

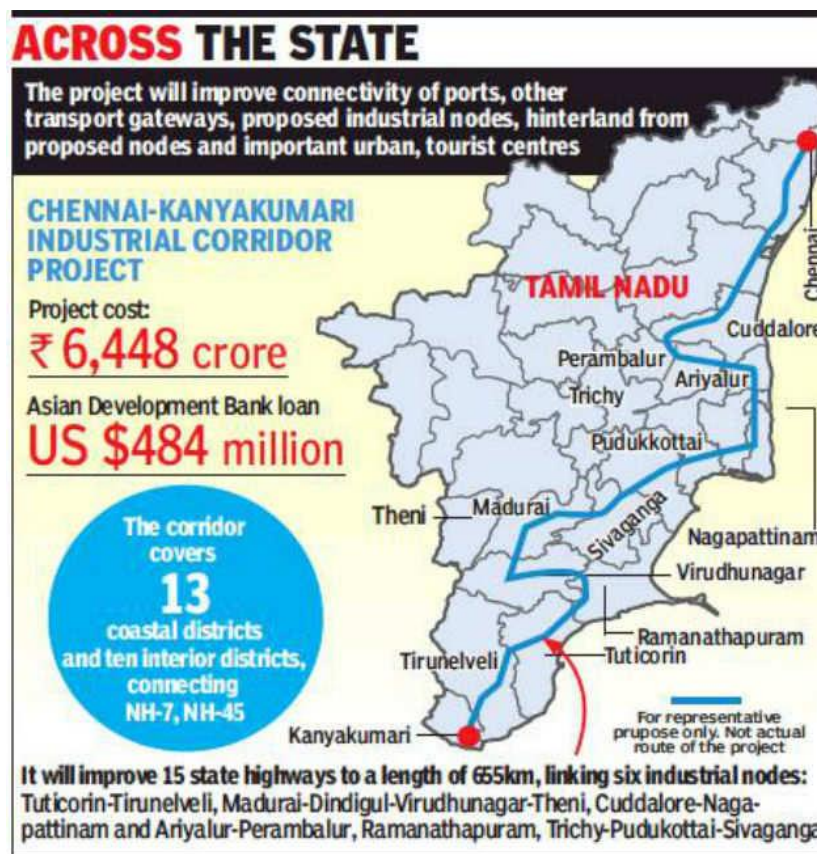
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Microsoft Corp, named its Chief Executive Officer, Satya Nadella as its new chairman.
 - He took over as the company's CEO in 2014, succeeding Steve Ballmer.
- ❖ Policy bazaar has got approval from regulator IRDAI to undertake insurance broking.
 - The broking licence will allow the company to venture into segments like claims assistance, offline services, and establish Points of Presence network.
- ❖ International Picnic Day is celebrated on 18 June globally.
 - It is celebrated with an objective of encouraging people to have picnics.

TAMIL NADU

Chennai - Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor





- ❖ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India have signed a \$484 million loan.
- ❖ This is to improve transport connectivity and facilitate industrial development in the Chennai–Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in the state of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ CKIC is part of India’s East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC), which stretches from West Bengal to Tamil Nadu.

NATIONAL

Deep Ocean Mission

- ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the implementation of “Deep Ocean Mission”.
- ❖ This mission is proposed by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- ❖ This is to explore the deep ocean for resources and develop deep-sea technologies for sustainable use of ocean resources.
- ❖ This is a 5 year Mission.
- ❖ The first phase will be carried during 2021-2024.
- ❖ The main objective of the Deep Ocean Mission is to support the Blue Economy Initiatives of the Government of India.
- ❖ The Ministry of Earth Sciences will be the nodal Ministry for implementing this.

India’s foreign student population

- ❖ India’s foreign student population inched closer to 50,000 in 2019-20.
- ❖ According to an education ministry survey, the cumulative 2019-20 foreign student population of 49,348 was slightly more than the figure of 47,427 reported in 2018-19.
- ❖ This indicates India is still far from its aim to be a study-abroad destination with 200,000 foreign students.
- ❖ The Highest share of foreign students come from the neighbouring countries.
 - Nepal contributes 28.1%,
 - Afghanistan 9.1%,
 - Bangladesh 4.6% and
 - Bhutan 3.8%,

- ❖ Among states, Karnataka hosts the highest number of foreign students (10,231).
- ❖ Tamil Nadu (4,461) stands at 5th.

Conference of BRICS Network Universities 2021

- ❖ The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) hosted a three-day virtual “Conference of BRICS Network Universities”.
- ❖ This conference is being held as a part of India’s Chairmanship of the 13th BRICS Summit in 2021.
- ❖ The theme of the Conference of BRICS Network Universities is “Electric Mobility”.



INTERNATIONAL

Viva Tech - 5th edition

- ❖ Viva Tech is one of the largest digital and start-up events of Europe.
- ❖ It is held in Paris every year since 2016.
- ❖ PM Modi was invited as a Guest of Honour to deliver the keynote address at Viva Tech 2021.
- ❖ During his address, PM Modi invited the world to invest in India based on the five pillars: Talent, Market, Capital, Eco-system and, Culture of openness.

United Kingdom - Australia trade deal

- ❖ United Kingdom and Australia has signed a free trade deal.
- ❖ This trade deal eliminates tariffs on wide range of goods.
- ❖ This deal was signed following UK’s exit from European Union.



