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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Chennai has been allocated about 10 thousand million cubic feet (tmc ft) under the proposed Godavari–Cauvery link project for drinking water and industrial requirements.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu government has announced the ₹1 lakh in subsidy for buying new autorickshaws to 1,000 women and transgender auto drivers.
  - For this, they must had registered themselves with the Tamil Nadu Drivers and Automobile Workshop Workers Welfare Board.
- ❖ Somalia’s only all-women news team, Bilan, has won the 2024 One World Media Press Freedom Award and becoming the first Somali media team to receive this honour.
- ❖ The International Widows' Day 2024 is observed on June 23 to recognize the rights of widows around the world and to create awareness in this regard for the welfare of this section of the society.
- ❖ International Day of Women in Diplomacy is celebrated on June 24 every year to highlight the contribution of women to diplomacy.

## TAMIL NADU

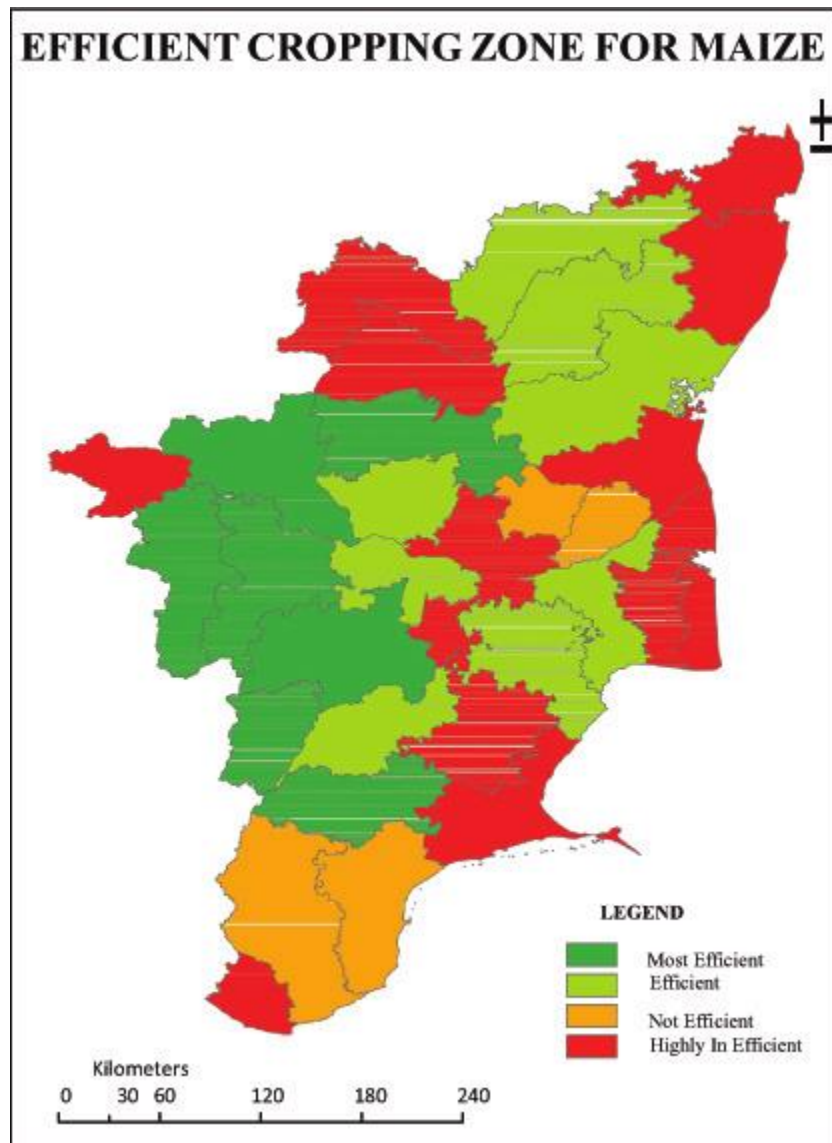
### Perumbalai excavation - Tamilnadu



- ❖ The Graffiti marks “resembling geometric symbols” were among the potsherds discovered during the archaeological excavations at Perumbalai in Dharmapuri district.
- ❖ The lower-most level as site is dated back to the 6th Century BCE.

