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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.

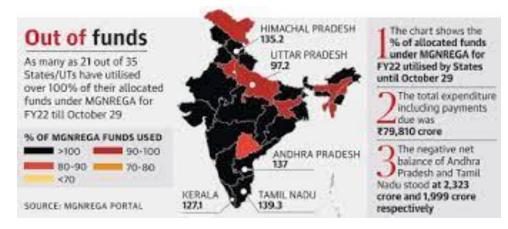




- House will be audited by Revenue Inspector.
- o Aadhaar and Gas bill.

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

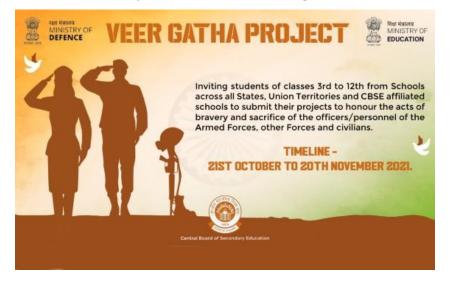
- The Constitution of India provides for an independent office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in chapter V under Part V.
- ◆ The CAG is mentioned in the Constitution of India under Article 148 151.





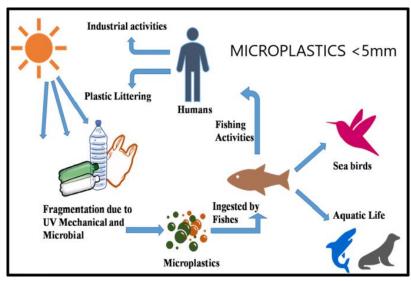
Veer Gatha project

- ✤ 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

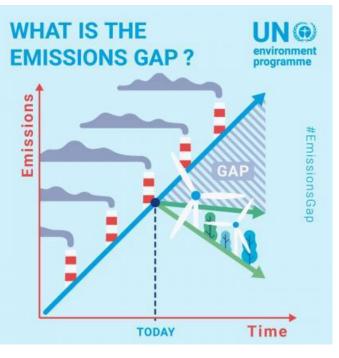


The report called 'From Pollution to Solution: A global assessment of marine litter and plastic pollution'.





- 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

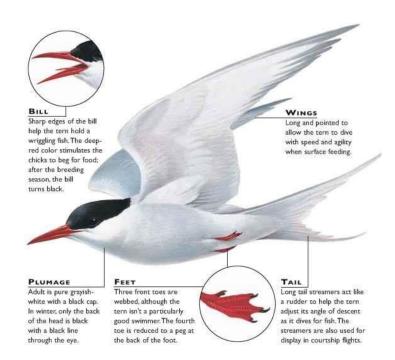
- The United Nations Security Council adopted a unique first-of-its-kind resolution.
- This is to urge armed conflict parties to immediately safeguard the right to education and ensure the protection of schools.
- ✤ The 15-member UNSC unanimously adopted Resolution 2601 (2021) while strongly condemning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