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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The government has approved the continuation of the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana and its components for the financial years 2021-22 to 2025-26.
 - Under this scheme, freedom fighters, and their dependents are given financial benefits and pensions.

TAMIL NADU

Women to head Avadi Police Commissionerate

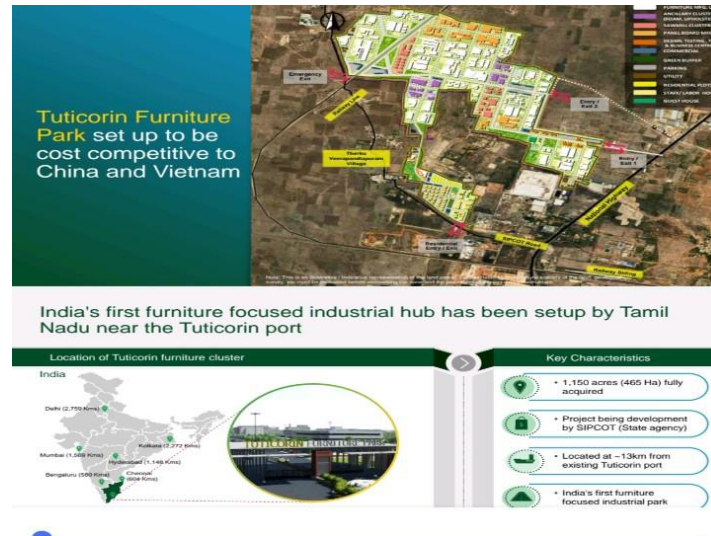
- ❖ To recognize the role played by women personnel on the occasion of International Women's Day, women officers will be given charge of all police stations under the Avadi Police Commissionerate for a day.
- ❖ For the first time in India, all police stations in a Commissionerate will be headed by women officers.
- ❖ This initiative is to recognize, honor, celebrate and cherish the role of women in our uniformed services.



India's first furniture park

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin laid the foundation stone for India's first international furniture park at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ The park seeks to create a better ecosystem to meet 70-80 percent of the raw material demand.



NATIONAL

Indo-Pacific Military Health Exchange Conference



- ❖ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated the four-day Indo-Pacific Military Health Exchange conference.
- ❖ This conference is being co-hosted by the US Indo-Pacific Command and Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS).
- ❖ 'Military Healthcare in a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA) World' is the theme of the conference.

- ❖ This conference aims to enhance joint manship and cooperation in military medicine.

SAMARTH

- ❖ The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women named “SAMARTH”.
- ❖ The objective of SAMARTH is to provide Skill Development and Market Development Assistance to women and to train more than 7500 women candidates from rural and sub-urban areas in the FY 2022-23.



Donate-a-Pension initiative



- ❖ Union Labour and Employment Minister, Bhupender Yadav has launched the ‘Donate-a-Pension’ campaign under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM) scheme.



- ❖ Under the new initiative, citizens can contribute to the pension fund of their immediate support staff such as domestic workers, drivers, helpers, etc, by donating the premium amount.

India Global Forum annual summit

- ❖ India Global Forum's (IGF) annual summit is being organized in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ❖ The summit will bring together eminent faces of tech-driven disruption and those who have joined the unicorn club along with Union ministers, policymakers, and global business leaders.
- ❖ The previous editions were hosted in Dubai and the UK.
- ❖ This is the first-ever edition of IGF at Bengaluru.



National Mineral Development Corporation



NMDC

- ❖ The National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd (NMDC) received 1st prize in the Ispat Rajbhasha Award for 2018-19 and 2020-21.
- ❖ The company also received the Ispat Rajbhasha Prerna Award for 2019-20.
- ❖ The NMDC is a Navratna PSU under the Ministry of Steel.
- ❖ It is an eco-friendly mining company and the largest producer of iron ore in India.

Kavach system



- ❖ 2,000 km of railway network will be brought under Kavach for safety and capacity augmentation in 2022-23, as a part of Prime minister's Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- ❖ The trial of the 'Kavach' functioning system between Gullaguda and Chitgidda Railway stations in Telangana was examined by the Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav.
- ❖ Kavach is designed to protect trains by preventing them from passing the Danger (Red) signal and colliding.