- ❖ This deal is expected to boost exports of traditional British products like Scotch whisky.

SIPRI Yearbook 2021

- ❖ Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has released the SIPRI Yearbook 2021.
- ❖ The report assesses the current state of armaments, disarmament and international security.
- ❖ According to the yearbook, India possessed an estimated 156 nuclear warheads at the start of 2021.
- ❖ Pakistan had 165 warheads.
- ❖ China's nuclear arsenal consisted of 350 warheads.
- ❖ Russia and the U.S. together possessed over 90% of global nuclear weapons.

Country	Deployed warheads*	Other warheads**	Total 2021	Total 2020
USA	1 800	3 750	5 550	5 800
Russia	1 625	4 630	6 255	6 375
UK	120	105	225	215
France	280	10	290	290
China		350	350	320
India		156	156	150
Pakistan		165	165	160
Israel		90	90	90
North Korea		[40–50]	[40–50]	[30–40]
Total	3 825	9 255	13 080	13 400

UNESCO Science Report

- ❖ The Latest edition of UNESCO Science Report (USR) was published recently.
- ❖ It is entitled as “race against time for smarter development”.
- ❖ USR is a flagship publication of UNESCO.
- ❖ It is published once every five years.
- ❖ It is a report on science, technology and innovation (STI).
- ❖ Every edition comprises of a chapter on India.
- ❖ The Chapter on India in latest edition was authored by Prof Sunil Mani.



- ❖ He is director at Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram.

ENVIRONMENT

Sustainable Development Report 2021

- ❖ Sustainable Development Report was prepared and released by experts from UN Sustainable Development Solution Network (SDSN).
- ❖ The index compares how countries implement 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- ❖ This year Finland was ranked highest in the index.
- ❖ This is the first time a Nordic country has ranked at the top of SDG Index.
- ❖ India ranked 120 in this report.

May month records low temperature

- ❖ May month of this year in India recorded the lowest average maximum temperatures in since 1977.
- ❖ The figure for entire India stood at 34.18-degree Celsius, as per data shared by India Meteorological data (IMD).
- ❖ This happens to be lowest in 44 years and fourth lowest since 1901.
- ❖ The lowest ever average maximum temperature in May was recorded in the year 1917 at 32.68-degree Celsius.

STATES

Jalgaon Banana

- ❖ Jalgaon Banana was exported to Dubai.
- ❖ Jalgaon Banana is a GI certified agricultural produce from Jalgaon district of Maharashtra.
- ❖ Jalgaon District is an identified banana cluster under Agri Export Policy.
- ❖ It is also called as “Banana city” of Maharashtra.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought - June 17

- ❖ The day is celebrated to raise awareness of the presence of desertification and drought, and highlight methods of preventing desertification and recovering from drought.
- ❖ “Restoration. Land. Recovery. We build back better with healthy land” is the theme for this year.



Autistic Pride Day - June 18

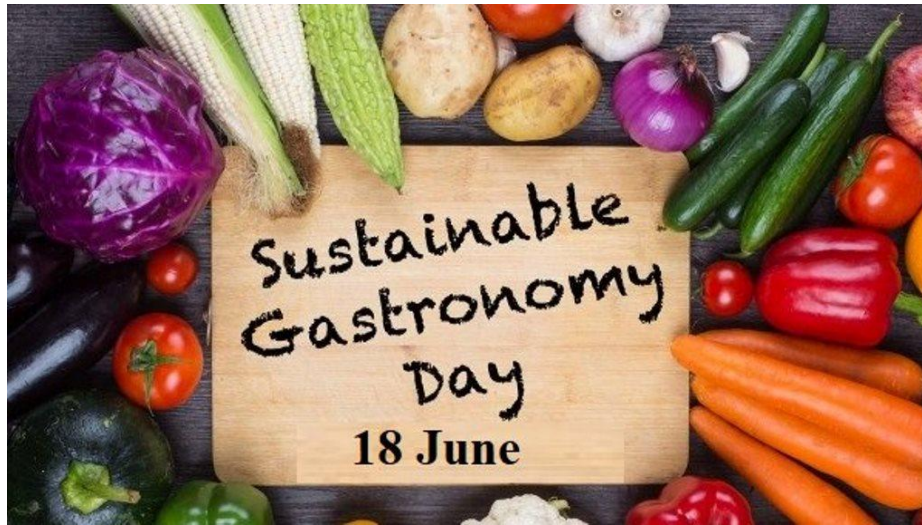


- ❖ Autistic Pride Day is observed to create awareness about autism among people.
- ❖ The day recognises the importance of pride for autistic people and its role in bringing about positive changes in the broader society.
- ❖ The day is represented by a rainbow infinity symbol.
- ❖ The symbol denotes the infinite possibilities that autistic people have.

- ❖ Autistic Pride Day was first celebrated in Brazil in 2005, at the initiative of an organisation named Aspies for Freedom.

Sustainable Gastronomy Day - June 18

- ❖ The day is observed globally to focus the attention of the world on the role that sustainable gastronomy plays in our lives.
- ❖ The day was designated by UN General Assembly on 21 December 2016.
- ❖ Gastronomy means the practice or art of choosing, cooking, and eating good food.



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