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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ In the second assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA) being held at New Delhi, two more countries - Eritrea and Saint Kittis and Nevis have signed the ISA Framework Agreement.
 - This makes total number of countries who have signed ISA to 83.
- ❖ Telecom regulator TRAI has fixed phone call ring time at 30 seconds for mobiles and 60 seconds for landline phones in case the call is neither answered nor rejected by a subscriber.
- ❖ ISRO has informed that the CHACE-2 payload aboard the Chandrayaan-2 orbiter, has detected Argon-40 from an altitude of approximately 100 kilometres of the moon.
- ❖ Budget carrier IndiGo has joined the International Air Transport Association (IATA) as a member. This will help the airline develop strong partnerships in international markets.
 - IATA is a global trade association for the airline industry representing over 290 airlines.

TAMIL NADU

Justice Clock @ Madurai bench of Madras High Court

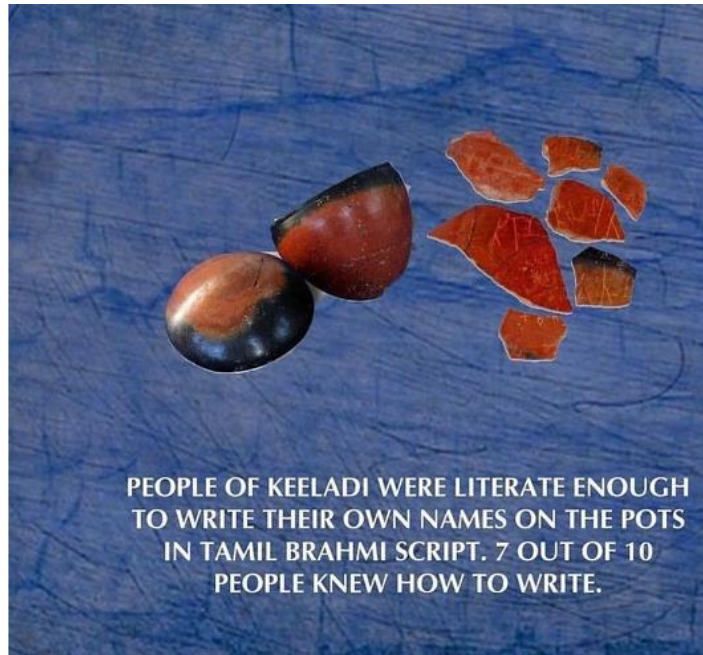
- ❖ The Administrative Judge of high court Madurai bench, Justice T S Sivagnanam, inaugurated the 'justice clock' on the court premises.
- ❖ Justice clock is an LED display board which displays information such as
 - The ranking of all the courts across the country based on the filing of cases, their pendency and disposal by the courts.
 - Names of sitting judges
 - Performance-based ranking of judges.
- ❖ The main objective of the clock is to disseminate judicial information and create legal awareness to common man.
- ❖ The idea was proposed by Prime Minister in 2017 for all 3,350 courts across India.
- ❖ As first phase of implementation, Justice Clocks would be installed in 24 High Courts after which it would be extended to all other courts.



Konthagai Museum, Sivagangai District – Keeladi

- ❖ Tamilnadu government plans to establish a world-class museum at Konthagai village in Sivagangai district at a cost of 12.21 crores.
- ❖ The museum would display the artefacts unearthed from Keeladi excavation site.
- ❖ It will be established to take forward and popularize the rich culture and heritage of the state.

Keeladi graffiti	INDUS sign	
		INDUS SIGN-225
		INDUS SIGN-307
		INDUS SIGN-365
		INDUS SIGN-318
		INDUS SIGN-318



NATIONAL

India – Germany Relations

- ❖ German Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel visited India from 31 October - 1 November 2019 for the fifth round of Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC).
- ❖ PM Modi and Chancellor Merkel welcomed the success of the 'Make in India Mittelstand' (MIIM) Programme.
- ❖ MIIM has helped facilitate over 135 German Mittelstand and family-owned companies.
- ❖ They acknowledged the successful work under the German Indian Startup Exchange Program (GINSEP) and welcomed the introduction of a programme for German Startups in India called "Next Step India".

