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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ TN government announced that, an 'Anti-Terrorism Squad' with over 380 personnel would be established in the Tamil Nadu Police's Intelligence Wing at a cost of ₹57.51 crore.
- ❖ India established its first-ever "Millets Experience Centre (MEC)" at New Delhi.
- ❖ The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has decided to extend the deadline for the Smart Cities Mission till June 2024.
- ❖ M.K Gandhi's grandson Arun Gandhi passed away recently.
- ❖ Siddhartha Mohanty has been appointed as the Chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India until June 2024.
- ❖ The Indian Olympic Association formed a two-member ad-hoc committee, consisting of Bhupender Singh Bajwa and Suma Shirur, to run the day-to-day affairs of the Wrestling Federation of India.
- ❖ Ding Liren has become China's first men's world chess champion, after defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi.
- ❖ The maiden ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME) begin in South China Sea.
- ❖ Recently, the 22nd session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues was held in New York.
 - Theme of this event was "Indigenous Peoples, human health, planetary and territorial health and climate change: a rights-based approach".

TAMIL NADU

Tamil glossary on climate change



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has released a glossary of Tamil words on climate change.
- ❖ This will aid to expand the vocabulary on the rapidly evolving phenomenon.
- ❖ It aims to improve access to climate change-related knowledge in regional languages.

New scheme for colleges

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education has introduced a new scheme.
- ❖ It aims to encourage colleges to conduct seminars and conferences for students and faculty.
- ❖ The Council has called on universities, government and aided arts and science colleges to conduct workshops under 'partial financial assistance' scheme for the academic year 2022-23 before May 22.
- ❖ The colleges will get ₹40,000 to conduct two-day international conference.

Land Consolidation (for Special Projects) Act

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government adopted a Bill that seeks to enact the Tamil Nadu Land Consolidation (for Special Projects) Act.
- ❖ It aims to streamline the process of consolidation of government lands for large projects.
- ❖ It also seeks to regulate the process of the exchange of lands involving water bodies, and the protection of such water bodies.

NATIONAL

Poetess Shilabhatarika

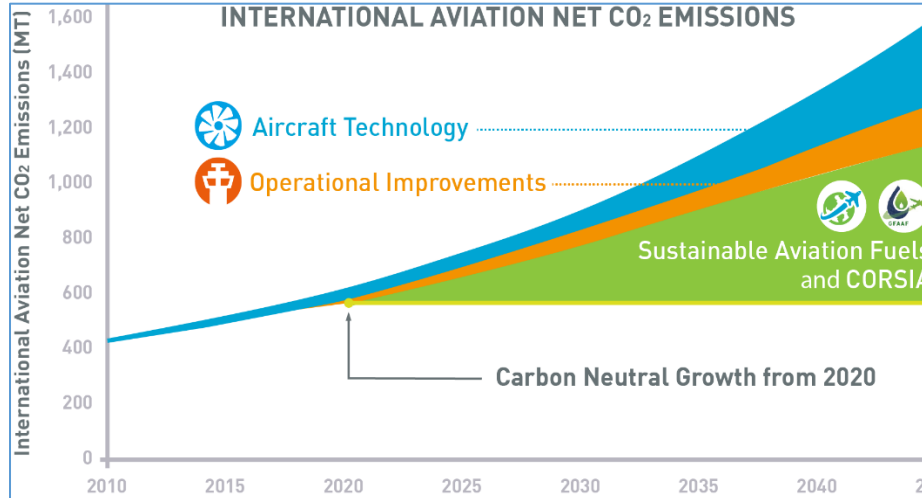
- ❖ Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI) have recently obtained historical evidence establishing the literary contributions of poetess Shilabhatarika.
- ❖ She is the daughter of Chalukya ruler Pulakeshin II.
- ❖ The evidence was obtained from one of five copper plates that contained more than 60 sentences in Sanskrit written in Brahmi script.
- ❖ The decoding of the copper plates also marks a notable shift in the historiography of Badami Chalukyas by placing Shilabhatarika as having lived in the 7th century CE rather than the current theory which has her as a wife of the 8th century Rashtrakuta ruler, Dhruva.

