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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Cabinet approved a policy for the development of ports with private participation.
- ❖ CapitaLand Investment Limited (CLI) has commenced operations for Phase 1 of International Tech Park Chennai.
 - This is the first business park in India to be certified by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) as Net Zero for energy efficiency, water conservation and waste management.
- ❖ The first Global Conference on Cooperation in Enforcement Matters (GCCCEM) was held in New Delhi
- ❖ The Army's Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachand was successfully carried out inaugural firing of 70 mm rockets and 20 mm turret guns both by day and night.
- ❖ Union Finance Minister launches phase IV of 'Operation Sesha' to curb the illegal trade of Timber, including Red Sanders.
- ❖ The fourth edition of the Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC) was hosted by the Indian Navy.
 - The conclave's theme "Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean Region: Converting Common Maritime Priorities into Collaborative Mitigating Frameworks."
- ❖ Lionel Messi was named the Ballon d'Or 2023 winner at a ceremony in Paris.
 - This is the eighth time he has won the prestigious award.
- ❖ The Asian Games silver medallist Jyothi Yarraji (13.22s) and Tejas Shirse (13.71s) smashed the 37th National Games records and winning gold medals, held at Goa, in 100 m and 110m hurdles in athletics competitions.
- ❖ The 77-kilometer New Bhandu-New Sanand section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) was dedicated to the nation.
- ❖ World Vegan Day is celebrated every year on November 1.
 - It is aimed at spreading awareness among people about the advantages of a vegan diet on health and well-being.

- ❖ All Saints' Day is the season of festivals celebrated every year on November 1.

TAMIL NADU

Dravidian family Languages

Exploring linguistic variety

According to a report of the Linguistic Survey of India-Tamil Nadu (LSI-TN), 60 million people, mainly in southern India, and 68 million worldwide speak Tamil. Here are some observations on the different dialects of the language

<p>How is the word <i>in̄ku</i> (here) in Centamil (the classic variety) said in various Tamil dialects?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>in̄kū</i> in the Kongu dialect of Coimbatore ■ <i>inga</i> in the dialect of Thanjavur ■ <i>in̄kai</i> in some dialects of Sri Lanka ■ <i>in̄kane</i> in the dialect of Tirunelveli (believed to be derived from old Tamil's <i>in̄kan</i>, where <i>kaṇ</i> means place) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>in̄kuṭṭu</i> in the dialect of Madurai ■ <i>in̄kaṭe</i> in various northern dialects <p>Dialects in different regions</p> <p>NORTHERN DIALECT: Chennai, Chengalpattu, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, and Vellore districts</p> <p>EASTERN DIALECT: Pudukkottai, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, and Nagapattinam districts (The Cauvery delta region)</p>	<p>WESTERN DIALECT: Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, Salem, Namakkal, Karur and parts of the Nilgiris and Dharmapuri districts (The Kongu region)</p> <p>SOUTHERN DIALECT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Madurai Tamil/Madurai dialect is spoken in Madurai, Dindigul, Sivaganga, and Theni districts ■ Tirunelveli Tamil/Nanjil dialect is spoken in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari districts
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- ❖ A report of the Linguistic Survey of India-Tamil Nadu (LSI-TN), was published in July.
- ❖ This was released by the Language Division of the office of the Registrar-General & Census Commissioner of India (RG&CCI).
- ❖ The report classifies the languages of Badaga, Chetti Bhasha, Irula/Iruliga, Kathodi, Kota, Maliyad, Pania, Toda, Solaga and Urali as the mother tongues of the 'Dravidian family' spoken in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Besides, it identifies another mother tongue, Saurashtra/Saurashtri, spoken in some parts of the State, as belonging to the 'Indo-Aryan family'.
- ❖ According to the report, 60 million speakers, mainly in southern India, and 68 million worldwide speak Tamil.
- ❖ The 2011 Census had pointed out that 96 mother tongues with a speakers' strength of over 10,000 were recorded in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Overall, people speaking 142 mother tongues were identified in the Tamilnadu State.

- ❖ Tamil is spoken as the first language by 88.37% of the State's population.
- ❖ In Tamil Nadu, there are speakers of Telugu (5.87%), Kannada (1.78%) and Malayalam (1%).

Tamil Lambadi art

- ❖ The traditional Tamil Lambadi embroidery designs are all geometrical patterns with squares, rectangles, and circles.
- ❖ They have also been influenced by the local forests, birds, fruits and flowers.
- ❖ These are not the same as those of the Banjaras in Andhra Pradesh or the Lambanis in Karnataka.
- ❖ This is more filled in, though the stitches, 42 of them, are quite similar.

