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TNPSC BITS

❖ The second edition of 'Khelo India National Winter Games 2021' has been inaugurated in Jammu and Kashmir's Gulmarg district.

TAMIL NADU

Internal quota for Vanniyars

- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu on February 26 passed a Bill temporarily providing an internal reservation of 10.5 per cent to the community under the category Most Backward Classes (V).
- ❖ It has received the assent of Governor on February 26th itself.
- ❖ It is shortly called Special Reservation Act of 2021.
- ❖ It has created two more groups one covering 25 MBCs and 68 DNCs and another covering the remaining 22 MBCs.
- ❖ The Vanniya kula kshatriya community includes vanniyar, vanniya, vannia gounder, gounder, padayachi, palli and agnikula kshatriya.
- The Bill also provides an internal quota of 7% to Denotified Communities and the Most Backward Classes communities having similarity with Denotified Communities.
- ❖ Other Most Backward Classes, not included in the above category, are provided with 2.5% quota.
- ❖ This is only a temporary arrangement.
- ❖ Changes will be made after the Justice A Kulasekaran Commission make its recommendations
- ❖ It was set up to collect quantifiable data on castes, communities and tribes of Tamil Nadu.

Asia's largest Livestock Research centre

- ❖ TN Chief Minister inaugurated the Advanced Institute of Integrated Research in Livestock and Animal Science (AIIRLAS) near Thalaivasal at Salem.
- It is the largest facility in Asia.
- AIIRLAS has four wings such as
 - o Livestock Farm Complex,





- o Livestock Products Technology Complex,
- o Extension education, Skill Training and Research complex and
- o Veterinary College and Research Institute (VCRI).

E-Daakhil portal

- ❖ E-Daakhil portal for consumer grievance redressal is now operational in 15 states and Union Territories.
- ❖ A web application for e-filing of consumer complaints named 'edaakhil.nic.in' has been developed by the National Informatics centre (NIC) for the purpose.
- ❖ The E-filing was launched by the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.
- ❖ Delhi was the first state to implement it on September 8, 2020.
- ❖ The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 came into force from July 20, 2020.
- ❖ It has a provision for e-filing of consumer complaints in the consumer commissions and online payment of the fees for filing a complaint.

NATIONAL

No postal ballots for NRI

- ❖ The Election Commission of India announced that the Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) will not be able to vote by postal ballots for the upcoming elections in five states.
- ❖ It is a facility whereby a voter can cast their remotely.
- ❖ The user cast the vote by recording preference on the ballot paper.
- ❖ The Voter will send it back to the election officer before counting.
- ❖ The Section 60 of the Representation of People Act,1951 provides for the person to be given a postal ballot facility.

City Innovation Exchange

- ❖ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the 'City Innovation Exchange' platform.
- ❖ This platform will provide eco-system to connect innovators with cities at national level.
- It will create innovative solutions to the growing challenges of cities.

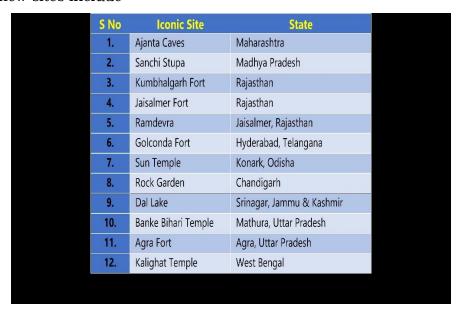




- ❖ It will facilitate the discovery, design and validation of solutions through a robust, transparent and user-centric process.
- ❖ Also, it will reduce barriers between innovators and cities to search for appropriate solutions.

Swachh Iconic Places phase IV

- The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has announced the selection of twelve iconic sites under Phase IV of Swachh Iconic Places.
- The initiative aims at enhancing the experience of both domestic and foreign visitors by improving the sanitation and cleanliness standards at and around the sites.
- * The new sites include



INTERNATIONAL

First nation to get COVAX vaccines

- ❖ Ghana has become the first country in the world to receive vaccines acquired through the United Nations-backed COVAX initiative.
- ❖ 6,00,000 doses of the Astra Zeneca vaccine have been made by the Serum Institute of India.
- ❖ This was the first step in immunizing of that West African nation of 30 million.
- ❖ The vaccines are delivered by UNICEF.





SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PSLV-C51

- ❖ The 53rd mission of PSLV (PSLV-C51) launched Amazonia-1 of Brazil as primary satellite and 18 co-passenger payloads.
- ❖ For the first time, a Brazilian satellite was launched by an Indian rocket from Sriharikota.
- ❖ This also marked Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) first launch of 2021.
- ❖ These co-passenger satellites also include Satish Dhawan Sat (SD SAT) from Chennai based Space Kidz India (SKI).
- ❖ A photo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been engraved on the top panel of this spacecraft.
- ❖ It is also sending up "Bhagavad Gita" in SD (secured digital) card.
- ❖ Amazonia-1 is also the first dedicated commercial mission of Bengaluru-headquartered ISRO's commercial arm New Space India Limited (NSIL).







MISCELLANEOUS

Plea against river linking project

- ❖ TN CM Edappadi Palaniswami laid the foundation stone for the 262-km Cauvery vellaru Vaigai Gundar river interlinking project.
- ❖ Now the Karnataka Government has decided to approach the Supreme Court challenging Tamilnadu's new scheme.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is trying to utilise the surplus 45 Tmc ft of water.
- ❖ But as per Karnataka govt, this project is not in accordance with the Interstate River Water Disputes Act, 1956.
- ❖ According to that Act, the surplus water should also be adjudicated and the tribunal has to decide on it.



