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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Tamilnadu government will establish a new 'Tamil Nadu House and Cultural Centre' in Mumbai, on the lines of the 'Tamil Nadu House' in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Indian tennis team will travel to Pakistan for the first time in 55 years to participate in the Davis Cup.

TAMIL NADU

MLA Constituency Development Scheme

- ❖ The state Government has increased fund allocation under MLA Constituency Development Scheme (MLACDS) from 2.5 crore to 3 crores.
- ❖ This is the second time within two years that the government is increasing funds for this scheme.
- ❖ The last revision was made in January 2018.

About MLACDS

- ❖ The MLACDS is fully funded by the State Government and each MLA identifies and proposes the works to be executed in his Constituency.
- ❖ The Scheme is implemented both in rural and urban areas
- ❖ The District Collector will accord administrative sanction for the chosen works and will also identify the implementing agency.

Dial for Water 2.0

- ❖ The Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) has introduced the 'DIAL FOR WATER 2.0' scheme.
- ❖ Under this consumer will get water supply within two days from booking.
- ❖ Under this, the date of water supply is assured. with the assured date.
- ❖ Chennai Metro water lorries are making 12,000 trips a day to supply water across the city, and of this, 2,500 trips are made on "Dial for Water" basis.



Water on call



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Capacity of tanker	Booking pattern	Booking time	Payment details (in ₹)
3 KL	Over phone	9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.	400
	Online payment	6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.	
6 KL	Online payment	8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.	475
9 KL		10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.	700
12 KL		12.00 noon to 6.00 p.m.	900
15 KL		12.00 noon to 6.00 p.m.	1,200

NATIONAL

All India Police Duty Meet

- ❖ Recently 62nd edition All India Police Duty Meet was held in Lucknow of Uttar Pradesh from July 16 to 20.





- ❖ The meet is organized annually by the All India Police Sports Control Board, new Delhi with the aim to improve the standards of professional's skills of the police force in India.
- ❖ The Maharashtra Police team has, for the first time, won an overall championship trophy.

National Digital Health Blueprint report

- ❖ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the National Digital Health Blueprint (NDHB) report in the public domain for inputs from various stakeholders.
- ❖ It will strengthen Digital India and accelerate efforts towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

KEY GOALS
● Establishing and managing the core digital health data and the infrastructure required for its seamless exchange.
● Promoting the adoption of open standards by all the actors in the national digital health eco-system, for developing several digital health systems that span across the sector from wellness to disease management.
● Creating a system of personal health records, based on international standards, and easily accessible to the citizens and the service providers, based on citizen-consent.
● Following the best principles of cooperative federalism while working with the states and union territories for the realisation of the vision.
● Promoting health data analytics and medical research; enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of governance at all levels.
● Ensuring the quality of healthcare.
● Leveraging the information systems already existing in the health sector.

FASTag Lanes

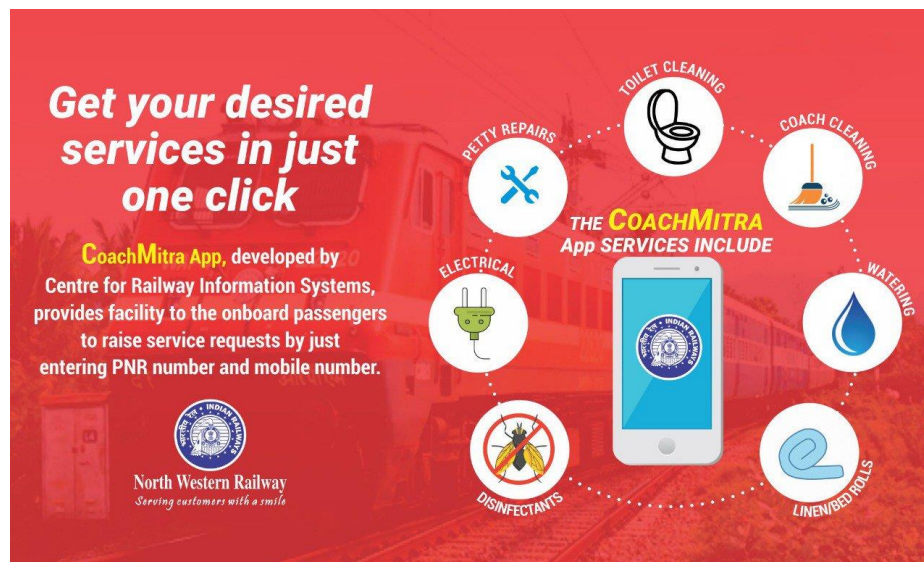
- ❖ To ensure seamless traffic and prevent congestion at toll plazas, the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said it has decided to declare all lanes at toll fee plaza on national highways as 'FASTag lanes' from December 1.
- ❖ However, among all lanes, one 'hybrid lane' will be allowed at every toll plaza to facilitate and monitor over-dimensional or oversized vehicles, where FASTag and other modes of payment will be accepted.

- ❖ After December 1, non-FASTag users will be charged double the fee if they pass through FASTag-only lanes.
- ❖ FASTag is a prepaid tag that enables automatic deduction of toll charges and lets the vehicle pass through the toll plaza without stopping for the cash transaction.



Coach Mitra App

- ❖ The Southern Railway has figured among three poorly-performing zones of the Indian Railways when it comes to resolving the passenger grievances raised through the 'Coach Mitra' mobile application.



- ❖ The Eastern Railway was the top performer, followed by the West Central Railway and the East Coast Railway.
- ❖ The Coach Mitra app is a single-window system developed to enable passengers to flag issues relating to cleanliness, provision of water, linen quality and electrical fittings on trains.

