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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Tamilnadu Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami inaugurated 7.87 km two-tier flyover, the longest bridge in the State, at Salem.
 - He announced that the flyover would be called Puratchi Thalaiivi J. Jayalalithaa two-tier flyover.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has notified that 1018 towns and cities have been rechristened throughout the state to suit their Tamil pronunciation.
 - It was done by the Ministry of Tamil Official Language, Tamil Culture and Archaeology (Government of Tamil Nadu).
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has reconstituted a committee to look into the welfare of freedom fighters.
 - It is formed with the minister of state for home affairs G Kishan Reddy as the chairman and nine “eminent freedom fighters” from across the country as its members.
- ❖ The Digital technology firm in the waste management space "Recykal" has joined hands with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages (HCCB) for developing sustainable plastic waste management practices.
 - It is called Project Prithvi, a pan-India partnership.
- ❖ Renjith Kumar, an aerospace entrepreneur hailing from Thiruvananthapuram of Kerala, has been bestowed with NASA Distinguished Service Medal.
 - It is an award similar to the NASA Service Medal, but awarded to non-government personnel.

TAMIL NADU

Tamilnadu in NIRF

- ❖ With the maximum number of institutes among the TOP 50 ranks of almost all categories, Tamil Nadu emerged as the leading state contributing in Indian Higher Education.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu remains King in Engineering College list with 1/5th of top 100 engineering colleges in India.
- ❖ According to the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings, 2020, Among the top 100 engineering colleges in the country, 18 are from Tamil Nadu.



- ❖ The top education institution of the country is IIT Madras along with being the best engineering college in the country for the fifth time in a row.
- ❖ National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli is the only other engineering college in the top 10 from Tamil Nadu, ranked 9.
- ❖ Among the colleges rank, Tamil Nadu alone has one-third of the top 100 humanities, arts and science colleges in India.
- ❖ In the 2019 ranking, there were 35 colleges from the state while this year 32 colleges are in the list out of a total of 100 colleges.
- ❖ For the first time the Madras Medical College has figured among the top medical colleges and is ranked at 12.

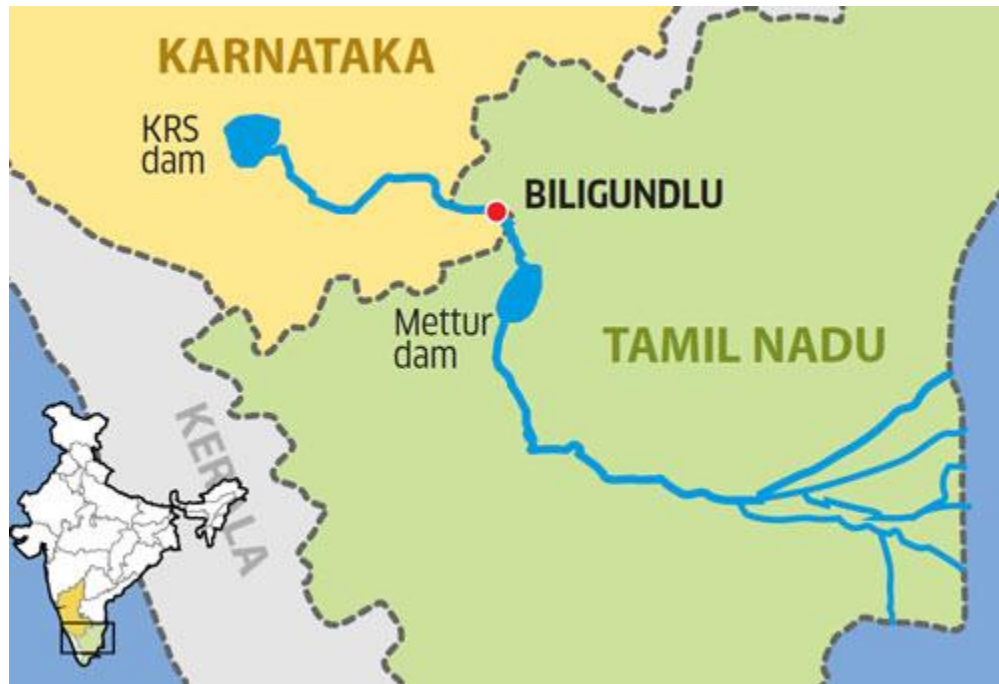
NIRF 2020

| Name | City | Total Score | Rank |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Anna University | Chennai | 58.71 | 12 |
| Bharathiar University | Coimbatore | 58.3 | 13 |
| University of Madras | Chennai | 52.55 | 22 |
| Alagappa University | Karaikudi | 49.22 | 36 |
| Bharathidasan University | Tiruchirappalli | 46.41 | 53 |
| Madurai Kamaraj University | Madurai | 45.58 | 60 |
| Periyar University | Salem | 41.09 | 83 |
| The Gandhigram Rural Institute | Gandhigram | 40.65 | 91 |

