



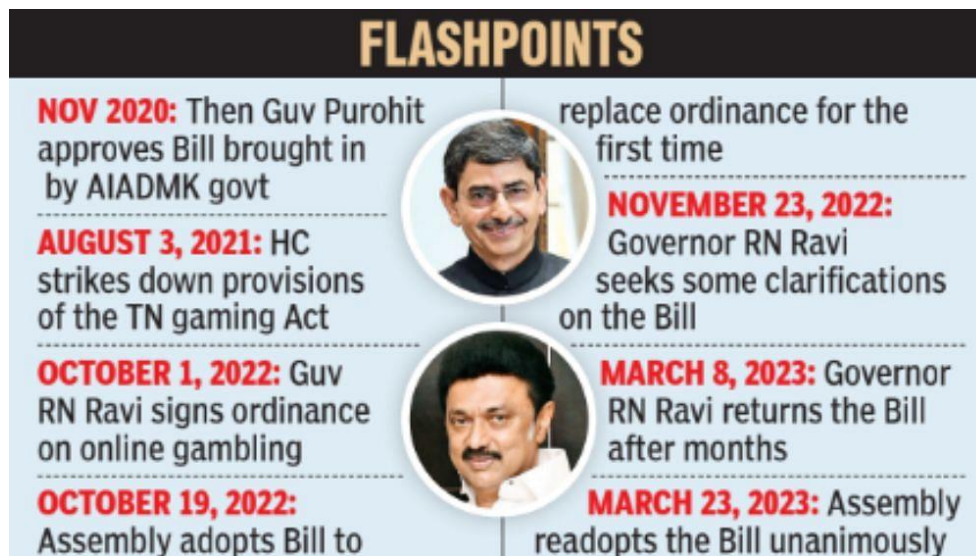
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Radha Puram Assembly constituency in Tirunelveli district has become the first Assembly segment in Tamil Nadu to get at least one smart classroom in all 295 government and government-aided schools.
- ❖ Indian team's star hockey player Rani Rampal has become the first woman in the sport to have a stadium named after her, in Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ President Xi Jinping was endorsed as a president for third five-year term by the Chinese parliament.
- ❖ The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) opened the ITU Area Office and Innovation Centre in New Delhi.
- ❖ India's 43 years old Rohan Bopanna creates history by becoming oldest player to win ATP Masters 1000.
- ❖ International Color Day is observed every year on March 21.

TAMIL NADU

Re-adoption of Anti-gaming bill



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Assembly on Thursday re-adopted the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Online Gambling and Regulation of Online Games Bill, 2022 without any changes.
- ❖ An ordinance was promulgated by the Governor on October 1, 2022 and was notified in the gazette on October 3, 2022.

- ❖ It was followed by a Bill which was adopted in the Assembly on October 19, 2022.
- ❖ It was sent to the Governor for assent on October 26, 2022.
- ❖ After 141 days, the governor returned it on March 6 stating the legislature lacked the legislative competence to enact the bill.

First PM MITRA Park

- ❖ India's first PM MITRA mega textiles Park was setup in Virudhunagar district.
- ❖ PM MITRA stands for Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Park.
- ❖ The parks were based on the 5F vision - Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu accounts for one-third of the country's handloom production.
- ❖ The PM MITRA Parks will have world-class industrial infrastructure.
- ❖ It would attract cutting age technology and boost FDI and local investment in the textiles sector.



NATIONAL

NSS 78th Round Report

- ❖ The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) released the 78th round Multiple Indicator Survey (MIS) report
- ❖ Kerala, Manipur, Nagaland, and Jharkhand have less than 90% access to an improved source of drinking water.
- ❖ Among major states, Assam, Jharkhand, Bihar, and Odisha are among the worst in access to tapped drinking water for both rural and urban households.



- ❖ Among the major states Bihar, Jharkhand, and Odisha have the lowest proportion of rural households with access to an exclusive toilet.
- ❖ In Chhattisgarh, Odisha, West Bengal, Nagaland and Madhya Pradesh, for more than 70% of households, firewood is the primary source of energy for cooking.
- ❖ These states along with Jharkhand have less than 25% of households using LPG for cooking.
- ❖ During the survey period, 16.1% of males and 43.8% of females aged 15-24 years, were not studying, working, or training.
- ❖ Less than 50 % of people who were aged 18 or above had exclusive access to mobile phones.
- ❖ Among big states, Uttarakhand, Odisha, Kerala, and Delhi have the highest proportion (more than 20%) of men aged 15 to 24 who were not in education, employment, or training.
- ❖ For females, the proportion was highest in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Odisha, Gujarat, West Bengal, and Bihar.
- ❖ Some Key Findings

