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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Malayalam film “Veyil Marangal” directed by Bijukumar Damodaran, became the first Indian film to win the award for ‘Outstanding Artistic Achievement’ at the 22nd Shanghai International Film Festival.
- ❖ Nilgiris district administration has banned the sale of plastic water bottles, beverages packed in PET bottles and food items packed in plastic covers from August 15th 2019.
- ❖ Women's T20 cricket, beach volleyball and Para-table tennis are the three new sports added to the programme of events at 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

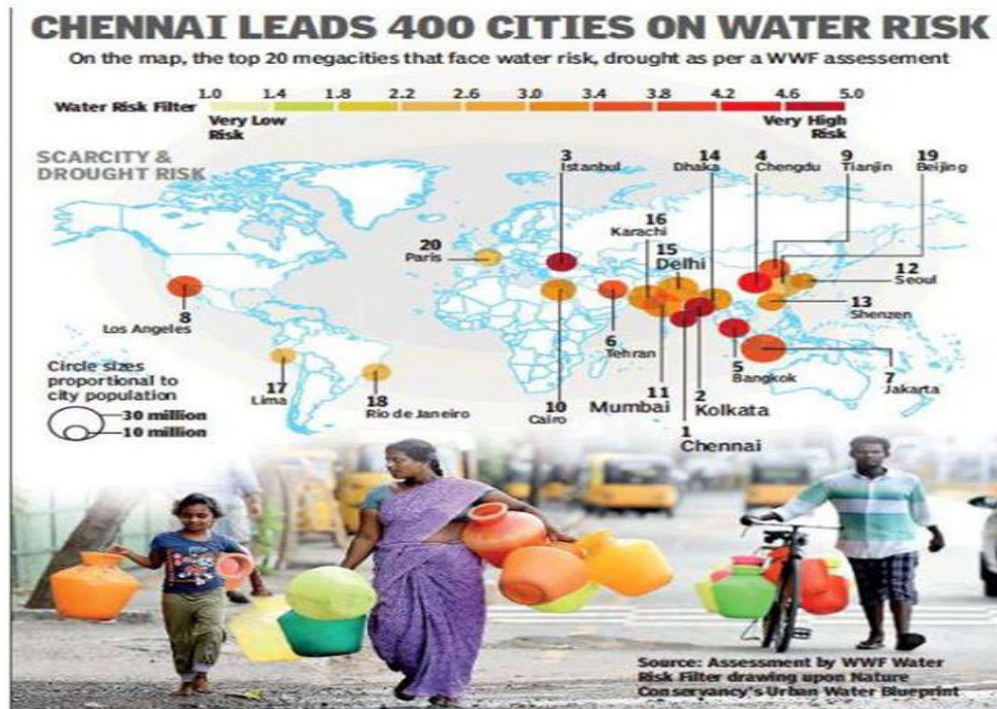
TAMIL NADU

Fifth Reservoir

- ❖ The fifth reservoir for Chennai is being built by linking Kannankottai and Thervoykandigai lakes in Thiruvallur district.
- ❖ It is expected to store 1 tmc ft of water.
- ❖ Chennai is already supplied by Poondi, Cholavaram, Redhills and Chembarambakkam reservoirs.

Drought Assessment

- ❖ WWF’s Global Water Stewardship program has done a study on water management initiatives and water scarcity in 400 mega cities around the world.
- ❖ Chennai emerged in top position as the mega city facing the most severe water scarcity and drought.



NATIONAL

India Sex Ratio

- ❖ The all-India sex ratio at birth (SRB) went up by eight points since 2015-16 to 931 girls per 1,000 boys till March 2019.
- ❖ It was 923 girls in 2015-16, 926 girls in 2016-17 and 929 girls in 2017-18.
- ❖ Kerala and Chhattisgarh at top ranked with 959, followed closely by Mizoram (958) and Goa (954).
- ❖ At the bottom of the list are Daman & Diu (889), Lakshadweep (891) and Punjab (900).
- ❖ Sex ratio is expressed as the number of girls per 1,000 boys.

Health Index

- ❖ NITI Aayog has released the second edition of “Healthy States, Progressive India” report.



