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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ IIT Madras became the first IIT to open an international campus with the inauguration of a campus in Zanzibar in Tanzania, an east African country.
- ❖ Alvin Anto, a young professional at the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), is securing the prestigious Hasmukh Shah Memorial Award for Ecological Studies for the year 2023 in the research category.
- ❖ The Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2023 was steered by the Indian Army in collaboration with the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) in New Delhi.
- ❖ Seven years after the government had first announced plans to open its sixth consulate in the U.S. city of Seattle, India has appointed its first Consul-General in Seattle.
- ❖ The Indian junior men's hockey team securing the bronze medal at the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023, in Johar, Malaysia.
- ❖ Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the world's longest-serving (19 years) female head of government, has appeared on the cover page of Time magazine recently.
- ❖ The city of New York has been declared the winner of the US National Gatka Championship.
 - This is the first-ever American national championship of the popular Sikh martial arts.
- ❖ The World Local Production Forum (WPLF) was held in The Hague, the Netherlands.
- ❖ Every year, Infant Protection Day is celebrated on November 7.

NATIONAL

State Food Safety Index 2022-2023

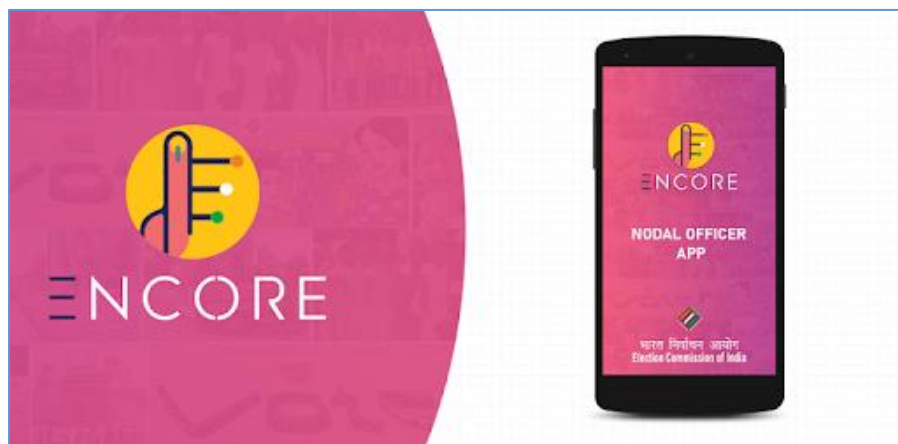
- ❖ Four years after the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a state-wise index to spur food safety improvement.
- ❖ 19 out of 20 large states — including Maharashtra, Bihar, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh — recorded a drop in their 2023 scores from 2019.
- ❖ After adjusting for a new parameter included in the 2023 index, 15 out of 20 states recorded lower 2023 scores compared to 2019.

- ❖ Gujarat and Kerala were the top performers in Food Testing Infrastructure category.
- ❖ Punjab and Himachal Pradesh received the highest scores in Compliance parameter
- ❖ Tamil Nadu emerged as the leading state in consumer empowering initiatives, followed by Kerala and Madhya Pradesh.

STATES WITH STEEPEST INDEX FALL			SAFETY MEASURE	
State	2019	2023	Parameter	Weight
Maharashtra	74	45	Compliance	28
Bihar	46	20.5	Consumer Empowerment	19
Gujarat	73	48.5	Human Resources and Institutional Data	18
Andhra Pradesh	47	24	Food Testing Infrastructure	17
Chhattisgarh	46	27	Improvement in SFSI Rank (added in 2023)	10
			Training and Capacity Building	8
			TOTAL	100

Source: SFSI reports; all scores out of 100

ENCORE - Election Commission of India

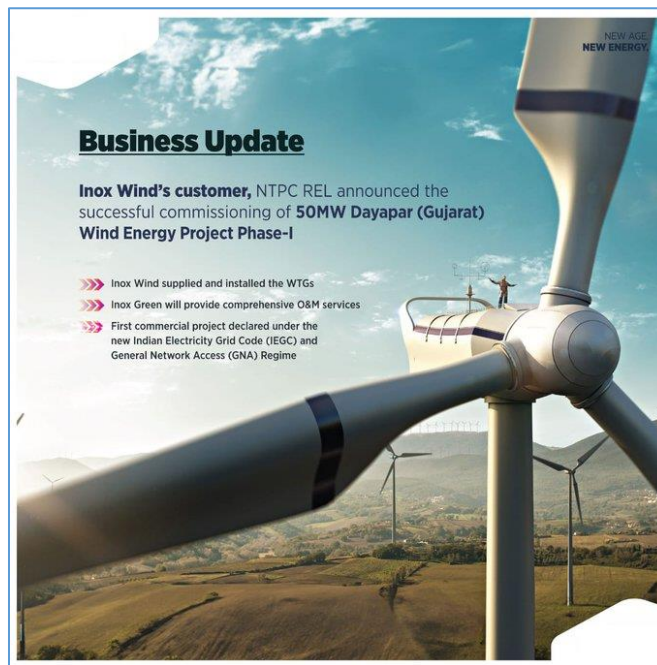


- ❖ The Election Commission of India has designed in-house software for complete Candidate and election management through 'ENCORE'.
- ❖ 'ENCORE' stands for Enabling Communications on Real-time Environment.