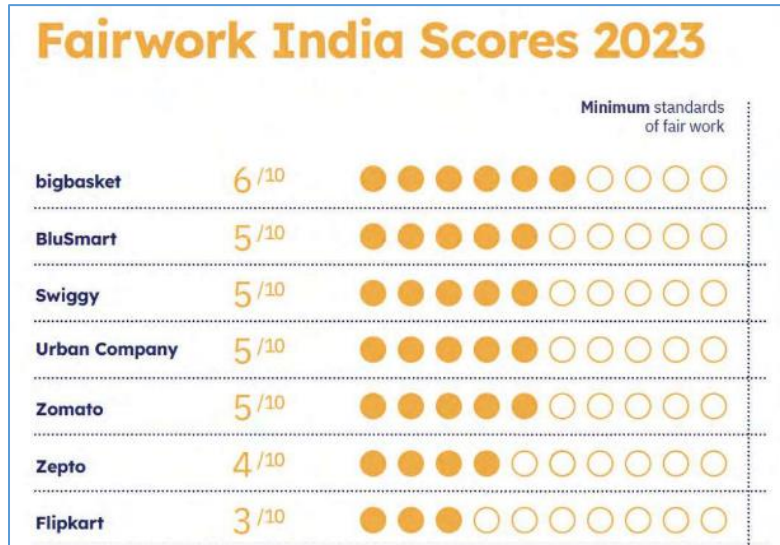


NATIONAL

Fairwork India 2023 Report

- ❖ The 'Fairwork India 2023' report was spearheaded by the Centre for IT and Public Policy (CITAPP).
- ❖ Seven out of 12 platforms ensure accessibility and comprehensibility of their contracts.
- ❖ And it has a protocol for data protection and management of worker data.
- ❖ BigBasket, Flipkart, and Urban Company were the only platforms with a minimum wage policy.
- ❖ Only BigBasket, Swiggy, Urban Company, Zepto and Zomato were awarded the second point for providing workers with accident insurance coverage at no additional cost.

- ❖ Digital platforms Ola and Porter have scored the lowest in terms of working conditions of gig workers on digital labour platforms.



ENVIRONMENT

New Mushroom Species in Western Ghats



- ❖ A tiny, fragile-looking mushroom sporting a honey-yellow 'cap' was found at Palode, Kerala.
- ❖ The discovery also gives fresh impetus to the study of the region's fungal diversity.
- ❖ The new species, which is quite cute in appearance, has been named *Candolleomyces albosquamosus*.
- ❖ The Western Ghats region in Kerala is rich in fungi.

- ❖ Many of which could also be described as endemic to the region.

Global Declaration for River Dolphins

- ❖ 11 Asian and South American countries recently signed a global declaration, the "Global Declaration for River Dolphins."
- ❖ It is aimed at preserving the world's six remaining river dolphin species.
- ❖ This declaration is designed to guide 14 nations where river dolphins inhabit, with a focus on responsible freshwater dolphin conservation.
- ❖ It aims to halt the decline of all river dolphin species and increase the most vulnerable populations.
- ❖ A seventh river dolphin species, the Chinese river dolphin, or baiji, was declared extinct in 2007.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Vigilance Awareness Week 2023

- ❖ The Central Vigilance Commission is observing the Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 from 30th October to 5th November, 2023.
- ❖ Theme of the event is "Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation."

- ❖ The extent of the black economy in India is estimated to be 62% of the GDP — generating (ay 2016-17 levels) about Rs 93 lakh crores.
- ❖ India has been ranked 73 out of 99 countries in the Corruption Perception Index.



State Formation Day 2023 - November 01



- ❖ November 1 marks the formation day for eight Indian states - Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu was created on 1 Nov 1956 with the name Madras State.
- ❖ It was renamed later to Tamil Nadu in July (18) 1967.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh was formed on 1 Nov 1956 after it was bifurcated from United Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Chhattisgarh was formed as a state on 1 Nov 2000.

- ❖ Haryana was formed as a state on 1 Nov 1966 after it was carved out of the former state of East Punjab on a linguistic basis.
- ❖ Karnataka came into existence on 1 Nov 1956 as Mysore state.
- ❖ It was later renamed Karnataka in 1973.
- ❖ Kerala was formed on 1 Nov 1956 following the passage of the States Reorganisation Act.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh state was formed on 1 Nov 1956 following the reorganisation of the states.
- ❖ Punjab Day is also celebrated across the state on November 1 marking the formation of the state under the Punjab Reorganisation Act (1966).

