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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tarun Chugh's book "Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity" was released recently.
- ❖ India will host the first World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit in November alongside the International Film Festival of India in Goa.
- ❖ India and Ukraine have inked four agreements and resolved to enhance their cooperation in a range of key areas including defence, trade, pharmaceuticals, green energy and education.
- ❖ The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Hyderabad has been recognized as the Best Airport at the India Travel Awards for the third year in a row.
- ❖ Razorpay became the only Indian company featured in the Forbes Cloud 100 list for 2024.
  - This is the company's third consecutive appearance on the list.

## TAMIL NADU

### Global Muthamizh Murugan Conference 2024

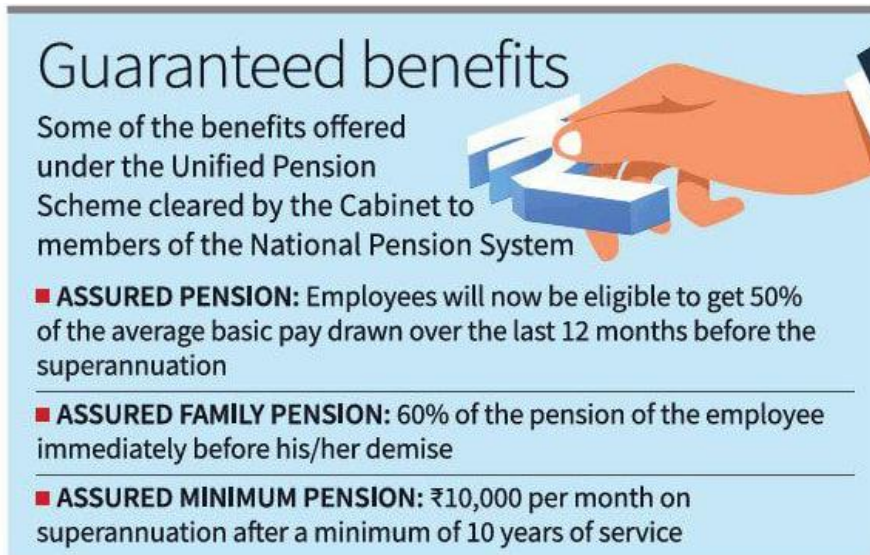


- ❖ The two-day Global Muthamizh Murugan Conference was held in Palani.
- ❖ The conference aims to bring together the devotees and harness the philosophy of Lord Murugan.

- ❖ More than 50 devotees from Japan participated in the Conference.
- ❖ It features about 1,300 research papers presented by Tamil scholars from around the globe, including the US, Canada, the UK, Australia, Sri Lanka, Singapore, and Mauritius.

## NATIONAL

### Unified Pension Scheme



**Guaranteed benefits**

Some of the benefits offered under the Unified Pension Scheme cleared by the Cabinet to members of the National Pension System

- **ASSURED PENSION:** Employees will now be eligible to get 50% of the average basic pay drawn over the last 12 months before the superannuation
- **ASSURED FAMILY PENSION:** 60% of the pension of the employee immediately before his/her demise
- **ASSURED MINIMUM PENSION:** ₹10,000 per month on superannuation after a minimum of 10 years of service

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for government employees.
- ❖ To qualify for this, employees must have a minimum of 25 years of service.
- ❖ The scheme will benefit 23 lakh central government employees.
- ❖ Retirees will now receive 50 percent of their average basic pay over the last 12 months before retirement as a pension for a minimum qualifying service of 25 years.
- ❖ The Government is increasing its contribution from 14 percent to 18.5 percent.
- ❖ Employee contribution will not increase.
- ❖ In case of a pensioner's unfortunate demise, their family will receive 60% of the pension the employee was receiving.
- ❖ Rs 10,000 per month as pension, on superannuation after minimum 10 years of service, will be given.
- ❖ Lump-Sum Payment will be given at superannuation in addition to gratuity.

- ❖ Existing NPS / VRS with NPS as well as future employees will have an option of joining UPS.

## PM Visit to Poland and Ukraine 2024



- ❖ Indian Prime Minister visited Poland - the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to the country in 45 years.
- ❖ Morarji Desai was the last Prime Minister to visit Poland in 1979.
- ❖ 2024 marks the 70 years of India - Poland diplomatic relations.
- ❖ Poland is India's largest trading partner in Central and Eastern Europe.
- ❖ Indian investments in Poland are estimated at around US\$3 billion.
- ❖ The Polish investments into India are around US\$1 billion.
- ❖ From Poland, Prime Minister has made 10-hour journey on a “Rail Force One” to Ukraine.
- ❖ He became the first Indian prime minister to visit Ukraine since its independence in 1991.
- ❖ This specially designed train had previously carried United States President Joe Biden from Poland to Kyiv in February 2023.

## BHISHM Cubes

- ❖ During the visit, the Indian prime minister presented four BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri) Cubes to the Ukrainian government.
- ❖ The BHISHM Cubes are compact, portable medical units designed to provide first-line care in emergency situations.