Rajesh Bushan IAS, Secretary (Security)

- ❖ A 1987-batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre, Rajesh Bhushan who is presently the Secretary (Coordination) in the Cabinet Secretariat has been given additional charge of Secretary (Security) in the Cabinet Secretariat.
- ❖ The Secretary (security) is the administrative head of the Special Protection Group (SPG).
- ❖ He is responsible for closely monitoring the security arrangements for PM Modi, former prime ministers and members of their immediate families in India and abroad.
- ❖ He is also the nodal authority in respect of policy relating to procurement of jammers by the state governments and central police forces.

India ranked 5th in Financial Inclusion

- ❖ According to an assessment by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), India has the fifth most conducive environment among emerging countries for inclusive finance.
- ❖ Its Global Microscope report on inclusion is highly regarded by economy watchers worldwide.
- ❖ The first edition of ranking was published in 2007.
- ❖ The EIU's analysis takes four basic parameters into account:
 - Whether non-banks can issue e-money
 - The presence of financial service agents
 - Proportionate customer due diligence

- Effective financial consumer protection.

Pegasus Spyware

- ❖ It has been reported that the popular messaging platform WhatsApp was used to spy on “journalists and human rights activists” in India earlier this year.
- ❖ The surveillance was carried out using a spyware tool called Pegasus.
- ❖ Pegasus is a spyware that can be installed on mobile devices.
- ❖ It is regarded as one of the "most sophisticated" smartphone spyware.
- ❖ It has been developed by the Israeli cyberarms firm, NSO Group.
- ❖ The NSO Group is a Tel Aviv-based cyber-security company that specialises in “surveillance technology”.



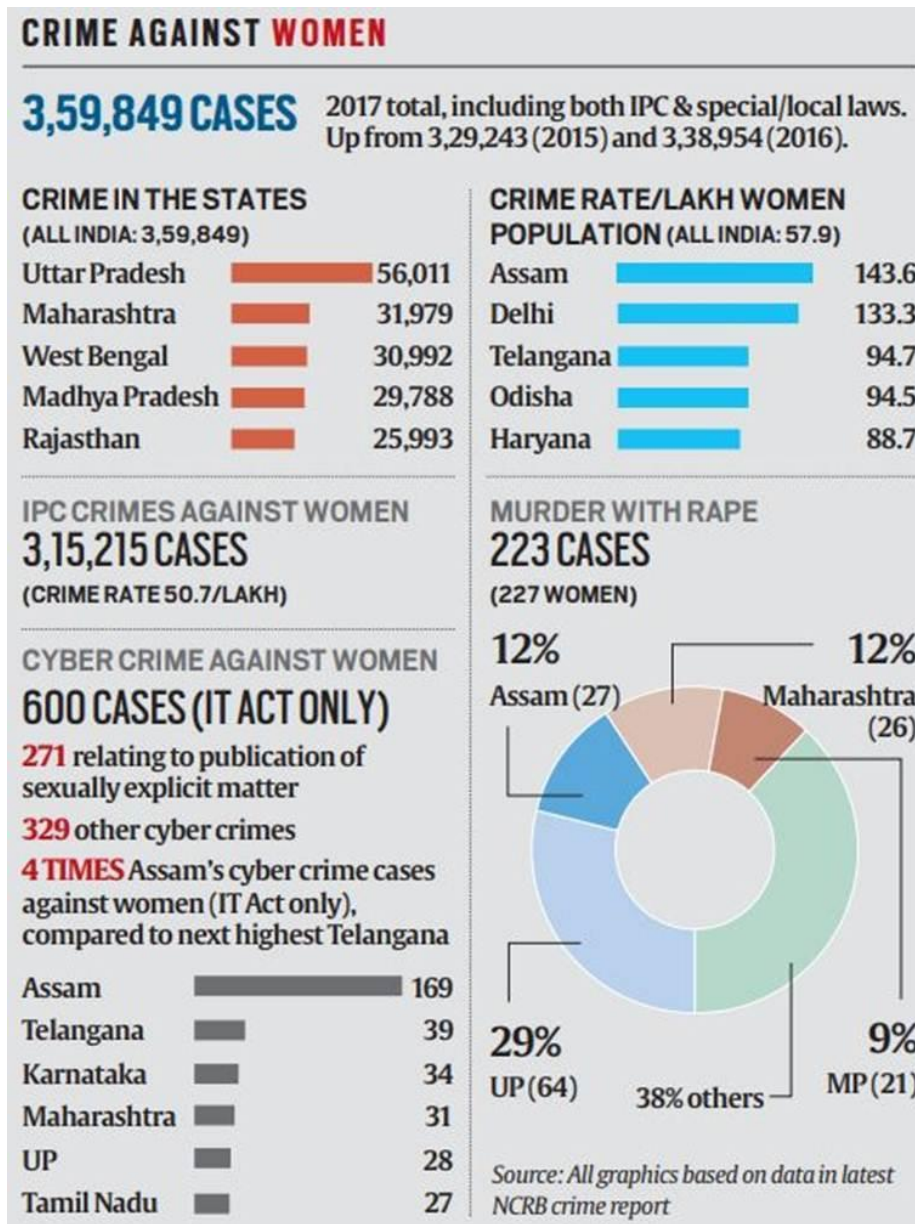
How does it work?

