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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched a scheme to provide a monthly incentive of ₹1,000 each to 12,959 archakas and Bhattacharyas of Oru Kaala puja temples (those where pujas are conducted only once a day).
- ❖ The Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank (TMB) celebrated its 100th year anniversary.
 - It was started as a Nadar bank in 1921 at Thoothukudi but changed its name to Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank in 1962.

TAMIL NADU

Amarnath Ramakrishna

- ❖ K. Amarnath Ramakrishna, the Superintending Archaeologist has been transferred back to the Archaeological Survey of India's Chennai Circle.
- ❖ He oversaw the first two phases of the Keeladi excavations.
- ❖ Currently, Mr. Ramakrishna is serving as Superintending Archaeologist in the Goa Circle.



Tamilnadu Legislations

- ❖ The State Assembly of Tamilnadu passed a Bill (Tamil Nadu Payment of Salaries Act, 1951).
- ❖ It was to give effect to the announcements made by the erstwhile AIADMK regime last year.
- ❖ The Bill was introduced by Minister Duraimurugan (holding legislature portfolio) in the House



- ❖ On March 24 last year, the then Chief Minister Edappadi Palani Samy announced that the lump sum allowance payable to the family of an MLA would be enhanced from ₹2 lakh to ₹5 lakh.
- ❖ He announced that the pension payable to former MLAs and former MLCs would be enhanced from ₹20,000 to ₹25,000.
- ❖ The family pension payable to the legal heir of the deceased MLAs and MLCs would be enhanced from ₹10,000 to ₹12,500
- ❖ A Bill to repeal a law on contract farming enacted during the previous AIADMK regime was also introduced.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation) Repeal Bill was introduced.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu's contract farming and services legislation of 2019 was based on a model Bill then mooted by the Centre.

Tamilnadu Assembly Session

- ❖ The Tamilnadu Assembly's Budget session began on August 13.
- ❖ The House was later adjourned sine die on September 13th by the Speaker Appavu.
- ❖ This is also the first time since independence that the State Legislative Assembly would not have a nominated MLA from the Anglo-Indian community.
- ❖ A 104th Constitutional amendment in 2019 discontinued representation for Anglo-Indians both in the Lok Sabha as well as in all Legislative Assemblies across the country.

University Syndicate

- ❖ The Speaker has nominated several MLAs to syndicate members in various universities.
- ❖ All the MLAs will hold the post for three years.
- ❖ If they cease to be a member of the Assembly during this period, their tenure in the Syndicate will also come to an end.

NATIONAL

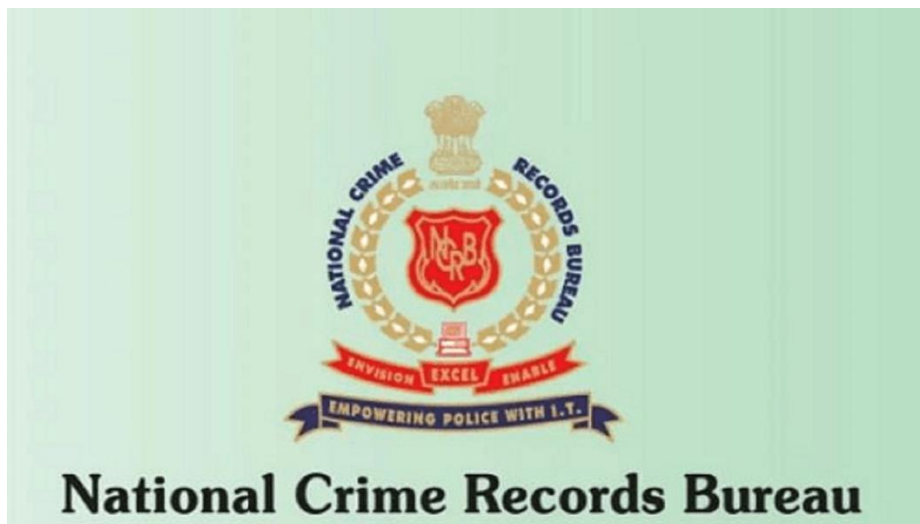
Sansad television

- ❖ The Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla jointly launched Sansad TV.

