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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India has become the Bangladesh's leading export partner by surpassing both Japan and China.
- ❖ Indian Prime Minister inaugurated the first phase of the India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC), named Yasho Bhoomi, in Dwarka, Delhi.
- ❖ India's fashion designer Rahul Mishra was conferred with the insignia of Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres of France.

TAMIL NADU

Kurathiarai rock-cut temple



- ❖ Tamil Nadu government to declare an early Pandya period rock-cut temple in Kurathiarai in Kanniyakumari district as a protected monument.
- ❖ The temple in Kurathiarai would be one among the 10 early Pandya period temples.
- ❖ The locals continue worship the deity as Avvayar Amman, the poet of the Sangam age.



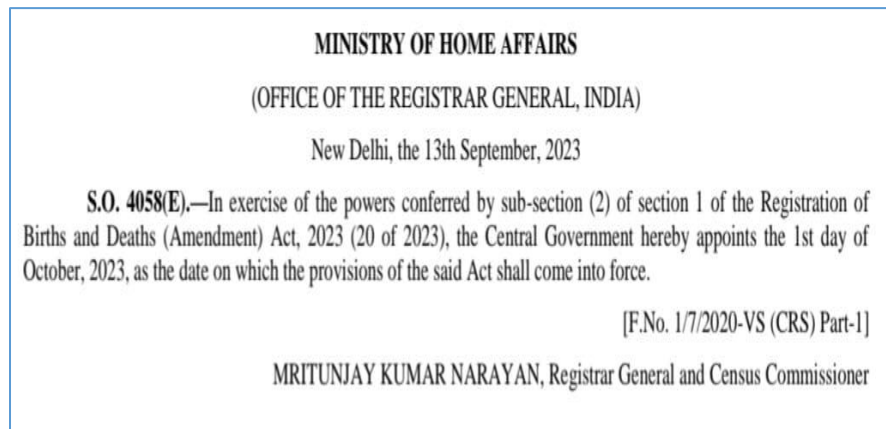
- ❖ But, Kavimani Desikavinayagam Pillai, who was also an epigraphist, had written that it was the image of the Lord Vishnu, carved out of the rock.

Recruitment process for Panchayat Secretaries

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has revised its recruitment process for Village Panchayat Secretaries for the Rural Development Department.
- ❖ They are to reside in the respective village panchayats.
- ❖ The recruitment is to be made by a district-level committee chaired by the Collector.
- ❖ This will be governed by Tamil Nadu Village Panchayat Secretaries (Conditions of Service) Rules, 2023.

NATIONAL

Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2023



- ❖ For the first time since its inception in 1969, a Bill introduced to amend the 54-year-old law.
- ❖ The Bill aims to create a state, and national, level database of registered births and deaths.
- ❖ It will come into force across the country from October 1, 2023.
- ❖ This allows the use of a birth certificate as a single document for admission to an educational institution, issuance of a driving licence, preparation of voter list, Aadhaar number, registration of marriage or appointment to a government job.
- ❖ It would be facilitating the registration process of adopted, orphan, abandoned, surrendered, surrogate child and child to a single parent.

- ❖ It provides for the appointment of special "sub-registrars" in the event of disaster or epidemic for speedy registration of deaths and issue of certificates.

OIML certificate-issuing authority

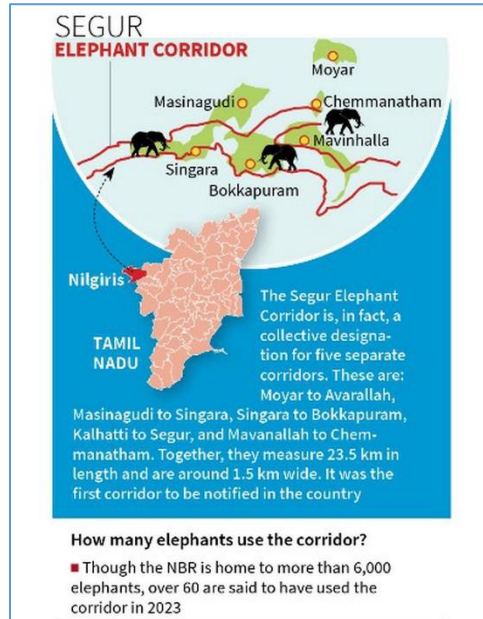
- ❖ Legal Metrology Division, Department of Consumer Affairs of India has become an OIML certificate-issuing authority.
- ❖ The OIML stands for International Organisation of Legal Metrology.
- ❖ It was established in 1955 and headquartered in Paris.
- ❖ The OIML is an international standard-setting body.
- ❖ It develops model regulations, standards and related documents for use by legal metrology authorities and industry.
- ❖ India became a member of the OIML in 1956.
- ❖ In the same year, India signed the metric convention.
- ❖ Since only 13 countries are authorised, neighbouring countries and manufacturers can come to India to get their certification done.



