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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Union Minister of State for Human Resources Development Sanjay Dhotre launched the Shala Darpan Portal of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.
  - The Navodaya Vidyalayas are co-educational residential schools established by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, an autonomous organization under the MHRD.

## TAMIL NADU

### Raja Raja Cholan - Sathaya Vizha

- ❖ The 1,034th Sathaya Vizha marking the birth anniversary of King Raja Raja Chola is being celebrated at Thanjavur.
- ❖ Born as Arulmozhi Varman, Rajaraja built the Brihadisvara Temple or Peruvudaiyar Kovil in Thanjavur in 1010.
- ❖ During his reign, the texts of the Tamil poets Appar, Sambandar and Sundarar were collected and edited into one compilation called Thirumurai.

## NATIONAL

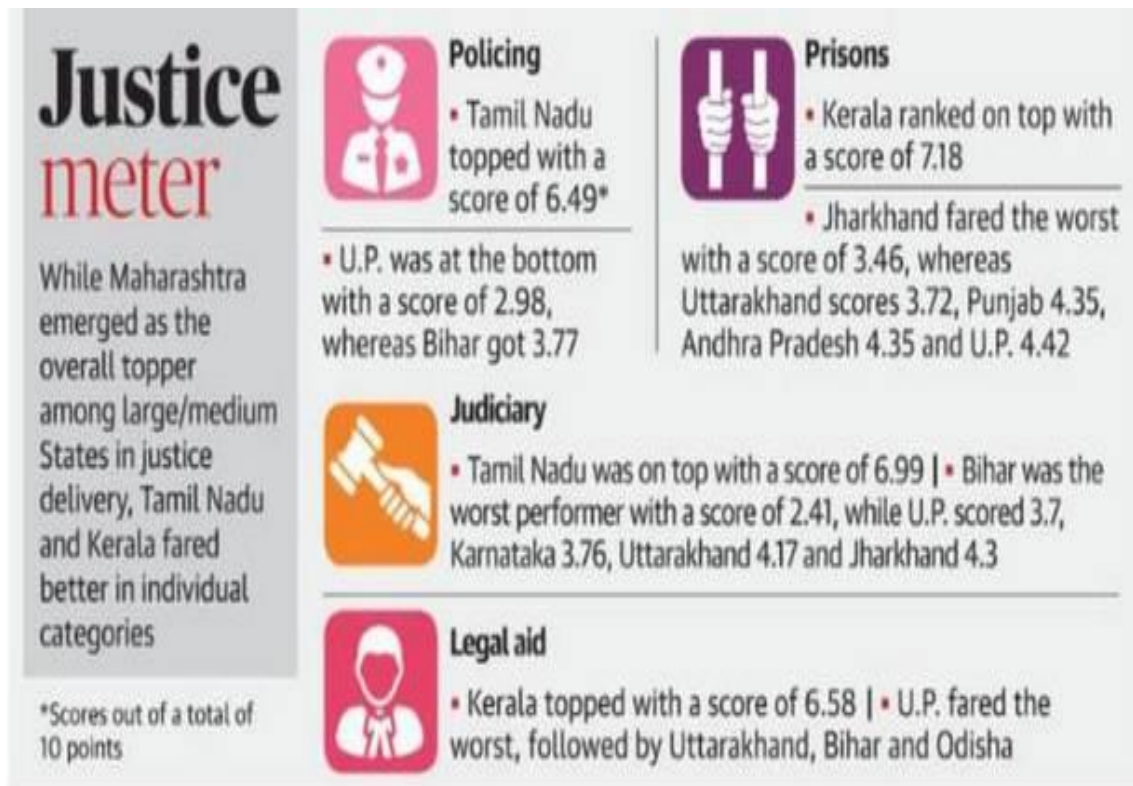
### DU defers decision to accept eminence tag

- ❖ The HRD Ministry had awarded the 'Institute of Eminence' (IoE) status to the Delhi University, Banaras Hindu University, University of Hyderabad, IIT-Madras and IIT-Kharagpur.
- ❖ The IoEs will also not be subjected to inspection by the UGC (University Grants Commission).
- ❖ While the government will provide funding up to Rs 1,000 crore to public institutions with IoE tag, in case of the private institutions proposed as institutions of eminence, there will be no financial support.
- ❖ But they will be entitled for more autonomy as a special category Deemed University.
- ❖ The decision to accept the Institute of Eminence (IOE) status for Delhi University was deferred at a meeting of the Executive Council (EC) of the Delhi university.
- ❖ The Delhi University Teachers' Union (DUTA) said the scheme would result in increased privatization of the university.

## Punjab – Office of Profit

- ❖ The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) Amendment Bill, 2019, was passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.
- ❖ It proposes to keep six ruling Congress MLAs appointed as advisers to the chief minister out of the ambit of the office-of-profit category thereby protecting them from disqualification.
- ❖ Punjab government had accorded on five them a cabinet minister rank and the 6<sup>th</sup> legislator is accorded as minister of state.