- ❖ Each BHISHM Cube is a self-contained medical facility.
- ❖ The Cubes are stocked with essential medicines and equipment needed for immediate care.
- ❖ This includes supplies to treat injuries such as trauma, bleeding, burns, and fractures.
- ❖ The Cube comes equipped with surgical tools necessary for a basic Operation Room (OR).
- ❖ It is capable of performing 10-15 surgeries per day.
- ❖ A single Cube can manage approximately 200 cases, catering to diverse medical needs.



**Each BHISHM Cube is a self-contained medical unit with essential medicines and equipment** to treat common injuries like trauma, bleeding, burns, and fractures for quick, effective care.

**The BHISHM Cube can perform 10-15 surgeries daily** and handle around 200 medical cases, making it crucial when local facilities are overwhelmed or inaccessible.

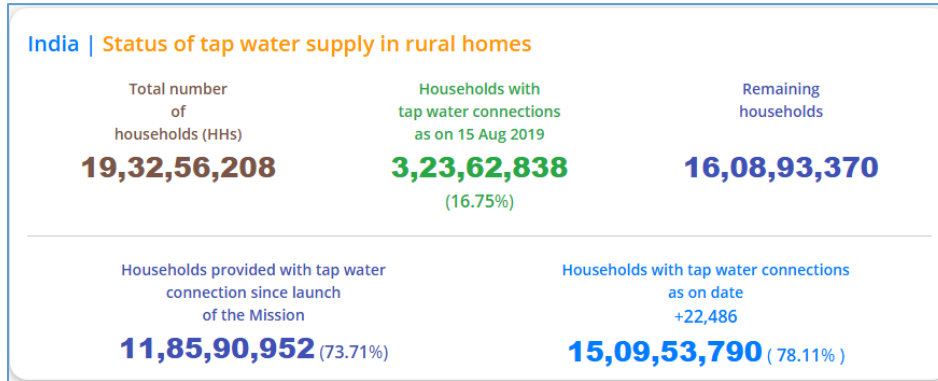
**The BHISHM Cube can operate on its own, even in tough conditions.** It can generate its power and produce some oxygen, which is crucial for life support and medical care in remote or conflict areas.



## 5 years of Jal Jeevan Mission

- ❖ The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was launched on August 15, 2019.
- ❖ It is aimed at providing tap water supply to every rural household by 2024.
- ❖ At the time of its inception, only 3.23 crore (17%) of rural households had tap water connections.
- ❖ The mission aims to bridge this gap by providing nearly 16 crore additional households with tap water by 2024.

- ❖ As of August 25, 2024, it has successfully provided tap water connections to 11.85 crore additional rural households.
- ❖ It was bringing the total coverage to more than 15.07 crore households, which accounts for 78.11% of all rural households in India.
- ❖ States achieving 100% Tap Connectivity: Goa, Telangana and Haryana.
- ❖ Union Territories achieving 100% Tap Connectivity: Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.



## INTERNATIONAL

### India US pact for security of supplies



- ❖ India and the US have signed a new Security of Supply Arrangement (SOSA).
- ❖ This agreement will prioritise supply of defence equipment and components to each other to meet urgent national security requirements.
- ❖ The agreement, even though not legally binding, will open new avenues for cross investments and partnerships between Indian and US companies



- ❖ India and the US are also negotiating another pact – the Reciprocal Defence Procurement Agreement (RDP).
- ❖ It will drastically increase opportunities for Indian manufacturers to engage with US defence majors.
- ❖ Once RDP is finalised, India will join a list of 26 countries accorded the status of being Defence Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) compliant.
- ❖ Only these countries are qualified to supply significant components and parts for American military orders.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Mithun in Assam

- ❖ Assam has recorded the Mithun (*Bos frontalis*) for the first time.
- ❖ Mithun is the state animal of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland.
- ❖ It is also found in the hills of Mizoram and Manipur.
- ❖ It is primarily reared for its meat.
- ❖ In 2019, India has a mithun population of 3,86,311.