Water from Mettur

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami opened water from Mettur dam to Delta region for Kuruvai irrigation purpose.
- ❖ This is the 17th time water is being discharged from the Mettur dam on the customary date of June 12.
- ❖ In the history of Mettur dam, only 16 times (years) water was discharged on the customary date of June 12.
- ❖ Earlier in 2008 (exactly 12 years ago), water from Mettur dam was discharged on the customary date of June 12.
- ❖ From August 13, 2019 to till date (June 12, 2020), the dam is having 100 ft water for the past 305 days.
- ❖ In the year 2005-06, for 427 days, the water level in the Mettur dam did not go below 100 ft.

- ❖ Through this, 16.05 lakhs acre of farm land in 12 district of Delta region including Salem, Namakkal, Erode, Tiruchy, Karur, Perambalur, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Pudhukottai and Nagapattinam, will get irrigation facility.



NATIONAL

Supreme Court on Reservation

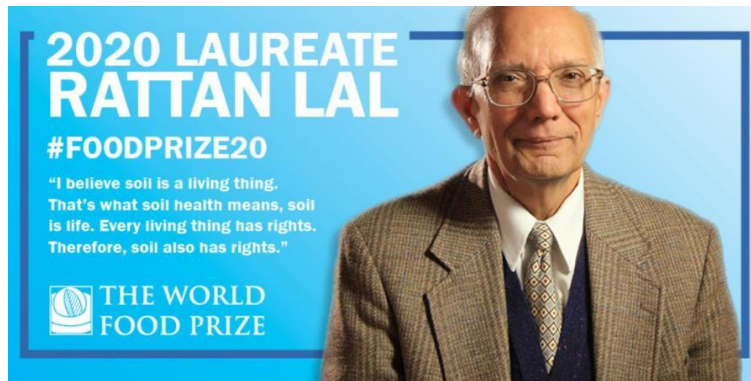
- ❖ The Supreme Court observed that the Right to reservation isn't a fundamental right.
- ❖ It was adjudicating a bunch of cases on quota for OBC candidates in Tamil Nadu's medical colleges.
- ❖ The court held that nobody can claim right to reservation as a fundamental right, and hence not giving the quota benefits cannot be construed as a violation of any constitutional right.
- ❖ The court said it appreciates different political parties in Tamil Nadu coming together for a common cause.
- ❖ The court directed petitioners to approach Madras High Court with their appeal and seek relief for the same from there.
- ❖ The petitions was asking for 50 per cent OBC reservation in seats, surrendered by Tamil Nadu in the All India Quota for under graduate, post graduate medical and dental courses in 2020-21.

- ❖ It said that in Tamil Nadu, there is 69 per cent reservation for OBCs, SC and ST and within this, OBC reservations are about 50 per cent.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

World Food Prize 2020

- ❖ Indian-American Soil Scientist Dr. Rattan Lal has won the 2020 World Food Prize given by the World Food Prize Foundation.
- ❖ It is given to him for mainstreaming and developing a soil centric approach to increase food production that conserves natural resources and mitigates climate change.
- ❖ The World Food Prize was created in 1986 with sponsorship by General Foods Corporation.
- ❖ The Prize is considered equivalent to the Nobel Prize in the field of agriculture.
- ❖ The Prize is presented each October on UN World Food Day (October 16).
- ❖ The World Food Prize Foundation is currently run by Barbara Stinson.
- ❖ It was conceived by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Norman Borlaug, the Father of Green Revolution.
- ❖ The first winner of this prize was MS Swaminathan in 1987, the Father of Indian Green Revolution.



FIFA Ranking

- ❖ The FIFA ranking was released.
- ❖ The Indian Football team retained its 108th position.
- ❖ Belgium remained at the top spot and was ahead of France and Brazil.
- ❖ England and Uruguay continued to remain at fourth and fifth position.

- ❖ FIFA is Federation Internationale de Football Association.
- ❖ It is an international governing body of association football.
- ❖ It was founded in 1904 and is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland.

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| 1 |  Belgium |
| 2 |  France |
| 3 |  Brazil |
| 4 |  England |
| 5 |  Uruguay |
| 6 |  Croatia |
| 7 |  Portugal |

