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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ TN government introduced 'pink autos' in the city to ensure the safety of women and encourage them to become entrepreneurs.
  - Subsidy of ₹1 lakh each would be provided to 200 women auto drivers.
- ❖ The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) recommended scrapping Section 56(2) (viib) of the Income-tax Act, known as the 'Angel Tax,' in its Union Budget suggestions.
- ❖ The 112th Session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) was held at the International Labour Organization (ILO) Headquarters in Geneva.
- ❖ Anthropic, OpenAI's biggest rival, has launched its latest AI model called Claude 3.5 Sonnet.

## TAMIL NADU

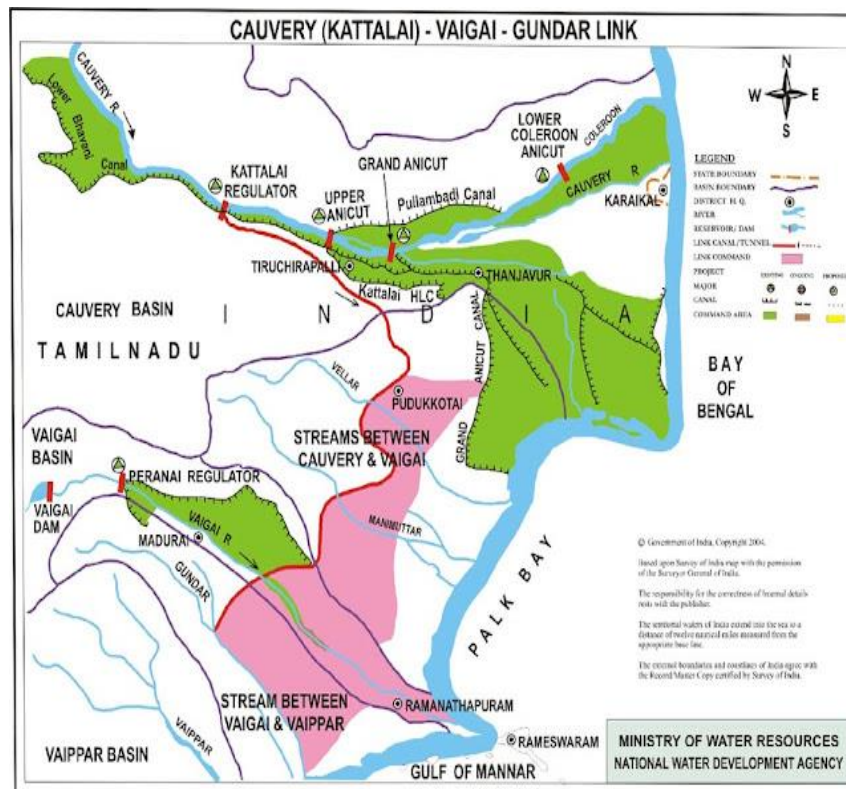
### CM's research fellowship for differently-abled students



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government would offer the Chief Minister's Research Fellowship to benefit differently-abled students take up research.

- ❖ This fellowship would be offered to a total of 50 research scholars who are differently-abled and pursuing Ph.D.
- ❖ Each of these 50 students would be provided a fellowship of Rs. 1 lakh.
- ❖ The government would also offer coaching classes for differently-abled candidates for them to succeed in various competitive exams conducted by TNPSC and other recruiting agencies.
- ❖ A total of 200 beneficiaries would be offered special classes along with accommodation in Chennai.
- ❖ The State-level award hitherto awarded to young achievers would henceforth be named after late Helen Keller.

### First phase of 'Nadanthai Vaazhi Cauvery' project



- ❖ The National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD), Ministry of Jal Shakti, has approved ₹934.3 crore for the first phase of the 'Nadanthai Vaazhi Cauvery'.
- ❖ This project proposed by the Tamil Nadu government for the conservation and rejuvenation of Cauvery River.
- ❖ The Union and State governments would share the project cost as ₹560.58 crore and ₹373.72 crore respectively on a 60:40 basis.

- ❖ In the first phase, the project would cover the river from downstream of the Mettur dam up to Tiruchi.
- ❖ In the second, the remaining part of the river from Tiruchi to Poompuhar, the river's confluence points with the sea.

### **Land pooling development scheme**



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has announced that it would implement the Land Pooling Area Development Scheme.
- ❖ The government was going ahead with the plan and had framed the Land Pooling Area Development Scheme Rules, 2024.
- ❖ The scheme will facilitate planned development of new areas, provide basic amenities and mobilises land for trunk infrastructure.
- ❖ The scheme provides for pooling of land owned by individual/individuals and developing it with the help of the appropriate planning authority.

