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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Environment has given the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance for the Tamil Nadu government's proposal to construct Kalaighar pen monument in Bay of Bengal with 15 conditions.
- ❖ Former Tamil Nadu chief secretary P Sabanayagam (100), who worked with three Chief Ministers Rajaji, Kamaraj and Karunanidhi passed away in Chennai.
- ❖ The 'Ocean Ring of Yoga' event was organised in onboard Indian naval ships such as Kiltan, Chennai, Shivalik, Sunayna, Trishul, Tarkash, Vagir, Sumitra, and Brahmaputra on International Day of Yoga.
- ❖ The Union Defence minister has inaugurated the Integrated Simulator Complex (ISC) 'Dhruv' at Southern Naval Command, Kochi.
 - It is envisaged to give real-time experience on navigation, fleet operations and Naval tactics.
- ❖ The International Olympic Committee (IOC) presented the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, with the Olympic Order for his inspirational role in ensuring the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.
- ❖ World Olympic Day or International Olympic Day is celebrated all around the world on June 23.

TAMIL NADU

Second highest growth in GeM procurement



GeM
Government
e Marketplace

- ❖ The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) is an online public procurement platform.

- ❖ It has inked a deal with Tamil Nadu Small and Tiny Industries Association (TANSTIA) to jointly enhance GeM seller base in the State.
- ❖ During the last fiscal year, Tamil Nadu recorded the second highest growth in GeM procurement amongst 36 States and Union Territories.
- ❖ The State witnessed an increase in order value by 302.5% from ₹220.89 crore in financial year 2021-22 to ₹889.19 crore in financial year 2022-23.

Chola-era artefacts

- ❖ Nearly 400 antiquities, including a Chola-era coin belonging to the period of King Raja Raja Chola, have been found in the second phase of the Vadakkupattu excavation.
- ❖ It is located near Oragadam in Kancheepuram district.
- ❖ The findings in the second phase include two coins that belong to the Chola period between the 9th and 10th century CE.
- ❖ One of the coins was used during Raja Raja Chola's period.
- ❖ A copper bow, copper lid, glass beads and bangles also found here.



INTERNATIONAL

Estonia legalizes same-sex marriage

- ❖ Estonia's parliament passed a law legalizing same-sex marriage.
- ❖ Two adults will be able to marry "regardless of their gender".

- ❖ The amended Act will go into effect from January 1, 2024.
- ❖ By this, it becoming the first ex-Soviet country to do so.



Unique Gifts by Indian PM

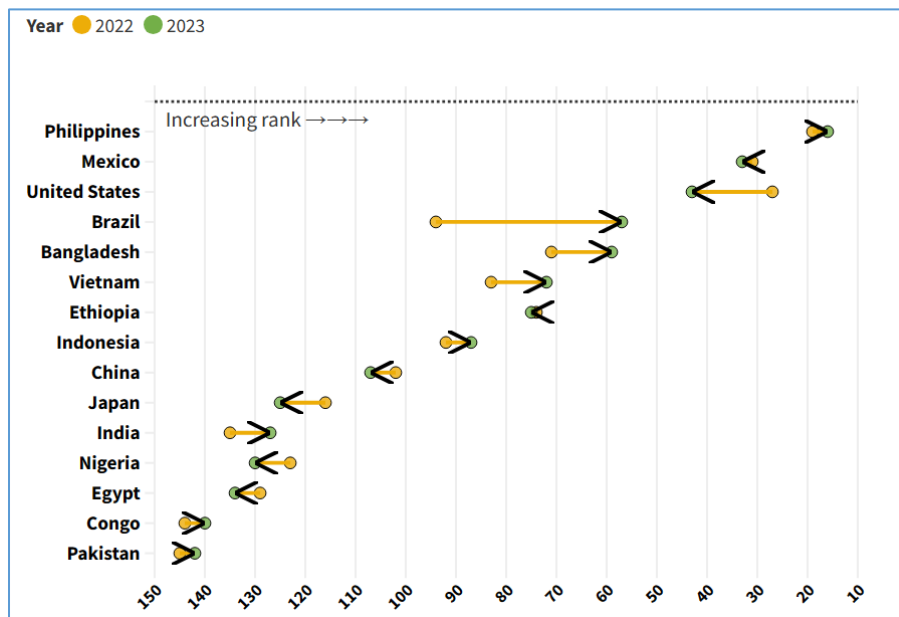


- ❖ The Indian Prime Minister exchanged official gifts with U.S. President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden.

- ❖ One of Modi's gifts to the Bidens was an intricately-carved box made of sandalwood.
- ❖ The box contained a statue of Ganesh, a diya (an oil lamp), a copper plate with a shloka engraved, South Indian sesame seeds, a 24-carat gold coin handcrafted in Rajasthan, and a handwoven silk cloth from Jharkhand.
- ❖ Also, a copy of 'The Ten Principal Upanishads and the Hindu 'Das Danam' was given to Joe Biden.
- ❖ He gave personalised gifts to the First Lady, Jill Biden, as well, one of these being a lab-grown 7.5-carat green diamond made in India.
- ❖ The green diamond was enclosed within a beautiful papier Mache box, skilfully painted by artisans on paper pulp.
- ❖ The Bidens gave Narendra Modi gifts as well, including a vintage camera, a book on wildlife photography, and a first-edition signed copy of a book of poems by Robert Frost.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Gender Gap Report, 2023



- ❖ The annual Gender Gap Report, 2023 was released by World Economic Forum (WEF).
- ❖ India was ranked at 127 out of 146 countries in terms of gender parity.
- ❖ This is an improvement of eight places from last year.
- ❖ India was ranked 135 in the report's 2022 edition.

