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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ 18-year-old Sankalp Gupta from Nagpur of Maharashtra became India's 71st Grandmaster.
 - Sankalp Gupta achieved this after he secured the three required GM norms in just 24 days in chess.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi signed up to the UK's Glasgow Breakthroughs, launched at the COP26 climate summit.
 - It is an international plan to deliver clean and affordable technology everywhere by 2030.
- ❖ The lawmakers in the US announced that a bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives to declare Diwali a federal holiday.
 - This was led by Carolyn B Maloney from New York.

TAMIL NADU

Madras high court on 10.5 per cent Vanniyar quota

QUOTA ALREADY IMPLEMENTED IN TN: GOVT

➤ The PILs contended that if the reservation was allowed to be implemented, **Vanniyars and other sub-castes coming under 'vanniyakula kshatriya' community would enjoy exclusive 10.5% reservation in admission to higher education and government services, while other 25 castes under MBC and 68 under**



denotified communities will have to share remaining 7% quota

➤ "The GO would not, in any manner, affect the prospects of the members of the other MBCs in the reservation category. **Nearly half-a-dozen similar cases are pending before the apex court and the SC had not stayed it," AG told the CJ bench of the Madras HC**

- ❖ The Madurai Bench of Madras high court set aside a Tamil Nadu legislation granting 10.5% reservation to the Vanniyar community within an existing 20% quota for the most backward classes (MBC) in the state.
- ❖ It held the law to be unconstitutional.
- ❖ It held that the state government is empowered to do internal reservation.
- ❖ It asked how the percentage of 10.5% had been arrived with no clear caste census.

- ❖ The court clarified that the order nullifying the reservation will not impact those who have been admitted to institutions under the quota.

Background

- ❖ The law carving 10.5% reservation for Vanniyar within 20% reservation for Most Backward Classes (MBCs) was notified by the previous AIADMK government on February 26 in 2021.
- ❖ The present Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) government issued an order to fully implement the reservation.

NATIONAL

India Green Guarantee

- ❖ The UK will provide an “India Green Guarantee” to the World Bank.
- ❖ It is to unlock an additional 750 million pounds for green projects across India.
- ❖ This was announced at the COP26 summit in Glasgow, Scotland.
- ❖ The green guarantee financing will support clean and resilient infrastructure in sectors such as clean energy, transport and urban development.
- ❖ The “Clean Green Initiative” was also launched at COP26 to help developing countries take advantage of green technology and grow their economies sustainably.

\$1 trillion Climate finance

- ❖ India said that climate finance cannot continue at the levels decided in 2009.
- ❖ It emphasised that it should be at least \$1 trillion to meet the goals of addressing climate change.
- ❖ This was said at the Ministerial meeting of Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) at the 26th international climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland.

Electric vehicle charging stations

- ❖ The State-run refiners have announced plans to build thousands of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to aid the country's net-zero carbon target by 2070.
- ❖ Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) will set up 10,000 electric vehicle charging stations in the next three years.
- ❖ It is also drawing up plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions from its operations.



- ❖ Bharat Petroleum also announced a plan to provide EV charging infrastructure at its 7,000 fuel stations in the next few years.
- ❖ In September 2021, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation announced a plan to set up 5,000 EV charging stations in the country in three years.

Malnourished children in India

- ❖ According to the Women and Child Ministry, there are more than 33 lakh malnourished children in India.
- ❖ The Ministry further notes that more than half of the children are in the severely malnourished category.
- ❖ This figure was reported from the Poshan tracker.
- ❖ Maharashtra, Bihar and Gujarat are topping the list.

LEADS 2021 index

TOP 10 STATES

	2019	2021
Gujarat	1	1
Haryana	6	2
Punjab	2	3
Tamil Nadu	5	4
Maharashtra	4	5
Uttar Pradesh	13	6
Odisha	10	7
Karnataka	7	8
Andhra Pradesh	3	9
Telangana	8	10

Source: Leads index of logistics, released by commerce and industry ministry

- ❖ Gujarat has retained its position as the top performer among 21 states in the LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2021 index.
- ❖ It is followed by Haryana, Punjab, Tamilnadu.
- ❖ LEADS 2021 is the 3rd edition of the LEADS report (1st -2018; 2nd – 2019).
- ❖ It includes the methodologies to identify the logistics infrastructure and services across India.

- ❖ The LEADS 2021 Index ranks are presented in 3 separate categories namely States, North Eastern States and Himalayan Union Territories (UTs) and Other UTs.

Note

- ❖ India is the world's 5th-largest economy in terms of nominal GDP and among the fastest-growing major economy worldwide.

Goa Maritime Conclave



- ❖ The third edition of the annual Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC-21) started in Goa.
- ❖ In the conclave, India will be host to the Navy chiefs of 12 nations of the Indian Ocean Region.
- ❖ Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh would chair the conclave.
- ❖ They will discuss the significance of interoperability for effectively dealing with emerging & future maritime security challenges in the Indian Ocean Region.
- ❖ The theme of GMC 2021 is “Maritime Security and Emerging Non-Traditional Threats: A case for proactive role for Indian Ocean Region”.

INTERNATIONAL

Global Drug Policy Index

- ❖ India ranked 18 out of 30 countries in the 1st edition of the Global Drug Policy Index.
- ❖ It was released by the Harm Reduction Consortium in November 2021.

- ❖ The index ranks Norway, New Zealand, Portugal, the United Kingdom (UK) and Australia as the top 5 countries on humane and health-driven drug policies.
- ❖ The five lowest-ranking countries are Brazil, Uganda, Indonesia, Kenya, and Mexico.

RANK	COUNTRY	SCORE	BOTTOM 5		
TOP 5					
1	Norway	74/100	26	Mexico	35/100
2	New Zealand	71/100	27	Kenya	34/100
3	Portugal	70/100	28	Indonesia	29/100
4	UK	69/100	29	Uganda	28/100
5	Australia	65/100	30	Brazil	26/100
18	India	46/100			

Sustainable Urban Cooling Handbook



- ❖ The Sustainable Urban Cooling Handbook is a report published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- ❖ The report says that the cities are to become too hot to live in future.
- ❖ The handbook is an encyclopaedia of solutions on sustainable urban cooling.
- ❖ According to this, the world cities are heating up at twice the global average.



- ❖ This is mainly due to the urban heat island effect.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Legal Services Day – 09 November



- ❖ In India, this day is celebrated every year by all Legal Services Authorities.
- ❖ It is to commemorate the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987.
- ❖ The Day is celebrated to make people aware of the various provisions under the Legal Services Authorities Act and the right of the litigants.

Uttarakhand Foundation Day – 09 November

- ❖ The day marks the formation of the state in 2000.
- ❖ November 9 marks the formation of the state of Uttaranchal in 2000.
- ❖ The state's name was changed to Uttarakhand in 2007.
- ❖ The state is known as the Land of Gods or "Dev Bhumi"

- ❖ Gairsain has been announced as the summer capital of Uttarakhand in March 2020.
- ❖ The winter capital of Uttarakhand is Dehradun.



International Week of Science and Peace - November 09 to 14



- ❖ Every year from 9 to 14 November, the International Week of Science and Peace (IWOSP) is observed and celebrated globally.
- ❖ This special week is marked to inspire people to promote peace in their own countries as well as develop better technology for development.
- ❖ The International Week of Science and Peace was first observed in 1986 as part of the observance of the International Year of Peace.