- ❖ The Sanskrit poet-critic Rajashekhara (who lived in the 9th-10th century CE) and was the court poet of the Gurjara-Pratiharas, has praised Shilabhattarika for her elegant and beautiful compositions.



INTERNATIONAL

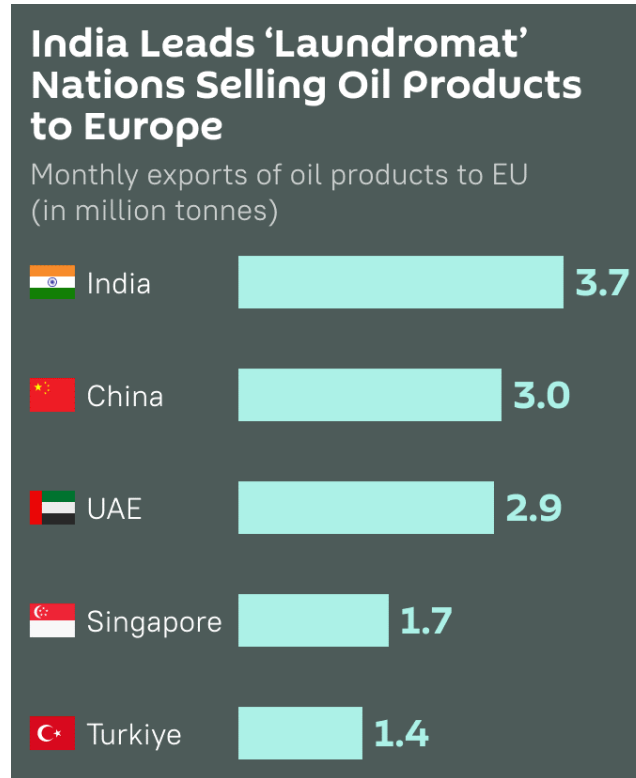
International climate action in civil aviation



- ❖ India will join in the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) and the Long-Term Aspirational Goals (LTAG) from 2027.
- ❖ This is the initiatives of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).
- ❖ The ICAO has been tasked to reduce carbon emissions from international civil aviation as one of its focus areas.
- ❖ Some of the ICAO's goals are, two per cent annual fuel efficiency improvement through 2050, carbon neutral growth and net zero by 2050.

- ❖ The ICAO has clubbed them under CORSIA and LTAG.

Laundromat countries



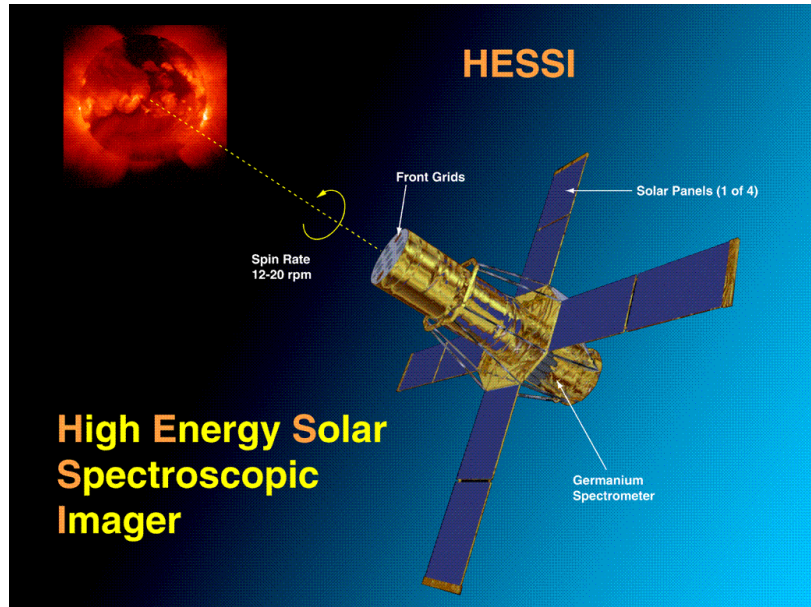
- ❖ India leads five countries named as the “Laundromat” countries that buy Russian oil and sell processed products to European countries.
- ❖ Of the so-called “laundromat” countries, India, in April remained the highest global consumer of seaborne Russian crude for a fifth month.
- ❖ It is ahead of all others in the export of crude products to the coalition countries.
- ❖ India exporting nearly 3.8 million tonnes of oil products to price cap coalition countries.
- ❖ It includes the EU, G-7 countries, Australia and Japan.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Reuven Ramaty High Energy Solar Spectroscopic Imager