- ❖ Pegasus works by sending an exploit link.
- ❖ If the target user clicks on the link, the malware or the code that allows the surveillance is installed on the user’s phone.
- ❖ Once Pegasus is installed, the attacker has complete access to the target user’s phone.

Uttar Pradesh most unsafe for women: NCRB 2017 data

- ❖ According to the report, 3.59 lakh cases of crime against women were reported in the country, of which Uttar Pradesh topped the list with 56,011 cases.

- ❖ It was followed by Maharashtra with 31,979 cases and West Bengal 30,002.
- ❖ The definition of ‘crime against women’ includes murder, rape, dowry death, suicide abetment, acid attack, cruelty against women and kidnapping, according to the report.
- ❖ Shelter homes of Pune were the most unsafe ones for women in 2017, recording 26 cases of sexual harassment, followed by Mumbai (24), data released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) shows.
- ❖ This is the first time NCRB has given a break-up of sexual harassment cases based on location—harassment at workplace, public transport, shelter homes and other places, including home.



STATES

Public Health Emergency – Air Quality at Delhi

- ❖ Delhi Authorities have declared a public health as severe pollution levels continued to choke the National Capital Region (NCR) for the fifth day.
- ❖ According to Chairman of Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA), Bhure Lal air quality was now at severe+ level.
- ❖ Since Diwali the concentrations of particulate matter (PM) 2.5 has reached extremely hazardous levels in National Capital Region (NCR).
- ❖ According to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR) of the Ministry of Earth sciences, PM2.5 concentration touched its highest of 411.
- ❖ Air Quality Index (AQI) subsequently reached 484 (severe) and 550 (severe+) levels.
- ❖ AQI in Ghaziabad, Noida and Greater Noida spiked to “dangerous” levels of 688.
- ❖ The share of biomass plume in Delhi’s pollution has increased 46%, against the estimated 25% rise.
- ❖ Stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana has recorded an increase.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Tamilnadu Day – November 1

- ❖ For the first time in six decades since the Linguistic Reorganisation of States in 1956, Tamil Nadu state formation day was celebrated on November 1.
- ❖ November 1, 1956, is the day on which the present landscape known as Tamil Nadu was carved out from erstwhile Madras Province after States Reorganisation Act, 1956 came into force.
- ❖ The landscape was named as Madras state.
- ❖ Late CM Arignar Anna, as MP, had raised his voice in the Parliament for this demand and many Tamil scholars too strove for this cause.
- ❖ In 1967, Perarignar Anna became the Chief Minister of State.
- ❖ The name of the state was officially renamed as Tamil Nadu with effective from January 14 of 1969.

Category	Names
Symbol	Srivilliputhur Andal temple



Language	Tamil
Animal	Nilgiri tahr
Bird	Emerald dove
Flower	Glorosa lily
Tree	Palm tree
Fruit	Jack fruit
Song	Tamil Thai Valthu
Sport	kabaddi
Dance	Bharata Natyam
Butterfly	Tamil yeoman