- ❖ By the shapes and size of the pottery, it belongs to the Iron Age.
- ❖ Perumbalai is located on the bank of the Nagavathi (ancient Palar), one of the tributaries of Cauvery River.
- ❖ Kongumandala Satakam, a 13th Century literary work by Karmegakavirayar of Vijayamangalam, is referred to Perumbalai as the northern boundary of the Kongu region.

### Special scheme for maize cultivation - Tamilnadu



- ❖ The State government of Tamilnadu will implement a special scheme to increase the area of maize cultivation in 18 districts at a cost of ₹30 crore.



- ❖ A kit with high-quality maize seeds, natural and liquid fertilisers, and urea would be distributed to 50,000 farmers.
- ❖ It aims to increase the area under maize cultivation by 50,000 hectares.
- ❖ For 2024-25, the State government has set a target to increase the area under millets cultivation to 9.95 lakh hectares with a production of 39.09 lakh metric tonnes.
- ❖ It was 31.31 lakh metric tonnes two years ago.
- ❖ The total food grain production target was 129.63 lakh metric tonnes for 2024-25.
- ❖ The food grain production was 118.02 lakh metric tonnes last year.

### **Tamil Nadu's FDI inflows 2023-24**

#### **TN Recorded A 12% Spike In FDI Inflow In 2023-24**

**Tamil Nadu's Foreign Direct Investment inflows increased to about \$2.44 billion in the 2023-24 FY from \$2.17 billion in 2022-23, logging a 12.44% jump according to the data from Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry. According to a press release, ever since MK Stalin took over as CM, foundation stone was laid for 45 factories, and 27 factories had been inaugurated. Industries Minister TRB Raja attributed the growth to significant advancements in land allotment process and developing a massive land bank.**

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- ❖ Overall inflows to India have declined marginally to \$44.42 billion in 2023-24 from \$46.03 billion in 2022-23.
- ❖ Electronics exports from the State had grown to \$9.56 billion in 2023-24 from \$1.66 billion in 2020-21.
- ❖ Gujarat saw its FDI inflows grow 54.9% to \$7.3 billion in 2023-24 from \$4.71 billion in 2022-23.
- ❖ Telangana saw the inflows jump 133% to \$3.03 billion from \$1.30 billion.

- ❖ Karnataka's FDI inflows declined 37% to about \$6.57 billion in 2023-24 from \$10.43 billion in 2022-23.
- ❖ Delhi's was dipped by 13.41% in 2023-24 to \$6.52 billion, as against \$7.53 billion the previous year.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Ban on hijab – Tajikistan



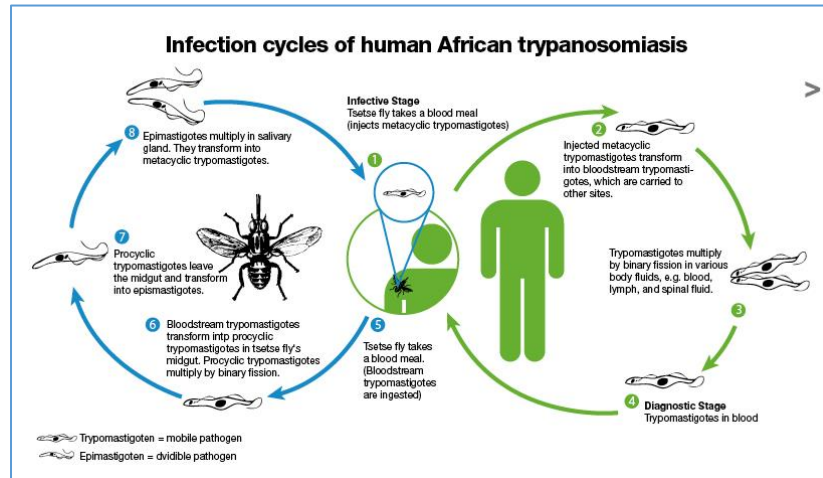
- ❖ Tajikistan's parliament approved a bill to ban the hijab.
- ❖ The house banned "alien garments" and children's celebrations for the two most important Islamic holidays—Eid al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha.
- ❖ This ban comes as part of his agenda to promote 'Tajiki' culture, aimed at reducing visible public religiosity.

