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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Jagdish Bakan, Wildlife Warden and District Forest Officer (DFO) of Ramanathapuram district, has won the 2023 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management from UNESCO.
- ❖ Nirmala Lakshman has been unanimously appointed Chairperson of the Board of Directors of The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited.
- ❖ Ancient potsherds engraved with graffiti have been discovered at Pandiyan kottai near Kalayarkoil in Sivagangai district.
- ❖ President Droupadi was conferred with the highest civilian award of Suriname, the Grand Order of the Chain of the Yellow Star.
 - It is the most prestigious state decoration in the Republic of Suriname.

TAMIL NADU

NIRF - Top colleges from Tamil Nadu

Institute ID	Name	City	State	Score	Rank
IR-C-C-43921	Presidency College	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	71.18	3
IR-C-C-41046	PSGR Krishnammal College for Women	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	71.05	4
IR-C-C-44006	Loyola College	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	70.46	7
IR-C-C-43965	Madras Christian College	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	66.61	16
IR-C-C-36513	Thiagarajar College	Madurai	Tamil Nadu	65.08	18
IR-C-C-41124	PSG College of Arts and Science	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	64.61	20
IR-C-C-35860	St. Joseph's College	Tiruchirappalli	Tamil Nadu	62.48	25
IR-C-C-41157	V.O. Chidambaram College	Tuticorin	Tamil Nadu	62.14	27
IR-C-C-41106	Kongunadu Arts & Science College	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	61.56	29
IR-C-C-41126	Sri Krishna Arts and Science College	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	59.74	33
IR-C-C-35825	Bishop Heber College	Tiruchirappalli	Tamil Nadu	59.15	34
IR-C-C-43931	Stella Maris College for Women	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	58.19	37
IR-C-C-43964	Madras School of Social Work	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	58.02	39
IR-C-C-35787	Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli	Tiruchirappalli	Tamil Nadu	57.88	40
IR-C-C-36411	Sacred Heart College (Autonomous)	Tirupattur	Tamil Nadu	57.49	42

- ❖ 22 universities from Tamil Nadu find a place among top 100 in NIRF rankings.
- ❖ Thirty-five colleges from Tamil Nadu featured in the top 100 colleges in the NIRF list this year, three more than in the previous year.

- ❖ Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and Vellore Institute of Technology have got the 15th and 17th positions respectively in the overall category.
- ❖ Anna University is ranked 18th in the overall category.
- ❖ NIT Trichy stood at 21st.
- ❖ Around 20 universities and colleges are securing places in list of over all 100.
- ❖ Anna University is ranked 14th among universities, while Bharathiyar University is ranked 24th.
- ❖ Ranking of University of Madras among universities has fallen from 39 in 2022 to 50 in 2023.
- ❖ But it has improved its overall ranking from 70 last year to 63 this year.
- ❖ Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and Vellore Institute of Technology have got the seventh and eighth positions this year in the university category.
- ❖ Presidency College retained third position in the rankings of colleges.
- ❖ Around 35 colleges are securing places in rankings of top 100 colleges list.

Vembakottai archaeological site



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology has unearthed two pieces of gold in the second phase of excavation at Vembakottai.
- ❖ It is located near Sattur in Virudhunagar district.
- ❖ The gold objects were found at a depth of 1.15 m to 1.59 m.
- ❖ While one gold piece is in a conical shape, the other one is rectangular.

- ❖ Among the artefacts found in the second phase are an ivory dice, a terracotta smoking pipe, an earring and a stone weighing unit.

Passenger cruise vessel to Sri Lanka

- ❖ The first regular international cruise passenger vessel mv Empress was launched from Chennai Port that will connect three ports on Sri Lanka.
- ❖ The MV Empress will visit three ports in Sri Lanka before returning to Chennai: Hanbantota, Trincomalee, and Kankesanturei.
- ❖ There are also plans to look into additional ferry routes through India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Myanmar.



NATIONAL

National center for earthquake of dams



- ❖ Malviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) in Jaipur has been identified as the National Centre for Earthquake Safety of Dams.

- ❖ It will be the first centre of its kind in the country.
- ❖ The centre will develop indigenous capabilities in making the country self-reliant in handling technology issues related to structural and earthquake safety of dams.
- ❖ The number of specified dams in the country is over 5,500 and about 70 of them are those of national importance.