- ❖ In February 2021, the decision to merge Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV was taken.
- ❖ When the Parliament is in session, Sansad TV will have two channels so that the proceedings of both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha can be aired simultaneously
- ❖ Sansad TV programming will primarily be in four categories - functioning of Parliament and democratic institutions, governance and implementation of schemes/policies, history and culture of India and issues/interests/concerns of contemporary nature.
- ❖ The Lok Sabha TV (LSTV) was founded in July 2006.
- ❖ It was the brainchild of former Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee.
- ❖ The Rajya Sabha TV was formed in 2011.



National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report



- ❖ There was a 28% increase in the registration of cases in 2020 compared to 2019.

- ❖ It is primarily owing to the violations of COVID-19 norms across the country.
- ❖ Crimes against Scheduled Castes showed an increase of 9.4%.
- ❖ There was 8.30% decline in cases of crime against women.
- ❖ The States reporting high charge-sheeting rate under IPC crimes were Gujarat (97.1%), Kerala (94.9%) and Tamil Nadu (91.7%).
- ❖ The cases of sedition declined from 93 in 2019 to 73 last year, with Manipur reporting 15 cases, Assam 12, Karnataka eight, Uttar Pradesh seven, Haryana six, Delhi five and Kashmir two cases.

The Crimes rates in India



- ❖ It was revealed by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- ❖ Amongst the 19 Metropolitan Cities, cities reporting highest charge-sheeting rate under Indian Penal Code (IPC) Crimes are Surat (96.7%), Coimbatore (96.6%) and Ahmedabad (96.3%).
- ❖ Assam recorded the highest rate of crime against women in the country for the fourth consecutive year.
- ❖ The rate is calculated as the number of crimes recorded per 100,000 population.
- ❖ Odisha came at the second place.

- ❖ Delhi came at the third place.
- ❖ West Bengal and Odisha registering the highest increase.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh registered the biggest drop
- ❖ Lucknow of Uttar Pradesh occupies the first place in crimes against women in the category of Metro cities at the rate of highest level.
- ❖ In the category of low rate of crime against women, Coimbatore occupies 1st place, Chennai 2nd place and Kerala's Kochi occupies third place.
- ❖ Rajasthan recorded the highest number of rape cases followed by Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Assam.
- ❖ Among all crimes against women, the highest number of cases was recorded under "cruelty by husband or relatives" in 2020.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh (31) and Madhya Pradesh (27) recorded the instances of rape-cum-murder/gang rape.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh topped in the crime rate for dowry deaths.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar recorded the highest rate of crimes against the SCs.
- ❖ Among cities, Kanpur and Jaipur registered the highest rate.
- ❖ Kerala, Rajasthan and Telangana recorded the highest rate of crimes against the STs.

Sputnik Light



- ❖ The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) gave its approval to conduct Phase-3 trials of the Sputnik Light COVID-19 vaccine on the Indian population.

- ❖ Sputnik Light is the single-dose COVID-19 vaccine version of Sputnik V.
- ❖ Russia had launched the single-dose Sputnik Light.

Global Buddhist Conference

- ❖ India is set to host the first-ever Global Buddhist Conference in November, 2021 at in Nalanda, Bihar.
- ❖ The academic conference will be organised by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- ❖ Four regional conferences in India (Telangana, Sarnath, Gangtok and Dharamshala) and abroad (Japan, South Korea, Thailand and Cambodia) will be organised, in the run-up to the conference.

