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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister laid the foundation stone through video conferencing, for the 'Porunai' museum to come up in Tirunelveli district at a cost of ₹33.02 crore.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has reappointed retired IAS officer V. Palani Kumar as the State Election Commissioner for two years.
- ❖ A 570-meter long and 4.2-meter-wide India's Longest skywalk bridge was inaugurated in T Nagar.
 - It will be connecting the Mambalam railway station and T Nagar bus terminus, Chennai.
- ❖ Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, the chief justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court, and senior lawyer Kalpathy Venkataraman Viswanathan has been appointed as the new judges of Supreme Court.
- ❖ Arjun Ram Meghwal was assigned independent charge as MoS in Ministry of Law and Justice, Kiren Rijju was assigned Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- ❖ Srichand Parmanand or SP Hinduja (87), the chairman of Hinduja Group passed away at London recently.
- ❖ HDFC Asset Management Company Ltd will launch the country's first mutual fund focussed on defence sector.
 - It will provide investors an opportunity to participate in growth potential of this space.
- ❖ India's Shubman Gill become the only cricketer in the history to score a century in Test, ODIs, T20I and Indian Premier League in a calendar year.
- ❖ Global Accessibility Awareness Day is observed on the third Thursday of May (May 18) every year to raise awareness of the importance of digital accessibility.

TAMIL NADU

Supreme Court verdict on Jallikattu

- ❖ The Supreme Court upheld the validity of laws passed by Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Karnataka to allow the bull-taming sport Jallikattu, bullock-cart races and buffalo racing sport Kambala in their respective regions
- ❖ The top court in 2014 had banned these sports holding them to be violative of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, (PCA), 1960.



- ❖ Tamil Nadu passed a Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act of 2017 and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Conduct of Jallikattu) Rules of 2017.
- ❖ The laws for prevention of cruelty to animals was a subject relatable to Entry 17 of Concurrent List (List 3) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution.
- ❖ "Jallikattu", also known as "Eru thazhuvuthal", is a bull-taming sport played in Tamil Nadu as part of the Pongal harvest festival.
- ❖ The Kambala race, held in Karnataka between November and March, involves a pair of buffaloes tied to a plough and anchored by one person.

TWISTS IN BULL TALE

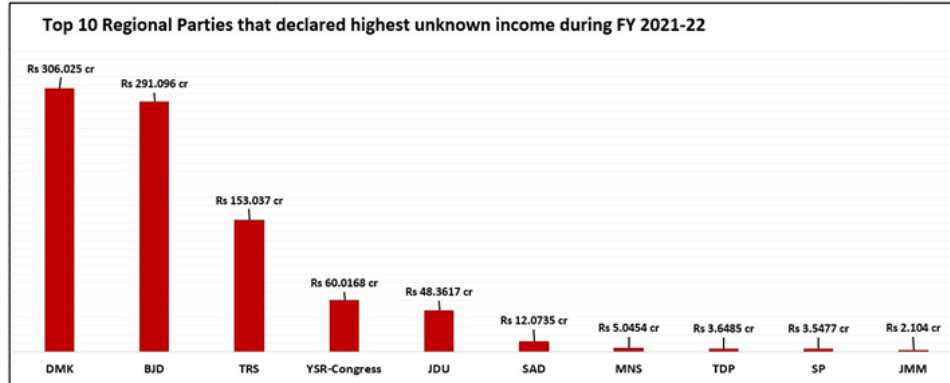
- **SC bans jallikattu in 2014.**
In 2016, it stays notification by Centre reversing the ban
- **Widespread protests in TN** centred around Chennai's Marina beach. In 2017, TN assembly **amends Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act to allow jallikattu** on grounds of 'cultural heritage'
- On Thursday, **constitution bench of SC holds amendments valid.** PETA India says it's **exploring legal remedies to protect bulls** after the verdict

NATIONAL

Sources of Funding of Regional Parties of India 2021-22

- ❖ Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) released a report titled "Analysis of Sources of Funding of Regional Political Parties of India, FY 2021-22".
- ❖ More than 75% of the income of 27 regional political parties of India in FY 2021-22, amounting to Rs, 887.55 crore, came from unknown sources.
- ❖ The proportion of income from unknown sources for the previous year was about 50%.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's ruling party, the DMK, got the highest share of income – 96.01% – from unknown sources.



ECONOMY

3rd largest export destination



- ❖ The Netherlands has emerged as India's third largest exports destination after the US and UAE during 2022-23.
- ❖ India's trade surplus with the Netherlands has also increased from USD 8 billion in 2021-22 to USD 13 billion in 2022-23.
- ❖ The Netherlands has taken over major destinations such as the UK, Hong Kong, Bangladesh and Germany.

- ❖ India's exports to the Netherlands rose by about 48 per cent to USD 18.52 billion during 2022-23 as against USD 12.5 billion in 2021-22.

