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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has unveiled a statue of freedom fighter Anjalai Ammal in Cuddalore.
- ❖ Bangaru Adigal (82), the founder of Melmaruvathur Adhiparasakthi Siddhar Peedam, of Chengalpattu District, who allowed women to perform poojas in the sanctum sanctorum, passed away recently.
- ❖ Jharkhand is becoming the first state in India to take steps towards including gig workers, such as Swiggy, Zomato, Ola, Uber, and Rapido employees, under the ambit of minimum wages.
- ❖ Bhopal's Mahila Thana has become the country's first women-centric police station to be certified by the ISO (International Organization for Standardization).
- ❖ India is represented by a strong 446-member contingent, including 303 athletes, at the fourth Asian Para Games of Hangzhou, China.
- ❖ The Union govt officially launched IndiaSkills 2023-24 and honoured the winners of World Skills 2022 in New Delhi.
- ❖ As per the 'On-Time Performance Monthly Report', Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru has been the "world's most punctual airport" for the past three months consecutively.

TAMIL NADU

Global text standard

- ❖ Tamil Nadu is one of only three government members of the Unicode Consortium that sets digital standards for scripts and emojis.
- ❖ But the Tamilnadu State government has largely stayed away from actually using the standard.
- ❖ The State government has spent \$200,000 over a 16-year period in membership dues to the Consortium.
- ❖ The board of the Tamil Virtual Academy (TVA) — which represents the State government at the Consortium.
- ❖ Press releases, government orders and gazette notifications usually use custom Tamil fonts that are incompatible with the Unicode standard.
- ❖ This can harm the accessibility of government documents and their discovery online.



- ❖ Tamil Nadu is a 'Supporting Member' at the Unicode Consortium.
- ❖ This privilege allows the State a half vote on proposals at the Unicode Technical Committee, where it has not voted in years.
- ❖ The governments of Bangladesh and Oman are the only others who are currently paying for this membership.



NATIONAL

Supreme Court on Same-Sex Marriage



- ❖ A five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court unanimously ruled against legalising same sex marriage in India.

- ❖ The CJI has left it to the Parliament to decide on the issue.
- ❖ The SC also added that it cannot strike down the provisions of the Special Marriage Act (SMA) of 1954 or read words differently.
- ❖ The focus of the petitions filed is the gender-neutral interpretation of the SMA.
- ❖ It is a secular legislation designed to facilitate inter-caste and inter-faith marriages.
- ❖ The petitioners have sought a broader interpretation of the SMA to include same-sex marriages too.
- ❖ All five judges agreed that there is no fundamental right to marry.

Global Maritime India Summit



- ❖ The third edition of the Global Maritime India Summit 2023 held in Mumbai recently.
- ❖ A blueprint for the maritime blue economy also unveiled in the event.
- ❖ The blueprint outlines strategic initiatives are aimed at enhancing port facilities, promoting sustainable practices, and facilitating international collaboration.
- ❖ The first Maritime India summit was held in 2016 in Mumbai while the Second Maritime Summit was held virtually in 2021.

Provisional Coal Statistics 2022-23

- ❖ The Ministry of Coal released the statistical publication "Provisional Coal Statistics for 2022-23."


- ❖ India exported 1.163 million tonnes of coal in 2022-23 to neighbouring countries, including Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan.
- ❖ Coal accounts for half of our energy consumption and remains the dominant fuel for power generation due to its reliability compared to other renewable energy sources.



One Nation, One Student ID

APAAR REGISTRY OF ACADEMIC FEATS

- It will help track educational progress and achievements of students
- Students can digitally store all achievements, like exam results, learning outcomes, achievements in Olympiad, sports, skill training etc
- Students can use the credit score for their higher education or employment purpose in future
- Aadhaar number will be masked while sharing data with other government users
- Personal information, such as name, address, age, date of birth, gender and photograph, will be made



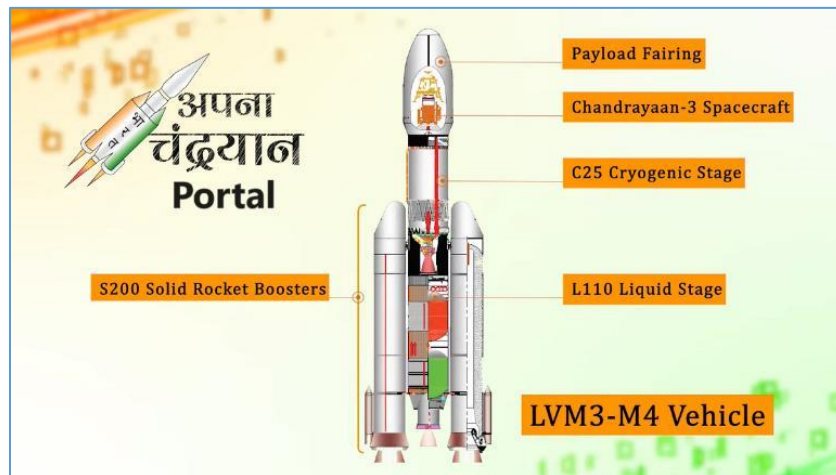
- available to entities engaged in various educational activities, scholarships, educational institutions
- It will make transfer from one school to another easy
- It will help monitor students dropping out and mainstreaming them. New students entering the education system can also be tracked

- ❖ The Union Education Ministry has started the process of introducing 'One Nation, One Student ID' for school students around the country.