National Judicial Data Grid platform

- ❖ The Supreme Court onboarded its case data on the National Judicial Data Grid.

- ❖ The committee considered the objections raised by the owners of the 12 resorts, who had challenged the validity of the elephant corridor notification issued in 2010.
- ❖ This corridor is home to the largest population of three critically endangered species of vultures in southern India.



SPORTS

Asia Cup 2023

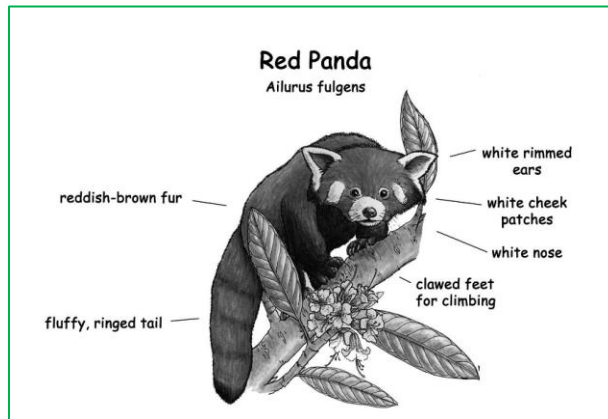


- ❖ India won the record 8th Asia Cup title against Sri Lanka.

- ❖ Kuldeep Yadav, who clinched 9 wickets, has won the Man of the series Title in the Asia cup 2023.
- ❖ Mohammed Siraj earned the Man of the Match award in the final due to his remarkable performance, securing 6/21.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Red Panda Day 2023 - September 16



- ❖ It is observed on the third Saturday of every September, which this year falls on September 16.
- ❖ This day was initially established by the Red Panda Network in 2010.
- ❖ It aims to raise the alarm about the significant decrease in the population of this enigmatic creature found in dense forests of Asia.
- ❖ Red pandas were found in the southwest region of China and the eastern Himalayas.
- ❖ According to the IUCN's list, India cumulatively accommodates around 5,000-6,000 red pandas.
- ❖ In India, the endangered red pandas are mostly found in the sanctuaries in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.

MISCELLANEOUS

New UNESCO World Heritage site

- ❖ The 45th session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO approved following India's recommendations.

- ❖ Santiniketan, the famed place in West Bengal where poet Rabindranath Tagore built Visva-Bharati over a century ago, also earned the UNESCO tag.
- ❖ The Hoysala temples at Belur, Halebidu and Somanathapur in Karnataka were declared as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- ❖ The Hoysala temples are known for evolving a distinct style that is ornate with temple architecture following a stellate plan built on a raised platform.
- ❖ The material used in temple construction is chloritic schist which is also known as soapstone that are soft and amiable to carving.
- ❖ They are the 42nd site in India and fourth site in Karnataka to get the world heritage tag.
- ❖ Previously, two other groups of monuments of Karnataka at Hampi (1986) and Pattadakal (1987) along with the Ecological hotspot Western Ghats (2012) had the coveted status.
- ❖ The Hoysala rulers ruled over parts of Southern India from the 11th Century to the 14th Century with Halebidu (Dwarasamudra) as their capital.
- ❖ With this successful nomination, India has 42 world heritage properties overall.
- ❖ It includes 34 in the cultural category, seven in the natural category and one mixed property.
- ❖ Presently, India has the sixth largest number of (UNESCO) sites in the world.



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