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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has announced that funerals of brain-dead persons whose organs are donated will be conducted with State honours.
- ❖ World Car-Free Day is observed on September 22nd each year to promote alternative modes of transportation, raise awareness about the environmental impact of car usage.
- ❖ World Rivers Day is observed on the fourth Sunday (September 24) in September each year.
- ❖ India observes National Daughters Day on the fourth Sunday (September 24) of September each year to encourage parents to give their daughters additional attention.

TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu's peak power demand

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's evening peak power demand is expected to increase to 16,200 MW in October.
- ❖ This was 15,217 MW in the same month last year.
- ❖ The availability during peak hours would be 14,463 MW in October.
- ❖ The overall energy requirement for October would be 10,550 million units and the availability 10,788 million units.
- ❖ As per the Central Electricity Authority, the State's energy requirement was 8,820 million units in October 2022.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has the highest energy consumption among the southern States.
- ❖ It saw an all-time high peak demand of 19,387 MW on April 20.
- ❖ On the same day, an all-time high daily consumption of 423.785 million units was also recorded.

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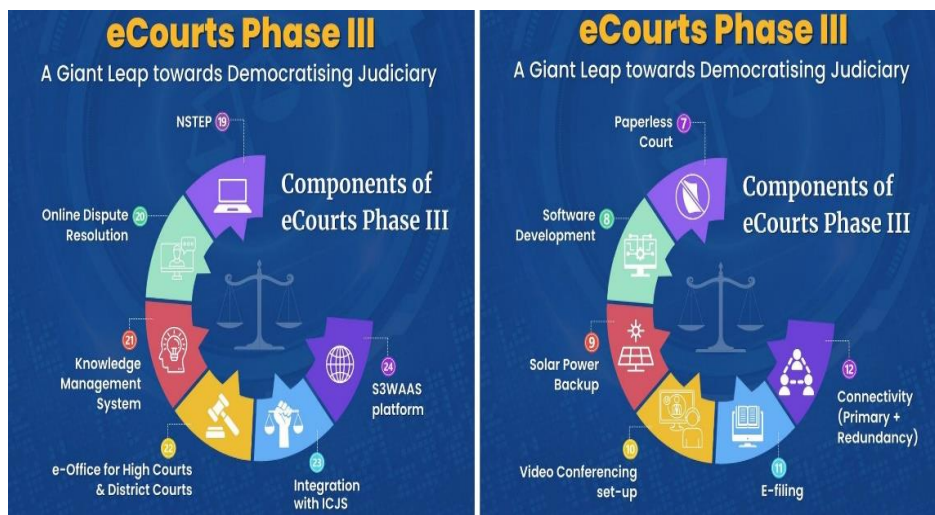
Skill India Digital app

- ❖ The Centre launched the Skill India Digital app.
- ❖ It brings together listings for upskilling courses and job listings.

- ❖ The app will be linked with DigiLocker and Aadhaar to issue verifiable certificates of course completion.
- ❖ It will generate digitally signed CVs for job applicants and people taking courses.
- ❖ It is linked to the Udyam portal, the eShram portal, the National Career Service and the ASEEM job directory.



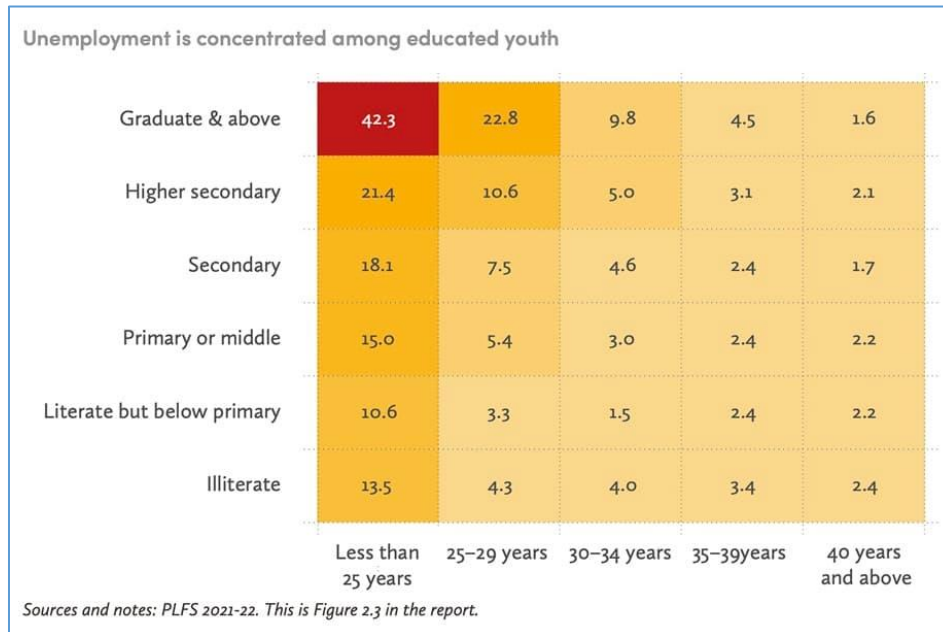
eCourts Phase III



- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the third phase of the eCourts Project with a financial outlay of ₹7,210 crore.
- ❖ It aims to upgrade digital infrastructure of the lower judiciary.
- ❖ This Central scheme will be implemented over four years.

