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TAMIL NADU

Guidelines for issuing ST certificates



- ❖ Recently the Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran communities were transferred from the Most Backward Communities (MBC) category to the list of Scheduled Tribes (ST).
- ❖ Now the Tamil Nadu government has framed guidelines to streamline the issuance of community certificates to these two communities.
- ❖ They divided into three categories:
 - Those who do not have any community certificate,
 - Those who have MBC certificate and
 - Those who have certificates with some complaints or related documents are missing in the taluk office concerned.

NATIONAL


CITIIS 2.0 Program

- ❖ The centre approved the second phase of the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) project.
- ❖ It is a programme under the ambit of the Smart Cities Mission.
- ❖ CITIIS stands for City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain.
- ❖ It aims to promote integrated waste management and climate-oriented reform actions.

- ❖ The CITIIS 2.0 will be implemented in 18 cities which would be selected based on a competition.
- ❖ It would be implemented in partnership with the French Development Agency (AFD), Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), the European Union (EU), and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA).



CITIIS 2.0
City Investments To Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0
program approved for **2023-2027**

- **Financial & technical support for developing projects** focused on:
 -  **Climate resilience**
 -  **Adaptation**
 -  **Mitigation**
- **All States/UTs** eligible for support on demand basis

World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector



CABINET DECISION 31 MAY 2023

World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector

- Cabinet approves Inter Ministerial Committee for facilitation of the "World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector"
- Plan to see convergence of various schemes of the following ministries:
 - (a) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
 - (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
 - (c) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

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- ❖ The Union cabinet cleared a ₹1 trillion scheme to increase foodgrain storage capacity by 70 million tonnes in the cooperative sector.

- ❖ This will be world's largest grain storage plan in the cooperative sector.
- ❖ The plan will let cooperatives set up decentralised storage facilities across the country.
- ❖ It will likely to reduce the burden on Food Corp of India (FCI), cut wastage of farm produce and help farmers plan their sales better.
- ❖ The plan is to converge existing schemes of the ministries of Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Food Processing Industries.
- ❖ The Ministry of Cooperation would implement a pilot project in at least 10 selected districts of different States.

INTERNATIONAL

Global Alliance for Drowning Prevention

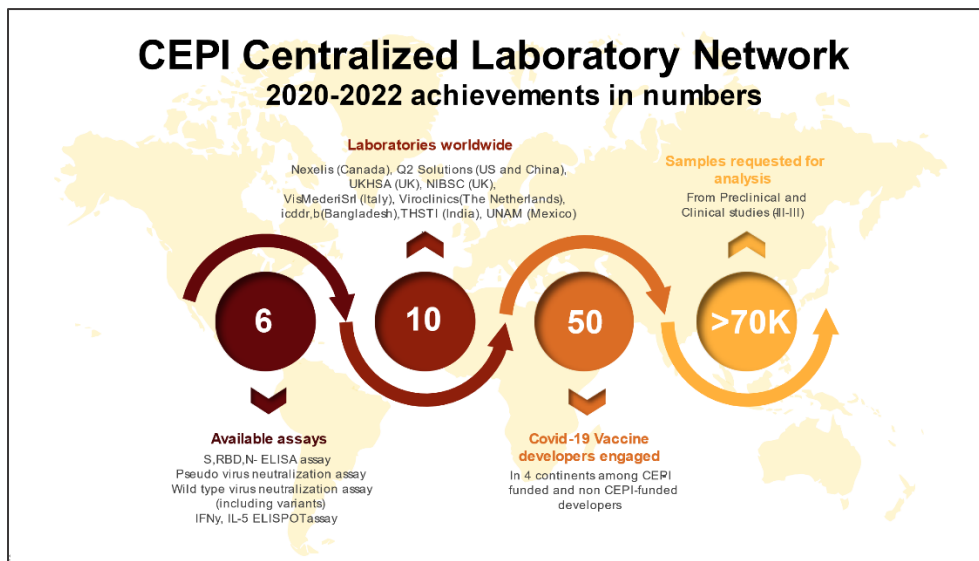


- ❖ The Member states of the World Health Assembly (WHA) agreed to establish an alliance to prevent drowning worldwide.
- ❖ This is the first alliance to address global public health concerns on the issue until 2029.
- ❖ A resolution sponsored by the Governments of Bangladesh and Ireland invited the World Health Organization (WHO) to coordinate action on drowning prevention.