### **Revenue Income of Tamilnadu 2023-2024**

- ❖ Liquor sales during 2023-24 generated a revenue of ₹45,855.67 crore, including ₹35,081.39 crore in VAT and ₹10,774.28 crore in excise revenue.
- ❖ The total revenue generated during 2023-24 is ₹1,734.54 crore more than the revenue of ₹44,121.13 crore during 2022-23.

- ❖ During 2023-24, the government earned a revenue of ₹53.93 crore through the special fee on imported foreign liquor.

<b>2023-24</b>	₹45,855.67	
2022-23	₹44,121.13	
2021-22	₹36,050.65	
2020-21	₹33,811.15	
2019-20	₹33,133.24	

## NATIONAL

### Container Port Performance Index 2023



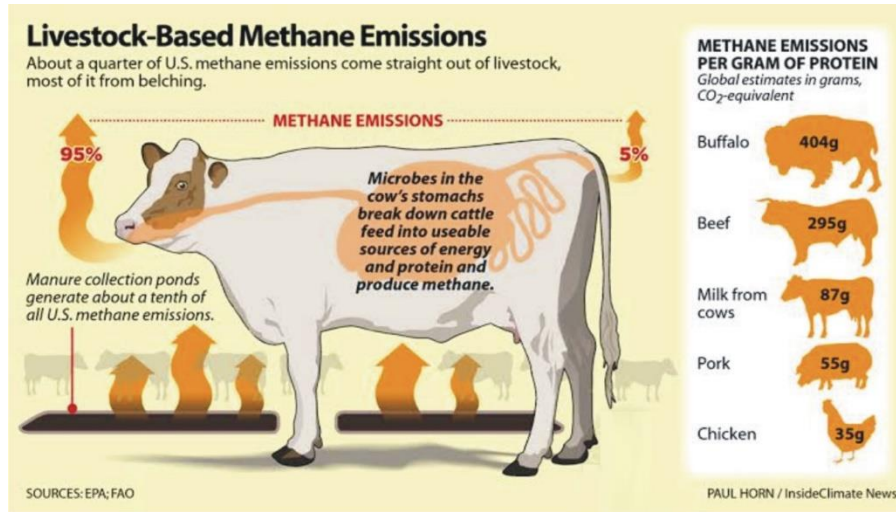
- ❖ The Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) is developed by World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence.
- ❖ As many as nine ports of India have made it to the global top 100 rankings in the latest edition.
- ❖ Visakhapatnam Port made it to the top 20 ports of the World at 19 in 2023.



- ❖ Mundra Port climbed up the index at 27 in the current ranking.
- ❖ The other 7 are Pipavav (ranked 41 in the list), Kamarajar (47), Cochin (63), Hazira (68), Krishnapatnam (71), Chennai (80) and Jawaharlal Nehru (96).

## INTERNATIONAL

### Burp Tax - New Zealand



- ❖ New Zealand government announced scrapping the 'burp tax' — a scheme to tax greenhouse gas emissions from livestock.
- ❖ The burp tax was introduced in October 2022 under the leadership of then Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.
- ❖ In New Zealand, there are around 10 million cattle and 25 million sheep, which are the source of nearly half of the country's greenhouse gas emissions.
- ❖ The primary aim of the scheme was to curtail methane emissions from ruminant species.

## ECONOMY

### Indian wealth in Swiss banks

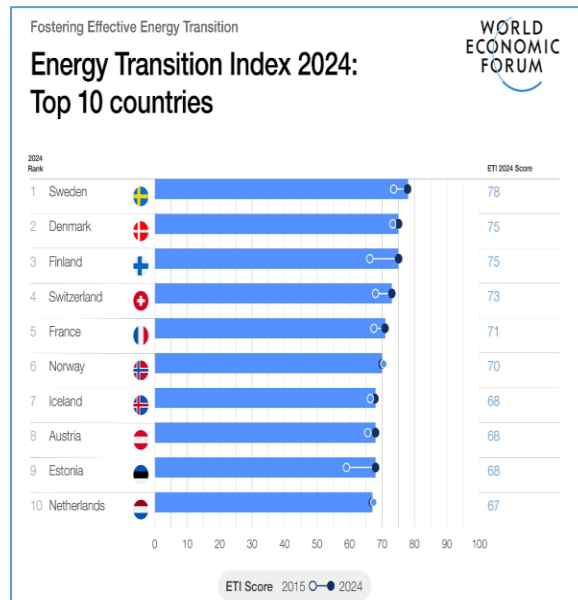
- ❖ The Indian individuals and firms saw a significant drop in the money they kept in Swiss banks last year.
- ❖ According to Switzerland's central bank, these funds fell by 70% in 2023 to 1.04 billion Swiss Francs (around ₹9,771 crore), the lowest in four years.
- ❖ At the close of 2023, the total liabilities of Swiss banks towards their Indian clients amounted to 1,039.8 million francs.