- ❖ Phase 3 of the project will see the digitisation of entire court records, both legacy and pending cases.
- ❖ A total of 3,108 crore documents will be digitised.

State of Working India 2023



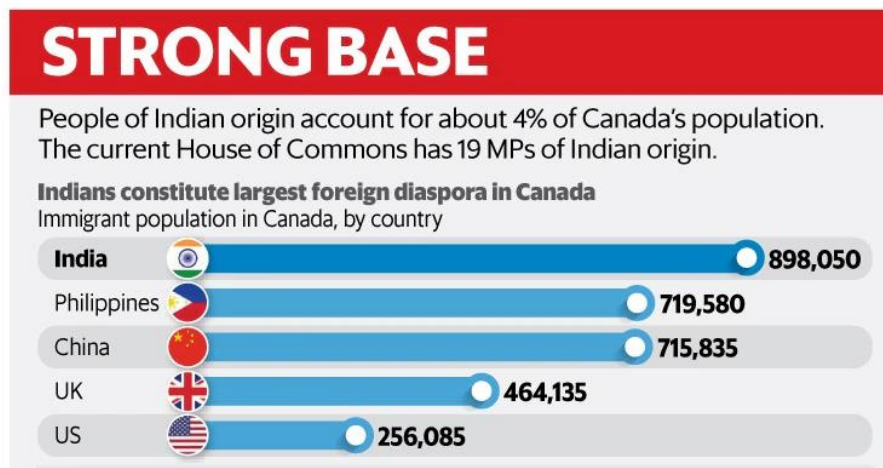
- ❖ The ‘State of Working India 2023’ report was released by Azim Premji University’s Centre for Sustainable Employment.
- ❖ The overall unemployment rate reduced to 6.6 per cent in 2021-22 from 8.7 per cent in 2017-18.
- ❖ But, over 42 per cent of India’s graduates under 25 were unemployed in 2021-22.
- ❖ In 2021, 32% of general caste workers were in regular wage employment as compared to 22% of SC workers.
- ❖ In 2018, 75.6% of sons of SC/ST casual wage working fathers were themselves casual wage workers, a dip from 86.5% in 2004.
- ❖ A steeper fall is noticed for sons of general caste casual wage working fathers, to 53% in 2018 from 83.2% in 2004.
- ❖ Since the 1980s, the share of workers employed in non-agricultural sectors increased significantly, with the figure standing at 19.8% in 2021.
- ❖ As of 2021-2022, about 40% of SC women were in employment as opposed to only 21% of general caste women.

- ❖ Salaried women workers in India now earn 76% of their male counterparts, compared to 70% in 2004

INTERNATIONAL

Bilateral ties between India and Canada

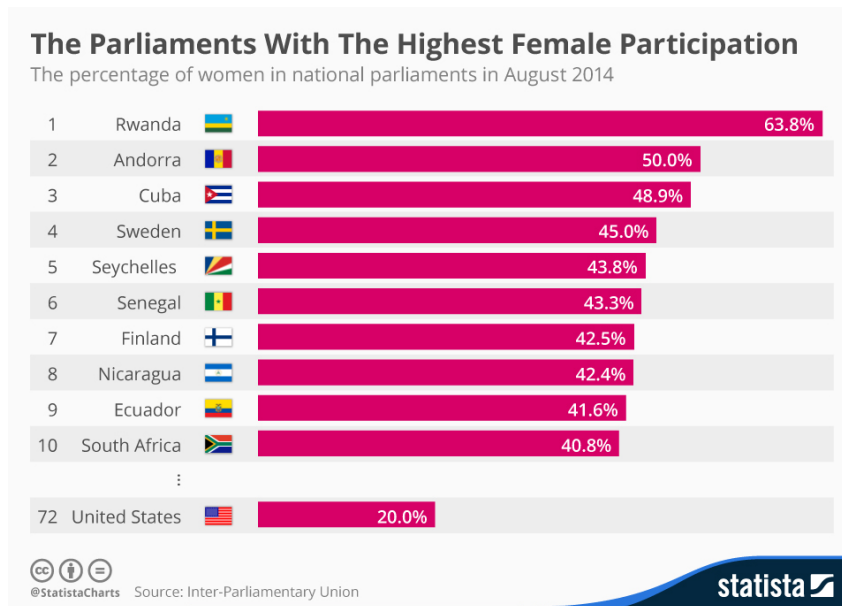
- ❖ Canada accused India of involvement in the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar.
- ❖ He was earlier designated a terrorist by the Indian government for his involvement in pro-Khalistan activities.
- ❖ The Khalistan extremist movement is a separatist movement that seeks to establish an independent Sikh state called Khalistan.
- ❖ It emerged primarily among the Sikh diaspora, particularly in countries like Canada, during the 1980s.
- ❖ They established a 'Khalistan government in exile' office in Vancouver in 1982.
- ❖ Canadians of Indian origin account for about 4% of that country's population.
- ❖ The current House of Commons has 19 MPs of Indian origin, including three cabinet ministers.



