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TNPSC BITS

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurated the city's first 'U'-shaped flyover near the Indira Nagar signal on Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister unveiled a statue of former Prime Minister V.P. Singh at the premises of Presidency College in Chennai.
- Bengaluru hosted its maiden Kambala, a popular buffalo racing contest of the coastal Karnataka region recently.
- ◆ The 8th Edition of the India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) was held in New Delhi.
 - o The theme of IWIS 2023 is 'Development vis-à-vis Land, Water and Rivers.'
- World Olive Tree Day was proclaimed at the 40th session of the UNESCO General Conference in 2019 and takes place on 26 November every year.

TAMIL NADU

Re-adopted Bills in 2023

The pieces of legislation cover Universities of Madurai-Kamaraj Anna Bharathiar Bharatidasan Mother Teresa Alagappa Manomaniam Sundaranar Perivar Open Thiruvalluvar **Teachers Education** Annamalai Dr. Ambedkar Law Dr. MGR Medical Agricultural Tamil Veterinary and Animal Sciences Fisheries

 In a special session on November 18, the Tamil Nadu Assembly re-adopted the 10 bills that were withheld by the governor.





- Most of these bills were pending with the governor's office for more than two years.
- It includes provision which is dealing with the appointment of CM as chancellor of state universities in the place of governor.
- The Bills only seek to take away the power of the Governor with regard to appointment of Vice-Chancellors (V-Cs) and give it to the State government.
- In this regard, the expression "Governor" is substituted by the term, "government."
- Through a new section, the Bills state that V-Cs can be removed only by the order of the government, apart from laying down the procedure for V-Cs' removal.
- In addition, there is one Bill concerning the Chennai University which has also been drafted on similar lines.
- However, the Siddha Medical University Bill that has sought to replace the Governor with the Chief Minister as Chancellor.
- ✤ These Bills are reserved for the assent of President.
- At present, the Chief Minister is the Chancellor only of the Music and Fine Arts University.
- ✤ It was established through an Act of Legislature in November 2013.



Merlinhawk Aerospace in Tamilnadu

- Merlinhawk Aerospace Pvt. Ltd. signed a joint venture agreement with Italy's Vega Composites S.r.l.
- It aims to establish a manufacturing and design facility in the defence corridor in Tamil Nadu for advanced composites material-based products.
- The new entity will be called Merlinhawk Composites and Engineering Private Limited.





The joint venture is the first such agreement signed between an Italian and Indian company, post the signing of the defense cooperation agreement between Italy and India

NATIONAL

Committee for Madiga community

NARROWING DIVIDE

54L | SC population in T

11% of there are Madigas and 5% Malas

Justice Ramachandra Raju Commission had divided sub-castes in four groups - A,B, C, and D in undivided Andhra Pradesh

Division based on backwardness

The categorisation was then struck down by SC

- The union government ordered to expedite the process of sub-categorisation in reservation for the Madigas.
- The Madiga community is a Telugu caste, mainly living in the southern states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka.
- ✤ However, Madigas also live in Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Odisha.
- The community has historically worked in handicraft, leatherwork, tannery, and agriculture.
- ✤ The Indian government categorises the community within the SC category.
- ✤ There are various sub-castes within Madigas.





- As per the 2011 census, the Madiga community in the undivided Andhra Pradesh (before the creation of Telangana) constituted more than 48 per cent of the SC population.
- The Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi (MRPS) was established in July 1994 in Edumudi village, Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh, under the leadership of Manda Krishna Madiga and others.

INTERNATIONAL

Same sex marriages in Thailand



- Thailand's Cabinet approved an amendment to its civil code to allow same-sex marriage.
- The law would guarantee the right to form a family in a relationship between same-sex couples.
- Their next step would be an amendment to the pension fund law to recognize same-sex couples as well.
- Private, adult, consensual, and non-commercial gay sex was decriminalized in Thailand in 1956 itself.
- Sangkok was named the second-most gay-friendly city in Asia in 2017.
- Other Asian countries that legalized same-sex marriages were Taiwan and Nepal.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

"Sun goddess" cosmic ray

 Scientists have detected an extremely rare ultra-high-energy particle believed to have come from beyond the Milky Way.