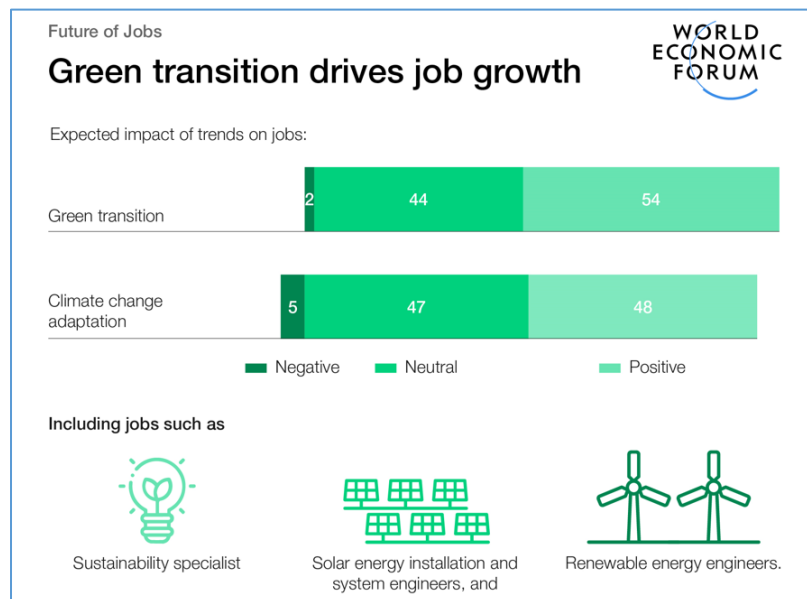
- ❖ NASA's Reuven Ramaty High Energy Solar Spectroscopic Imager (RHESSI) spacecraft smashed by re-entering in the Earth's atmosphere recently.
- ❖ It is also known as Explorer 81 and launched in 2002.

- ❖ The spacecraft was tasked with observing solar flares and coronal mass ejections from the Sun from its position in low-Earth orbit.
- ❖ The 300-kg spacecraft was decommissioned in 2018.
- ❖ NASA crashed most of the spacecraft to burn up as it travels through the atmosphere.



REPORTS AND INDICES

WEF: “Future of Jobs” Report





- ❖ 23% of jobs are expected to change in the next five years through growth of 10.2% and decline of 12.3%.
- ❖ The WEF expects there to be 14 million fewer jobs overall in five years' time.
- ❖ It estimated 83 million roles among the 673 million jobs will disappear, while only 69 million will emerge.
- ❖ India will see a 22% churn as compared to global average of 23%.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Ranajit Guha passes away

- ❖ The Historian Ranajit Guha passed away recently.
- ❖ He has enormous influence in shaping of study of post-colonial history in South Asia.
- ❖ The work of Guha that the word “subaltern” has now become a familiar one in the media and in conversations of everyday life.
- ❖ The term “subaltern” was borrowed from the Italian Marxist Antonio Gramsci.



MISCELLANEOUS

Meat in healthy dietary patterns

- ❖ The Food and Agriculture Organization recently released a report titled “Contribution of terrestrial animal source food to healthy diets for improved nutrition and health outcomes.”
- ❖ Trends in nutrition indicators show that the world is currently not on track to attain several of the 2025 World Health Assembly.

- ❖ Terrestrial animal source food (TASF), within healthy dietary patterns, can make vital contributions to efforts to meet the global nutrition targets for 2025.
- ❖ TASF is a rich source of macro-nutrients like protein, fats, carbohydrates and Micro-nutrients.
- ❖ Consumption of TASF can address deficiencies in iron and vitamin A.
- ❖ Globally, 21 percent of total caloric supply is comprised of TASF.
- ❖ The figure is higher in Europe (37 percent) and the Americas (30 percent), but in Africa it is only 11 percent.