### Human African Trypanosomiasis – Chad

- ❖ Chad has become the first country in 2024 and the 51<sup>st</sup> globally to eliminate a neglected tropical disease- human African trypanosomiasis (HAT).
- ❖ HAT is caused by protozoan parasites that spread via infected tsetse flies.
- ❖ The illness is typically fatal if left untreated.
- ❖ There are two forms of HAT, determined by the subspecies of the parasite involved:
  - *Trypanosoma brucei gambiense* - accounts for 92 % of reported cases and



- *Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense*, responsible for the remaining 8 per cent.



## ECONOMY

### 53<sup>rd</sup> GST Council meeting

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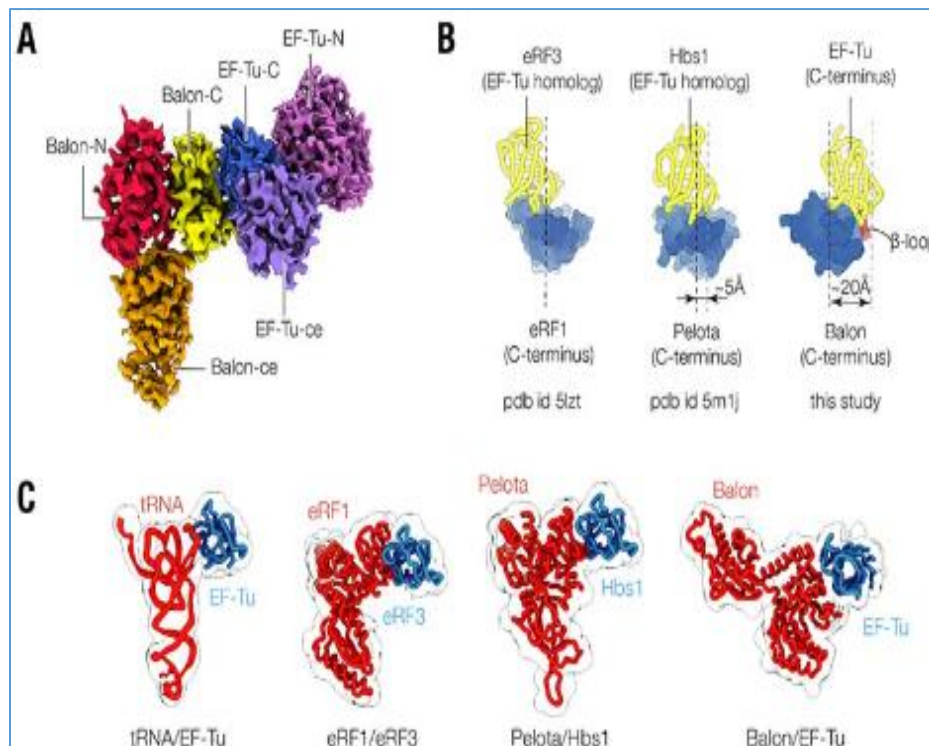
- **Interest & Penalty Waived:** No interest or penalties for demand notices under Section 73 for FY 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 if tax paid by 31.03.2025.
- **ITC Time Limit Extended:** Deadline to avail ITC for FY 2017-18 to 2020-21 extended to 30.11.2021.
- **Appeal Limits Set:** Monetary limits for appeals set at Rs. 20 lakh (GST Appellate Tribunal), Rs. 1 crore (High Court), and Rs. 2 crore (Supreme Court).
- **Pre-Deposit Reduction:** Reduced pre-deposit requirements for GST appeals.
- **Appeal Filing Period:** 3-month period for filing GST Appellate Tribunal appeals to start from a date notified by the Government.
- **No Interest on ECL Balance:** No interest on delayed returns if balance in Electronic Cash Ledger on due date.
- **Anti-Profiteering Sunset Clause:** New applications for Anti-profiteering not accepted from April 1, 2025.
- **Compensation Cess Exemption:** SEZ imports exempt from Compensation Cess from 1st July, 2017.
- **Railway Service Exemptions:** Certain services by Indian Railways to common man and intra-railway supplies exempted.
- **Accommodation Service Relief:** Exemptions for accommodation services benefiting students and professionals.
- **Aadhaar Authentication:** Biometric-based Aadhaar authentication for registration applicants to be rolled out nationwide in phases.

