

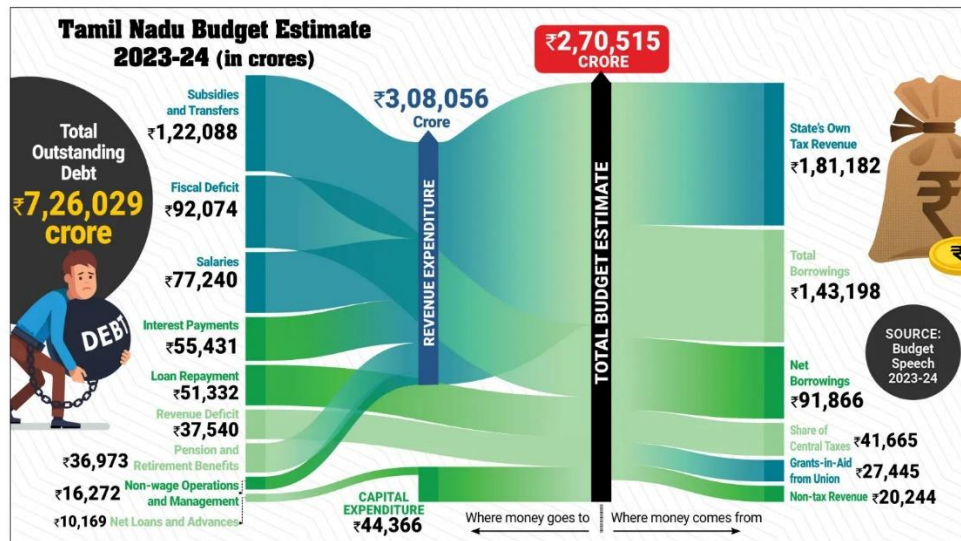
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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) conducted a multicity operation called “Kachchhap,” and recovered the 955 live baby Gangetic turtles of different species.
- ❖ In Jammu and Kashmir, under the Swachh Bharat Mission, all of its 6,650 villages have been declared open defecation-free plus model.

## TAMIL NADU

### State’s total revenue receipts in 2023-24



- ❖ Tamil Nadu’s total revenue receipts increased marginally to ₹92,967.33 crore in 2023-24 (till August).
- ❖ It was Rs.91,812.08 crore in the same period in 2022-23.
- ❖ In the State Budget for 2023-24, the total revenue receipts were projected to be ₹2,70,515.23 crore.
- ❖ The State has reached 34.37% of the target, as of August 2023.
- ❖ The State’s Own Tax Revenue (SOTR) increased about 5.47% to ₹59,616.01 crore in 2023-24 from ₹56,521.83 crore in the same period in 2022-23.
- ❖ The Budget had projected that the SOTR would be ₹1,81,182.22 crore for 2023-24.

- ❖ The State's revenue expenditure stood at ₹1,1,0,582.31 crore in 2023-24 (till August).
- ❖ The State Budget had estimated a revenue expenditure of ₹3,08,055.68 crore for 2023-24.
- ❖ The revenue deficit stood at ₹17,614.98 crore till August in 2023-24.
- ❖ The State Budget estimated the revenue deficit to be ₹37,540.45 crore.

## NATIONAL

### Sagar Parikrama Phase-IX

- ❖ It is aimed at addressing the issues of fishermen and other stakeholders while facilitating their economic upliftment through various schemes.
- ❖ The programme aims to address the challenges faced by coastal communities, particularly fishermen, and enhance their economic well-being through government schemes and initiatives.
- ❖ The ninth phase of the programme will cover coastal districts in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.
- ❖ The covered areas include Pudukkottai, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Chengalpattu, Chennai, Karaikal, and Puducherry.
- ❖ The first eight phases of 'Sagar Parikrama' covered 4,115 km in eight coastal states and union territories.



### Drone (Amendment) Rules 2023

- ❖ The Ministry of Civil Aviation in India has introduced the Drone (Amendment) Rules 2023.

- ❖ It aims to liberalize, promote, and streamline drone operations across the country, with a vision to establish India as a global drone hub by 2030.
- ❖ One of the most significant changes brought about by the amendments is the relaxation of the previously stringent requirements for obtaining a Remote Pilot Certificate.
- ❖ Previously, a passport was mandatory to apply for this crucial document.
- ❖ It is creating obstacles for numerous aspiring drone pilots, particularly in rural areas and the agricultural sector.
- ❖ Individuals can now use government-issued proof of identity and proof of address, such as Voter ID, Ration Card, or Driving License, to apply for the certificate.
- ❖ Only individuals holding a valid Remote Pilot Certificate registered on the digital sky platform are authorized to operate unmanned aircraft systems in India.
- ❖ However, for non-commercial drone use, no Remote Pilot Certificate is required for drones weighing up to 2kg.



## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Badis limaakumi**

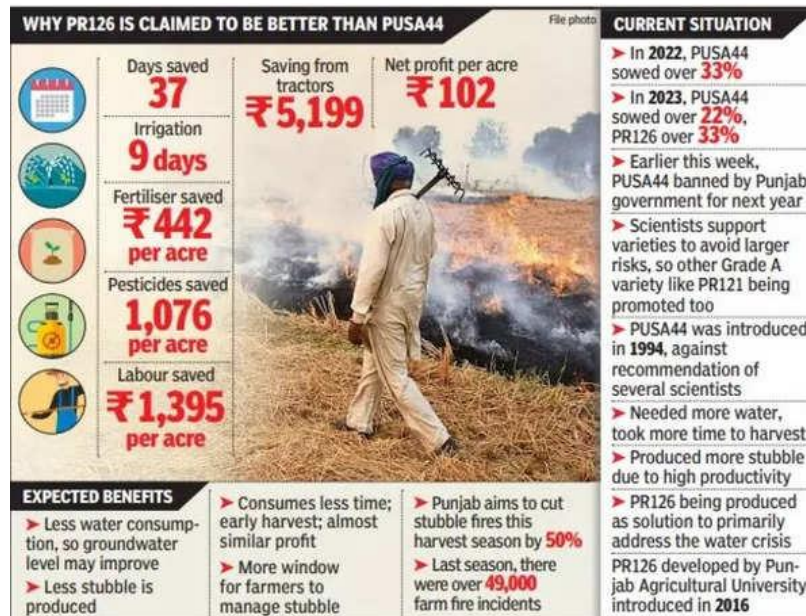
- ❖ The Scientists have recently discovered a new fish species from the Milak river, Nagaland.

- ❖ The newly discovered species *Badis limaakumi* has been named after Limaakum, the head of the zoology department at Fazl Ali College, Nagaland.
- ❖ The edible fish are found in ditches and stagnant water bodies across India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand and Myanmar.
- ❖ Fish from the *Badis* family are also known as chameleon fish for their ability to change colour.
- ❖ This helps them blend with the surroundings when under stress.



## STATES

### Ban on PUSA-44 Paddy Variety



- ❖ Punjab state will ban the cultivation of the PUSA-44 paddy variety from next year onwards.

- ❖ PUSA-44 was developed in 1993 by the Delhi-based Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- ❖ By the end of 2010s, it had gained widespread popularity among farmers across the Punjab.
- ❖ It is covering approximately 70 to 80% of the area under paddy cultivation.
- ❖ However, the Agriculture Department began discouraging farmers due to declining groundwater levels.
- ❖ Farmers claim that PUSA-44 yields nearly 85 to 100 mann (34 to 40 quintals) per acre, while other varieties' yield average is 28 to 30 quintals per acre.
- ❖ PUSA-44 is a long-duration variety, taking around 160 days to mature.
- ❖ This is around 35 to 40 days more than other varieties.
- ❖ It is also requiring 5-6 extra cycles of irrigation.
- ❖ This variety also generates approximately 2% more stubble than shorter-duration paddy varieties.
- ❖ So, it contributing significantly to the problem of stubble burning in Punjab.

