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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurated Hitachi Energy's largest Global Technology and Innovation Centre in Chennai.
- ❖ The ICC named Sachin Tendulkar as the 'Global Ambassador' for the men's Cricket World Cup 2023.
- ❖ India and Bangladesh commenced the 11th edition of annual joint military exercise, SAMPRITI in Umroi, Meghalaya.

TAMIL NADU

Madras HC on caste census

- ❖ The Madras High Court refused to issue a direction to the Tamil Nadu government to conduct a caste-wise census.
- ❖ The court disposed of a public interest litigation petition which sought this direction.
- ❖ The petitioner had claimed to have made a representation to the State government to conduct a caste-wise census.
- ❖ That can be used to find out the exact percentage of populations belonging to different caste groups.
- ❖ So that the measures aimed towards social justice could reach deserving people.

Udangudi Panangarupatti - GI tag



- ❖ Udangudi 'Panangarupatti' (palm jaggery/ gur) has been given a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

- ❖ The palm jaggery preparation procedure in this area is traditional till date without inclusion of any additional modern strategies.
- ❖ The karupatti prepared from the palm sap from the region around Udangudi in Tiruchendur taluk in Thoothukudi district has some uniqueness.
- ❖ This is due to presence of red sand dune soil found in the region.
- ❖ Triple super phosphate and phosphoric acid are used in many other areas.
- ❖ But no such chemical additives are used in Udangudi Panangkarupatti.

NATIONAL

106th amendment act

Timeline of the Women's Reservation Bill

1971 First committee for women (Status of Women in India) was formed	1998 Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government introduced the Bill in 12th Lok Sabha - did not receive support
1989 Rajiv Gandhi first introduced Constitution Amendment Bill (women's reservation) in panchayats, municipal corporations - It failed in Rajya Sabha	1999, 2002, 2003 It was reintroduced by the Vajpayee government but failed again
1992 72nd Constitutional Amendment Act was passed	2008 Bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha by Manmohan Singh-led UPA government; it was sent to the Parliamentary Standing Committee
1993 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act was passed	2009 Standing committee presented its report
1996 81st Amendment Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha by HD Deve Gowda - failed to get passed	2010 Women Reservation's Bill received the Union Cabinet's approval

Though the Bill passed in the Rajya Sabha in 2010, it was never taken up for consideration in the Lok Sabha. It is still active

- ❖ The President of India has given her assent to the 106th amendment bill.
- ❖ This amendment is known as women's reservation Bill.
- ❖ It seeks to provide 33% reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies.
- ❖ There is quota within quota for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) women.

- ❖ Though it was introduced as the Constitution (128th) Amendment Bill in the Lok Sabha, now it will be known as the Constitution (106th Amendment) Act.
- ❖ The law will be implemented after the next census and the subsequent delimitation exercise

World Bank Paper on Swachh Bharat Mission



- ❖ A departmental working paper by the World Bank on the progress of the Swachh Bharat Mission - Gramin (SBM-G) released recently.
- ❖ It has now gains made by the programme to bring toilet access to rural India since 2014-15, when it began, there has been a clear trend of regular toilet use declining in rural India from 2018-19 onwards.
- ❖ The largest drop being seen among Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe socio-economic groups.
- ❖ The paper found that as the programme started, it led to a substantial increase in access to own or shared improved toilets in rural India.
- ❖ It was dropped from 38% in 2012 to 90% in 2019-20.
- ❖ It was the sharpest increase reported in the last two years of this time period.
- ❖ The first phase of 2015-2019 was marked by large improvements.
- ❖ It was followed by some stagnation and decline over the last two years.

- ❖ That reported toilet use going up from 7% to 43% in between 2015-16 and 2019-21.
- ❖ A large increase in toilet use was seen in the poorest 20% of the rural population.
- ❖ It added that similar large increases were reported in all quintiles save for the richest 20%.
- ❖ The States where there has been a sustained decline in regular use of toilets since 2018 were Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Karnataka, and Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Seven other States like Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and West Bengal have been seeing an uneven decline in toilet use since 2018.
- ❖ Seven other States - Odisha, Punjab, Kerala, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Haryana, and Assam - were found to be steady performers in terms of continued toilet usage.

