

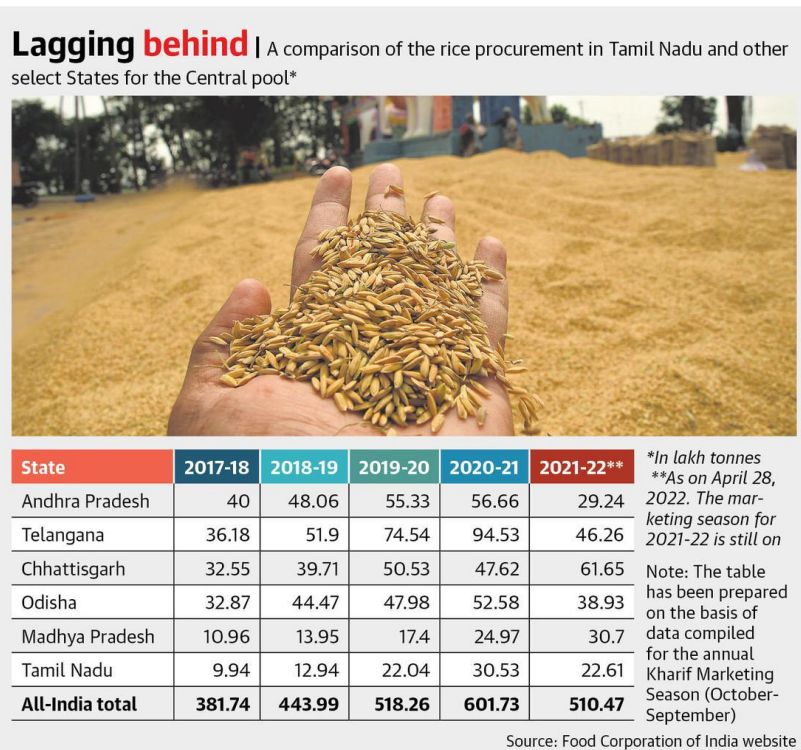
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Medha Servo Drives Private Limited, India's largest private rail coach factory was inaugurated at Kondakal village in Rangareddy district near Hyderabad.
- ❖ NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India signed the Government of India - United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027.
 - It is the principal planning and implementation instrument for the UN Development System at country level.
- ❖ Cristiano Ronaldo receives Guinness World Record award after becoming first male player to reach 200 international appearances.

TAMIL NADU

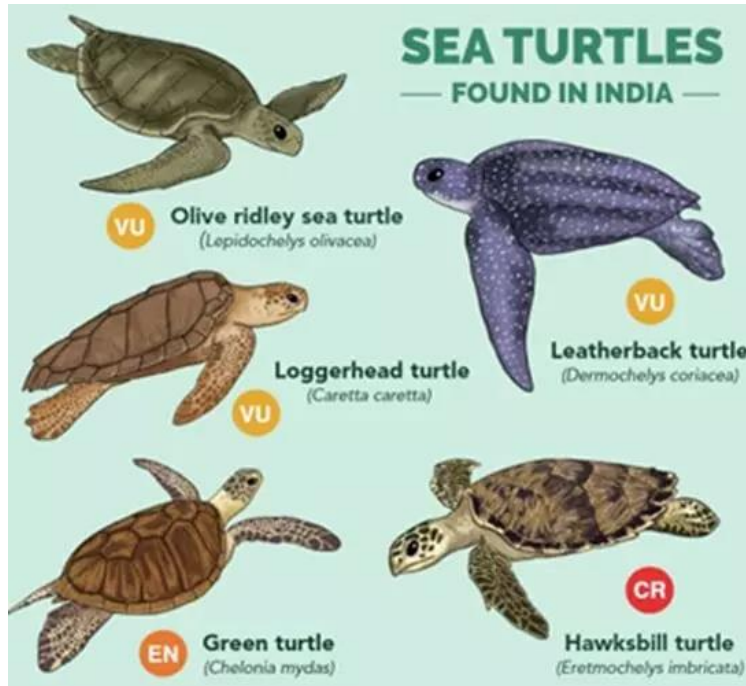
Rice requirement of Tamil Nadu



- ❖ Food Corporation of India (FCI) reiterating its position of not providing more food grains to States under its Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS).

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (TNCSC) is negotiating with the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) and other States to procure the additional quantity of 50,000 to 60,000 tonnes a month.
- ❖ The monthly allocation by the Centre to Tamil Nadu is approximately 2.97 lakh tonnes of rice for the public distribution system (PDS) under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).
- ❖ Over and above this quantity, the State requires, on an average, 50,000 tonnes to 60,000 tonnes per month.
- ❖ TN has over 2.2 crore rice-drawing ration cards.
- ❖ Between December 2022 and March 2023, it bought 3 lakh tonnes from the NCCF.
- ❖ During the Kharif Marketing Season 2022-23, 7 lakh tonnes were retained by the State for local requirements.
- ❖ At present, the State has a stock of 5.4 lakh tonnes of rice at its godowns.
- ❖ Besides, around 1.9 lakh tonnes are available with millers and this quantity will eventually be available for the PDS.

Olive Ridley hatchlings



- ❖ As many as 1,83,497 Olive Ridley hatchlings were released into sea along the Tamil Nadu coast this year.