- ❖ It will be a life-long ID that will track students' achievements and academic journeys.
- ❖ This new initiative is named as Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR).
- ❖ This is an Education Ecosystem Registry or an 'EduLocker'.
- ❖ The APAAR being a lifelong ID number will make it easier for students to track their academic journey and achievements.
- ❖ They will be able to digitally store their exam results, learning outcomes, and co-curricular achievements, such as rankings in Olympiads or receiving specialised skills.

Apna Chandrayaan

- ❖ Union education ministry will start special course modules on Chandrayaan and launch an education website 'Apna Chandrayaan'.
- ❖ It offers activity-based support material such as quiz and puzzles inspired by the Chandrayaan-3 Mission.
- ❖ Digital certificates will be issued for all those who score more than 70%, and the first 1000 winners will receive age-appropriate books.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

SBSTTA 25 and COP-15

- ❖ Twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 25) and the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15) was held in Nairobi, Kenya.

- ❖ The 25th meeting is the first time the group has met since the Framework was adopted in December 2022.
- ❖ Some 670 participants from 135 countries are in Nairobi for the meeting.

Paris moment for nature

The UN Biodiversity Summit has approved a landmark deal to protect nature and direct billions of dollars towards biodiversity conservation. Highlights of the deal

2030
limit

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework contains 23 action-oriented targets, which have been divided in three broad categories:

1 Reducing threats to biodiversity

2 Meeting people's needs through sustainable use and benefit-sharing

3 Tools and solutions for implementation and mainstreaming

KEY TARGETS

Conserve area: At least 30% of terrestrial, inland water, and coastal, marine areas, are conserved

Restore ecosystems: At least 30% of areas of degraded ecosystems are under restoration

Reduce harmful subsidies: Identify, and eliminate incentives harmful for biodiversity

Officials at the United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in Montreal.

DIVERGENCES REMAIN: Division over how to fund efforts led to intense negotiations, with China, chair for COP15, disregarding objections from the delegation of the DRC

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan Birth anniversary

Syed Ahmad Khan, Anglo-Indian philosopher, was born on Oct 17, 1817

Founder of **AMU**

Was conferred the title of Javad-ud-Daulah in 1842 by Bahadur Shah Zafar-II

Formed the Muslim League, which later on metamorphosed into the All-India Muslim League

But his views changed after the Hindi-Urdu controversies and his reformist policies became more Muslim-focused

Penned the Causes of the *Indian Mutiny*, a critique of the British policies that led to the causing the revolt

Visualised India as a "beautiful bride, whose one eye was Hindu and, the other, Muslim"

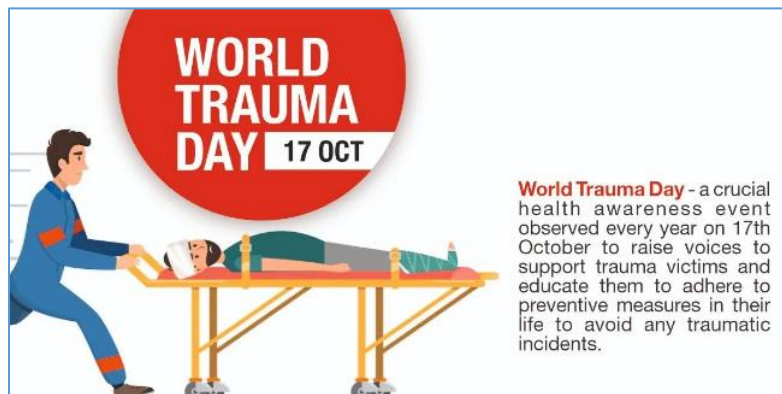
- ❖ Sir Syed Ahmed Khan is known for propagating modern education among Muslims and advocating several reforms for the community.
- ❖ He established Scientific Society at Ghazipur in 1864.

- ❖ He also started publishing Tahzib-ul-Akhlaq in 1870 to instil the modern consciousness among the Muslims.
- ❖ In 1875 he laid the foundation of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) as Madrasa-tul-Uloom with seven students.
- ❖ On January 8, 1877, the foundation of Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental (MAO) College was laid.
- ❖ In 1920, this college got the status of Aligarh Muslim University.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Trauma Day 2023 - October 17

- ❖ It aims to raise voices to support trauma victims and educate them to adhere to preventive measures in their life to avoid any traumatic incidents.
- ❖ The first annual World Trauma Day was established in 2011 in New Delhi, India.
- ❖ More than 50 lakh people die each year as a direct result of injury.
- ❖ This equates to one death every six seconds and 9 percent of all deaths worldwide.
- ❖ Annually, it is estimated that 10 lakh people in India will die due to injuries, and another 2 crores will be admitted to hospitals.



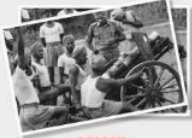
National Solidarity Day 2023 - October 20

- ❖ This day is observed to honour the soldiers who fought during the Sino-Indian War of 1962.
- ❖ On October 20, 1962, China launched a devastating attack on India.
- ❖ A second Chinese offensive commenced on November 16, 1962.
- ❖ The conflict finally came to a halt on November 20/21, 1962.


- ❖ In 1966, a committee elected by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi established this Day to honour soldiers and their families who sacrificed in conflicts.

On October 20, 1962, the Chinese launched simultaneous offensives in Ladakh & across the McMahon Line, starting the Sino-Indian War


WHEN CHINA INVADED INDIA




REASON:
Disputed territory along the
3,225-km
-long Himalayan border



10,000-12,000
Indian troops
80,000
Chinese troops



Most fighting took place at altitudes of over **4,000 metres** (14,000 feet), with harsh conditions claiming **several lives**



ENDED when the Chinese declared a ceasefire on **20 November 1962**

INDIAN CASUALTIES	
1,383 Killed	1,047 wounded

