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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Darshan Singh of the Services and Varsha Devi of the Railways finally defended their men's and women's titles in the National Cross Country Championships.
 - The 10KM athlete Championship was held at Kohima, Nagaland.

TAMIL NADU

TNAU - Vice-Chancellor

- ❖ Professor V. Geethalakshmi has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) by Governor R.N. Ravi.
- ❖ She would be the University's first woman Vice-Chancellor.
- ❖ Ms. Geethalakshmi had 26 years of teaching experience and guided 14 research scholars for doctorates.



Amazon's biggest office in Tamil Nadu



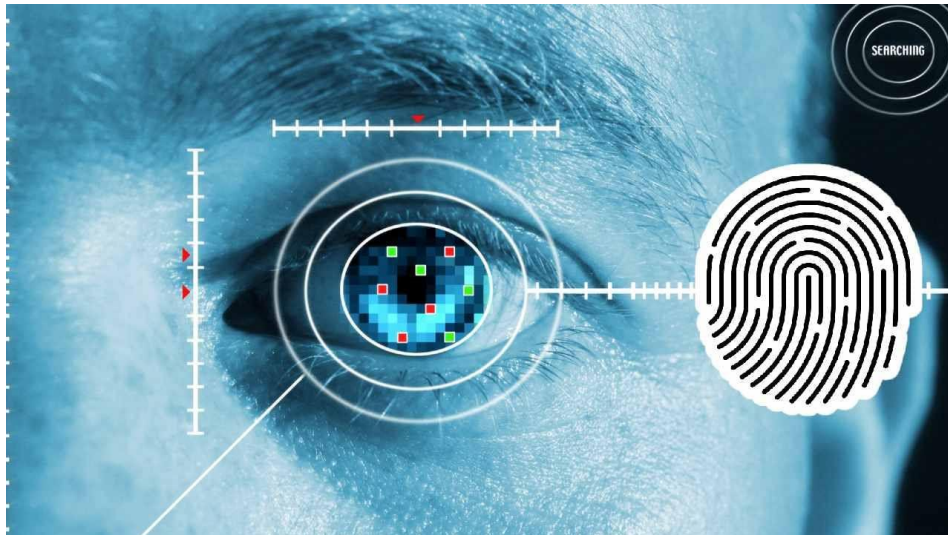
- ❖ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated Amazon's biggest office in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The office is housed in the World Trade Centre on the information technology corridor of Rajiv Gandhi Salai at Perungudi, Chennai.
- ❖ The state-of-the-art building will also house the research and development team of Amazon's Echo device.

NATIONAL

Doctor-population ratio in India

- ❖ The number of medical undergraduate seats has increased from 51,348 before 2014 to 89,875 seats as of date.
- ❖ This is an increase of 75%.
- ❖ The number of medical postgraduate seats has gone up by 93%.
- ❖ The doctor-population ratio was 1:834 in the country assuming 80% availability of registered allopathic doctors and 5.65 lakh AYUSH doctors.

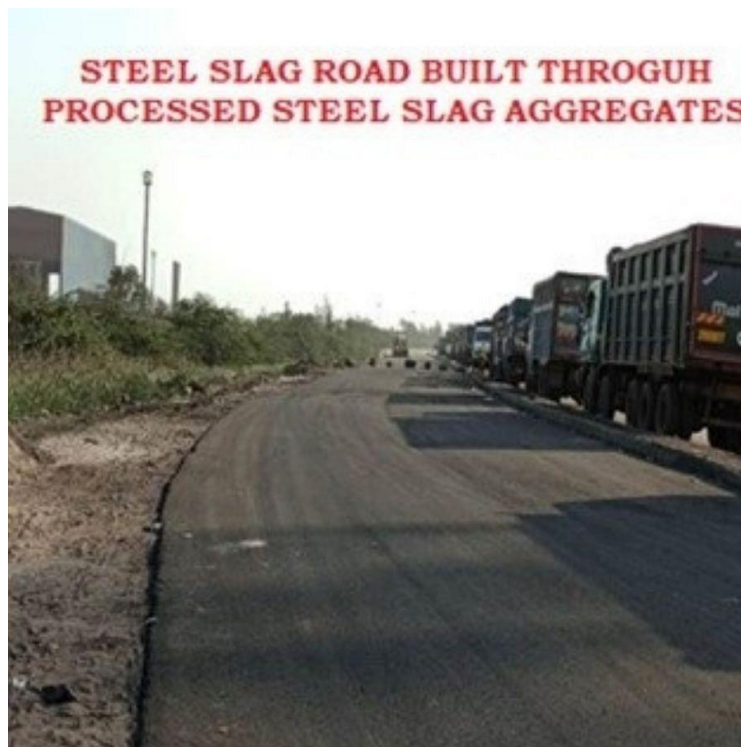
Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, 2022



- ❖ Recently, the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, 2022 was introduced in Lok Sabha.
- ❖ It would allow the police and prison authorities to collect, store and analyze physical and biological samples, including retina and iris scans.
- ❖ It will also seek to apply these provisions to persons held under any preventive detention law.