Shoonya campaign

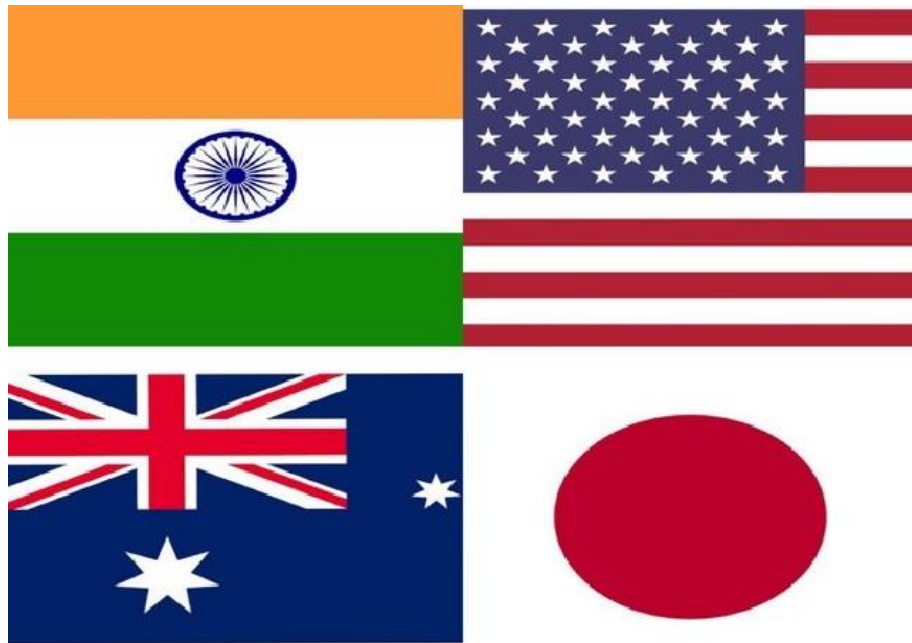


- ❖ The NITI Aayog, in association with the RMI and RMI India, launched this campaign.
- ❖ The main purpose of the campaign is to eliminate pollution from urban freight sector.
- ❖ It was launched with the aim of accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in urban delivery segment.

INTERNATIONAL

QUAD Meeting

- ❖ The US President Joe Biden will be hosting the first in-person meeting of the Quad countries in at the White House, in Washington of USA.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Australian PM Scott Morrison and Japanese PM Yoshihide Suga will be present at the meeting.
- ❖ The quadrilateral security dialogue includes Japan, India, United States and Australia.
- ❖ It met for the first time in 2007 on the sidelines of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).
- ❖ All four nations find a common ground of being the democratic nations and common interests of unhindered maritime trade and security.
- ❖ China had branded it an emerging “Asian NATO”.



India-Africa Defence Dialogue

- ❖ The Government of India has proposed to institutionalise the India-Africa Defence Dialogue, as a regular event, to be held on the sidelines of the biennial DefExpo military exhibition.
- ❖ The first India-Africa Defence Ministers Conclave (IADMC) was held at DefExpo in February 2020 in Lucknow.

- ❖ The second India – Africa Defence Dialogue will be held on the sidelines of the DefExpo, scheduled to be held at Gandhinagar, Gujarat in March 2022.
- ❖ The theme of the 2nd India Africa Defence Dialogue will be ‘India – Africa: Adopting Strategy for Synergizing and Strengthening Defence and Security Cooperation.



SCO Summit



- ❖ The 21st meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of State will be held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan in a hybrid format.
- ❖ The President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon will chair the SCO Summit.
- ❖ This will be the first SCO Summit that will be conducted in a hybrid mode.

- ❖ This is the 4th Summit that India will participate as a full-fledged member of the SCO.
- ❖ The Summits of the SCO Council of Heads of State is held annually at alternating venues.
- ❖ The SCO Summit 2020 was chaired by Russia.

‘Peaceful Mission’ 2021 – 6th version

- ❖ The Indian military contingent is participating in the Exercise PEACEFUL MISSION -2021.
- ❖ It is a Joint Counter Terrorism Exercise between Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states.
- ❖ It is being hosted by Russia.
- ❖ It is the 6th edition of the biennial multilateral Exercise.



World Ozone Day Theme (16 September)

- ❖ It is the reminder of the Spring of 1975 when the scientists in Antarctica had detected an appalling drop in the Ozone concentration.

- ❖ The Montreal Protocol theme has been selected for the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2021
- ❖ The theme for World Ozone Day 2021 is 'Montreal Protocol- Keeping us, our food, and vaccines cool'.
- ❖ The Montreal Protocol was the first to be ratified by all the 197 countries of the United Nations.



ECONOMY

Cohort under Regulatory Sandbox

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India has announced the theme for the Third Cohort under the Regulatory Sandbox (RS) as 'MSME Lending'.
- ❖ Regulatory Sandbox (RS) refers to live testing of new products or services in a controlled/test regulatory environment for which regulators may (or may not) permit certain regulatory relaxations for the limited purpose of the testing.
- ❖ First Cohort - Retail Payments in December 2020.
- ❖ Second Cohort - Cross Border Payments in December 2020.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

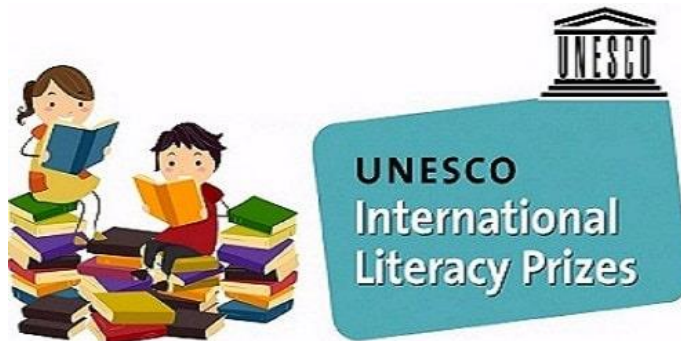
National Florence Nightingale Award 2021

- ❖ It will be given to a nurse, Bhanumati Gheewala, from Sir Sayajirao General Hospital, Gujarat.
- ❖ The Florence Nightingale Award is given by the Indian Nursing Council.
- ❖ This is a statutory agency under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to recognise the contributions of healthcare workers.



