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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Geetika Srivastava will be India's new charge affairs at its High Commission in Islamabad of Pakistan.
 - She is becoming the first woman to hold that post.
- ❖ India defeated Thailand in the final to win the inaugural Women's Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier held at Oman.

TAMIL NADU

SC on Self Respect Marriage Act

The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955

7 Ceremonies for a Hindu marriage.

(2) (a) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 7, but subject to the other provisions of this Act, all marriages to which the section applies solemnised after the commencement of the Hindu Marriage (Madras Amendment) Act, 1967, shall be good and valid in law.

Suyamariyathai (self-respect) and Seerthiruttha (reformist) marriages as legal when solemnised in the presence of friends, relatives or any other person by exchanging garlands or rings or tying of a mangalsutra or by a declaration in language understood by both parties that they accept each other to be their spouse.

C. N. Annadurai enacted "the Hindu Marriages (Madras Amendment) Act, 1967 and the same incorporated as section 7-A in the Hindu Marriage Act - i.e. in Central Act XXV of 1955.

- ❖ The Supreme Court observed that there is no blanket ban on advocates solemnising "self-respect" marriages under Section 7(A) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.
- ❖ On January 17, 1968, the Hindu Marriage (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act, 1967, received the President's approval and became the law.
- ❖ This amendment modified the Hindu Marriage Act of 1955, by inserting Section 7-A into it.
- ❖ However, it was extended only to the state of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Section 7-A deals with the special provision on "self-respect and secular marriages".



- ❖ It legally recognises “any marriage between any two Hindus”.
- ❖ It can be referred to as “suyamariyathai” or “seerthiruththa marriage” or by any other name.

Arvind Subramanian Panel



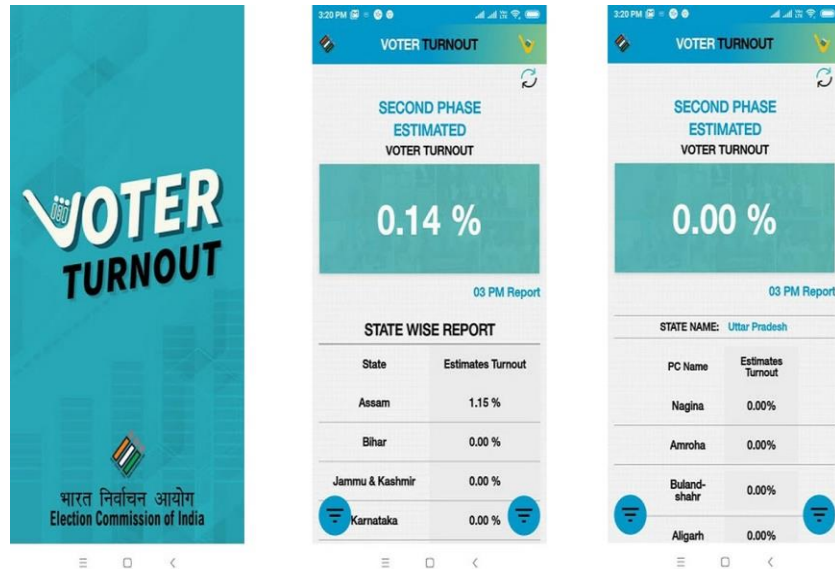
- ❖ The Tamilnadu State government has formed a five-member committee under the chairmanship of Arvind Subramanian.
- ❖ He is the former Chief Economic Adviser to Government of India.
- ❖ This panel will study the settlement pattern of Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) to Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The IGST is levied and collected by the Centre on inter-State supply of goods and services and settled with the States.

NATIONAL

ECI's Turnout Implementation Plan

- ❖ In a bid to increase voter turnout in 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Election Commission of India (EC) has tweaked its usual voter outreach.
- ❖ It aims to focus on 10 large states where the turnout was below or slightly higher than the 2019 Lok Sabha election national average.
- ❖ It also focusses on around 250 constituencies where the figures were below their respective state averages.

- ❖ This plan is expected to increase voter participation from the average of 67.4% in 2019.



