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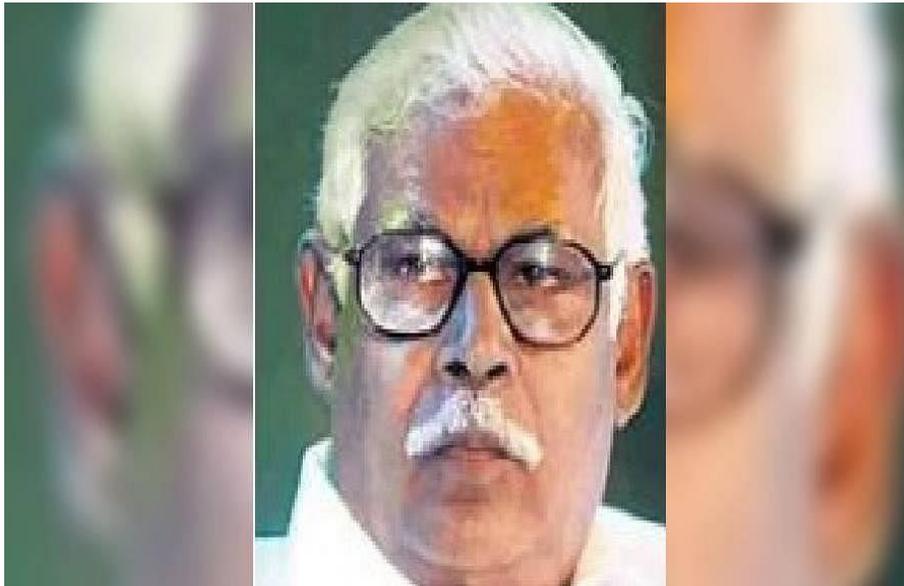
## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ 'Permacrisis' has been chosen as the Collins Dictionary's word of the year.
  - The word means an extended period of instability and insecurity.

## TAMIL NADU

### Nedunchezhiyan

- ❖ Noted Tamil scholar and orator K. Nedunchezhiyan of Anbil Padugai of Tiruchi passed away recently.
- ❖ He is recipient of Kalaignar M. Karunandhi Semmozhi Tamil Award of the State government.
- ❖ He had authored more than 20 books.
- ❖ Aasivagamum Iyyanar Varalarum, his last book, was released in 2019.



### Chevalier award

- ❖ Carnatic vocalist Aruna Sairam will be conferred the Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite, the Knight of the Order of the Merit, by the French government.
- ❖ She has been selected for her singing talent and contribution to the development of Indo-France relations.

- ❖ Aruna Sairam has received many awards, including the Padma Shri from the Government of India and the Sangeetha Kalanidhi Award from the Music Academy.



## NATIONAL

### EWS Reservation



- ❖ The Supreme Court upheld the 10 percent quota for economically weaker sections (EWS) in public jobs, public and private education institutes.
- ❖ This case is challenging the validity of the 103rd Constitution amendment.

- ❖ The Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha cleared the bill on January 8 and 9 in 2019 respectively.
- ❖ The EWS quota is over and above the existing 50 percent reservation to SCs, STs, and Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

### **Responsible Steel certification**

- ❖ Tata Steel has received Responsible Steel certification for three of its production facilities in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.
- ❖ The steel works, tubes division and cold rolling mill (Bara) have joined the group of other steel-producing sites around the world with the certification.
- ❖ This is a historic moment for Tata Steel and an important step in our sustainability journey.
- ❖ Responsible Steel is the steel industry's first global multi-stakeholder standard and certification initiative.



### **India Animal Fund**

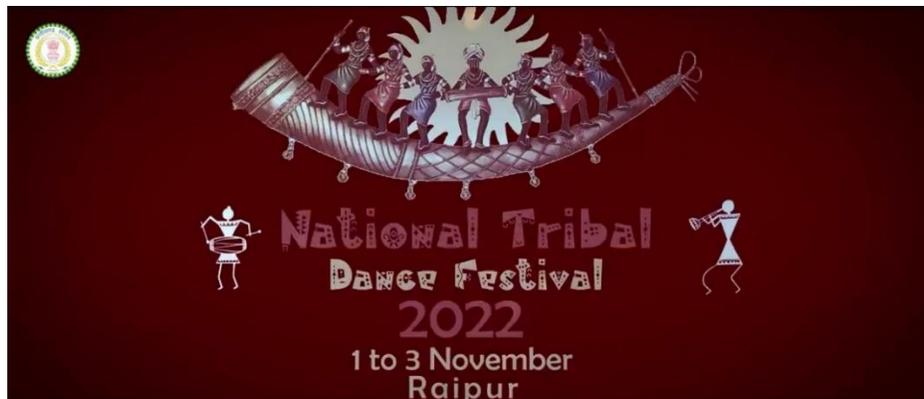
- ❖ India Animal Fund has launched India's first donation platform for effective ways of giving for animal welfare.
- ❖ The collective of cooperates leaders and individuals put together a plan to mainstream animal welfare and reduce the animal suffering in all its forms.
- ❖ The vision is to create a world that is free of animal harm and exploitation and which prioritizes ending the sufferings of all sentient beings independent of species.

- ❖ The plan is to reach out to the potential donors and have them fund a variety of projects that NGOs are either interested in pursuing, already pursuing or will pursue.



### **National Tribal Dance Festival**

- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> National Tribal Dance Festival held at Chhattisgarh's Raipur.
- ❖ In the National Tribal Dance Festival, tribal dance groups from all states and union territories of India will be taking part.
- ❖ About 1500 tribal artists will take part in the event of which 1400 will be from India and 100 will be from other countries.



