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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors - YUVA 2.0 was launched recently to promote reading, writing, and book culture in the country.

TAMIL NADU

Number of foreign visitors



- ❖ Mamallapuram, has beaten the Taj Mahal in the number of foreign visitors.
- ❖ As per the report, 1,44,984 foreign visitors came to Mamallapuram in 2021-22.
- ❖ The Taj Mahal, in Agra, occupied the second spot with 38,922 foreign visitors.
- ❖ Six of the top 10 monuments on the central list are in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Taj Mahal, Red Fort and Qutub Minar are the top 3 most visited sites in India in 2021-22.
- ❖ The report also said the top five states for domestic tourist visits in 2021.

- ❖ They were Tamil Nadu (115.33 million), Uttar Pradesh (109.70 million), Andhra Pradesh (93.27 million), Karnataka (81.33 million) and Maharashtra (43.56 million).
- ❖ These five states accounted for about 65.41 per cent of the total domestic tourist visits in the country.

Pegatron in Tamilnadu

- ❖ TN CM inaugurated the manufacturing unit of Pegatron that will make iPhones at the Mahindra World City, Chengalpattu.
- ❖ This is the State's second iPhone manufacturing facility.
- ❖ Pegatron is the third Apple vendor to set up its manufacturing unit in India after Foxconn (in Tamil Nadu) and Wistron (Bengaluru).
- ❖ The plant has been set up under the centre's Production Linked Incentive scheme (PLI).
- ❖ This plant was the fifth biggest electronics investment in Tamil Nadu.



Awards for Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2022

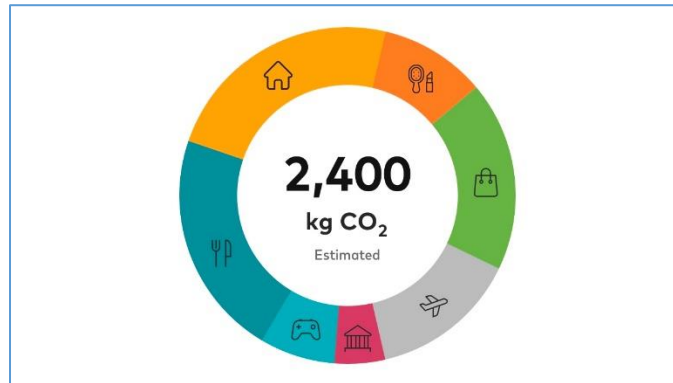


- ❖ Tamil Nadu secured top positions in various category of awards for Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2022 and Jal Jeevan Mission Functionality Assessment.
- ❖ President Murmu handed over the first prize in the Functionality Assessment 2021-22 under the 'less than 60% coverage category.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu won the third prize for Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2022 in the big States category.

NATIONAL

Carbon calculator

- ❖ Mastercard, a global payment and technology company is set to launch Carbon Calculator features.
- ❖ Carbon Calculator is a service that will be provided to banks.
- ❖ It is a personalized carbon footprint tracker.
- ❖ That can tell consumers the cumulative effect of carbon footprint across various spending categories in a month.
- ❖ It has already been launched in several countries.
- ❖ Now it will be launched in India too.



INTERNATIONAL

UNESCO-MONDIACULT 2022 World Conference

- ❖ UNESCO-MONDIACULT 2022 World Conference held at Mexico.
- ❖ This is the third such conference.
- ❖ In the conference, Culture Ministers of more than 100 countries participated on this multilateral forum to decide on the global cultural discourse.

- ❖ The first Mondiacult World Conference on Cultural Policies, held in Mexico City (Mexico) in 1982.
- ❖ Next the UNESCO World Conference on Cultural Policies for Development held in Stockholm (Sweden) in 1998.



Resolution against Russia's annexation



- ❖ India abstained on a United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolution against Russia's 'annexation'.
- ❖ It condemned Moscow's "illegal referenda" and declared its annexation of four Ukrainian territories as invalid.
- ❖ The UNSC resolution was vetoed by Russia.
- ❖ The UNSC could not adopt the resolution as Russia — a permanent member of the UN Security Council — vetoed it.

