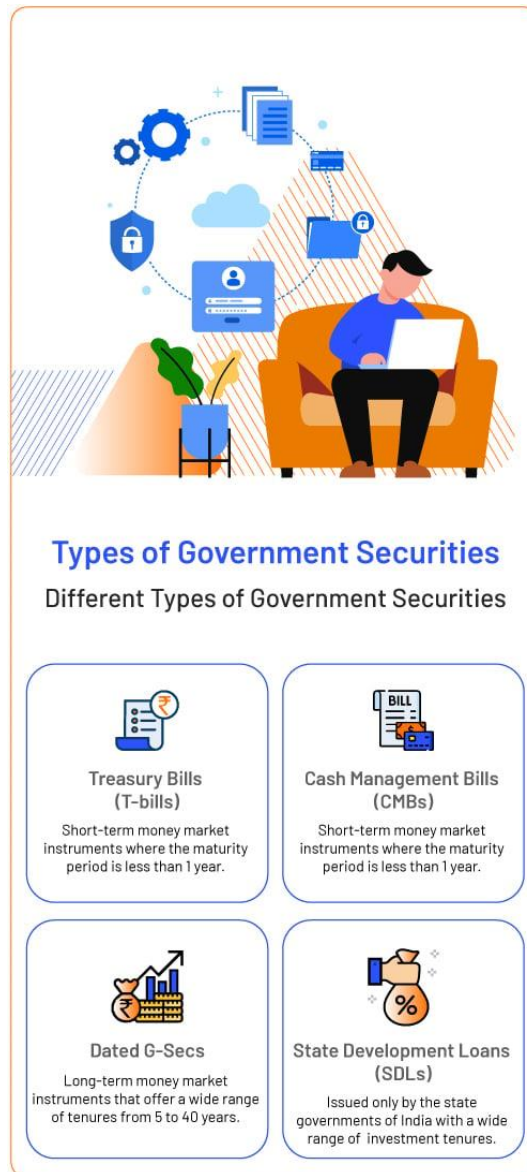
Zero FIR



- ❖ A Zero FIR was registered at Saikul police station in Kangpokpi district, Manipur the hometown of May 4 incident victims.
- ❖ When a police station receives a complaint regarding an alleged offence that has been committed in the jurisdiction of another police station, it registers an FIR and then transfers it to the relevant police station for further investigation.
- ❖ This is called a Zero FIR. No regular FIR number is given.
- ❖ After receiving the Zero FIR, the relevant police station registers a fresh FIR and starts the investigation.
- ❖ The provision of Zero FIR came up after the recommendation in the report of the Justice Verma Committee.

- ❖ The term first information report (FIR) is not defined in the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973, or in any other law.
- ❖ In police regulations or rules, information recorded under Section 154 of CrPC is known as First Information Report (FIR).

Punjab - Highest SDL Rates



- ❖ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the next auction of Treasury bills and state development loans (SDLs).
- ❖ The yield for T-bills of three-month, six-month, and 364-day maturities at 6.71 per cent, 6.83 per cent, and 6.86 per cent, respectively.

- ❖ This time, 11 states will participate in the auction including Punjab and Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Punjab is offering the highest interest rates at 7.41 per cent for SDLs maturing on July 5, 2034.
- ❖ It is followed by Rajasthan and West Bengal at 7.40 per cent each.

India's first cannabis medicine project



- ❖ Jammu is going to pioneer India's first cannabis medicine project called 'Cannabis Research Project'.
- ❖ This project will undertake by the CSIR-IIIM to produce export quality medicines meant for different kinds of neuropathies and diabetic pains.
- ❖ This is a first-of-its-kind in the country in public-private partnership with a Canadian firm.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

8th and 9th Community Radio Awards

- ❖ The Union Ministry for Information and Broadcasting conferred these Awards during the Regional Community Radio Sammelan in New Delhi.

- ❖ The awards given in the following 4 categories.
 - Thematic Awards
 - Most Innovative Community Engagement Awards
 - Promoting Local Culture Awards
 - Sustainability Modern Awards
- ❖ Vayalaga Vanoli, Madurai, Tamil Nadu got Second Prize in Sustainability Modern Awards category.
- ❖ The awards recognized outstanding contributions to community broadcasting and local development.
- ❖ Community Radio, a crucial third tier in broadcasting, empowers communities and preserves cultural heritage.
- ❖ There are currently 449 Community Radio Stations in India, with significant growth in recent years.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Drowning Prevention Day 2023 - July 25

- ❖ It aims to remember lives lost due to drowning and to increase knowledge on safety in and around water.
- ❖ Drowning has caused over 2.5 million deaths in the last decade.
- ❖ The overwhelming majority of these deaths (90%) happen in low- and middle-income countries.

- ❖ Globally, the highest drowning rates occur among children aged 1–4 years, followed by children aged 5–9 years.



World Embryologist Day 2023 - July 25

- ❖ It aims to recognise the work and the contributions of the embryologists worldwide.
- ❖ This day marks the birthdate of first baby that was conceived and successfully birthed through in vitro fertilisations (IVF).
- ❖ Louise Joy Brown born on the 25th of July 1978 was the first baby born through the IVF procedure.
- ❖ In vitro fertilisation is a process in which the sperm and egg is fertilized outside the body of woman under laboratory conditions.

