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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner.

## TAMIL NADU

### 81<sup>st</sup> session of the Indian History Congress (IHC)

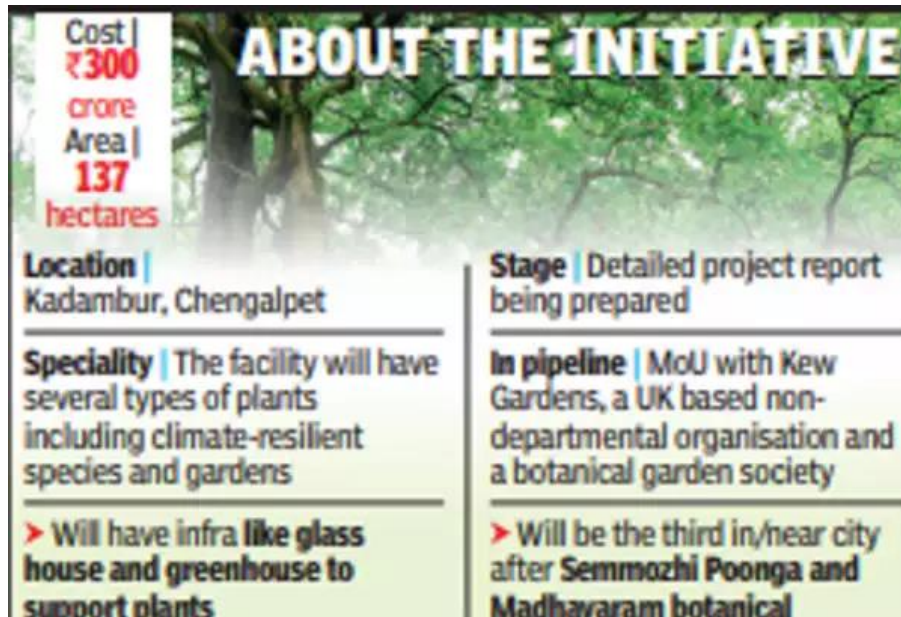


- ❖ The 81st session of the Indian History Congress concluded at the Madras Christian College in Tambaram.
- ❖ This is held after a gap of 25 years in Tamilnadu.
- ❖ The last time, an IHC session was held in Tamil Nadu, was in 1996 organised by the University of Madras.
- ❖ The IHC was founded in 1935, and is the largest association of professional historians in South Asia.

### Botanical garden in Chengalpattu

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government is planning to set up a botanical garden at Kadambur Village in the state's Chengalpattu district.

- ❖ This project, to be set up in partnership with the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, London, will come up across 138 hectares.
- ❖ The botanical garden will be set up with the objective to conserve and propagate the native plant species of Tamil Nadu, including rare, threatened and endangered plant species.



**ABOUT THE INITIATIVE**

**Cost | ₹300 crore**  
**Area | 137 hectares**

**Location |** Kadambur, Chengalpet

**Speciality |** The facility will have several types of plants including climate-resilient species and gardens

**Stage |** Detailed project report being prepared

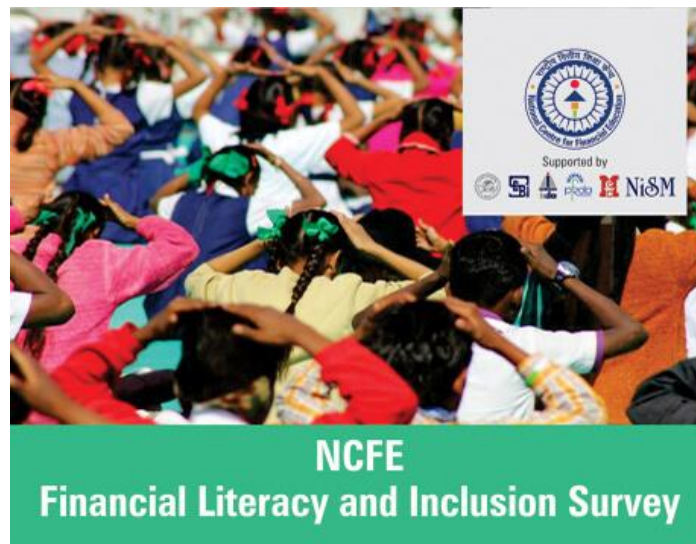
**In pipeline |** MoU with Kew Gardens, a UK based non-departmental organisation and a botanical garden society