- ❖ The number of sea turtle hatchlings released in 2022-23 was the highest in the last seven years.
- ❖ The hatchlings released this breeding season, which lasts from January to May, marked a rise from 1,72,339 in 2021-22.
- ❖ The count has been above the 1-lakh mark since 2017-18, when 1,21,289 turtles were recorded entering the waters.

NATIONAL

VAIBHAV Fellowship



The poster is for the VAIBHAV Fellowship (Application Call) for NRI/OCI/PIO. It features the logos of the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Department of Science and Technology. The text includes: 'Inviting Scientists, Researchers, Technologists from Indian Diaspora to conduct research in STEMM.'; a list of benefits: Fellowship, International travel, Accommodation, and Research Expenditure; a yellow banner that says 'STEPS TO REGISTER ONLINE'; the closing date 'Monday 31 July'; the website 'WWW.ONLINEDST.GOV.IN'; and a flow diagram with 'ACTIVE CALLS FOR PROPOSALS' and 'VAIBHAV FELLOWSHIP'.

- ❖ The Government has launched a new fellowship programme to connect the Indian STEMM diaspora with Indian academic and R&D institutions.
- ❖ VAIBHAV stands for Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik.
- ❖ This fellowships programme to be implemented by the Department of Science and Technology.



- ❖ It would be awarded to outstanding scientist/technologists of Indian origin (NRI/OCI/PIO) who are engaged in research activities in their respective countries.
- ❖ 75 fellows selected and would be invited to work in 18 identified knowledge sectors.
- ❖ It including quantum technology, health, pharma, electronics, agriculture, energy, computer sciences, and material sciences amongst others.

Minerals Security Partnership

- ❖ India has been inducted into the Mineral Security Partnership (MSP).
- ❖ The Minerals Security Partnership (MSP) is a global initiative by the US to bolster critical mineral supply chains.
- ❖ It is also known as the critical mineral's alliance of 14 countries.
- ❖ It focusses on the supply chains of minerals such as cobalt, nickel, lithium and also the 17 "rare earth" minerals.

INTERNATIONAL

Heliopolis Memorial in Egypt



- ❖ Indian Prime Minister pays his respects at the Heliopolis (Port Tewfik) Memorial in the Heliopolis War Cemetery in Cairo, Egypt.
- ❖ It is part of the larger Heliopolis Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery.
- ❖ This memorial commemorates the memory of 3,727 Indian soldiers who died fighting in various campaigns in Egypt and Palestine in the First World War.



- ❖ The original Port Tewfik memorial had been unveiled in 1926 and was situated at the entrance to the Suez Canal.
- ❖ A new memorial bearing the names of the Indian was erected in Heliopolis Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery in 1980.

ENVIRONMENT

Blue Pansy (Junonia Orithya)

- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir administration have officially declared the Blue Pansy (Junonia Orithya) as the official butterfly of the union territory.
- ❖ The Blue Pansy, a species of vibrant blue butterflies, can be found in various parts of Southeast Asian countries, Australia, and Africa.
- ❖ They are known for their territorial nature.
- ❖ These butterflies exhibit 26 local subspecies across their range.



REPORTS AND INDICES

THE Asia university rankings 2023

- ❖ Eighteen Indian universities have made their way into the top 200 in the Times Higher Education's (THE) annual Asia university rankings for 2023.
- ❖ The Indian Institute of Science continuing to rank the highest among Indian institutions at the 48th position.
- ❖ Last year, 17 higher education institutions figured in the top 200 club.

- ❖ Jawaharlal Nehru University (167th in 2022) and IIT Gandhinagar (120th last year) are notable names missing from the top 200 this year.

Top 10 Indian universities in THE's Asia University Rankings 2023

University	Rank
Indian Institute of Science	48
JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research	68
Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences	77
Mahatma Gandhi University	95
International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad	106
Alagappa University	111
Saveetha University	113
Jamia Millia Islamia	128
Indian Institute of Technology Ropar	131
Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi	137

TIME's 100 Most Influential Companies – 2023



- ❖ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Meesho are the only two Indian companies that made it to TIME's list of 100 Most Influential Companies 2023.

- ❖ NPCI Founded in 2008 by the Reserve Bank of India and the Indian Bank's Association (IBA).
- ❖ E-commerce app Meesho, launched in 2015 by Vidit Aatrey and Sanjeev Barnwal.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2023 - June 26

- ❖ On December 7, 1987, the United Nations General Assembly decided to observe this day
- ❖ It aims to strengthen their efforts in order to achieve the goal of making the society free of drug abuse.
- ❖ Theme of this year is: "People first: stop stigma and discrimination, strengthen prevention."



International Day in Support of Victims of Torture 2023 - June 26

- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly on December 12, 1997, adopted a resolution to proclaim this day.



- ❖ The day is observed to call upon nations, civil societies and individuals all across the world to extend their support to victims of torture and those who are being tortured.



World Refrigeration Day 2023 - June 26



- ❖ This day was established in 2019 by industry veteran Stephen Gill.
- ❖ This date June 26 marks the birthday of refrigeration pioneer Lord Kelvin.

- ❖ Theme of 2023 is 'Next Generation Cooling'.

MISCELLANEOUS

ITU - IMT 2030

- ❖ The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has approved the 6G vision framework at its meeting held in Geneva.
- ❖ The sixth-generation or 6G technology has been named "IMT-2030" by the telecoms agency of the United Nations (UN).
- ❖ This new framework recommendation will now become a foundation document for 6G work across the different research groups and in external standards development organizations like the 3GPP.