Item Description	Percentage (all-India) %		
	Rural	Urban	All*
persons reported to have improved source of drinking water ¹	95	97.2	95.7
persons reported access to improved latrine, among the persons who had reported access to latrine ²	97.5	99	98
persons reported access to hand washing facility with water and soap/detergent within the premises	77.4	92.7	81.9
households using clean fuel as primary source of energy for cooking ³	49.8	92	63.1
persons of age 15-29 years were in formal and non-formal education and training for the 12 months preceding the survey	33	39.4	34.9
persons of age 15-24 years not in education, employment or training (NEET) as on date of survey	30.2	27	29.3
persons of age 18 years and above who used mobile telephone with active sim card during the three months preceding the date of the survey	67.8	83.7	72.7
households in rural areas reported availability of all-weather roads within 2 km from the place of living	92.5	-	-
households reported purchase/ construction of any new house/flat after 31.03.2014	11.2	7.2	9.9
households reported purchase/construction of new house/flat for the first time, among the households which reported purchase/construction of any new house/flat after 31.03.2014	47.5	57.9	49.9
persons having current place of residence different from the last usual place of residence	26.8	34.6	29.1

Green Tug Transition Program

- ❖ India aims at becoming 'Global Hub for Green Ship' building by 2030 with launch of Green Tug Transition Programme (GTPP).
- ❖ The programme will start with 'Green Hybrid Tugs'.

- ❖ It will be powered by green hybrid propulsion systems, and subsequently adopting non-fossil fuel solutions like (methanol, ammonia, hydrogen).
- ❖ India's first National Centre of Excellence in Green Port and Shipping was inaugurated in Haryana's Gurugram.



INTERNATIONAL

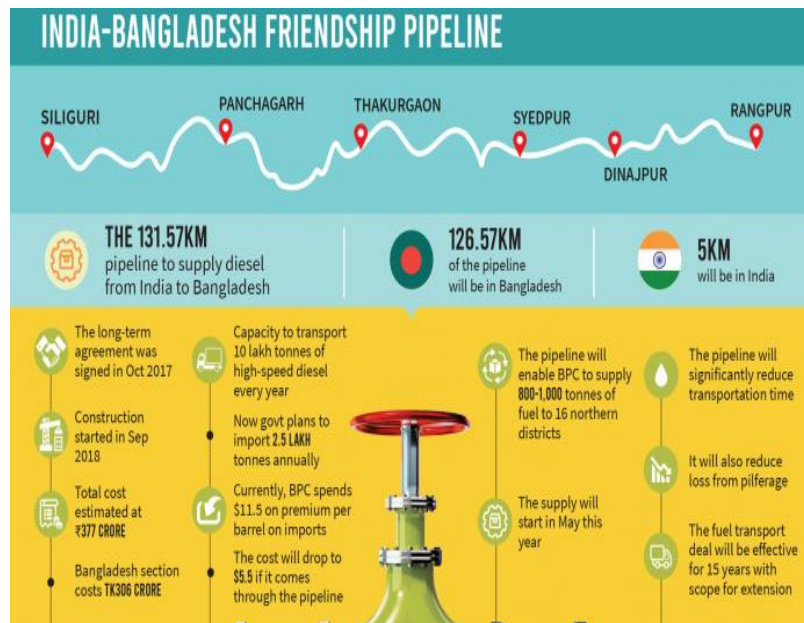
AFINDEX-23



- ❖ The second edition of the Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX 2023) began at Pune.
- ❖ The first Africa-India Field Training Exercise was held in Pune in March 2019.

- ❖ The exercise is divided into four phases in which trainers would be initially trained.
- ❖ This would be followed by a humanitarian mine action and a peace-keeping operations phase.

India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline



- ❖ Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh virtually inaugurated the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline.
- ❖ This is the first cross border energy pipeline between India and Bangladesh.
- ❖ The 131.57Km long pipeline runs from Siliguri, West Bengal to Parbatipur, Bangladesh.
- ❖ The Pipeline has a capacity to transport 1 Million Metric Ton Per Annum (MMTPA) of High-Speed Diesel (HSD).
- ❖ The fuel transport deal will be effective for 15 years with an option for further extension.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Anti-Submarine Craft INS Androth

- ❖ The INS Androth, second in a series of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), was launched in Kolkata.

- ❖ It is designed to conduct anti-submarine operations in coastal waters, low intensity maritime operations and mine laying operations.
- ❖ The first ship of the series, the INS Arnala, was launched three months ago.