**> Will have infra like glass house and greenhouse to support plants**

**> Will be the third in/near city after Semmozhi Poonga and Madhavaram botanical**

## NATIONAL

### Financial Literacy and Inclusion survey



**NCFE**  
**Financial Literacy and Inclusion Survey**

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- ❖ The Pan-India "Financial Literacy and Inclusion survey" was conducted by the Reserve Bank of India.



- ❖ Digital banking awareness and knowledge among rural and urban population across the country is at par with each other.
- ❖ Understanding and being proficient in the use of different financial skills, such as investing, budgeting, and personal financial management, is known as financial literacy.

### **Prahari App**



- ❖ Recently Union Home Minister launched 'Prahari' app for Border Security Force (BSF) Jawans.
- ❖ The Prahari App can be used by the jawans of the Border Security Force (BSF) to get information about the accommodation facilities, Ayushman-CAPF and leaves.
- ❖ This application also provides information about bio-data, grievance redressal on the "Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CP-GRAMS).
- ❖ It provides information related to various welfare schemes for the BSF.
- ❖ It will connect the user to the Home Ministry's portal.

### **3-D printed dwelling unit**

- ❖ The Indian Army launched its first-ever 3-D Printed House Dwelling Unit at Ahmedabad.

- ❖ Military Engineering Services (MES), in collaboration with MiCoB Pvt Ltd, has made the dwelling unit with the latest 3D Rapid Construction Technology.
- ❖ It complies with Zone-3 earthquake specifications and green building regulations.



### **Thomas M Devasia committee**



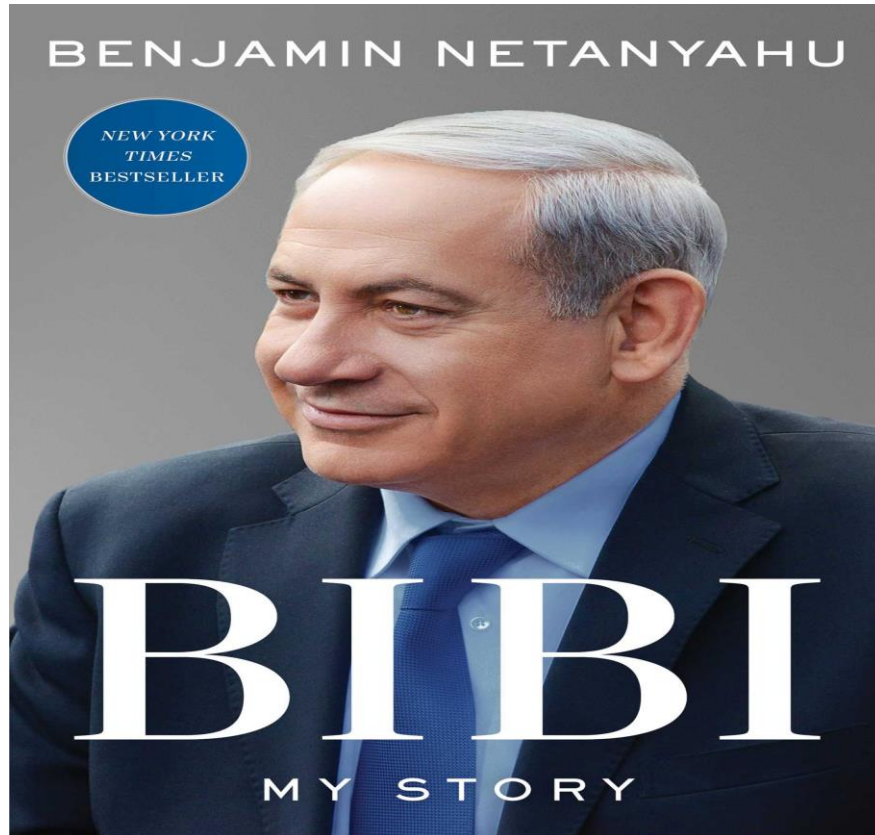
- ❖ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has set up a 24-member committee.
- ❖ It is mandated to develop and suggest an affordable and comprehensive cover for the rural population.