- The particle has been nicknamed as 'Amaterasu' particle after the sun goddess in Japanese mythology.
- ◆ The Amaterasu particle has an energy exceeding 240 exa-electron volts (EeV).
- This is equal to millions of times more than particles produced in the Large Hadron Collider.
- ✤ It comes only second to the Oh-My-God particle, another ultra-high-energy cosmic ray that came in at 320 EeV, detected in 1991.
- Cosmic rays pose potential hazards to astronauts in space and high-altitude flights, as they can penetrate spacecraft and aircraft.
- Prolonged exposure to cosmic rays can lead to increased risks of cancer and other health issues.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Nandini Azad

- Nandini Azad, has been re-elected to the International Raiffeisen Union (IRU) Board for the second term.
- She is the president of the Indian Co-operative Network for Women (ICNW) and the Working Women's Forum (India).
- ♦ On September 2018, she was the first woman to join the IRU Board.



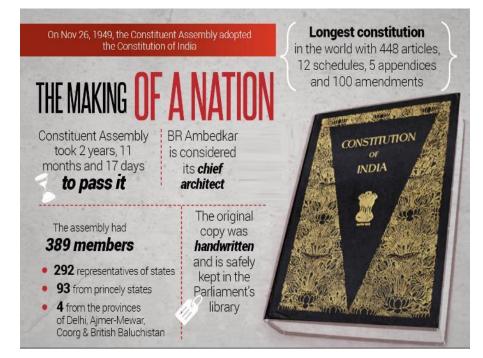


- IRU is a worldwide association of national cooperative organisations that is regarded as 'Father of Cooperatives', has 53 member organisations.
- Ms. Azad is a Global Coordinator of Cooperatives, a prestigious nomination by the World Farmers Organisation in Rome.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Constitution Day or Law Day 2023 - November 26



- India celebrates Constitution Day or Samvidhan Divas on November 26.
- \checkmark This day marks the day when India adopted its constitution in the year 1949.





- Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 60, 324, 366, 367, 379, 380, 388, 391, 392, 393, and 394 of the constitution came into force on the same day.
- The Constitution came into force on January 26, 1950.
- ✤ The completion of the draft had taken 2 years, 11 months and 18 days.

Father Of The White Revolution (26 Nov 1921 - 9 Sep 2012) Was the chief architect of His 'billion-litre idea **OPERATION FLOOD**, who 'Operation Flood' lifted made India the largest milk millions out of poverty in producer in the world. India, and outside. Other institutions established under his leadership include AMUL, GCMMF (Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd) & NDDB (National Dairy Development Board). He made the country self-sufficient in edible oils too later on, taking head-on the powerful d entrenched oil supplying lobby. Awarded Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1963 & Padma Vibhushan in 1999.

National Milk Day 2023 - November 26

- ◆ National Milk Day commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien.
- He is known as the 'Father of White Revolution in India'.
- ✤ He is famous for his 'Operation Flood', which is known as the world's largest agricultural program.
- He also played a key role in the establishment and success of Amul Brand.
- ✤ Operation Flood was launched on 13th January, 1970.
- ✤ It was the world's largest dairy development programme.
- ◆ India became the largest producer of milk in 1998, surpassing the U.S.
- ✤ Now, India's dairy industry is one of the largest self-sustaining sectors, contributing 4.5% to the GDP of India.

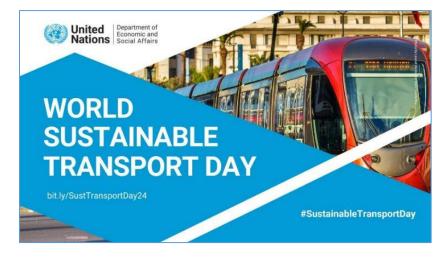
World Sustainable Transport Day 2023 - November 26

Sustainable transport encompasses the use of energy-efficient, low or zeroemission, and affordable modes of conveyance.





- This includes a range of vehicles from manual bicycles to electric scooters, bikes, and cars, as well as the utilization of alternative fuels like biodiesel, ethanol, and hydrogen.
- This initiative celebrates such modes of transport which help in energy conservation and protection of the planet and its resources.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared this day on May 16, 2023.



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