Healthy States

Kerala, Andhra, Maharashtra, Gujarat & Punjab top the list

Best incremental change seen in Haryana, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Andhra and Assam

→ **UP, Bihar, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand were worst performers**

Delhi has shown no improvement among UTs

→ **Mizoram and Manipur are top performers among smaller states**

→ **NITI Aayog health index rank states on 23 parameters**

The key parameters include mortality rate, sex ratio, total fertility rates

Data based on Improvement between 2016 and 2018

- ❖ It analysed 21 large states based for the period between 2015-16 (base year) and 2017-18 (reference year).
- ❖ The ranking was done under three categories (larger states, smaller states and Union territories) and 10 parameters.
- ❖ It states that Kerala remains the healthiest State in India and Uttar Pradesh remains the unhealthiest.
- ❖ Tamilnadu is ranked at 9th.
- ❖ Neo-natal mortality rate (NMR) in Kerala was found to be as low as 6 per 100 live births. It was 32 in Odisha.
- ❖ Among smaller states Mizoram was ranked first followed by Manipur on overall performance.

- ❖ Among Union Territories Chandigarh and Dadra and Nagar Haveli were ranked on top in terms of overall performance.

New Appointments

- ❖ The Union Government has appointed senior IPS officer Samant Goel as the new Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief on June 26, 2019.
- ❖ It has also appointed senior IPS officer Arvind Kumar as the director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB).
- ❖ Their names were finalized by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by PM and comprising of Home Minister.
- ❖ The government has also extended the tenure of Amitabh Kant, Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog by two years.

Nutrition Report

- ❖ The UN World Food Programme and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has together released a report.
- ❖ It analysed the country's progress in achieving the second Sustainable Development Goal to end hunger.
- ❖ It finds that 4% of Indian children under five years will be stunted by 2022.
- ❖ The average per capita consumption of energy among the poorest 30% of the population is 1811 kilo calories (Recommended - 2155 kilo calories per day).

INTERNATIONAL

UNSC Non Permanent Member

- ❖ India has won the unanimous support of all countries in the 55-member Asia-Pacific Group at the United Nations in support of its bid for a non-permanent seat at the UN Security Council (UNSC).
- ❖ It is for a two-year term 2021-22.
- ❖ India has already held a non-permanent seat on the UNSC for seven terms starting from 1950-51.
- ❖ Each year UN the General Assembly elects five non-permanent members out of a total of 10, for a two-year term.

- ❖ It is the only UN agency whose decisions are to be implemented by member states.

ECONOMY

RBI's System

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India has launched a “Complaint Management System”.
- ❖ It will enable members of the public to lodge their complaints on its website.
- ❖ Complaints can be made against commercial banks, urban co-operative banks, and non-banking financial companies.
- ❖ The system will be accessible on desktop as well as on mobile devices.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Largest Methane Deposit

- ❖ NASA's Curiosity Mars rover has found the largest amount of methane ever measured during its mission on the Red Planet.
- ❖ It was measured to be about 21 parts per billion units by volume (ppbv).
- ❖ The finding came from the rover's Sample Analysis at Mars (SAM) tunable laser spectrometer.
- ❖ Curiosity Mars mission was launched by NASA from Cape Canaveral, on November 26, 2011.

STATES

Polavaram Extension

- ❖ The under-construction multi-purpose Polavaram irrigation project construction works have been permitted for two more years by Environment ministry.
- ❖ It is being constructed on the Godavari River in the West Godavari District and East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Its reservoir spreads into parts of Chhattisgarh and Odisha States also.
- ❖ It was declared a National project in 2014.
- ❖ It is expected to irrigate nearly 3 lakh hectares, generate hydel power with installed capacity of 960 MW and provide drinking water to 25 lakh populations.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking – June 26

- ❖ This day is observed annually on June 26.
- ❖ The observance was instituted by a UN General Assembly Resolution 1987.
- ❖ It was first observed on 1989.
- ❖ The day aims to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.
- ❖ The theme of observance for 2019 is 'Health for Justice. Justice for Health'.



International Day in Support of Victims of Torture – June 26

- ❖ The International Day in support of victims of Torture is observed every year on 26 June.

- ❖ On 26 June 1987 the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment came into effect.
- ❖ The first such events were launched in 1998.
- ❖ The day is observed to speak out against the crime of torture and to honour and support victims and survivors throughout the world.

UN MSME Day – June 27

- ❖ The UN Micro, Small and Medium-sized businesses day is observed annually on June 27.
- ❖ The day is celebrated in recognition of the work of MSMEs in local and global economies.
- ❖ According to the data provided by the International Council for Small Business, MSME's make up 90% of all firms and account on average for 60-70% of total employment and 50% of GDP.
- ❖ The day is observed since 2017 after a UN General assembly resolution.



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