- ❖ The panel will be headed by Thomas M Devasia who is a member of the IRDAI.
- ❖ The committee will recommend a regulatory framework for proposed cover which will be a benefit based parametric structure, called Bima Vistaar.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Israel's new Prime Minister



- ❖ Benjamin Netanyahu was sworn-in as Israel's prime minister for a sixth time.
- ❖ He is already Israel's longest-serving Prime Minister.
- ❖ The Knesset elected Amir Ohana as its the new Speaker.
- ❖ Ohana is the Knesset's first openly gay speaker.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### BrahMos Missile - 400 km Range

- ❖ The Indian Air Force today successfully tested the extended range version of the BrahMos Air Launched missile.

- ❖ It was launched against a ship target from Su-30 MKI fighter jet.
- ❖ The extended range of the BrahMos missile is believed to have the ability to take out targets in sea 400 km away
- ❖ The BrahMos supersonic cruise missile has a two-stage solid propellant booster engine as its first stage which takes it to supersonic speed.
- ❖ The second stage is the liquid ramjet engine.
- ❖ It takes it closer to Mach 3 (3 times the speed of sound) speed in the cruise phase.



## STATES

### Lokayukta Bill – Maharashtra



- ❖ Maharashtra became the first state to pass a Lokayukta Bill.
- ❖ It aims to bring the Chief Minister of the state and the council of ministers under the ambit of the anti-corruption watchdog.

- ❖ Maharashtra Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta Act of 1971, is currently in force in the state.
- ❖ Under the existing law, the anti-corruption ombudsman could only recommend action against government officials.
- ❖ However, the new Act empowers the Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta to direct the state agencies to investigate a corruption case.

### **Name Change - Uttar Pradesh**

- ❖ Union Home Ministry has given its consent to change the names of two places in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The 2 places are
  - Municipal council 'Mundera Bazaar' in Gorakhpur district to 'Chauri-Chaura'
  - 'Telia Afghan' village in Deoria district to 'Telia Shukla'
- ❖ For changing the name of a village, town or a city, an executive order is needed.
- ❖ Renaming of a state requires an amendment of the Constitution with a simple majority in Parliament.

### **Peace pact with Zeliangrong United Front**



- ❖ The Centre signed a peace agreement with a Manipur insurgent group, which agreed to give up violence and join the peaceful democratic process.
- ❖ The tripartite agreement was signed by the central and Manipur governments and the Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) rebel group.
- ❖ The agreement provides for rehabilitation and re-settlement of the armed cadres.
- ❖ A joint monitoring group will be constituted to oversee enforcement of the agreed ground rules.

- ❖ The ZUF represents Zeliangrong people of the Naga tribes.
- ❖ The ZUF is listed as one of the 13 active insurgent group in Manipur by the South Asia Terrorism Portal

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Brazil - Pele

- ❖ Brazil football legend Pele passed away at the age of 82.
- ❖ He is credited with scoring a world record 1,281 goals in 1,363 appearances during a 21-year career.
- ❖ He is the only player to win the World Cup three times.
- ❖ He lifted the trophy in 1958, 1962 and 1970.
- ❖ Pele was named FIFA's Player of the Century in 2000.



### Australia's Men's Test Player of the Year award

- ❖ Australia's men's Test Player of the Year award has been renamed to honour legendary spinner Shane Warne.
- ❖ The Shane Warne Men's Test Player of the Year award will be presented annually at the Australian Cricket Awards.



- ❖ Warne himself won the award once in 2006 for his record 40 wickets in 2005.

