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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a 12-member committee for simplification of insurance policy wordings.
- ❖ Reliance Jio, announced a partnership with California-based Plume to deliver smart home and small business services across India.
- ❖ India has ranked third among the countries with the most financial technology (fintech) unicorns (17) in the world in 2023, with the US (134) and UK (27) retaining the top two positions globally.
- ❖ Zomato, the food ordering and delivery platform, has introduced a maternity insurance programme for its female delivery partners.
 - This initiative is the first of its kind in the industry.
- ❖ India's Sundar Singh Gurjar broke the World Record (67.79) in the men's javelin throw F46 final with 68.60m to win gold at the Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China.
- ❖ The five Goan cities of Mapusa, Margao, Panjim, Ponda, and Vasco are hosting the 16 days 37th National Games at Goa.
- ❖ The 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress 2023 in New Delhi.
 - Theme of the event will be 'Global Digital Innovation'.
- ❖ India and the European Union (EU) carried out their maiden naval exercise in the Gulf of Guinea off the west African coast to boost maritime security cooperation.
- ❖ US President Joe Biden honoured Two Indian-American scientists – Dr Ashok Gadgil and Dr Subra Suresh – with the National Medals in the fields of science and technology.
 - Gadgil was conferred the National Medal for Technology and Innovation, Suresh won the National Medal of Science.

TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu draft elector list 2023

- ❖ As per the draft roll, Tamil Nadu has more female voters (3.1 crore) than male voters (3 crore).
- ❖ Of the total 6.1 crore voters. 8,016 have been marked as third gender.

- ❖ Only in Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Kanyakumari and Kallakurichi districts male voters outnumber women voters.
- ❖ Sholinganallur assembly constituency in Chengalpattu has the largest number of voters (6.52 lakh).
- ❖ Kivelur in Nagapattinam has the lowest (1.69 lakh).
- ❖ Chennai (38.68 lakh), Thiruvallur (33.34 lakh) and Coimbatore (30.49 lakh) are the top the districts in number of voters.
- ❖ Ariyalur (5.07 lakh), Nagapattinam (5.41 lakh), Perambalur (5.62 lakh) and the Nilgiris (5.7 lakh) are at the bottom of the list.
- ❖ The state has 137 voters above the age of 120.
- ❖ There are 381 people aged between 110 and 119.



Pichwai Painting

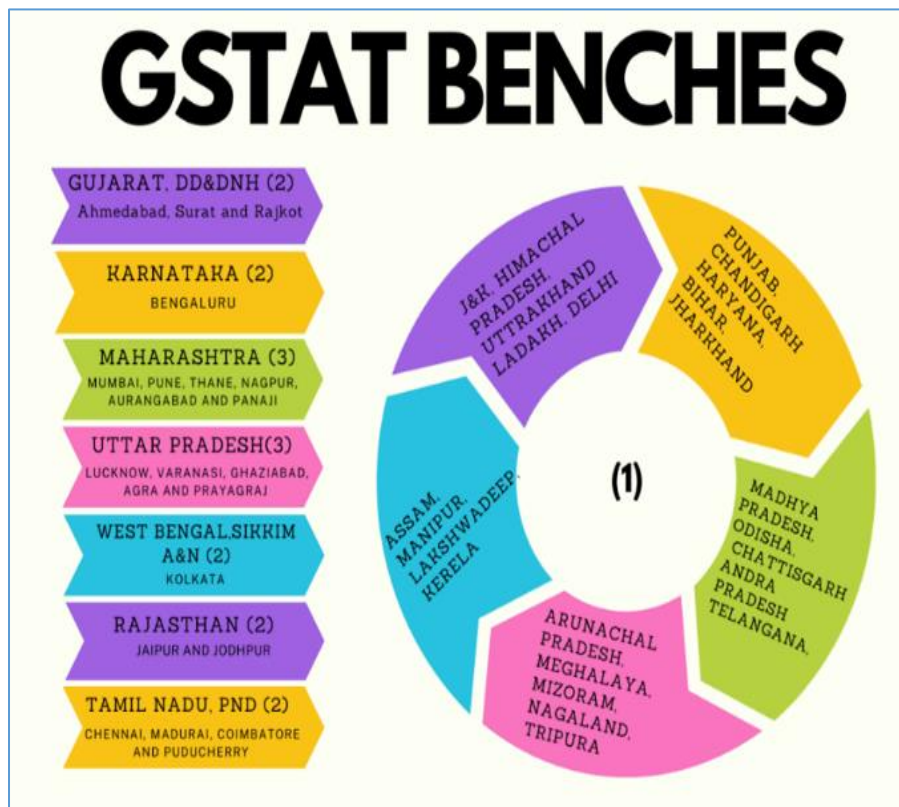


- ❖ Chennai hosts an art exhibit showcasing Pichwai paintings.

