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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India and United Kingdom have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration in cancer research.

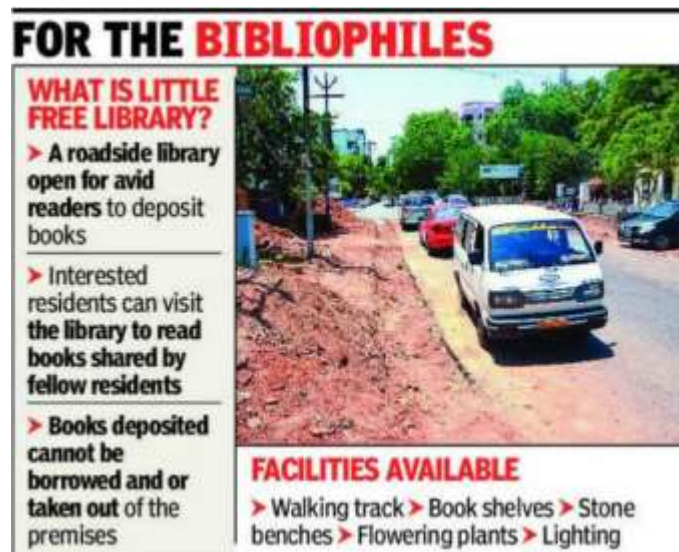
TAMIL NADU

Biometric Attendance for Teachers - TN

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government will soon implement the biometric system of attendance for the teachers in all the government and government-aided schools across the State.
- ❖ In this regard, a Government order has been passed by the state government.
- ❖ A Pilot project for the same has been successfully implemented at Porur Girls Higher Secondary school and Perambalur Government School.

India's First Open Air Library

- ❖ The Trichy city corporation will soon launch 'Little Free Library', India's first open air library in the Puthur officer's colony.



FOR THE BIBLIOPHILES

WHAT IS LITTLE FREE LIBRARY?

- > A roadside library open for avid readers to deposit books
- > Interested residents can visit the library to read books shared by fellow residents
- > Books deposited cannot be borrowed and or taken out of the premises

FACILITIES AVAILABLE

- > Walking track > Book shelves > Stone benches > Flowering plants > Lighting

- ❖ It is an initiative aimed at nurturing reading habit and exchange of books among locals.

- ❖ The Trichy corporation has already implemented initiatives like the “wall of happiness” and open gym.

NATIONAL

Mozambique naval officers get training on Interceptor Boats from ICG

- ❖ A two-week training programme for Naval Officers and personnel from Mozambique by the Coast Guard Region HQ (East) has begun at Chennai.
- ❖ This was the first ever training for Mozambique Navy officers and personnel in India at Chennai on the highly versatile Indigenously built Interceptor Boat.
- ❖ This training was part of the International co-operation between the 2 countries in which the Indian government had agreed to donate 2 Interceptor Boats to the Mozambique Navy.

Yuva Sahakar Cooperative Scheme

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare launched ‘Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme’ of National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).
- ❖ It is youth-friendly scheme aimed at attracting youth to cooperative business ventures.
- ❖ The scheme is linked to Rs 1000 crore ‘Cooperative Start-up and Innovation Fund (CSIF)’ created by the NCDC.
- ❖ It would have more incentives for cooperatives of North Eastern region, Aspirational Districts and cooperatives with women or SC or ST or PwD (Persons with Disabilities) members.
- ❖ The funding for the project will be up to 80% of the project cost for these special categories as against 70% for others.

World Customs Organization - Regional meeting

- ❖ The Four-day regional meeting of World Customs Organisation (WCO) was held in Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan.
- ❖ The meeting was jointly chaired by the WCO’s Deputy Secretary General Ricardo Travino and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Chairman S Ramesh.

- ❖ It was attended by representatives of 33-member countries of Asia.

World Customs Organisation

- ❖ The WCO is an independent intergovernmental body whose mission is to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of Customs administrations.
- ❖ It was established in 1952 as Customs Co-operation Council (CCC). It is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium.
- ❖ It is the only international organization with competence in Customs matters and is considered as voice of international Customs community.
- ❖ It represents 182 Customs administrations across the globe that collectively process approximately 98% of world trade.

INTERNATIONAL

Alley in Volgodonsk named after Tamil Nadu's Kudankulam town

- ❖ Russia's Volgodonsk city has named one of its streets as Kudankulam Alley.
- ❖ The lane is located next to the Atomash Plant, which manufactures equipment for the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant.
- ❖ Kudankulam nuclear power plant is jointly constructed by
 - Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation of Russia and
 - The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ It is a subsidiary of Atomenergomash, a machine-building division of Rosatom State Atomic State Atomic Energy Corporation.

International Society of Women Airline Pilots report

- ❖ According to the latest data released by the International Society of Women Airline Pilots (ISA+21), India has the highest percentage of women airline pilots in the world.
- ❖ Also, the percentage of women pilots in India is more than double the global average.
- ❖ The percentage of women airline pilots in the World stands around 5.4%.



- ❖ In India, the percentage of women pilots is currently at 12.4 %.
- ❖ According to the latest data, the Delhi-based regional carrier Zoom employs the highest percentage of women pilots in the World at 30%.
- ❖ The United Airlines of USA employs the largest number of women commanders in the world.

ECONOMY

India's first interactive Credit Card with buttons

- ❖ The IndusInd Bank has launched the first interactive Credit Card in India with buttons called IndusInd Bank Nexxt Credit Card.



- ❖ It will give customers multiple options on how to make a payment using his or her Credit Card.
- ❖ This Card has been created in partnership with Dynamics Inc which is headquartered at Pittsburgh of USA.

- ❖ It provides customers with the flexibility of three payment options at a Point of Sale (POS) terminal
 - Credit
 - Converting Transactions into EMIs with 4 tenure options (6, 12, 18 & 24 months) or
 - using accumulated Reward Points
- by simply pushing a button on the card.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

NIPUN - e-learning portal for training Delhi Police

- ❖ The Delhi Police has launched an e-learning portal 'Nipun' to impart training and provide up to date information to police officers.
- ❖ The initiative is aimed at imparting in-service online training and information to police personnel through specialised courses available online.
- ❖ The online courses on this portal have been designed in collaboration with the University Grant Commission (UGC), FICCI, NHRC (National Human Rights Commission), NCPCR (National Commission for Protection of Child Rights) and Janaki Devi Memorial College of Delhi University under the project CLAP or "The Collaborative Learning and Partnership".
- ❖ The Delhi Legal Service Authority has also consented to be partner in developing specific courses for the Delhi Police.

STATES

Tourist Facilitation and Information Counter Inaugurated

- ❖ The Union Minister of State for Tourism (Independent Charge) KJ Alphons inaugurated the Tourist Facilitation and Information Counter at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhi.
- ❖ The facilitation Centre for visitors is a first of its kind by the Government.
- ❖ The ministry of tourism has set-up this counter with an objective to provide 24x7 information to both domestic and international visitors arriving into IGI Airport.
- ❖ The counter will also be connected to the 24x7 helpline - 1363 of the ministry of tourism to assist non-English speaking tourists.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

First Youth Ambassador of UNICEF India

- ❖ India's ace sprinter and Asian Games gold-medallist sprinter Hima Das was appointed as the first ever youth ambassador of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) India.



- ❖ It was announced by the UNICEF on the occasion of Children's Day (November 14).
 - ❖ The UNICEF India works with the central government to ensure that each child born in the country gets best start in life, thrives and develops to his or her full potential.
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