INTERNATIONAL

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- ❖ The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) has issued General Comment No. 26.
- ❖ It provides a legal framework to address the adverse effects of environmental degradation and climate change on the enjoyment of children's rights.
- ❖ It also looking to ensure a clean, healthy, and sustainable world now and to preserve it for future generation.

- ❖ Member states urged to take necessary measures to protect children's rights from climate change-related harm caused by businesses.

Kampala Ministerial Declaration on Migration



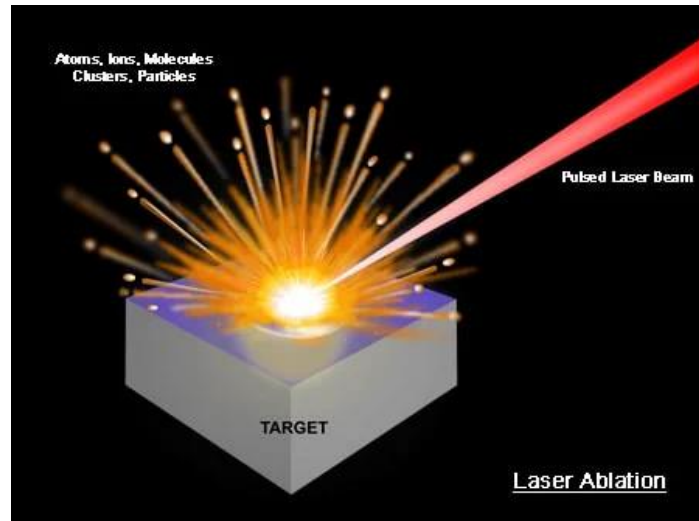
- ❖ A total of 48 African countries have now agreed to adopt the Kampala Ministerial Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change (KDMECC).
- ❖ It aims to address the nexus of human mobility and climate change in the continent.
- ❖ Africa is one of the world's most vulnerable continents to the impacts of climate change.
- ❖ KDMECC was originally signed and agreed upon by 15 African states in Kampala, Uganda in July 2022.
- ❖ The Declaration is the first comprehensive, action-oriented framework led by Member States to address climate-induced mobility in a practical and effective manner.
- ❖ There were over 7.5 million new internal disaster displacements last year alone.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

LIBS Technique

- ❖ LIBS instrument onboard the Chandrayaan-3's rover has made the first-ever in-situ measurements on the elemental composition of the lunar surface near the south pole.
- ❖ LIBS stands for 'Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy'.
- ❖ These in-situ measurements confirm the presence of Sulphur (S) in the region.

- ❖ Search for Hydrogen (H) is underway.
- ❖ The LIBS payload was developed at ISRO's Laboratory for Electro-Optics Systems in Bengaluru.



Nabhmitra device

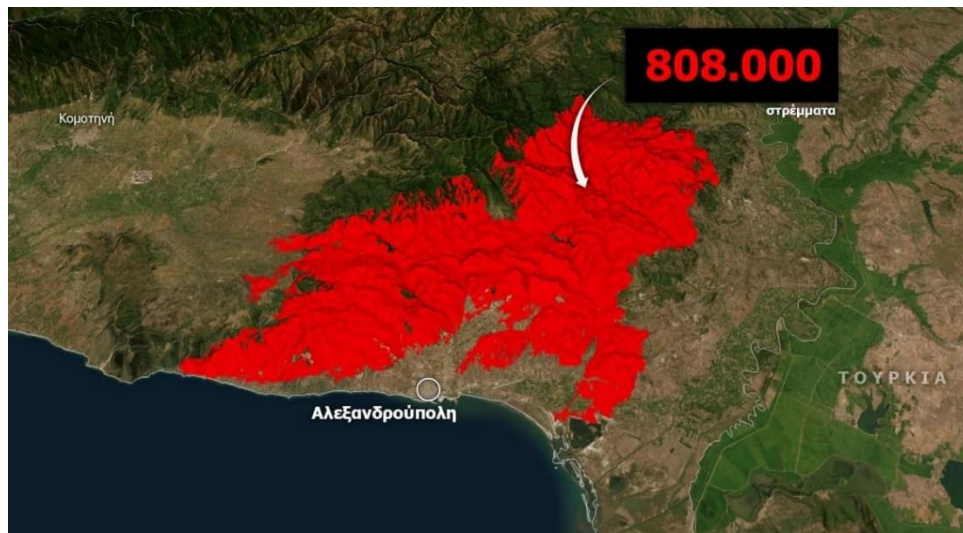


- ❖ 'Nabhmitra' device is developed by ISRO-Space Applications Centre (Ahmedabad) for the safety of fishermen.