- ❖ Some of the paintings are dating back 350 years.
- ❖ The Pichwai artists use stone pigments, especially for gold and silver tones.
- ❖ The brighter orange, red, chrome yellow and kesari colours come from vegetable dyes.

NATIONAL

Appellate Tribunal rules 2023



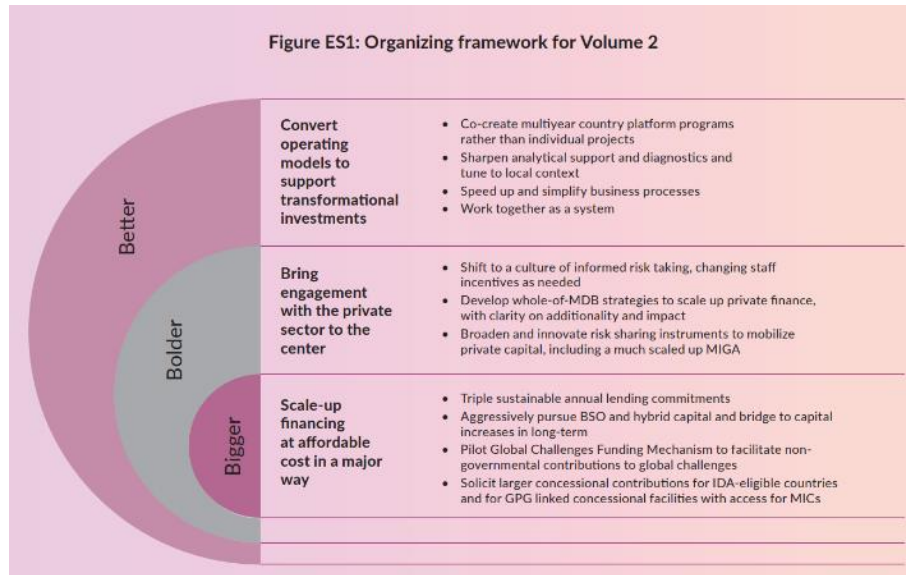
- ❖ The Ministry of Finance has issued Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (Appointment and Conditions of Service of President and Members) Rules, 2023.
- ❖ It provides a framework for the selection, tenure, and benefits of the tribunal's key personnel.
- ❖ These rules shall apply to the President, Judicial Member, Technical Member (Centre) and Technical Member (State) of the Principal Bench and State Bench of Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal.
- ❖ The maximum age limit for the president has been set at 70 years, while members should not exceed 67 years of age.

- ❖ The Finance Ministry had previously announced the establishment of 31 benches of GSTAT.

INTERNATIONAL

Roadmap for 'bigger, bolder, better' MDBs

- ❖ The independent expert group, which was led by former US treasury secretary Lawrence Summers and chair of the 15th Finance Commission NK Singh, submitted volume two of its report.
- ❖ The report was titled 'The Triple Agenda: A Roadmap for Better, Bolder and Bigger MDBs'.
- ❖ Volume one of the reports, submitted to the G20 ministers in July, had recommended tripling the annual lending levels of MDBs to \$390 billion by 2030.
- ❖ The recommendations aim to enhance MDBs' capabilities and optimize their functioning to drive global development priorities more efficiently.
- ❖ Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) are institutions whose members include multiple developed and developing countries.

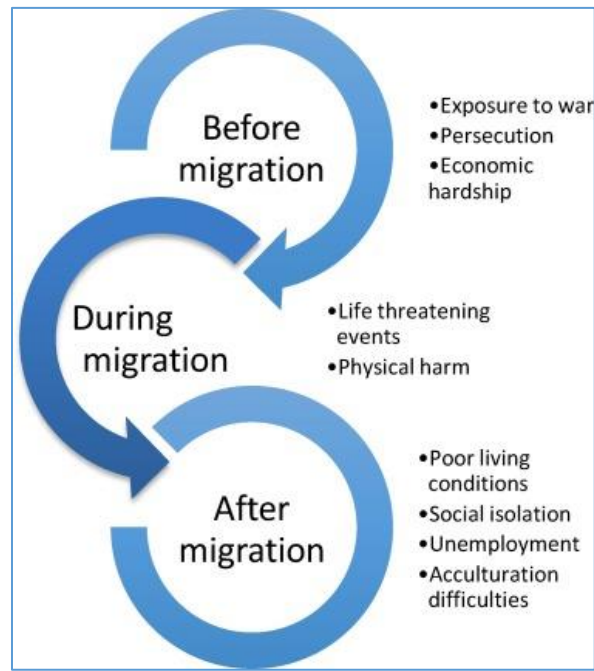


REPORTS AND INDICES

Mental Health of Refugees and Migrants

- ❖ A report titled 'Mental Health of Refugees and Migrants: Risk and Protective Factors and Access to Care' was brought out by WHO.