- ❖ India had closed 64.3% of the overall gender gap,
- ❖ India had reached only 36.7 % parity on economic participation and opportunity.
- ❖ The index ranked India's neighbours Pakistan at 142, Bangladesh at 59, China at 107, Nepal at 116, Sri Lanka at 115 and Bhutan at 103.
- ❖ Iceland is the most gender-equal country in the world for the 14th consecutive year.
- ❖ On political empowerment, India has registered 25.3% parity, with women representing 15.1% of parliamentarians.
- ❖ It is the highest for the country since the inaugural report in 2006.
- ❖ 18 countries — including Bolivia (50.4%), India (44.4%) and France (42.3 %) have achieved women's representation of over 40% in local governance.

Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2023



- ❖ Tata Power has emerged as the most attractive employer brand'.
- ❖ It is followed by e-commerce giant Amazon and steel major Tata Steel.
- ❖ IT major Tata Consultancy Services secured the 4th position in the top 10 most 'attractive employer brand'.
- ❖ It is followed by Microsoft, Samsung India, Infosys, Tata Motors, IBM and Reliance Industries.

- ❖ Big Basket, the online megastore, emerged as the most attractive startup employer brand in the country.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

National Florence Nightingale Award 2020-23

- ❖ The President conferred the National Florence Nightingale Award on Major General Smita Devrani and Brigadier Amita Devrani of the Military Nursing Service for 2022 and 2023 respectively.
- ❖ The award was instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in 1973.
- ❖ It is given to recognise the meritorious services rendered by nurses and nursing professionals to society.

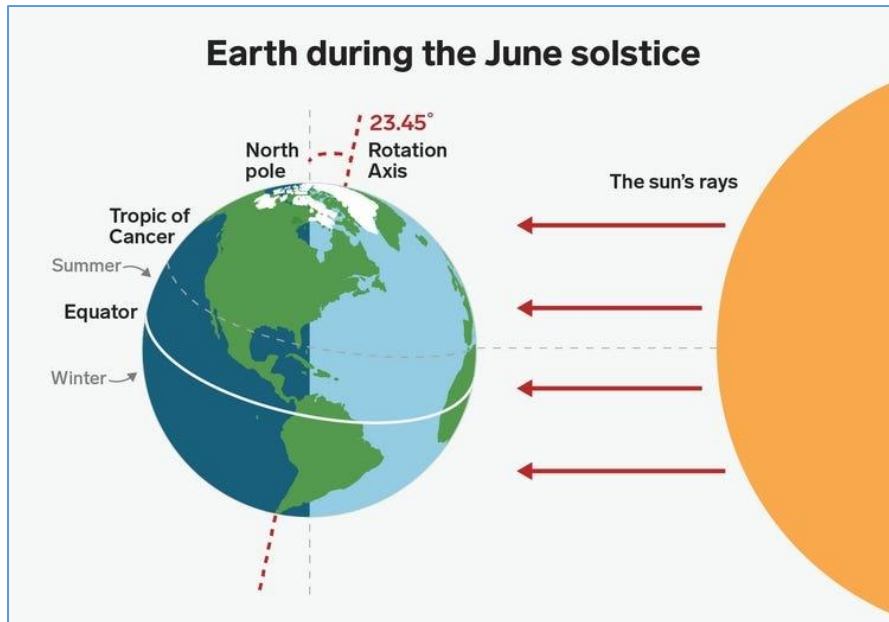


IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of the Solstice 2023 - June 21

- ❖ The summer solstice marks the official beginning of the summer season.
- ❖ June 21 is the longest day of the year with the shortest night.
- ❖ After this day, the days start getting shorter, slowly and steadily.
- ❖ During the summer solstice, the sun reaches the highest as well as northernmost points.

- ❖ Likewise, the winter solstice marks the official commencement of the winter season.
- ❖ It generally falls on December 21.



International Widows Day 2023 - June 23



- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the plight of widows worldwide and to advocate for their rights and well-being.
- ❖ The day serves as a reminder of the challenges faced by widows and the need to address their unique social, economic and legal issues.

- ❖ This day was first recognised and established by the United Nations on June 23, 2011.
- ❖ Theme for this year is 'Innovation and technology for gender equality'.

United Nations Public Service Day 2023 - June 23

- ❖ This day commemorates the immeasurable value and noble nature of public service.
- ❖ It aims to create awareness among people about the significant role of public services in the development of a country.
- ❖ On December 20, 2002, the General Assembly of the United Nations officially designated this day.