- ❖ It also authorizes taking measurements of convicts and "other persons" for identification and investigation in criminal matters.
- ❖ It doesn't define the "other persons" implying its ambit beyond convicts, arrested persons, or detainees.
- ❖ Police personnel up to the rank of Head Constable have been authorized to record the measurements.
- ❖ It has been argued that the Bill was beyond the legislative competence of Parliament as it violated the fundamental rights of citizens including the right to privacy.
- ❖ It has been argued that the bill violates Article 20 (3) of the Constitution.
- ❖ It has been argued that the bill also violates human rights provisions as laid out in the United Nations charter.

India's first steel road



- ❖ The Hazira Industrial Area in Surat, Gujarat, has created a one-of-a-kind road.
- ❖ The road is created entirely of steel waste.
- ❖ That is one of the best instances of sustainable development.
- ❖ ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India collaborated on the steel slag road with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research India, the Central Road Research Institute, and Niti Aayog.

- ❖ The road was constructed entirely of processed steel slag.
- ❖ Steel slag is a major source of concern for the steel industry because it is regarded as a waste product.

Prasthan Exercise



- ❖ 'Prasthan' is an offshore security exercise that was conducted in Mumbai's Offshore Development Area.
- ❖ This exercise was conducted under the aegis of the Western Naval Command's Headquarters.
- ❖ This exercise is conducted every six months.
- ❖ This exercise was led by the Indian Navy.
- ❖ This exercise was conducted to refine the response and standard operating procedures (SOPs) to various contingencies in Mumbai's Offshore Defence Area.

50,000 ODF Plus Villages



- ❖ The milestone of having 50,000 open defecation-free (ODF) Plus villages has been crossed by the country.
- ❖ The top-performing states under this programme are Telangana.



- ❖ It is followed by Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Into three categories, the ODF Plus villages have been divided.
- ❖ The categories are Rising, Aspiring, and Model.

TEJAS Skilling Project

- ❖ The Union Minister Anurag Thakur launched Training for Emirates Jobs And Skills (TEJAS) in Dubai.
- ❖ This is an initiative under the Skill India International Project.
- ❖ This programme has the objective of skilling, providing certification, and employment of Indians overseas.
- ❖ TEJAS is also aiming to create pathways so that the Indian workforce can get equipped for the various skills and market requirements in the UAE.
- ❖ Under this project, 10,000 strong Indian workforces will be created in the UAE during the initial phase of implementation.

Yamunotsav

- ❖ The Yamunotsav was organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.
- ❖ This program was organized in collaboration with a group of NGOs.
- ❖ This event was organized at ASITA East River Front, ITO Bridge, New Delhi.
- ❖ This event was organized to celebrate River Yamuna's glory.

INTERNATIONAL

Gilbert Houngbo



- ❖ Gilbert Hounbo from Togo will be the next Director-General of the International Labour Organization.
- ❖ Hounbo was the former Prime Minister of Togo.
- ❖ The current Director-General, Guy Ryder, from the United Kingdom, has held office since 2012.

COP-4 Minamata Convention on Mercury

- ❖ In the Conference of Parties (COP-4) Minamata Convention on Mercury, the participating parties have agreed to expand the mercury-added products list that has been planned to be phased out.
- ❖ The COP-4 Minamata Convention on Mercury took place in Bali, Indonesia.
- ❖ This convention aims to protect the environment and human health from the release of mercury, and anthropogenic emissions.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

TIME100 Impact Awards 2022



- ❖ Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone has been named as one of the awardees of the TIME100 Impact Awards 2022.
- ❖ The actress has got featured on the inaugural TIME100 Impact Awards list for her work in mental health struggles and raising awareness, through her LiveLoveLaugh Foundation.
- ❖ The award recognizes global leaders who have gone above and beyond to move their industries and the world forward.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Idli Day – March 30



- ❖ The day was started by Eniyavan, a famous Idli caterer from Chennai.
- ❖ It only started in 2015.
- ❖ Although idli is an Indian staple food, some historians say that its origin is in the country of Indonesia.
- ❖ This country is known for its long tradition of fermenting foods.
- ❖ The tradition then went on to India in the form of steamed idli which was around 800 to 1200 CE.
- ❖ Some experts say that the term idli came from the word “iddalige” which is a food made from urad dal batter.
- ❖ In addition, the Sanskrit Manasollasa from 1130 AD mentions the term “Iddarika” which is a dish made from urad dal.
- ❖ During the 17th century, the Tamil people first mentioned the food as “Itali”.

International Transgender Day of Visibility - March 31

- ❖ The day is dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as celebrating their contributions to society.

- ❖ The day was founded by US-based transgender activist Rachel Crandall of Michigan in 2009.