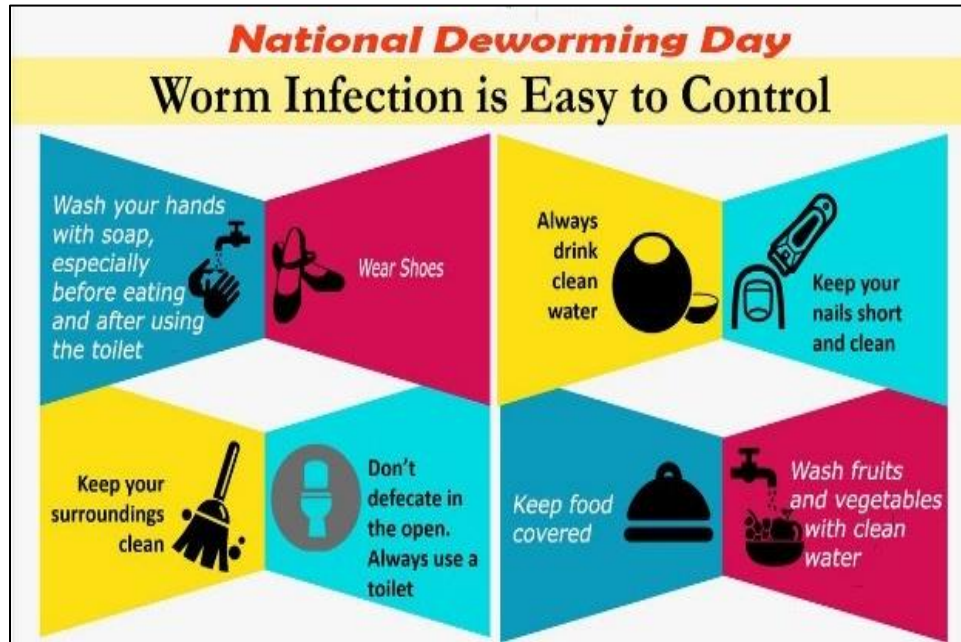


## IMPORTANT DAYS

### National Deworming Day 2024 - August 23

- ❖ This day was established in February 2015.
- ❖ It aims to deworm all children (both enrolled and unenrolled) from 1 to 19 years of age.

- ❖ As many as 22 crore children in the age bar between 1 to 14 are estimated to be at risk of worm infections.
- ❖ The theme of this year's programme is 'Eliminate STH: Invest in a healthier future for children'.
- ❖ This day was organised twice a year in February and August.



### National Sports Day 2024 - August 23



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**DHYAN CHAND** PLAYED

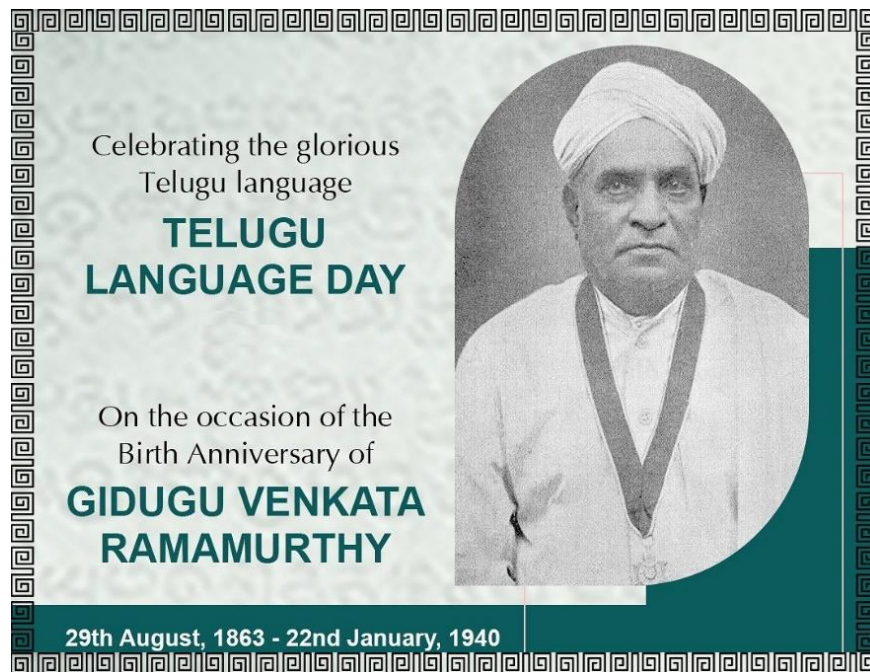
1928	1932	1936
Austria 6-0	Japan 11-1	Hungary 4-0
Belgium 9-0	USA 24-1	USA 7-0
Denmark 5-0		Japan 9-0
Switzerland 6-0		France 10-0
Netherlands 3-0		Germany 8-1

- ❖ It was first celebrated in 2012.
- ❖ This day honors the Major Dhyani Chand's contributions to Indian hockey on his birth anniversary.

- ❖ He is credited with leading India to three consecutive Olympic gold medals in 1928, 1932, and 1936.
- ❖ He represented India in 185 matches and scoring over 400 goals.
- ❖ To honour his contribution, India's highest sporting award, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, was renamed the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2021.

### **Telugu Language Day 2024 - August 29**

- ❖ It aims to celebrate the beauty, diversity, and significance of the language.
- ❖ This date coincides with the birthday of the renowned Telugu poet, Gidugu Venkata Ramamurthy.
- ❖ Telugu is the fourth most spoken language in India, with 8.11 crore speakers, which is 6.7% of the total population of India.
- ❖ Telugu is one of the six classical languages in India.
- ❖ The language is known as the "The Italian of the EAST".



### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Master clock system for railways**

- ❖ In a first, the Indian Railways will develop a master clock system for synchronising time with the applications and systems across its network.



- ❖ It will help to keeping uniform time across all systems and applications involved in train operations arose following difficulties in accident.
- ❖ Under the existing system, the Zonal Railways across the country use various systems, sourcing time from different sources.
- ❖ The time for the master clock system will be sourced from the Navigation with Indian Constellation (NAVIC) or the National Physical Laboratories (NPL).

