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# **TNPSC BITS**

- Tamil Nadu government has issued a GO to increase the age limit of the parents of girl children who undergo family planning under the CM's Girl Children Protection Scheme.
  - $\circ$   $\,$  The age is increased from 35 to 40.

# TAMIL NADU

#### Single women now 'family'





- Single women in the State, who have separated from their husbands or parents, will now be recognised as 'family'.
- Also, ration cards will be issued to them by the civil supplies department.
- ✤ Criteria for single women to get ration cards
  - $\circ\,$  Women should have a kitchen with a gas connection (preferably) or a cooking facility.
  - Written self-declaration of staying alone.

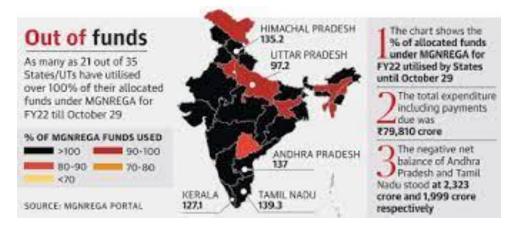




- House will be audited by Revenue Inspector.
- o Aadhaar and Gas bill.

# NATIONAL

#### **MGNREGA** - running out of funds



- According to the financial statement of the "Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme", it is running out of funds in 21 states.
- ✤ The scheme has run out of funds halfway in the financial year 2021.
- Supplementary budgetary allocations will not be provided to compensate till the next Parliamentary session starts.
- Shortage of funds means that payments for MGNREGA workers and material costs will be delayed unless States use their own funds.

#### **Comptroller and Auditor General of India**

- Comptroller and Auditor General of India and Auditor General of Maldives have signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen the audit process of public finance.
- The MoU also aims at exchanging information in the field of public sector audit between the two countries.

#### About CAG

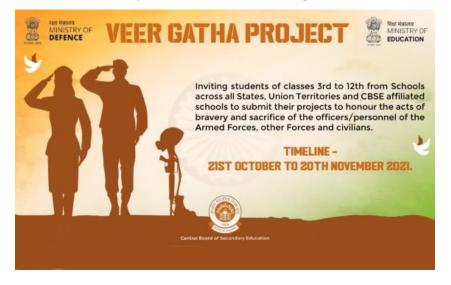
- The Constitution of India provides for an independent office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in chapter V under Part V.
- ◆ The CAG is mentioned in the Constitution of India under Article 148 151.





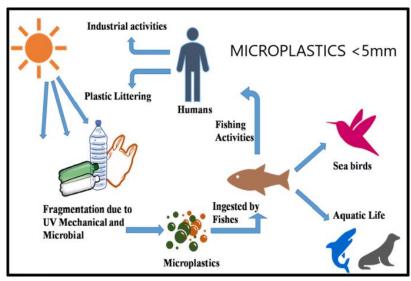
### Veer Gatha project

- ✤ The CBSE launches Veer Gatha project.
- Schools have been asked to prepare projects and engage in activities based on the Gallantry Award winners.
- The Veer Gatha project aims to raise awareness about the brave acts and sacrifices of the Gallantry Award winners among school students.



**INTERNATIONAL** 

# Plastic pollution in aquatic systems

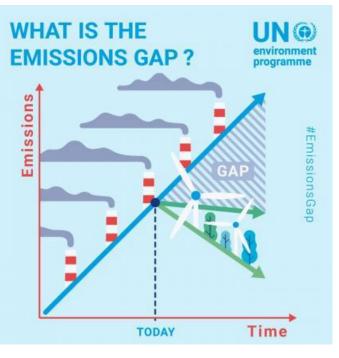


The report called 'From Pollution to Solution: A global assessment of marine litter and plastic pollution'.





- It reveals the impact of marine litter and plastic pollution in the environment and their effects on the health of ecosystems, wildlife and humans.
- ✤ According to the report, the amount of plastics in the oceans has been estimated to be around 75-199 million tonnes at present.
- Without a meaningful action, emissions of plastic waste into aquatic eco systems are projected to nearly triple by 2040.



# **Emissions Gap Report 2021**

- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)'s Emissions Gap Report 2021 has been published.
- ✤ This is the twelfth edition of the UNEP Emissions Gap Report.
- It informs that the new national climate pledges combined with other mitigation measures put the world on track for a global temperature rise of 2.7°C by the end of the century.
- ✤ Following an unprecedented drop of 5.4 % in 2020, global carbon dioxide emissions are bouncing back to pre-COVID levels.
- The concentrations of Greenhouse Gases in the atmosphere also continue to rise.





#### **Resolution 2601**

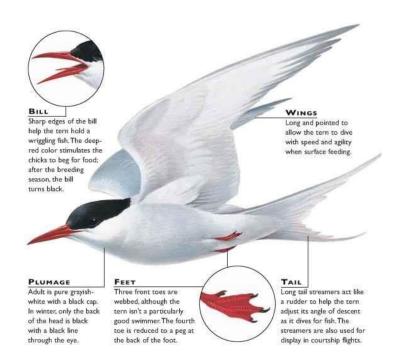
- The United Nations Security Council adopted a unique first-of-its-kind resolution.
- This is to urge armed conflict parties to immediately safeguard the right to education and ensure the protection of schools.
- ✤ The 15-member UNSC unanimously adopted Resolution 2601 (2021) while strongly condemning attacks against schools, children, and teachers.
- ✤ India also voted in favour of Resolution 2601.

#### **UNGA committee endorses India's resolution**

- ✤ A draft resolution introduced by India for granting the Observer Status to the International Solar Alliance has been adopted in a U.N. General Assembly committee.
- The draft resolution was adopted in the General Assembly's Sixth Committee
- The 76th session of the UN General Assembly will now have to formally adopt the recommendation of the Sixth Committee.

# **ENVIRONMENT**

# **Arctic Terns**







- The annual migration of birds including the Arctic Terns from the Arctic to the Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve has begun.
- ◆ The seasonal migration occurs every year over the Central Asian Flyway (CAF).
- ✤ Arctic Terns (Sterna paradisaea) are small water-loving birds with angular wings.
- ✤ They are well known for their long yearly migration.
- It migrates from pole to pole (the Arctic to Antarctica); travelling 70,000 km each year.



# Status of Coral Reefs of the World: 2020 report

- ✤ The report was produced by the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network.
- ✤ It provides the most detailed scientific picture to date of the toll elevated temperatures have taken on the world's reefs.
- Close to 14 per cent of the world's coral reefs have been lost since 2019.

# SPORTS

#### 74th senior National aquatic championships

Karnataka won the overall title in the 74th senior National aquatic championships.





- Srihari and Ridhima won the 200m backstroke races.
- ✤ Shoan Ganguly won in 400m medley.
- Sajan Prakash created a new National record in 100m butterfly (53.24).



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