- ❖ This provides a seamless facility for Returning Officers to process candidate nomination, affidavit, Voter turnout, counting, results and data management.

Dayapar Wind Project

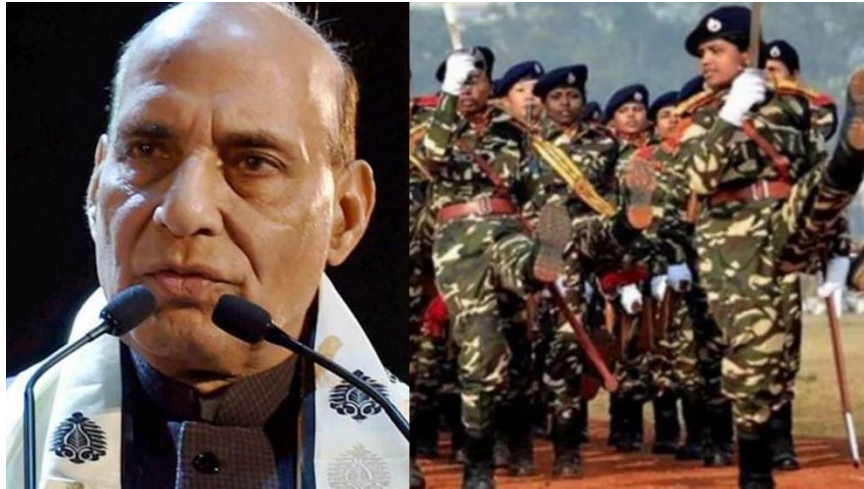
- ❖ NTPC Renewable Energy Limited, commenced the commercial operation of its first wind project of 50 MW at Dayapar in Kachch, Gujarat.
- ❖ Dayapar Wind is the first project of NTPC REL and the first capacity in India to be declared commercial.
- ❖ With this, the total installed capacity of NTPC group has risen to 73,874 MW and the total renewable energy capacity of the group now stands at 3,364 MW.
- ❖ Apart from Dayapar Wind, there are 15 others RE projects under different stages of execution, totalling to a capacity of 6,210 MW.



Maternity leave for women in Armed Forces

- ❖ Defence Ministry has approved a proposal for an extension of the rules for maternity, child care and child adoption leaves for women soldiers, sailors, and air warriors in the armed forces on a par with their officer counterparts.
- ❖ Women officers in the three services currently are eligible for 180 days of maternity leave, with a provision for extension of a month of leave without pay in exceptional cases.
- ❖ 30 days of leave available in the instance of a miscarriage or abortion.

- ❖ Women officers are eligible for 180 days of leave in case they adopt a child below the age of one year.
- ❖ So far, there were no women air warriors or sailors in the Indian Air Force or Navy.
- ❖ Both started inducting women in their ranks after the government brought in the Agnipath military recruitment scheme last year.



REPORTS AND INDICES

2023 McKinsey Health Institute survey



- ❖ According to the McKinsey Health Institute's 2023 survey, India topped the rank in workplace burnout.

- ❖ India respondents reported the highest rates of burnout symptoms at 59%".
- ❖ Cameroon, a country in Central Africa, reported the lowest rates of burnout symptoms at workplaces at 9%.
- ❖ The global average of burnout was 20% but cognitive, exhaustion, and emotional impairment varied.
- ❖ Indian employees reported the highest level of workplace exhaustion at 62%, followed by Japan (61%).
- ❖ Switzerland reported the least level of workplace exhaustion at 22%.
- ❖ India ranked 2nd in holistic health of employees after Turkey in McKinsey Health Institute's 2023 survey.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Hindu Businessline - Changemaker awards



- ❖ Businessline Changemaker Awards was conceptualised to recognise and reward the extraordinary thinkers and achievers of our times whose work has positively impacted the world.
- ❖ Changemaker is the rare one in a million human, the dreamer, the doer who ushered in change that transformed the lives of millions with their revolutionary ideas.
- ❖ Winners
 - Reserve Bank of India - Changemaker of the Year 2023
 - AMUL- Iconic Changemaker
 - HerKey and Educate Girls (Joint Winners) - Changemaker: Social Transformation.
 - Stellapps Technologies - Changemaker: Digital Transformation

- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana - Changemaker: Financial Transformation.
- Shrinidhi RS - Young Changemaker

SPORTS

Angelo Mathews - 'Timed out'



- ❖ Sri Lankan all-rounder Angelo Mathews became the first cricketer to be dismissed timed out in ODI cricket.
- ❖ 'Timed out' is one of the 10 ways in which a batter can be adjudged out according to the laws established by Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).
- ❖ After a wicket falls, a new batter gets 120 seconds (2 minutes) to take guard for the next ball.
- ❖ In case she/he fails to take strike for the next ball within this stipulated time, she/he can be adjudged out.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Cancer Awareness Day 2023 - November 07

- ❖ This day is observed in India every year since 2014 to create public awareness about early detection, prevention, and treatment of cancer.
- ❖ It aims to inform and educate masses about cancer, its treatment, and how early action can drastically improve survival rates.



- ❖ Cancer is the second leading cause of death worldwide, representing nearly 1 in 6 deaths globally.
- ❖ One in 10 Indians would develop cancer in their lifetime and one in 15 would die of it.

