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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ National Fire Service Day is observed on April 14.
 - The day is observed every year to pay homage to the incredible commitment and sacrifice by the 71 Fire Service personnel during an unfortunate mishap in 1944 on this day.

TAMIL NADU

State Development Loans - Tamilnadu

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government has indicated that it will borrow ₹23,500 crores in the first quarter of fiscal 2022-23.
- ❖ The State governments/Union Territories are expected to borrow ₹1,90,375 crore in the April-June 2022 period through the issue of bonds called the State Development Loans (SDLs).
- ❖ In the comparable period during the first quarter of 2021-22, the Tamil Nadu government had indicated it will borrow ₹23,450 crores. B
- ❖ ut the actual amount raised was slightly higher at ₹24,000 crores.
- ❖ According to rating firm ICRA Ltd, Maharashtra has indicated the highest borrowing of ₹32,000 crores in the first quarter of FY2023.

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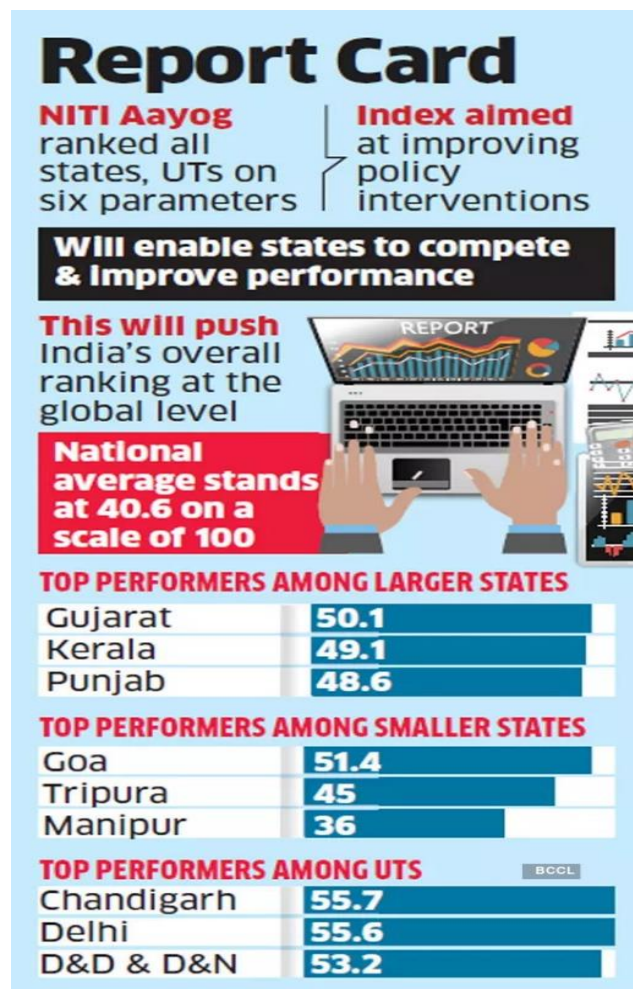
Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya



- ❖ Narendra Modi inaugurated the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya in New Delhi.

- ❖ The Sangrahalaya, located at the iconic Teen Murti complex, was inaugurated as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ❖ The museum recalls the tenures of 14 Prime Ministers from Jawaharlal Nehru to Manmohan Singh.
- ❖ It is a tribute to all the prime ministers India had since its Independence.
- ❖ The museum will become a source of inspiration for the youth who will be able to witness the hardships each PM faced and how they overcame them to lay the foundations of a new India.

NITI Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index



- ❖ Gujarat has acquired a top position in the NITI Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index-Round 1 among the larger states with a score of 50.1 points.
- ❖ Gujarat is followed by Kerala and Punjab in second and third place under the same category.

- ❖ State Energy and Climate Index aim at ranking the states and the Union Territories on six parameters including energy efficiency, discom's performance, and environmental sustainability.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu ranks 9th in this list with 43.4 score.

Waterways Conclave 2022



- ❖ It was organized by the Inland Waterways Authority of India in Dibrugarh, Assam.
- ❖ The aim of this conclave was to focus on harnessing the potential of the international and domestic waterway ecosystem in the country's North-eastern region.
- ❖ The industry partner of this conclave was the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry.

InTranSE - II Program

- ❖ The government has launched Indigenous Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Solutions for Indian Traffic Scenario under Intelligent Transportation System Endeavor for Indian Cities Phase-II Program.
- ❖ Intelligent Transportation System Endeavour (InTranSe) for Indian Indian Cities is a National level Collaborative Research and Development Program.

- ❖ InTranSE -II is an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Iqbal Singh Lalpura

- ❖ The central government has re-appointed retired Punjab-cadre IPS officer Iqbal Singh Lalpura as the chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities.
- ❖ Lalpura was first appointed as chairman in September last year.
- ❖ He had to resign from the post in December to contest as the BJP candidate from the Ropar assembly constituency, which he lost.



International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021

- ❖ M. Venkaiah Naidu has conferred the International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021 to Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat, and Dr. Bhushan Kumar of Chandigarh in New Delhi.
- ❖ It is an annual award that is instituted by the Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation.