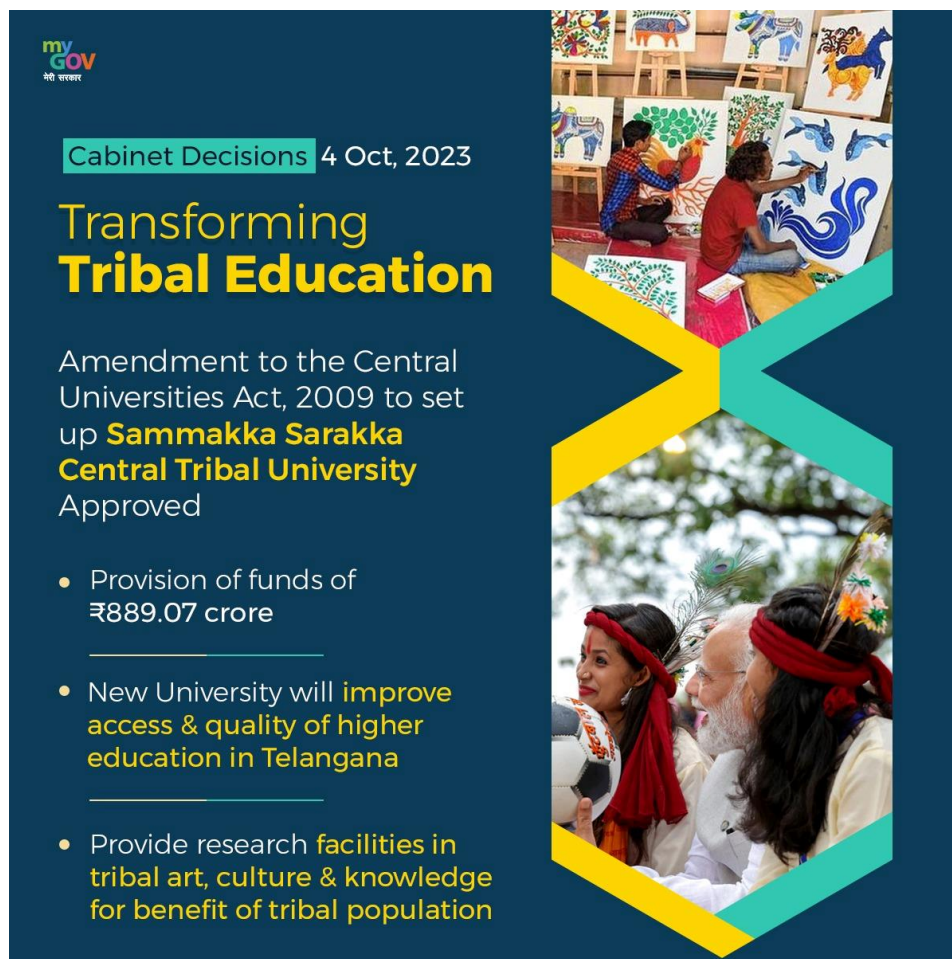
### **GI Tag - Yak Churpi**



- ❖ Three indigenous products from Arunachal Pradesh have been granted the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ❖ They are Yak Churpi, Khamti rice and Tangsa textile.
- ❖ Churpi is prepared from the milk of Arunachali yak.
- ❖ It is a unique breed found in West Kameng and Tawang districts of the state.
- ❖ It is reared by tribal yak pastoralists known as Brokpas.

- ❖ They migrate along with their yaks to higher reaches (at an altitude of 10,000 ft and higher) during summers and descend to mid-altitude mountainous regions in winters.
- ❖ Yaks cannot survive in lower altitude during summer.
- ❖ And thus, they need to be taken beyond 13,000 ft.
- ❖ The Khaw Tai is a chewy sticky rice variety of Namsai region.
- ❖ It is cultivated by traditional Khampti tribal farmers.
- ❖ Textile products of the Tangsa tribe of Changlang district are famous for their exotic designs and colours.

### Central Tribal University – Telangana



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Cabinet Decisions 4 Oct, 2023

## Transforming Tribal Education

Amendment to the Central Universities Act, 2009 to set up **Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University** Approved

- Provision of funds of ₹889.07 crore
- New University will improve access & quality of higher education in Telangana
- Provide research facilities in tribal art, culture & knowledge for benefit of tribal population

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in Telangana's Mulugu District.
- ❖ The Central Tribal University in Telangana is being named in honour of the tribal goddesses Sammakka and Sarakka.

- ❖ The Sammakka Sarakka Jathara is one of the most famous tribal festivals in the world.
- ❖ Around 1.5 crore devotees from various tribal and non-tribal communities participate in this festival, including those from Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Jharkhand.
- ❖ It is often referred to as the Kumbh Mela of the tribals.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Post Day 2023 - October 09

- ❖ This day is celebrated in remembrance of the foundation of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland.
- ❖ It was first declared as the World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan, in 1969.
- ❖ In India, the day acknowledges the beginning of National Postal week, celebrated from October 9 to October 15.
- ❖ Theme for 2023 is "Together for Trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future."



### Indian Foreign Service Day 2023 - October 09

- ❖ The Indian government had established the Indian Foreign Service on 9th October 1946.
- ❖ This day honours the critical institution for India's diplomatic, consular, and commercial representation worldwide.



- ❖ During the British rule, the Foreign Department was created to manage interactions with Foreign European Powers.
- ❖ IFS officers are career diplomats tasked with representing India's interests both domestically and abroad.