- ❖ It was supported by 10 of the 15 members of the Council.
- ❖ China, Gabon, India, and Brazil abstained.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Organic matter on Mars

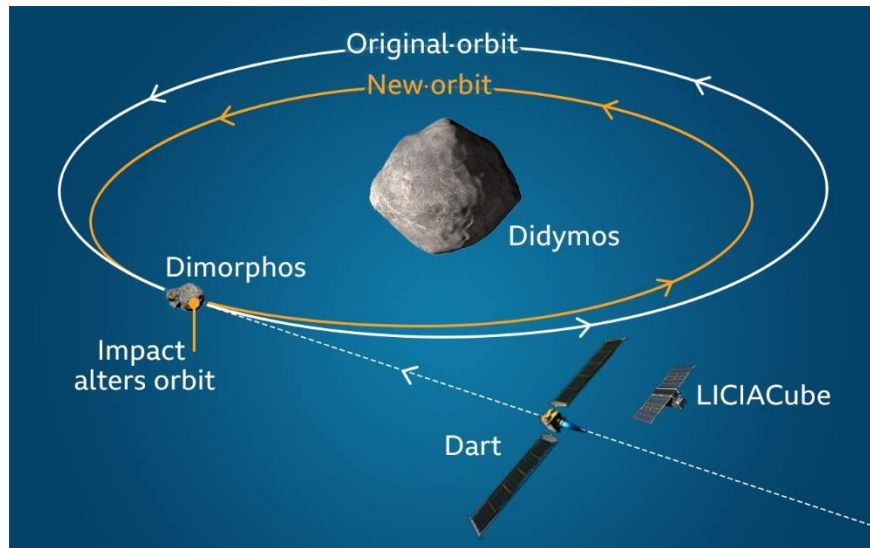
- ❖ The Perseverance Rover has collected several organic rock samples from an ancient river delta on Mars.
- ❖ These samples are currently stored for collection by future Mars missions that would return them back to the Earth.
- ❖ These rock samples have large concentration of organic matter, the highest concentration since the start of the mission.
- ❖ With the latest collection, the rover has now collected a total of 12 samples.
- ❖ One of the rocks the Perseverance collected was nicknamed as Wildcat Ridge.
- ❖ This rock was likely formed when mud and sand settled in a saltwater lake as it evaporated billions of years ago.



DART Mission NASA

- ❖ NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) is the agency's first attempt to move an asteroid in space.

- ❖ This world's first planetary Defense technology demonstration successfully impacted its asteroid target.
- ❖ DART targeted the asteroid moonlet Dimorphos, a small body just 530 feet (160 meters) in diameter.
- ❖ It orbits a larger, 2,560-foot (780-meter) asteroid called Didymos.
- ❖ Neither asteroid poses a threat to Earth.



IMPORTANT DAYS

NPS Diwas - October 01





- ❖ The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority is observing 1st October as the National Pension System Diwas (NPS Diwas).
- ❖ It aims to promote pension and retirement planning among the citizens of India, and enjoy financial independence post retirement.

International Day of Non-Violence - October 02

- ❖ Every year, since 2007, the day is observed on October 2, the birth anniversary of Gandhi.
- ❖ It aims to “disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness.”
- ❖ Iranian Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi, in January 2004, first proposed the idea of dedicating a day to non-violence, around the world.



World Farm Animals Day - October 02





- ❖ The day is celebrated to commemorate the lives of animals raised for food and to raise awareness of the humane treatment of these animals.
- ❖ This day is anniversary of the founding of the Animal Welfare Institute.

68th National Wildlife Week - October 02 to 08

- ❖ The 68th National Wildlife Week is observed all over India from 2nd to 8th October 2022.
- ❖ The main objective of this campaign is to promote the conservation and protection of animal life.
- ❖ The Indian Board of Wildlife established Wildlife Week in 1952.
- ❖ Wildlife Day was first observed in 1955.
- ❖ Later in 1957, it was renamed Wildlife Week.



World Space Week - October 04 to 10





- ❖ It celebrates science and technology, and their contribution towards the betterment of the human condition.
- ❖ This year's theme is 'Space and Sustainability'.
- ❖ October 4 marks the launch of the first human-made Earth satellite, Sputnik 1. in 1957.
- ❖ A decade later, on October 10, 1967, the Treaty on Exploration and Use of Outer Space was signed.
- ❖ The first time this event was celebrated was in 2000.