Women Parliamentarians in Rwanda

- ❖ Globally, the average for women in parliament is around 24 per cent.
- ❖ But the country with the highest percentage of women legislators in its Parliament is Rwanda.
- ❖ It has 49 of its 80 Lower House seats occupied by women (around 61 per cent).
- ❖ According to the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Index, in 2023, Rwanda ranked 12th out of 146 countries.

- ❖ In 1994, more than 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were massacred at the hands of Hutu militias.
- ❖ As a result, 70 per cent of the population was composed of women after the war.



ECONOMY

GSTN - Geocoding Across India

- ❖ The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) has introduced geocoding functionality to identify and locate businesses accurately across all states and union territories.
- ❖ Geocoding allows for precise location data and enhances auditing and enforcement efforts.

- ❖ This move will make it easier to eliminate fake registration or to locate a tax evader.
- ❖ Geocoding is a process that assigns geographical coordinates to addresses or locations.

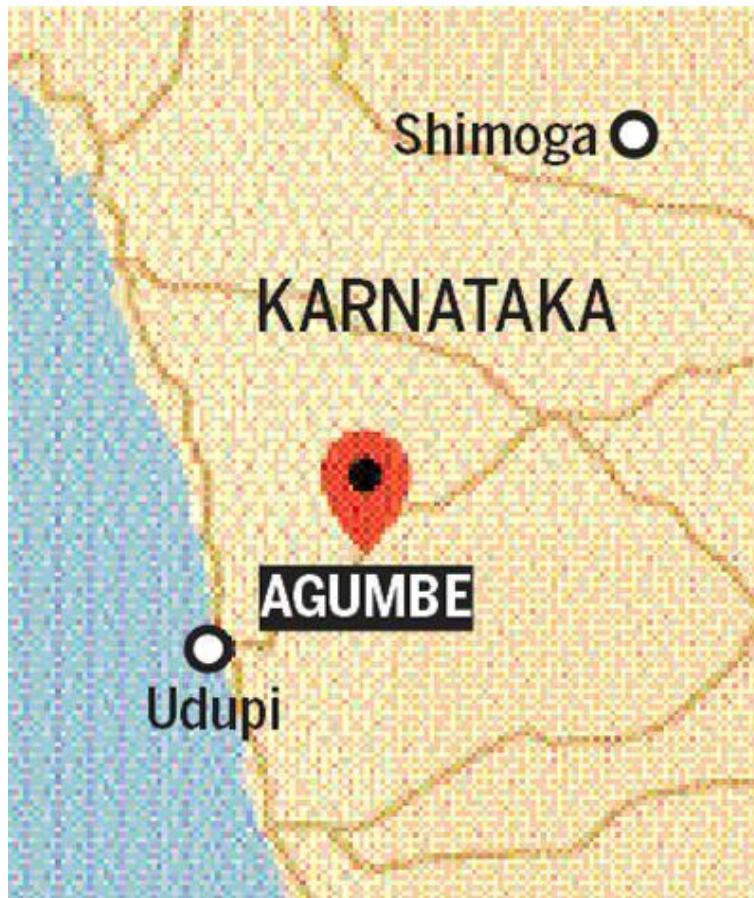


STATES

Agumbe Rainforest Complex

- ❖ Karnataka's Agumbe Rainforest Complex (ARC) in Shivamogga district had been christened as the 'Cherrapunji of the South'.
- ❖ It is receiving over 8,000 mm of rainfall during the monsoon.
- ❖ ARC received its peak rainfall of 6,000 mm during the monsoon months of June and August.
- ❖ But, for two years now, the peak monsoon rainfall here has been wavering in the range of 5,250 mm-5,500 mm.

- ❖ Some towns, such as Nadpal and Mudradi, located 45-50 kilometers away from ARC, have recorded higher rainfall in 2022.
- ❖ In 2022, Agumbe received 6,251.5 mm of rain. However, Nadpal recorded 6,391.8 mm of rainfall.
- ❖ Hulikal in Hassan district received 6,422.9 mm.
- ❖ This is pushing Agumbe to the third position in terms of rainfall in Karnataka.



MISCELLANEOUS

First Airbus C295 Aircraft

- ❖ India received the first of the 56 C295 aircraft, 40 of which will be manufactured in India.
- ❖ This is a part of a partnership between European aviation major Airbus and TATA.
- ❖ This is the first time an Indian private company will manufacture an aircraft.



- ❖ This is Capable of carrying up to nine tonnes of payload or as many as 71 troops at a maximum cruise speed of about 480 kilometres.
- ❖ The C295 can also be used for air-to-air refuelling of choppers and fixed-wing aircraft.

