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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated to the nation, the 1000 MW lignite based 'Neyveli new thermal power station' at Neyveli.

TAMIL NADU

Jayalalitha special kalaimamani awards and other awards

- ❖ Veteran cine actors B. Saroja Devi and Sowcar Janaki, noted playback singers P. Susheela and Jamuna Rani and Bharatanatyam artistes Ambika Kameshwar and Parvathi Ravi Ghantasala have been named for the Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Special Kalaimamani Awards for 2019 and 2020 by the Tamil Nadu government.
- ❖ Noted artistes Vani Jayaram and S. Rajeswari have been named for receiving the all-India award — the M.S. Subbulakshmi Award (Music) for 2019 and 2020 respectively.
- ❖ Artistes Alarmel Valli and Chandra Dhandayuthapani, too, are to receive the all-India award — the Balasaraswathi Award (Dance) for 2019.
- ❖ A total of 59 personalities have been named for receiving the Kalaimamani Award for 2019 and 65 personalities for the year 2020.
- ❖ The 'Akkarai Sisters' — S. Subhalakshmi and S. Sornalatha, Nadhaswaram artiste Achalpuram S. Chinnathambi, singer Jolly Abraham, actors Ramarajan, Yogi Babu and Devadarshini, cinema producer Kalaipuli S. Thanu, cine editor Antony and K.N. Ramaswamy of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan will also receive the Kalaimamani Award for 2019.
- ❖ Actors Siva karthikeyan and Aishwarya Rajesh, music director D. Imman and film director Gautham Vasudev Menon were among those selected for the award for 2020.
- ❖ Pollachi Tamil Isai Sangam and Tamil Isai Sangam at the Raja Muthiah Mandram in Madurai will receive shields for best cultural organisations.
- ❖ Sabari Nadaka Kuzhu in Tiruvannamalai will receive the rolling shield for the best drama troupe.

New Food park at GangaiKondan

- ❖ The TN state government has approved the establishment of a Mega Food Park in Gangaikondan, Tirunelveli.

- ❖ It is also proposed to establish Food Parks in Dharmapuri, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Karur, Nagapattinam, Ramanathapuram and Tenkasi districts.
- ❖ Eight more agro processing clusters are proposed to be established in Theni, Dindigul, Krishnagiri, Tiruvannamalai, Salem, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Madurai.
- ❖ These are setup under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana.



NATIONAL

"Sugamya Bharat App" and "Access - The Photo Digest"

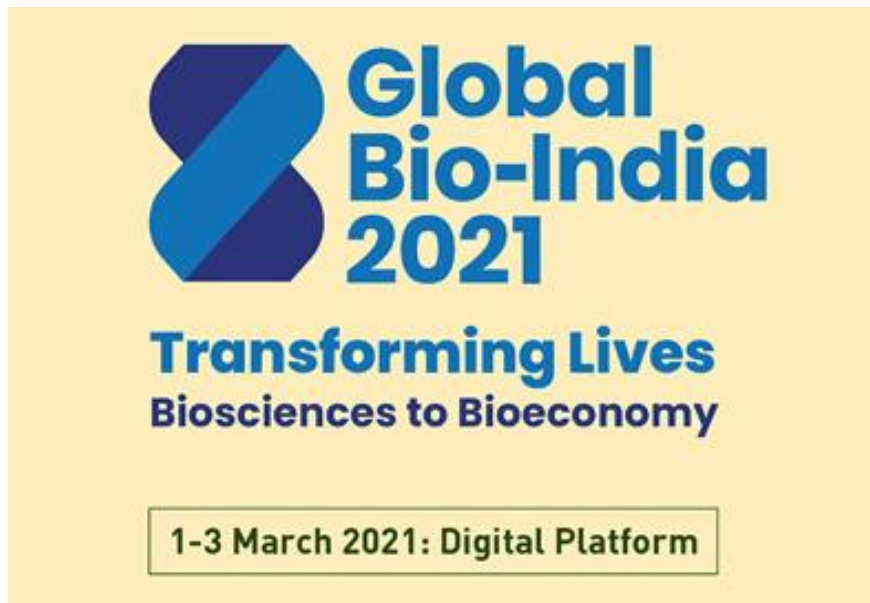
- ❖ The Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawar Chand Gehlot launched the 'Sugamya Bharat' App and a handbook titled 'Access - The Photo Digest'.
- ❖ The App and the handbook have been developed by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
- ❖ It enables people with disabilities and even the elderly to register accessibility-related problems
- ❖ This mobile app will also address coronavirus-related issues faced by the differently abled.
- ❖ The handbook is a collection of photographs from across different States and UTs.
- ❖ It acts as a tool and guide for stakeholders, to sensitise them about 10 basic features of accessibility and related good-bad practices in easy-to-understand pictorial form.

- ❖ The app provides five main features, four of which are directly related to enhancing accessibility, while the fifth is a special feature meant only for people with disabilities for coronavirus-related issues.

CERA Week global energy and environment leadership award

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured with the CERAWeek global energy and environment leadership award.
- ❖ It is recognition of his commitment to sustainability in the energy and the environment.
- ❖ The year 2021 marks the 39th edition of the conference.

Global Bio India 2021



- ❖ The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the second edition of Global Bio-India-2021 in New Delhi through virtual mode.
- ❖ The 3-day event will showcase the strength and opportunities of the India's biotechnology sector at national level and to the global community.
- ❖ The three-day event being held from 1st to 3rd March 2021 has been organized on a digital platform.
- ❖ The theme for this year is “Transforming lives” with the tag line “Biosciences to Bio-economy”.



INTERNATIONAL

'The Opportunity Index 2021' report

- ❖ The report seeks to understand how people perceive opportunities and the barriers that stand in the way of achieving them.
- ❖ This year's report dives deep to understand how women perceive opportunities, and how the gender gap is further slowing down career progress for working women in India amid the pandemic.
- ❖ This Report was made by LinkedIn.
- ❖ The survey was conducted in January.
- ❖ It saw participation from more than 10,000 respondents across the Asia Pacific (APAC) region.
- ❖ It covered 2,285 respondents in India.

Findings

- ❖ 9 in 10 or 89 per cent of women were negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ About 85%, or 4 in 5 working women in India believe they have missed out on a raise, promotion, or work offer because of their gender.
- ❖ This average stands at 60% for the APAC region.
- ❖ More women in India have experienced the impact of gender on career development when compared to the APAC region.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Women's History Month - 2021

- ❖ Women's history month is celebrated every year in March (March 1st to March 31st).
- ❖ The main aim of this month is to honour the vital role of women in history and celebrate their diverse achievements and stories.
- ❖ It is observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987.

World Wildlife Day – March 03

- ❖ World Wildlife Day is observed annually on March 3 to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's flora and fauna.

- ❖ The day is about raising awareness about wildlife and educating yourself and others about the diversity and importance of flora and fauna across the world.
- ❖ This year's theme for World Wildlife Day is "Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet".
- ❖ On December 20, 2013, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 3rd March as UN World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness about animals and plants on our planet.



World Hearing Day – March 03



World Hearing Day
3 March 2021



HEARING CARE FOR ALL
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- ❖ The day is held each year to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world.
- ❖ The WHO organizes this annual World Hearing Day event.
- ❖ Theme for this year is 'Hearing Care for ALL! Screen, Rehabilitate, Communicate'.
- ❖ World Hearing Day 2021 will mark the launch of the first-ever World Report on Hearing.
- ❖ As per this report, it has been estimated that by 2050, one in four people will have a hearing problem.