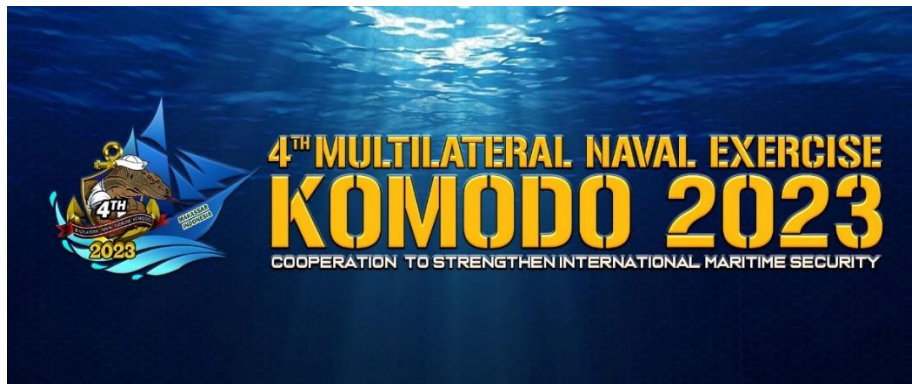
- ❖ Over 90 per cent of deaths by drowning occur in low- and middle-income countries.

Centralized Laboratory Network

- ❖ India has recently joined the Centralized Laboratory Network (CLN).
- ❖ It currently has 15 partner facilities in 13 countries that works to test vaccines which can be used during pandemic, epidemic disease outbreak.
- ❖ CLN is a part of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).
- ❖ This Network is the largest global group which has standardised methods and materials for testing.



Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo



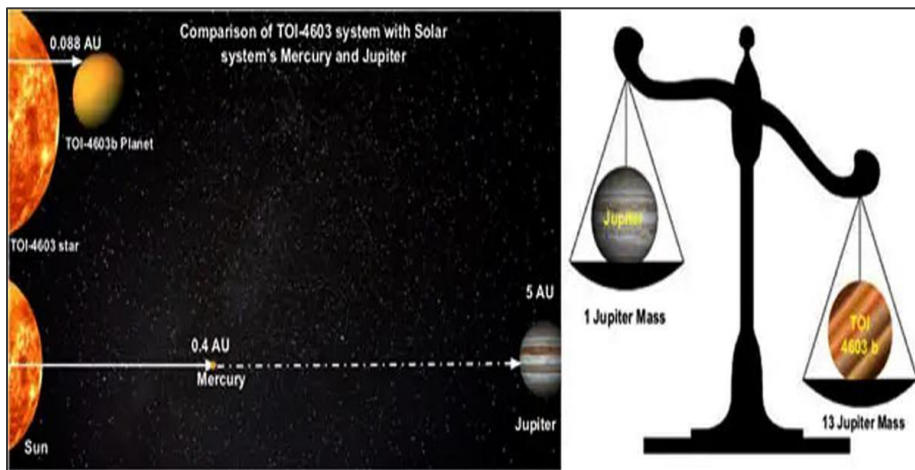
- ❖ China is participating with its warships in multilateral naval exercise hosted by Indonesia.

- ❖ North Korea, Russia, South Korea and the United States also invited to this exercise.
- ❖ The last Komodo exercise took place in 2018 before suspensions over COVID-19.
- ❖ The Chinese military also plans a joint drill, Exercise Amana Youyi-2023 with Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

New exoplanet

- ❖ A new Jupiter-size exoplanet with the highest density known till this date and mass 13 times than that of Jupiter has been discovered.
- ❖ Discovery of this massive exoplanet was made using the ISRO's indigenously made PRL Advanced Radial-velocity Abu-sky Search spectrograph (PARAS).
- ❖ The newly discovered exoplanet is found around the star called TOI4603 or HD 245134.
- ❖ It is located 731 light years away.
- ❖ It orbits a sub-giant F-type star TOI4603 every 7.24 days.
- ❖ This discovery marks the third exoplanet discovery by India.
- ❖ The other 2 discoveries are in 2018 (K2-236b) and 2021 (TOI-1789b).