ECONOMY

NBFC Regulation

- ❖ Finance Bill, 2019 aims to give more powers to RBI to regulate Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC).
- ❖ The supervisory framework for NBFCs is being aligned with that of Scheduled Commercial Banks.
- ❖ RBI can direct the inspection and audit of any group company of an NBFC.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Smart Agricopter

- ❖ Students of IIT Madras have developed a smart agricopter to eliminate the manual spraying in agricultural fields.
- ❖ The current version of Project Smart Agricopter is a hexacopter drone with the capacity to carry 15 litres of pesticide.



- ❖ It aims to spray pesticides 10 times faster and with 100 percent precision at the same cost as manual spraying.
- ❖ The drone will work well on crops 1-1.5 m tall.
- ❖ It is equipped with a multispectral imaging camera to map a farmland based on crop health.
- ❖ This project also won the Indian Innovation Growth Programme (IIGP 2.0) University Challenge held at IIT Bombay in June 2019.

STATES

New Karnataka CM

- ❖ BS Yediyurappa took oath as Chief Minister of Karnataka for the fourth time on July 26th after the BJP was invited to stake a claim.
- ❖ He proved his majority in the Assembly winning the confidence motion by a voice vote on 29th July.
- ❖ This is Yediyurappa's fourth stint as the Karnataka chief minister and second in the current Assembly.

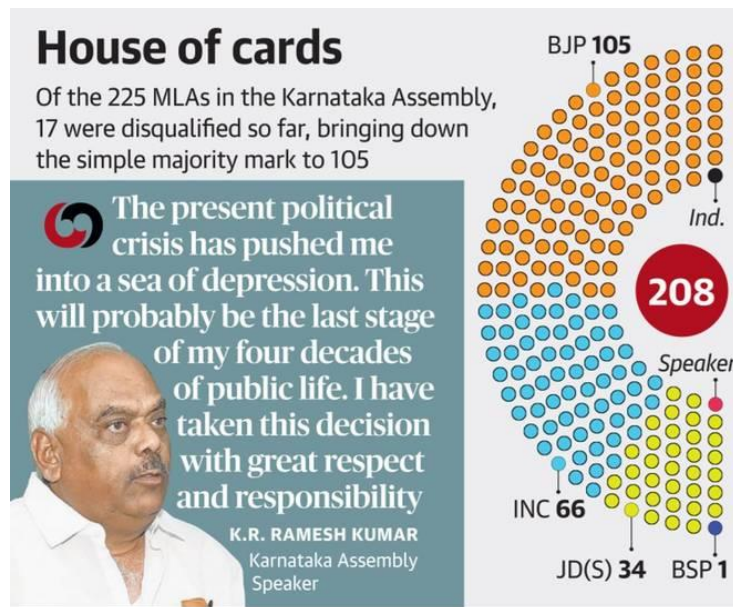


- ❖ He is the only CM to become the four-time CM of Karnataka.
- ❖ He was sworn in as CM in May 2018 after BJP emerged as the single largest party with 104 MLAs in the Assembly polls.
- ❖ But he resigned in just two days without taking a trust vote on the floor of the Assembly.

- ❖ He thus became one of the shortest serving chief minister in India with just 2½ days in office.

MLAs Disqualification

- ❖ Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar disqualified 14 rebel MLAs barring them to contest by-polls till the end of the tenure of the present Assembly (2023).
- ❖ Overall, the speaker disqualified 13 from Congress, 3 from JDS and 1 independent - totalling into 17 MLAs.
- ❖ With this, the effective strength of the 225-member Assembly has been reduced to 208. The half-way mark is 105.
- ❖ These MLAs are barred from contesting the by-elections as well.
- ❖ It also means that the new Karnataka CM cannot accommodate the rebel MLAs in his cabinet.



- ❖ All these disqualifications were made under the Tenth Schedule of the Indian Constitution read with Article 191.
- ❖ While the Speaker has observed that they cannot re-contest elections until the expiry of the current Assembly term due to the disqualification, the rebel MLAs are set to contest the Speaker's order in the High Court or the Supreme Court.



SPORTS

2023 Cricket World Cup

- ❖ The 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup will be held in India from February 9 to March 26, 2023.
- ❖ It will be the 13th edition of the men's Cricket World Cup and will also mark the first time that the tournament will be solely hosted by India.
- ❖ The country has previously hosted the tournament thrice (1987, 1996, 2011) but every time co-hosting it with its Asian neighbours.
- ❖ England have hosted the greatest number of World Cups - 5 in total (1975, 1979, 1983, 1999 and 2019).
- ❖ The 1987 World Cup remains the first edition to be hosted away from England in India and Pakistan.

Year	Winners	Runners-up	Host Nation
1975	West Indies	Australia	England
1979	West Indies	Australia	England
1983	India	West Indies	England
1987	Australia	England	India & Pakistan
1992	Pakistan	England	Australia & New Zealand
1996	Sri Lanka	Australia	Pakistan & India
1999	Australia	Pakistan	England
2003	Australia	India	South Africa
2007	Australia	Sri Lanka	West Indies
2011	India	Sri Lanka	India & Bangladesh
2015	Australia	New Zealand	Australia & New Zealand
2019	England	New Zealand	England
2023	—		India

Mary Kom – President's Cup

- ❖ Six-time world champion MC Mary Kom claimed the gold medal in the 23rd President's Cup event held at Indonesia.



- ❖ Contesting in the 51 kg category, she defeated Australian April Franks 5-0.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Nature Conservation Day – July 28

- ❖ The World Nature Conservation day is observed every year on July 28.
- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness about protecting the natural resources and to make people understand about the importance of the conservation of nature.