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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.
  - 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  
Periyar  
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

<b>NARROWING DIVIDE</b>
54L   SC population in T
<b>11%</b> 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

#### Expanding LGBTQ+ Rights and Protections

● Same-sex marriage legal ● Some rights for same-sex couples ▨ Antidiscrimination laws



- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Bangkok 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

On Nov 26, 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution of India

**THE MAKING OF A NATION**

Constituent Assembly took 2 years, 11 months and 17 days **to pass it**


BR Ambedkar is considered its **chief architect**

The assembly had **389 members**

- 292 representatives of states
- 93 from princely states
- 4 from the provinces of Delhi, Ajmer-Mewar, Coorg & British Baluchistan

The original copy was **handwritten** and is safely kept in the Parliament's library

**Longest constitution** in the world with 448 articles, 12 schedules, 5 appendices and 100 amendments



- ❖ India celebrates Constitution Day or Samvidhan Divas on November 26.
- ❖ 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.

### **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 zero-emission, 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.