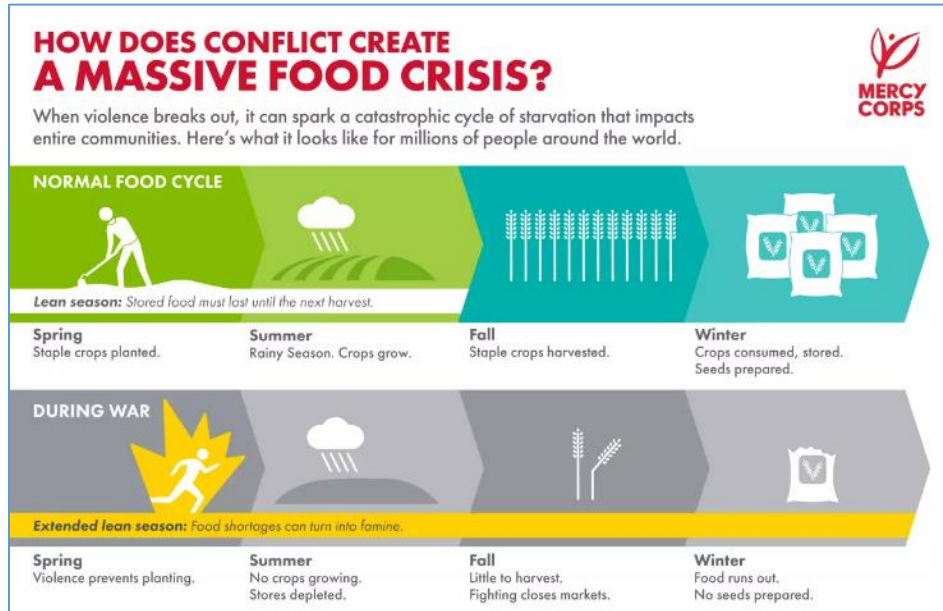
- ❖ The year 2021 had 258 million international migrants.
- ❖ By the end of 2021, the total number of forcibly displaced people was 89.3 million, of whom 53.2 million were internally displaced people, 27.1 million were refugees and 4.6 million were asylum seekers.
- ❖ One in five people (22.1 per cent) in conflict-affected areas may experience depression, anxiety, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), bipolar disorder, or schizophrenia.
- ❖ Behavioural disorders may be more common among younger refugee and migrant children significantly more severe in younger (6-14 years) compared with older (15-17 years) age groups.



Mercy Corps Report

- ❖ The report is focused on Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Jordan, Iraq and occupied Palestinian Territories (West Bank and Gaza) as well as North African states Tunisia and Egypt.
- ❖ Many countries in the Middle East and North Africa are grappling with severe food crises.
- ❖ This is primarily due to their inability to afford essential food items and their exposure to the adverse effects of conflicts and trade disruptions in the Black Sea.
- ❖ The situation is further aggravated by dwindling levels of humanitarian funding.
- ❖ Russia's invasion of Ukraine had significant repercussions on grain exports.

- ❖ The report points out that India also banned rice exports in July 2023 to safeguard domestic supply.
- ❖ The combined impact of these shocks could trigger unprecedented food inflation in the MENA region.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Global Teacher Prize 2023



- ❖ Deep Narayan Nayak, a school teacher from West Bengal's Asansol, has been selected as one of the top 10 finalists for the Global Teacher Prize 2023.



- ❖ The Global Teacher Prize recognizes exceptional educators with a \$1 million award for their outstanding contributions to the field.
- ❖ Mr Nayak transformed mud walls into blackboards and roads into classrooms, providing education to those who might otherwise have been left behind.
- ❖ He also made efforts to educate parents, particularly mothers and grandmothers, with the goal of breaking the cycle of illiteracy.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Thrift Day 2023 - October 30

- ❖ This day is observed on the 31st of October.
- ❖ But in India, it is observed on 30th October.
- ❖ This occasion is celebrated to promote the habit of thrifting and better management of money and wealth.
- ❖ The first World Thrift Day was organized in 1924 in Milan, Italy.
- ❖ The occasion also saw the inception of the World Savings and Retail Banking Institute.
- ❖ Theme for 2023 is "Conquer your Tomorrow" through savings!