80th SKOCH Summit 2022 - NMDC

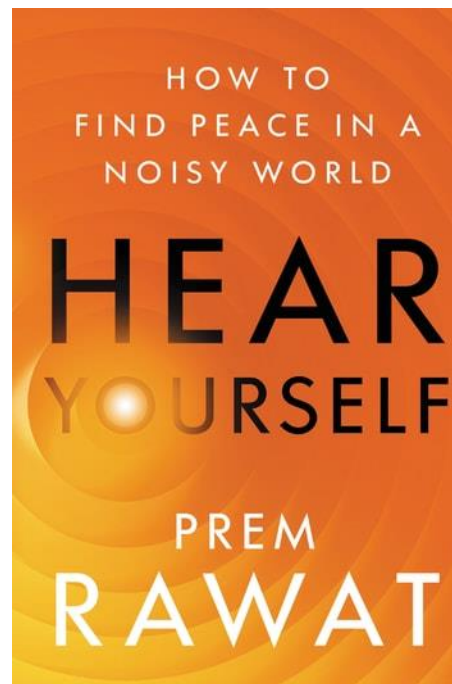
- ❖ National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), under the Ministry of Steel, received one gold and one silver medal in the 80th SKOCH Summit and SKOCH Awards.
- ❖ The event was held recently in New Delhi.



- ❖ The SKOCH Summit's subject was 'State of BFSI & PSUs.'
- ❖ The project 'Promotion of Technical Education and Skill Development in Dantewada District of Chhattisgarh through NMDC ITI Bhansi' got the Gold Award in the category social responsibility.
- ❖ The project 'Project Kalpataru' for ERP implementation earned the Silver Award in the category digital inclusion.



Book by Prem Rawat



- ❖ Indian author Prem Rawat has launched his book 'Hear Yourself' for the Indian subcontinent in Mumbai.

- ❖ This New York Times bestseller book is already available in 58 countries and five languages.
- ❖ This book is to help people understand their own potential.
- ❖ This book is to help them develop better self-understanding.

SPORTS

Reykjavik Open chess tournament

- ❖ R Pragganandhaa has won the prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament in Reykjavik, Iceland.
- ❖ The final was played between two Indian players.
- ❖ R Pragganandhaa won the contest beating compatriot GM D Gukesh in the final round.



FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup 2022





- ❖ The Netherlands has lifted its fourth title of FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup 2022.
- ❖ The Netherlands achieved this feat after beating Germany at Potchefstroom, South Africa.
- ❖ England claimed the bronze medal in the third-place match after defeating India.
- ❖ The FIH has banned Russia from the 2022 Women's FIH Hockey Junior World Cup due to the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- ❖ The 2023 Women's FIH Hockey Junior World Cup will be the tenth edition.
- ❖ It will be held in Santiago, Chile.

IMPORTANT DAYS

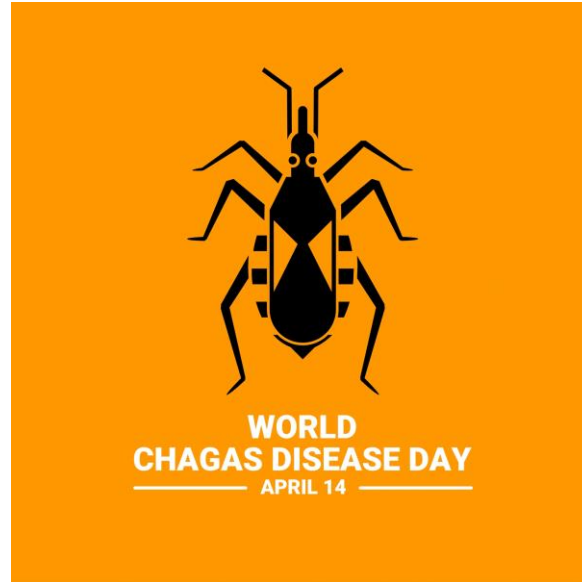
Ambedkar Jayanti - April 14



- ❖ The day is also known as Bhim Jayanti.
- ❖ The day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar.
- ❖ The Day has been observed as an official public holiday throughout India since 2015.
- ❖ In 2022, we are marking the 131st birth anniversary of Babasaheb.
- ❖ Dr. Ambedkar is known as the Father (chief architect) of the Indian Constitution.
- ❖ He was the first Law and Justice Minister of the country after the independence.

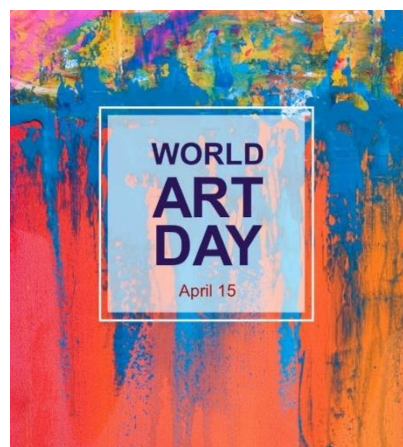
- ❖ Dr. Bhim has been bestowed with the country's highest civilian honor, Bharat Ratna in 1990 posthumously.

World Chagas Disease Day - April 14



- ❖ It is observed to raise public awareness and visibility among people about Chagas Disease and the resources needed for the prevention, control, or elimination of the disease.
- ❖ It is also called American trypanosomiasis or silent or silenced disease.
- ❖ The theme for 2022 is 'Finding and reporting every case to defeat Chagas disease'.

World Art Day - April 15



- ❖ UNESCO's General Conference in 2012 declared this day.



- ❖ It's a celebration to encourage the development, distribution, and enjoyment of art on this day annually.
- ❖ The day honors and marks the birthday of Italian polymath Leonardo da Vinci.