REPORTS AND INDICES

Global Terrorism Index

RANK	COUNTRY	SCORE	RANK CHANGE	RANK	COUNTRY	SCORE	RANK CHANGE	RANK	COUNTRY	SCORE	RANK CHANGE
1	Afghanistan	8.822	↔	29	Sri Lanka	4.839	↓ 4	56	Ethiopia	3.044	↓ 7
2	Burkina Faso	8.564	↑ 2	30	United States of America	4.799	↓ 2	57	Argentina	2.875	↔
3	Somalia	8.463	↔	31	Greece	4.793	↓ 2	58	Slovakia	2.784	↑ 38
4	Mali	8.412	↑ 3	32	Libya	4.730	↓ 5	59	Belgium	2.763	↑ 11
5	Syria	8.161	↑ 1	33	Palestine	4.611	↓ 1	60	Spain	2.712	↓ 5
6	Pakistan	8.160	↑ 3	34	France	4.419	↑ 2	61	Austria	2.677	↓ 8
7	Iraq	8.139	↓ 5	35	Germany	4.242	↓ 4	62	Japan	2.398	↑ 12
8	Nigeria	8.065	↓ 3	36	Nepal	4.134	↓ 2	63	South Arabia	2.387	↓ 9
9	Myanmar (Burma)	7.977	↑ 1	37	Algeria	4.083	↑ 3	64	Sweden	2.307	↑ 7
10	Niger	7.616	↓ 2	38	Tanzania	4.065	↓ 3	65	Switzerland	2.205	↓ 9
11	Cameroon	7.347	↑ 1	39	Burundi	4.051	↓ 6	66	Ecuador	2.198	↓ 8
12	Mozambique	7.330	↓ 1	40	Tunisia	3.989	↓ 1	67	Netherlands	2.120	↓ 8
13	India	7.175	↔	41	Peru	3.856	↓ 3	68	Jordan	2.033	↓ 8
14	Democratic Republic of the Congo	6.872	↑ 2	42	United Kingdom	3.840	↓ 5	69	Australia	1.830	↓ 8
15	Colombia	6.697	↓ 1	43	Bangladesh	3.827	↓ 2	70	Uzbekistan	1.731	↑ 26
16	Egypt	6.632	↓ 1	44	Djibouti	3.800	↑ 52	71	Paraguay	1.605	↓ 7
17	Chile	6.619	↑ 1	45	Russia	3.799	↓ 1	72	Mexico	1.578	↓ 10
18	Philippines	6.328	↓ 1	46	New Zealand	3.776	↓ 4	73	Ukraine	1.535	↓ 10
19	Chad	6.168	↔	47	Côte d'Ivoire	3.747	↓ 4	74	Cyprus	1.392	↓ 8
20	Kenya	6.163	↔	48	Uganda	3.599	↓ 3	75	Malaysia	1.357	↓ 7
21	Iran	5.688	↑ 5	49	Norway	3.514	↑ 31	76	United Arab Emirates	1.241	↑ 20
22	Yemen	5.616	↓ 1	50	Tajikistan	3.438	↓ 3	77	Senegal	1.108	↓ 5
23	Türkiye	5.600	↔	51	Venezuela	3.409	↓ 5	78	Eswatini	1.058	↓ 5
24	Indonesia	5.502	↔	52	Lebanon	3.400	↔	79	Bahrain	0.826	↓ 14
25	Israel	5.489	↑ 5	53	Italy	3.290	↓ 3	79	Rwanda	0.826	↓ 3
26	Thailand	5.430	↓ 4	54	Canada	3.275	↓ 6	79	South Africa	0.826	↓ 3
27	Togo	4.915	↑ 49	55	Central African Republic	3.194	↑ 12	79	Uruguay	0.826	↓ 4
28	Benin	4.840	↑ 23								

- ❖ Afghanistan retains the top spot in the list of country impacted by terrorism in the new Global Terrorism Index report.

- ❖ It is released by the Australia-based Institute for Economics and Peace.
- ❖ Afghanistan has topped for the fourth consecutive year.
- ❖ India was ranked 13th on the index, marking only a marginal decrease from the previous year.
- ❖ Pakistan has overtaken Afghanistan as the country with the most terrorist attacks and death in South Asia.
- ❖ The report listed India among the 25 worst terror-hit countries, with a high impact of terrorism and ranked 13th.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Puppetry Day - March 21



- ❖ This day was established in 2003 by the International Puppetry Association.
- ❖ The 1st ever World Puppetry Day was observed on 2003.
- ❖ The day is an attempt to pay tribute to and honour puppeteers from around the world.
- ❖ Theme of This year: "Call of the Forest".
- ❖ There are 4 major different types of puppets used in India.
 - Glove Puppets – 3 different types

- Rod Puppets – 3 different types
- Shadow Puppets – 6 different types
- String Puppets – 6 different types

International Nowruz Day - March 21



- ❖ Nowruz is the Persian New Year.
- ❖ The first month of the Iranian solar calendar is sometimes referred to as the Persian New Year.
- ❖ Nowruz is celebrated in Iran, Afghanistan, the Kurdish areas of Iraq, Turkey, Syria, India, and Central Asia.
- ❖ It was established in 2010 with the goal of fostering closer relations amongst nations.
- ❖ Balban introduced this into India.

World Water Day - March 22



- ❖ Since 1993, it has been celebrated to highlight the importance of freshwater.



- ❖ It focuses attention on the importance of water and how to preserve it.
- ❖ The theme for this year is 'Accelerate Change.'