STATES

Kapileshwar Temple under ASI

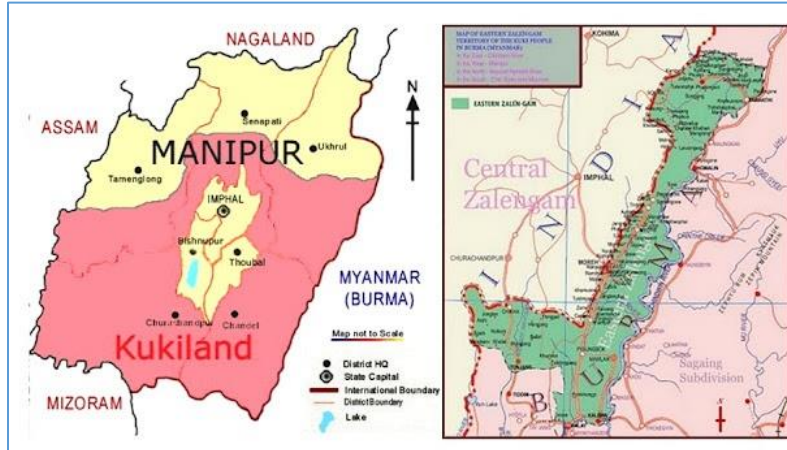
- ❖ The Kapileshwar temple in Odisha's Bhubaneswar is to be added to the protected monuments list of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- ❖ The decision was taken for the better upkeep and preservation of the structure.
- ❖ The 5th-century-old Kapileshwar temple was renovated by Gajapati Kapilendra Dev in the 14th Century.
- ❖ The Kapileshwar Temple is a fine example of the Kalinga style of architecture.



The Demand for Kukiland

- ❖ The demand for a separate administration in Manipur is by the Kuki-Zomi MLAs after the clashes between the Kuki-Zomi tribes.
- ❖ The demand for a separate "Kukiland" dates back to the late 1980s.
- ❖ During the period, the first and largest of the Kuki-Zomi insurgent groups, the Kuki National Organisation (KNO), came into being.
- ❖ The demand for a separate "Kukiland" intensified after the Naga-Kuki clashes of 1993.

- ❖ In 2012, A group called Kuki State Demand Committee (KSDC) announced a Kukiland movement.
- ❖ The KSDC claimed 12,958 sq km, more than 60% of Manipur's 22,000 sq km area, for "Kukis and Kukiland".



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

First Tamil woman to climb Mount Everest



- ❖ Muthamilchelvi from Tamil Nadu is climbing the world's highest peak Mount Everest at 8,848 meters.
- ❖ It is noteworthy that she is the first Tamil woman to climbing Mount Everest.
- ❖ She is climbing the Everest peak with a team of a private company called Asian Trekking International.

- ❖ He has successfully crossed the height of 7200 meters in his journey to reach Mount Everest.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Hypertension Day - May 17

- ❖ This day aims to raise awareness about hypertension as a public health issue.
- ❖ 46% of the people who have hypertension are unaware of the condition.
- ❖ The World Hypertension Day was first observed on May 14, 2005.
- ❖ It was introduced by the World Hypertension League.
- ❖ This year's theme is "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer."



World AIDS Vaccine Day - May 18



- ❖ On May 18, 1997, former US President Bill Clinton delivered a speech regarding HIV vaccine at the Morgan State University in Maryland.

- ❖ Honouring the president's speech, May 18 was marked as World AIDS Vaccine Day.
- ❖ The first international AIDS Vaccine trial which took place in 1997.
- ❖ The trial was named RV144.
- ❖ It was the first-ever trial against HIV that showed a combination of two vaccines reduced the risk of HIV infection by 31%.
- ❖ The day was first observed a year later in 1998.
- ❖ HIV has caused the death of 40.1 million people so far.
- ❖ According to WHO data, 38.4 million people are living with the virus estimated at the end of 2021.

World Bee Day - May 20

- ❖ It aims to raise awareness on the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy, and on the many challenges they face today.
- ❖ The First World Bee Day observed in May 2018.
- ❖ Under the theme “Bee engaged in pollinator-friendly agricultural production”

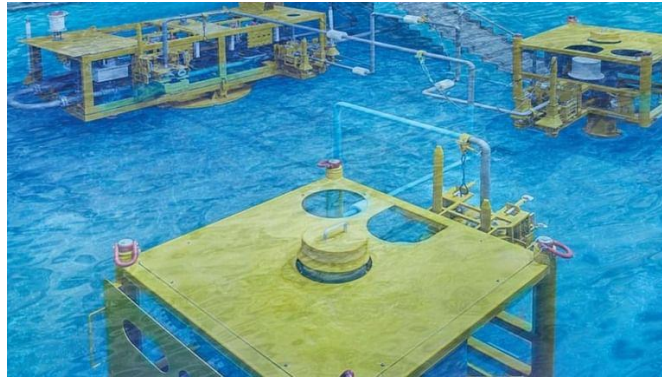


MISCELLANEOUS

Asia's first subsea research lab

- ❖ MIT-World Peace University (WPU) of Pune has built the first-ever subsea research lab in Asia.
- ❖ It aims to foster multi-disciplinary talent for the global oil and gas industry.

- ❖ This lab showcases a working prototype of deep-water offshore petroleum operations, revolutionising the way in which future workforce can be trained for the energy sector.



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