THE impact rankings 2023



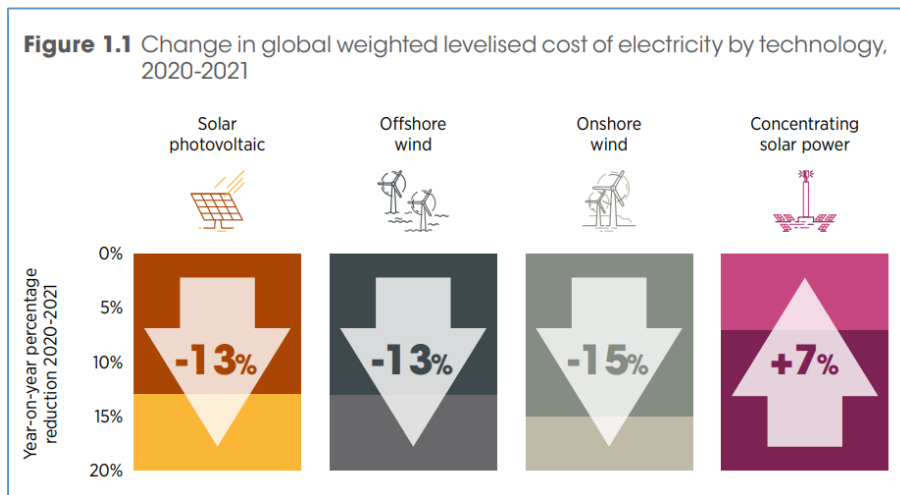
- ❖ 'Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2023' released recently.
- ❖ Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore has emerged as India's highest-placed university.
- ❖ The university is ranked at the 52nd rank globally out of 1,591 universities from 112 countries/regions.
- ❖ Other Indian universities in the top 300 include Lovely Professional University in Punjab, ranked between 101 and 200.
- ❖ Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences in Himachal Pradesh ranked between 101 and 200.
- ❖ KIIT University in Odisha ranked between 201 and 300.
- ❖ India appears highest for SDG 5 – gender equality – with Manipal Academy of Higher Education coming 4th.
- ❖ India also has the most universities in the top 100 in SDG 7 – affordable and clean energy with 5.

- ❖ Three universities from India are in the top 100 for SDG 3 – good health and wellbeing.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Low-cost finance for the energy transition report

- ❖ The International Renewable Energy Agency released the ‘Low-cost finance for the energy transition’ report.
- ❖ Renewable power generation technologies, notably solar photovoltaic and onshore wind power, have become mature and competitive.
- ❖ Offshore wind, hydrogen electrolyzers, energy storage and heat pumps, need to be deployed at faster speeds, and greater scales.
- ❖ It has praised India’s achievement in rolling out renewable energy capacity, calling it “unprecedented”.
- ❖ India ranked third on the Renewable Energy Attractive Index in 2021.
- ❖ Its solar and wind power base is the fourth largest in the world.
- ❖ India would need \$ 10 trillion to meet its 2070 net-zero target.



STATES

Verdict on Necrophilia

- ❖ The Karnataka High Court cited sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) that do not explicitly address punishment for engaging in “Necrophilic activities”.



- ❖ The Indian Penal Code (IPC) do not explicitly address punishment for engaging in “sexual intercourse with a deceased body,” as the law only applies to acts involving a living person.
- ❖ Necrophilia refers to the act of a person engaging in sexual intercourse with a corpse.



IMPORTANT DAYS

UN Russian Language Day 2023 - June 06



- ❖ The celebration of Russian Language Day began in 2010 by UNESCO.
- ❖ It is a part of its program to support and develop cultural diversity and multilingualism.
- ❖ Its date coincides with Alexander Pushkin's birthday - June 6, 1799.
- ❖ Pushkin is considered to be the greatest Russian poet ever who introduced Russia to all the European literary genres.

- ❖ The UN has a program which aims to maintain the equality of the organisation's six official languages: French, Spanish, English, Arabic, China and Russian.

World Food Safety Day 2023 - June 07

- ❖ This day aims to raise awareness about the importance of safe food practices and to highlight the global need for safe food.
- ❖ This international day is a collaborative effort of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- ❖ This day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2018 through a resolution.
- ❖ The theme of World Food Safety Day 2023 is "Food standards save lives."