- ❖ The aggregate funds held by Indian clients with Swiss banks saw a peak of 3.83 billion francs in 2021, which was the highest in 14 years.
- ❖ In terms of global rankings for funds held by foreign clients in Swiss banks, India stood at 67th place at the end of 2023, down from 46th place a year earlier.
- ❖ Meanwhile, the UK, the US, and France topped the list.



## REPORTS AND INDICES

### Global Energy Transition Index 2024



- ❖ The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Global Energy Transition Index.
- ❖ From 67th place, India moved up to 63rd place out of 120 countries.

- ❖ European nations dominated the top ranks with Sweden topping the index.
- ❖ It is followed by Denmark, Finland, Switzerland and France in the top five.
- ❖ China was ranked 20th.
- ❖ India's clean energy infrastructure, with renewable energy and biomass comprising 42% of its power generation capacity, is making it the fourth-largest renewables market globally.
- ❖ India's per capita emissions, at 1.7 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>, are already 60% lower than the global average of 4.4 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per capita.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Olympic Day 2024 - June 23

- ❖ On 23 June 1894, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was founded at the Sorbonne in Paris.
- ❖ The day was established by IOC in 1948 to encourage individuals from all walks of life to embrace the Olympic values of excellence, friendship, and respect.
- ❖ This year's theme is 'Let's Move and Celebrate'.



### UN Public Service Day 2024 - June 23

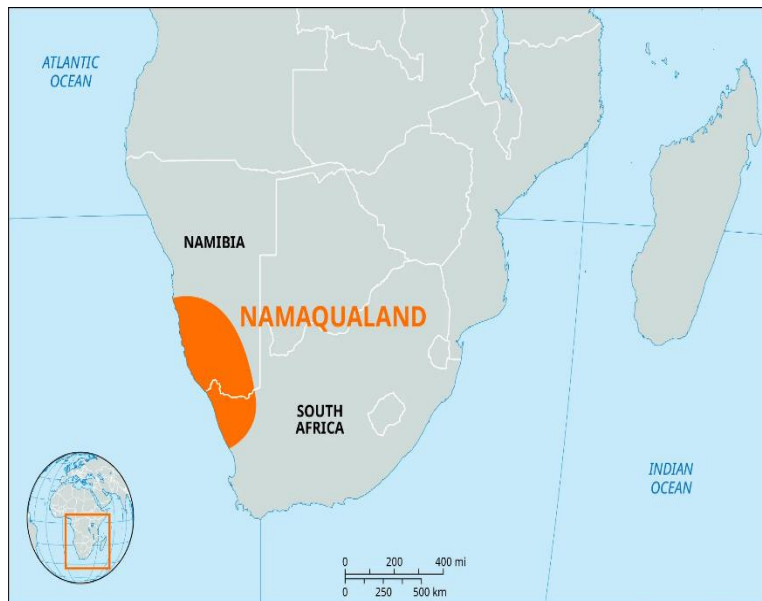
- ❖ It highlights the contribution and role of public service in the development of all sectors around the world.
- ❖ The UN General Assembly proclaimed this day in 2002.
- ❖ The UN established the UN Public Service Awards (UNPSA) programme in 2003.

- ❖ The 2024 UN Public Service Forum and Awards Ceremony is taking place in Incheon, Republic of Korea under the theme 'Fostering Innovation amid Global Challenges: a Public Sector Perspective'.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### World's oldest termite mounds



- ❖ The world's oldest and active termite mounds have been discovered in Namaqualand of Namibia, dating back 34 000 years.





- ❖ They are existing since before the last Ice Age when woolly mammoths.
- ❖ The mounds are inhabited by the southern harvester termite.
- ❖ The previous oldest inhabited mounds - by a different termite species - were discovered in Brazil.
- ❖ And they are 4000 years old.