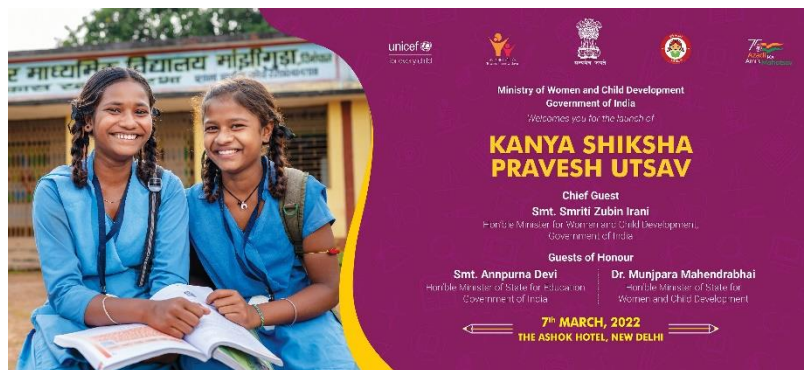
- ❖ It prevents collisions between two locomotives equipped with a functional KAVACH system by automatically activating the train braking system if the driver fails to regulate the train according to the speed regulations.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj statue



- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a tall statue of great Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Pune, Maharashtra.
- ❖ The Statue is made up of 1,850 kg of gunmetal and is about 9.5-feet tall.
- ❖ PM Modi also laid the foundation stone for the rejuvenation and pollution abatement of the Mula-Mutha River projects in Pune.

Kanya Shiksha Pravesh Utsav



- ❖ It is a campaign to bring out-of-school adolescent Indian girls back into the formal education and skilling system.
- ❖ The campaign aims to increase the enrolment and retention of the number of adolescent girls (girls aged 11 to 14) in school.

- ❖ The campaign will be implemented as part of the Ministry of Women and Child Development's BetiBachaoBetiPadhao (BBBP) project.

Swachhagraha Event



- ❖ The event aimed to promote awareness on “Swachhta, Swadhinta and Sulabh”.
- ❖ The Swachhagraha campaign is inspired by ‘Satyagraha,’ the world’s largest and most effective mass movement.
- ❖ Developing a sustainable culture of cleanliness is the aim of this campaign.
- ❖ This campaign also looks to promote Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan by encouraging young citizens to participate actively and develop youth leaders.

Acetabularia jalakanyakae



- ❖ It is the new marine algae species discovered in India.
- ❖ It was discovered by Indian scientists from the Central University of Punjab in the Andamans archipelago.

- ❖ The scientists sighted the species in 2019 during their trip to Andamans.

STATES

Microsoft data centre



- ❖ Microsoft has announced to set up its fourth data centre in India in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ❖ Hyderabad Data centre will be one of the largest data centres in India.
- ❖ It will be operational by 2025.
- ❖ Microsoft already has a data centre in three Indian regions across Pune, Mumbai, and Chennai.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

23rd Woman Grandmaster of India



- ❖ 19-year-old Priyanka Nutakki has secured her final WGM-norm at MPL's forty-seventh National Women Chess Championship.
- ❖ She became India's twenty-third Woman Grandmaster.
- ❖ She is from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

Nari Shakti Puraskar



- ❖ The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind has conferred the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' for the years 2020 and 2021, on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 08, 2022, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
- ❖ Overall 29 women have been conferred the award for the years 2020 and 2021.
- ❖ They were awarded in recognition of their outstanding and exceptional work towards the empowerment of women, especially the vulnerable and marginalized.
- ❖ Jaya Muthu and Tejjamma from Nilgiris were awarded Nari Shakti Puraskar 2020 for their extraordinary contribution for preserving and promoting the age-old intricate Toda Embroidery of Nilgiris.
- ❖ Thara Rangaswamy from Chennai was Nari Shakti Puraskar 2021 for her innovative and relentless efforts to create awareness about and cure for mental disorders.

New President of the Financial Action Task Force

- ❖ T Raja Kumar, a Singaporean, has been named president of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

- ❖ FATF is the world's anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing agency.
- ❖ His appointment is for a set two-year term, which begins on July 1.
- ❖ Mr Raja's nomination marks the first time Singapore has assumed the president of the organisation.



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