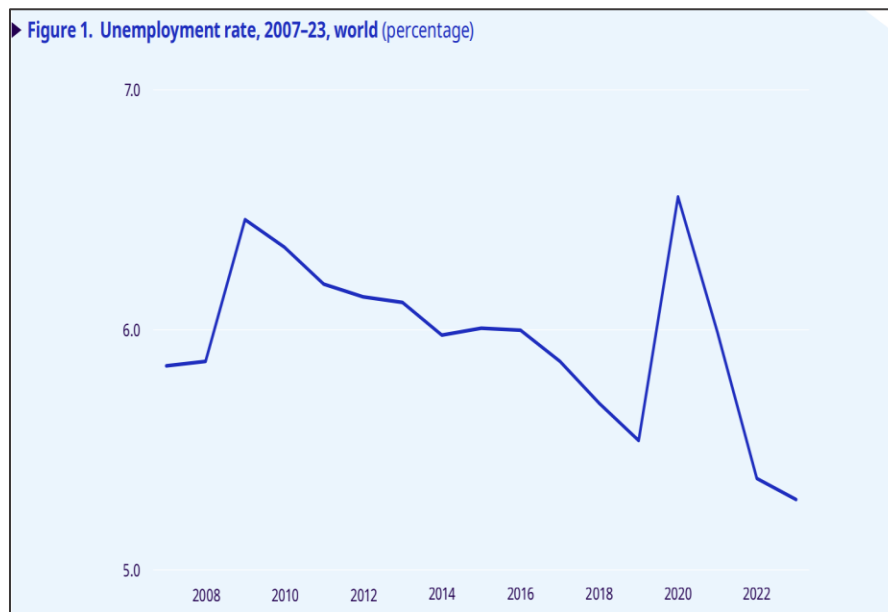
REPORTS AND INDICES

11th Edition of the World of Work Report

- ❖ The International Labour Organisation released its 11th annual report.



- ❖ Global unemployment is expected to fall below pre-pandemic levels to 5.3% or 191 million in 2023.
- ❖ Low-income countries in Africa and the Arab region are unlikely to recover to pre-pandemic levels of unemployment this year.
- ❖ For North Africa, the unemployment rate in 2023 is projected to be 11.2% compared to 10.9% in 2019.
- ❖ It is 6.3% for Sub-Saharan Africa as against 5.7% in 2019 and 9.3% for the Arab states as against 8.7% in 2019.
- ❖ Latin America and the Caribbean had the unemployment rate of 6.7% compared to 8% in 2019.
- ❖ Northern, southern and western Europe had the unemployment rate of 6.3% vis-a-vis 7% in 2019.
- ❖ Central and Western Asia has unemployment rate of 7.8% as against 9.2% in 2019.

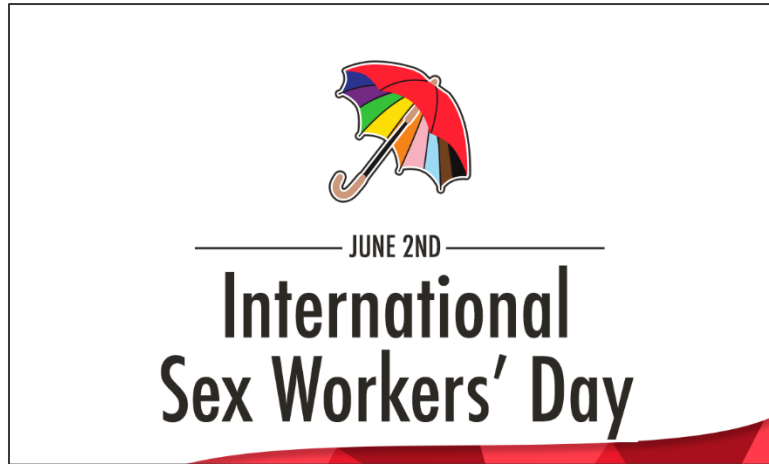


IMPORTANT DAYS

International Sex Workers Day - June 02

- ❖ This day is celebrated to create awareness about the discrimination and struggles faced by sex workers globally.
- ❖ It also aims to raise awareness of the rights of the sex workers and to combat stigma and discrimination.

- ❖ Since 1976 this day has been commemorated to show respect for the most abused, victimised and valuable section of the society.
- ❖ The theme of this year is "Access to Justice".



World Bicycle Day - June 03



- ❖ The day aims to develop a culture of cycling for basic transportation, commutation, and strengthening physical and mental health.
- ❖ The day highlights the “uniqueness, longevity and versatility of the bicycle”.
- ❖ The first bicycle day was celebrated on June 3, 2018.

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression - June 04

- ❖ This day acknowledging the pain and suffering experienced by the children who are victims of emotional, physical and mental abuse



- ❖ The day is also observed to honour the efforts of organisations and individuals who are working to preserve the rights of children.
- ❖ The very first International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression was observed on August 19, 1982.
- ❖ At the time, the day was focused on victims of the Lebanon War.