INTERNATIONAL

Armenia - International Criminal Court



- ❖ The Armenian parliament voted to join the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- ❖ The Armenian lawmakers basically voted to ratify the Rome Statute, the founding treaty of the ICC.
- ❖ Countries that have signed and ratified the Rome Statute that created the ICC are bound to arrest Mr. Putin.
- ❖ He was indicted for war crimes connected to the deportation of children from Ukraine, if he sets foot on their soil.

- ❖ Armenia later sought to assure Russia that Mr. Putin would not be arrested if he entered the country.
- ❖ In 2020, Moscow brokered a deal that ended a six-week war between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

ENVIRONMENT

Tarantula

- ❖ The elusive Nilgiri large burrowing spider, *Haploclastus nilgirinus* could be threatened by the illegal trade in wildlife as well as by climate change.
- ❖ It is endemic to the Nilgiris hills of Western Ghats.
- ❖ It is a venomous species of tarantula, which is rarely seen and has never been studied.
- ❖ The spider is also believed to be venomous though reports of it biting people seem rare.




STATES

Installed wind power capacity

- ❖ Gujarat has surpassed Tamil Nadu to become the top State in terms of installed wind power capacity.
- ❖ They are ahead by a few 100 megawatts than Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu had a unique advantage when compared to other States with wind power as it was available round the clock for three to four months.

- ❖ During the recent wind energy season, 40% of the power requirement was met through wind energy.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu will also soon bring out a repowering policy for replacing ageing wind turbines.

WHAT THE POLICY OFFERS		BENEFITS TO CONSUMER
<p>BENEFITS TO MANUFACTURERS, DISCOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No capacity restrictions for new projects ● Special incentives for offshore wind projects ● Projects connected to Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) can export power ● Small scale wind projects can be installed by consumers on rooftops ● Manufacturers and developers can install wind turbine generator prototypes ● No cap on repowering capacity ● Existing or under-construction standalone wind/ 	<p>solar plants can be converted into hybrid projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Floating and canal-based solar projects ● Cross-subsidy surcharge, additional surcharge not applicable to captive power projects under Electricity Rules 2005 ● Discoms can procure power from RE projects selected through competitive bidding process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RE power settlement against consumer consumption will be carried out based on billing cycle ● Consumers can avail of 100% green power supply on request ● Option of net metering or gross metering available for rooftop projects ● Small-scale wind projects can be installed by consumers on rooftops ● Energy banking facility shall be allowed upon payment of applicable banking charges ● No banking charges shall be applicable on solar power consumed by residential consumers



Pashmina Craft GI Tag



- ❖ Basohli Pashmina, a more than 100-year-old traditional craft from Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, has got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

- ❖ Earlier this year, the famed Basohli painting and Chikri wood from Rajouri district of Jammu division received the GI tag.
- ❖ Basohli Pashmina, a hand-spun product known for extreme softness, fineness and light-weight,
- ❖ It has insulating properties and extended life.
- ❖ Pashmina products include shawls for both men and women, mufflers, blankets and basket.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Wildlife Week 2023 - October 02/08



- ❖ This week-long observation aimed at raising awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation in India.
- ❖ The Indian Board of Wildlife first conceptualized the idea in 1952.
- ❖ The theme for 2023 is “Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation.”
- ❖ It evolved into a week-long celebration in 1957.

Breast cancer awareness month 2023 – October 1/31

- ❖ The annual international health campaign aims to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure.
- ❖ The pink ribbon is an international symbol of breast cancer awareness.
- ❖ In 1985, it was founded by the American Cancer Society and the Imperial Chemical Industries Pharmaceuticals.



- ❖ Breast Cancer is a type of cancer that arises in the epithelium (lining cells) of the ducts or lobules in the glandular tissues of the breast.

