TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Former and longest-served Chief Minister of Assam Tarun Gogoi (87) passed away.
    - o He had served as the Chief Minister of Assam for three terms from 2001 to 2016 on behalf of Indian National Congress.

TAMIL NADU

Thee App

- ❖ Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami has launched this App.
- ❖ It has been designed for the benefit of the general public to reach out to the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services.

NATIONAL

International version of UMANG App

- ❖ The Union Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the International version of the UMANG application.
- ❖ It was launched in UK, US, Australia, Canada, Netherlands, UAE, Australia, Singapore and New Zealand.
- ❖ UMANG is Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance.
- ❖ It was launched under the Digital India initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- ❖ It mainly helps to avail several government services.

INTERNATIONAL

Averting a lost Covid generation

- ❖ The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has released this report.
- ❖ It is the first UNICEF report to comprehensively outline the dire and growing consequences for children from covid.

Arria Formula

❖ India has called for an "immediate comprehensive ceasefire" in Afghanistan at a recent UNSC meeting.

❖ It was convened under the Arria Formula.

❖ It is informally convened at the request of a UNSC member.

Treaty of Open Skies

❖ The United States has formally withdrawn itself from this Treaty.

❖ As per the USA, Russia continues to violate its obligations under the treaty

❖ Under the treaty, all participating countries can observe one another's militaries through aerial surveillance.

❖ The treaty allows the participating nations to fly over the entire territory of the party state.

❖ Under this, no territory can be declared off-limits by the host nation.

❖ The treaty was signed by 35 nations.

❖ It was negotiated in 1992 and signed on 2002.

One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance

❖ Recently UN has launched this global group consisting 20-member group countries.

❖ It was in the wake of rising antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

❖ It is a collaborative effort of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

❖ It is co-chaired by the prime ministers of Barbados and Bangladesh.

ECONOMY

Micro-irrigation projects

❖ The Union Agriculture Ministry has given the nod for subsidised loans worth Rs 3,971.31 crore for implementing these projects.

❖ These loans are being offered under Micro Irrigation Fund (MIF) created with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for implementing these projects.

❖ The maximum amount of loan has been approved for Tamil Nadu.

ENVIRONMENT

Pilibhit Tiger Reserve

❖ The Pilibhit Tiger Reserve of the Uttar Pradesh bagged the first international award TX2.

❖ It was awarded for doubling its number of tigers in four years.

❖ The target set was to double the numbers in ten years.

❖ It was chosen based on the Tiger Census conducted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority in 2018.

❖ The partners are Global Tiger Forum, United Nations Development Programme, Conservation Tiger Standards and Lion's Share.

❖ No other country from the tiger range countries could success in doubling the big cat population within a span of ten years.

❖ There are thirteen tiger range countries where the tigers still roam around freely.

❖ The tiger range countries are India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, China, Russia, Malaysia, Laos, Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam and Nepal.

Cyclone Nivar

❖ Cyclone Nivar made a late-night landfall near Puducherry.

❖ The tropical storm has weakened from a "very severe cyclonic storm" to a "severe cyclonic storm".

❖ Nivar was given the name by Iran.

❖ Nivar is the third name after Nisarga (by Bangladesh) and Gati (by India).

❖ It is to be used from the new list of names for North Indian Ocean Cyclones, released in 2020.

❖ It has 169 names of cyclones, a compilation of 13 suggestions each from 13 countries.

❖ Amphan, proposed by Thailand, was the last name in the 2004 series.