## Justice Delivery Report



- ❖ Maharashtra has topped the list of 18 large-medium States in the overall first-ever ranking of Indian States on justice delivery.
- ❖ Maharashtra is followed by Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab and Haryana.
- ❖ In this category, Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are at the bottom.
- ❖ Among the list of seven smaller States, Goa leads the group.
- ❖ This is according to the India Justice Report 2019.



- ❖ It was released by the Tata Trusts in collaboration with Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause, and Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, among others.
- ❖ The Report brings focus on key issues across four pillars: police, judiciary, prisons and legal aid.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **BIMSTEC Conclave**

- ❖ BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal initiative multi-sector technical and economic cooperation) Conclave will be held at Visakhapatnam.
- ❖ Vizag port trust is hosting the conclave first time ever since the formation of BIMSTEC in 1997.
- ❖ Seven-member countries that includes Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Srilanka, Thailand, Nepal, Bhutan are participating in the conference.

### **Freedom on Net 2019 report**

- ❖ The Freedom on the Net report 2019 titled 'The Crisis of Social Media' was released by an international internet watchdog, the Freedom House.
- ❖ China was ranked as the world's worst abuser of internet freedom for the fourth consecutive year.
- ❖ Pakistan was declared as 'not free' in terms of internet freedom status for the ninth consecutive year.
- ❖ India was given an overall score of 55 in the report and the internet freedom status in the country was reported to be 'partly free'.
- ❖ Iceland was recorded as the world's best protector of internet freedom
- ❖ The country that recorded the biggest improvement in its internet freedom score in 2019 was Ethiopia.
- ❖ It is a comprehensive study of internet freedom in 65 nations across the globe.
- ❖ The 2019 report is a 9th Report in its series.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Tapan Ray Committee**

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has formed a committee headed by Tapan Ray to review regulatory guidelines and supervisory framework applicable to core investment companies (CICs).



- ❖ Recently this Committee has submitted its recommendations to the RBI.
- ❖ Currently, corporate governance guidelines are not explicitly made applicable to CICs.

### CIC

- ❖ Core investment companies are non-banking financial companies (NBFCs).
- ❖ It undertakes the business of acquisition of shares and securities.

### **Khadi - HS Code**

- ❖ The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has allocated a separate HS code for the Khadi.
- ❖ It will help to boost the exports of Khadi.
- ❖ HS Stands for Harmonized System and it is a six-digit identification code.
- ❖ It was developed by the WCO (World Customs Organization).
- ❖ The customs officers use HS Code to clear every commodity that enters or crosses any international border.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **USA – Out of Paris Deal**

- ❖ The United States formally notified the United Nations that it was withdrawing from the Paris Agreement on climate change citing "unfair economic burden" on Americans.
- ❖ United States President Donald Trump had announced plans to exit the Paris climate agreement in June 2017.
- ❖ In 2001, the then US President George W Bush announced that the US was withdrawing from the Kyoto Protocol, the first international climate agreement.
- ❖ The Paris Agreement is an agreement within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), dealing with greenhouse-gas-emissions mitigation, adaptation, and finance.
- ❖ It adapted in 2015 at CoP21 or 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference held at Paris.
- ❖ The Paris Agreement opened for signature on 22 April 2016 – Earth Day – at UN Headquarters in New York.



## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict – November 6**

- ❖ On 5 November 2001, the UN General Assembly declared 6 November of each year as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict.
- ❖ The day aims to ensure that the environment is not destroyed during incidents of armed confrontations.

### **Infant Protection Day – November 7**

- ❖ It is celebrated on 7 November.
- ❖ The day aims to spread awareness about the safety of infants and protect their lives by taking proper care of infants.
- ❖ India has reduced its infant mortality rate (IMR) by 42% over 11 years - from 57 per 1,000 live births in 2006 to 33 in 2017.
- ❖ India's rural areas had an IMR of 37 and urban areas had IMR of 23.
- ❖ Despite the reduction, India's IMR in 2017 remained higher than the global 29.4, a rate equivalent to that of the West African nation of Senegal and higher than most South Asian neighbours' except that of Pakistan and Myanmar.

### **National Cancer Awareness Day – November 7**

- ❖ National Cancer Awareness Day was first announced by the Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan in September 2014.
- ❖ It is celebrated in India on 7 November to educate people about cancer, its treatment, and its symptoms.
- ❖ The government of Kerala proposed the "Suhurtham" scheme for making cancer treatment free in districts and medical college hospitals.
- ❖ According to the Lancet report about cancer, India is the second biggest killer after heart disease.
- ❖ World Cancer Day is also celebrated on 4 February annually to raise awareness about cancer globally.