- ❖ The satellite-based communication system enables two-way messaging services from and to the sea.
- ❖ While weather and cyclone warnings will be communicated in the local language, the boats can also send distress messages to the authorities.
- ❖ In emergency situations like capsizing and fire, fishers can press a button on the device and get in touch with the control centre.
- ❖ While the control centre will receive the alert including the location of the boat, the crew on the boat will get a response message from the control centre.

ENVIRONMENT

Largest Recorded Wildfire



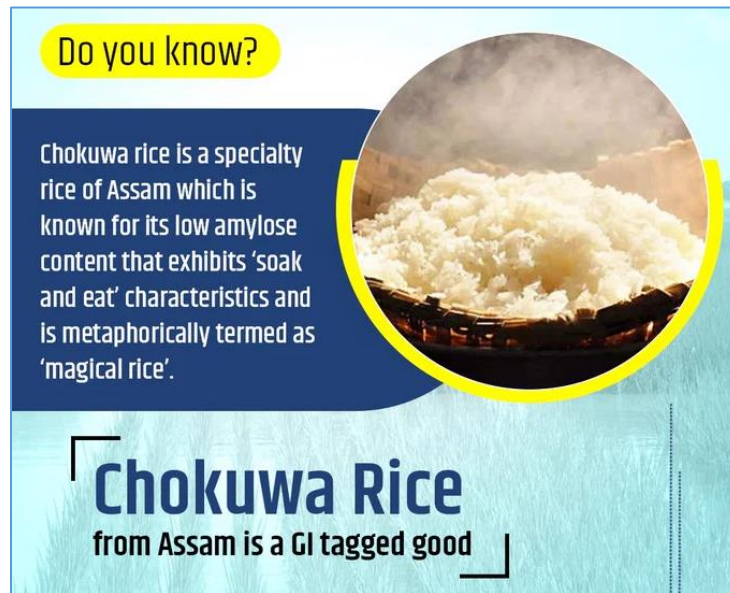
- ❖ The Greece wildfire has been declared the "largest ever" recorded in the European Union's history.
- ❖ This wildfire is the largest in the EU since 2000.
- ❖ The forest fires, which began on August 19, have burnt more than 310 sq miles (810 sq km).
- ❖ This area is bigger than New York City.

STATES

GI tag for Chokuwa Rice

- ❖ Assam's famed "Magic Rice", Chokuwa Rice, recently secured a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

- ❖ This unique rice has been a staple of the troops of the mighty Ahom dynasty.
- ❖ This unique and healthy rice is cultivated around the Brahmaputra area.
- ❖ It is cultivated in several parts of Assam like Tinsukia, Dhemaji, Dibrugarh and others.
- ❖ This whole grain can be consumed after soaking the rice in the cold or lukewarm water.



Lead state on Attracting FDI



- ❖ In the first quarter of the fiscal year 2023-24, Maharashtra has emerged as the front-runner in attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

- ❖ The state had secured the top position by attracting FDI amounting to Rs 36,634 crore.
- ❖ This is more than the sum of investment received by Delhi, Karnataka and Telangana in the first quarter.

SPORTS

U.S. Open Tennis 2023



- ❖ The Former US Open champion Stan Wawrinka became the oldest man to win a match at the tournament since 40-year-old Jimmy Connors in 1992.
- ❖ The 50th anniversary of the U.S. Open becomes the first sporting event to offer equal prize money to female and male competitors celebrated recently.
- ❖ The 79-year-old tennis player Billie Jean King, as the defending U.S. Open champion in 1973 rallied her fellow women players to threaten a boycott of that year's tournament unless women got the same pay as men.
- ❖ It was announced that summer that the men's and women's U.S. Open champions would each receive \$25,000.
- ❖ It would take 34 years before all the other Grand Slam events followed suit.
- ❖ This year the U.S. Open winners will each receive \$3 million.