New List of Names for Tropical Cyclone over North Indian Ocean

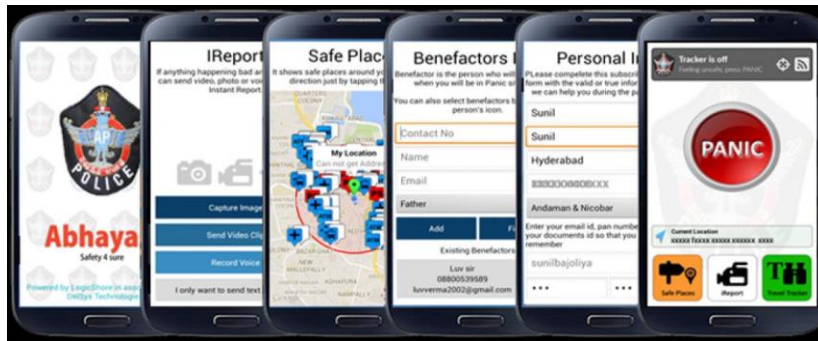| Place	List 1	List 2	List 3	List 4	List 5	List 6	List 7	List 8	List 9	List 10	List 11	List 12	List 13
Bangladesh	Nisarga	Biparjoy	Arnab	Upakul	Barshon	Rajani	Nishith	Urmi	Meghala	Samiron	Pratikul	Sarobor	Mahanisha
India	Gati	Tej	Murasu	Aag	Vyom	Jhar	Probaho	Neer	Prabhanjan	Ghurni	Ambud	Jaladhi	Vega
Iran	Nivar	Hamoon	Akvan	Sepand	Booran	Anahita	Azar	Pooyan	Arsham	Hengame	Savas	Tahamtan	Toofan
Maldives	Burevi	Midhili	Kaani	Odi	Kenau	Endheri	Riyau	Guruva	Kurangi	Kuredhi	Horangu	Thundi	Faana
Myanmar	Tauktae	Michaung	Ngamann	Kyarthit	Sapakyee	Wetwun	Mwaihout	Kywe	Pinku	Yinkaung	Linyone	Kyeekan	Bautphat
Oman	Yaas	Remal	Sail	Naseem	Muzn	Sadeem	Dima	Manjour	Rukam	Watad	Al-jarz	Rabab	Raad
Pakistan	Gulab	Asna	Sahab	Afshan	Manahil	Shujana	Parwaz	Zannata	Sarsar	Badban	Sarrab	Gulnar	Waseq
Qatar	Shaheen	Dana	Lulu	Mouj	Suhail	Sadaf	Reem	Rayhan	Anbar	Oud	Bahar	Seef	Fanar
Saudi Arabia	Jawad	Fengal	Ghazeer	Asif	Sidrah	Hareed	Faid	Kaseer	Nakheel	Haboob	Bareq	Alreem	Wabil
Sri Lanka	Asani	Shakhti	Gigum	Gagana	Verambha	Garjana	Neeba	Ninnada	Viduli	Ogha	Salitha	Rivi	Rudu
Thailand	Sitrang	Montha	Thianyot	Bulan	Phutala	Aiyara	Saming	Kraison	Matcha	Mahingsa	Phraewa	Asuri	Thara
United Arab Emirates	Mandous	Senyar	Afoor	Nahhaam	Quffal	Daaman	Deem	Gargoor	Khubb	Degl	Athmad	Boom	Saffar
Yemen	Mocha	Ditwah	Diksam	Sira	Bakhur	Ghwyzi	Hawf	Balhaf	Brom	Shuqra	Fartak	Darsah	Samhah

STATES

India-International Cherry Blossom Festival

❖ Every year this festival is hosted by Meghalaya.

❖ It is the only Cherry festival being conducted in India.

❖ This year the festival has been cancelled due to covid-19.

Abhayam app

❖ Andhra Pradesh government has launched this App.

❖ It helps women and children travelling in taxis and autorickshaws to raise an alarm in case of any emergency.

Kerala Police Act 2011

- ❖ The Kerala government decided to put on hold the new Ordinance.
- ❖ It amends the Kerala Police Act 2011 to insert a new Section 118A.
- ❖ Section 118A proposes three years of imprisonment and a fine of up to Rs 10,000 for making abusive content in online platform.

Haveri railway station

- ❖ It was renamed by the Karnataka state government after freedom fighter Mahadeva Mailar.
- ❖ Already the Hubballi railway station of Karnataka was renamed as Sri Siddharoodha Swami Railway Station – Hubballi.
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs under the Government of India had no objection to changing the name.
- ❖ The Government of Karnataka is to issue gazette notification on the spelling of the new name accordingly in Devanagari (Hindi), Roman (English) and the regional language.

HISTORY AND LANDMARKS

Stations	Proposed names
Haveri Railway Station	Mailara Mahadeva
Gadag Junction	Gadag-Betgeri
Gangavathi Railway Station	Kishkinda
Belagavi Railway Station	Belavadi Mallamma

FOR THE WARRIOR: The railway station in Bengaluru has been named after Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna. Rayanna was a warrior in the Kittur and was the Shetsanadi (sainik) of the kingdom of Kittur ruled by Rani Chennamma and fought the British till his death

Proposals must be sent to Union home ministry'

"Any proposal on the renaming of stations must originate from the state government and sent to the Union home ministry, which will then take a call on it after discussions with the ministry of science and technology. This is to ensure clarity on spellings in English and Hindi. Once the proposal gets the necessary approval, the state government will be asked to issue a gazette notification. We are not aware of any proposal for renaming other railway stations.

Suresh Angadi | MINISTER OF STATE FOR RAILWAYS

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

International Emmy Awards 2020

- ❖ The web series 'Delhi Crime' wins Best Drama Series.
- ❖ It is the first Indian programme to win an International Emmy.
- ❖ It is an award bestowed by the International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (IATAS).
- ❖ It is given for recognising the best television programs initially produced and aired outside the United States.

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