UNESCO Literacy Prize

- ❖ The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), run by the education ministry, has bagged this global recognition.
- ❖ The recognition is for educating differently-abled people through technology-enabled inclusive learning material.
- ❖ The NIOS move has a specific focus on Indian sign language-based content.



Rajbhasha Keerthi Puraskar

- ❖ The most prestigious 'Rajbhasha Keerthi Puraskar' award was given to Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant (first prize).
- ❖ The award is presented to recognize the efforts towards the implementation of Hindi as the official language
- ❖ The NMDC got the 3rd prize in the category of Undertakings.
- ❖ National Mineral Development Ltd. (NMDC) is working under the Ministry of Steel.
- ❖ NMDC has been winning this award for the past three years in a row.



SPORTS









Asian Games 2022

- ❖ The 2022 Asian Games is set to be held in Hangzhou, China.
- ❖ It will feature 8 esports titles as medal events.
- ❖ The eight esports titles included in the 2022 Asian Games are Arena of Valour, Dota 2, Dream Three Kingdoms 2, EA Sports FIFA, Hearthstone, League of Legends, PUBG Mobile, and Street Fighter V.
- ❖ This will mark the first year the Asian Games will recognize esports as medal events.



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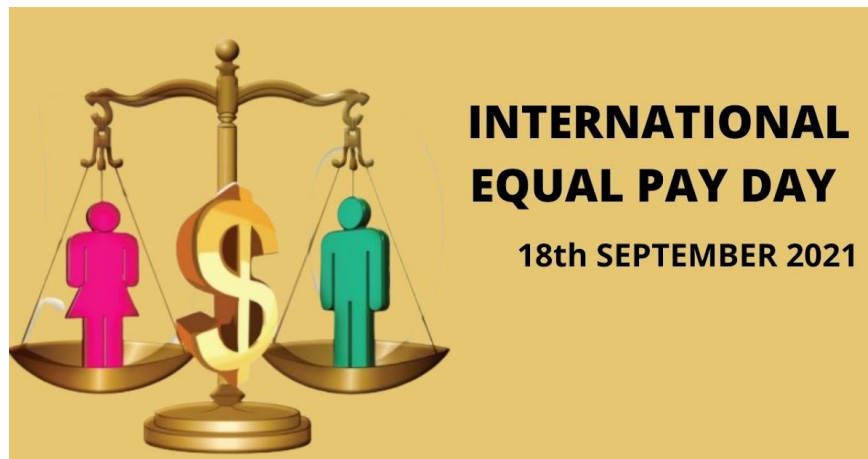
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DEMONSTRATION GAMES

 AESF Robot Masters Powered by Migu	 AESF VR Sports Powered by Migu
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IMPORTANT DAYS

International Equal Pay Day – 18 September



- ❖ Under an initiative of the United Nations, it is observed
- ❖ The world observed its first-ever International Equal Pay Day in 2020.
- ❖ It aims to highlight the importance of ending sexual discrimination in relation to gender pay gap.

- ❖ It refers to the difference in earnings between men and women in paid employment.
- ❖ At the current pace, it could take 257 years to achieve economic gender parity.

World Water Monitoring Day – 18 September



- ❖ It is an international effort aimed to increase public awareness and involvement in water monitoring and protecting water resources around the world.
- ❖ Water Monitoring Day was created by America's Clean Water Foundation in 2003.

International Red Panda Day – 18 September

- ❖ It is celebrated on third Saturday of September every year.
- ❖ The day was launched by the Red Panda Network in 2010.
- ❖ Almost 50% of the red panda's habitat is in the Eastern Himalayas.
- ❖ It is native to the eastern Himalayas and southwestern China.
- ❖ It is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.
- ❖ These animals spend most of their lives in trees and even sleep aloft.



- ❖ The loss of nesting trees and bamboo is causing a decline in red panda populations.