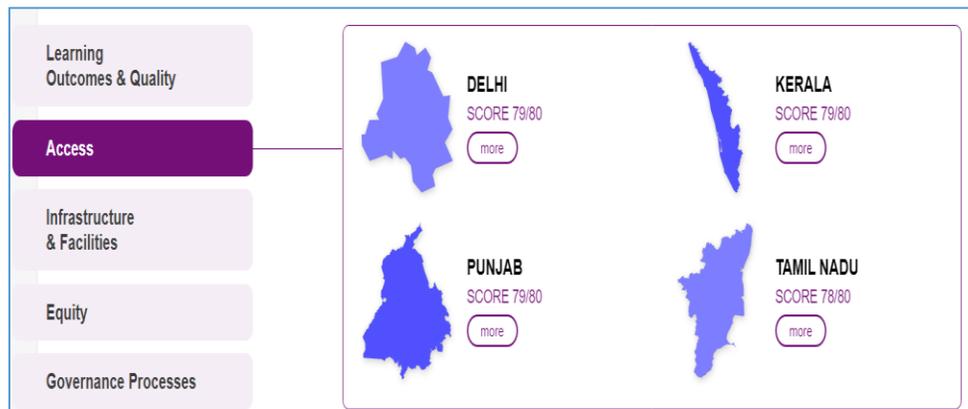
### **Ballistic Missile Defence interceptor**

- ❖ DRDO conducted a successful maiden flight-test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor AD-1 missile.
- ❖ The AD-1 is a long-range interceptor missile designed for both low exo-atmospheric and endo-atmospheric interception of long-range ballistic missiles as well as aircraft.
- ❖ It is propelled by a two-stage solid motor.

- ❖ It is equipped with indigenously-developed advanced control system, navigation and guidance algorithm.



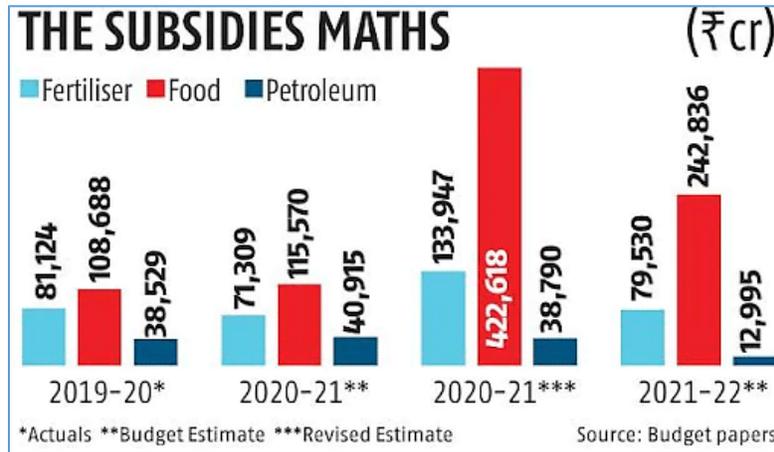
### Performance Grading Index



- ❖ The Department of School Education and Literacy released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) for States/UTs for 2020-21.
- ❖ It is a unique index for evidence based comprehensive analysis of school education system across State/UTs.
- ❖ The Indian Education System is one of the largest in the world with about 14.9 lakh schools, 95 lakh teachers, and nearly 26.5 crore students from varied socio-economic backgrounds.
- ❖ It classified the States/UTs into ten grades in Level 1-10.

- ❖ As per the index, a total of seven States and Union Territories namely Kerala, Punjab, Chandigarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh have attained Level -2 grading in 2020-21.
- ❖ Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh are the new entrants with the highest achieved level.

### Fertilizer Subsidy Doubles



- ❖ Cabinet approves a subsidy of ₹51,875 crore to Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potash and Sulphur for Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers for the rabi season.
- ❖ Considering the huge increase in the prices of fertilizers in global market, the Centre has 'doubled' the fertilizer subsidy for this rabi season.

## STATES

### Committee to Implement Uniform Civil Code



- ❖ The Gujarat cabinet had decided to form a committee for the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state.
- ❖ The committee will be constituted under the leadership of a retired judge of the High Court.
- ❖ Article 44 of the Constitution in Part IV deals with uniform civil code.
- ❖ Goa is the only state in India that has a uniform civil code regardless of religion, gender and cast.
- ❖ It inherited the Portuguese Civil Code, 1867 that is still applicable in the state even after it joined the Indian Union in 1961.

### **‘Donyi Polo’ Airport**

- ❖ Prime Minister will inaugurate the greenfield ‘Donyi Polo airport’ at Hollongi in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The upcoming airport will be the 4<sup>th</sup> operational airport in the State.
- ❖ Itanagar was the only capital city in India that remained unconnected through airways.
- ❖ Arunachal is the largest state of North East India spread from Bhutan in its western border to Myanmar in the east.



## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Women Inspector General (IG) Rank**

- ❖ Annie Abraham has been appointed as the IG of Rapid Action Force (RAF), while Seema Dhundia has been promoted as IG of the Bihar Sector.
- ❖ For the first time in 35 years since the first women's battalion was raised in Central Reserve Police Force.

- ❖ This is the first time that RAF will be headed by a woman IG.
- ❖ The CRPF was the first Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) to induct women in combat in 1986.
- ❖ The 15 battalion-strong RAF is deployed for anti-riots, counter-protests and sensitive law and order duties in various parts of the country.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Open Access Week - 2022



- ❖ It aims to create awareness about open-access scholarly publishing among researchers and publishers by CSIR-NIScPR.
- ❖ It is celebrated globally during the last full week of October.
- ❖ In the year 2022, the International Open Access Week, entered in its fifteenth year of celebration.



- ❖ It is organized by Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) in partnership with the Open Access Week Advisory Committee.