- ❖ The 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council was held on June 22 in New Delhi.

- ❖ Services provided by Indian Railways to the common person, including sale of platform tickets, retiring rooms are now exempted from GST.
- ❖ Hostels for students located outside educational institutions are also exempted from GST.
- ❖ Changes in GST rates of Goods:
  - Milk Cans: 12% GST on all steel, iron, and aluminium milk cans.
  - Carton Boxes: GST on cartons, boxes, and cases of paper reduced from 18% to 12%.
  - Solar Cookers: 12% GST on all solar cookers whether single or dual energy source
  - Poultry Machinery Parts: 12% GST on parts of poultry keeping machinery.
- ❖ The council has recommended a monetary limit of Rs 20 lakh for GST appellate tribunal, Rs 1 crore for High Court and Rs 2 crore for Supreme Court for filing of appeals by the department.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Balon Protein

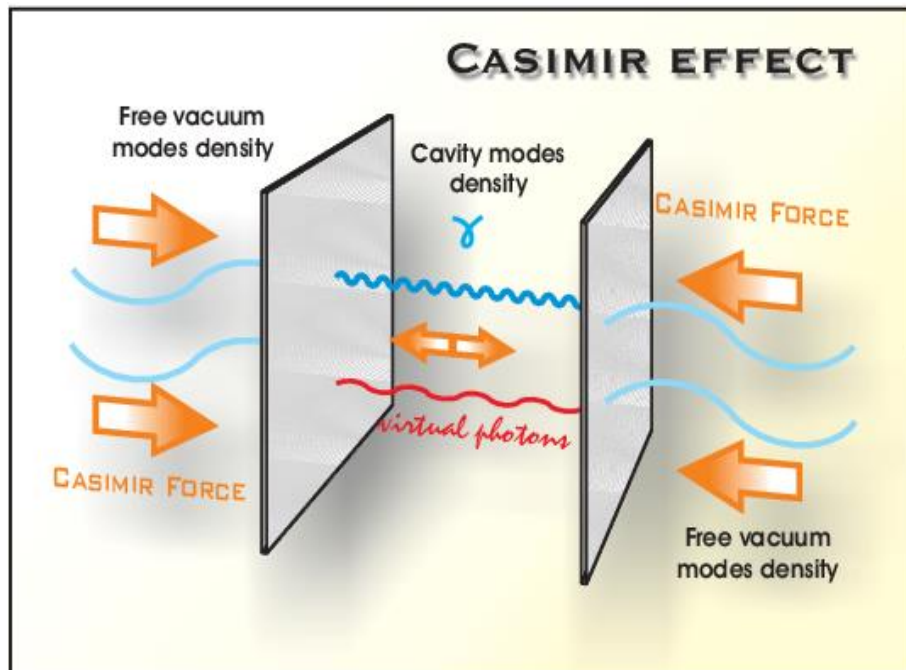


- ❖ Scientists discovered a special protein called Balon.

- ❖ This protein helps the bacterium *Psychrobacter urativorans* go into and come out of a dormant state when its environment changes.
- ❖ Balon is different from the other proteins that play a role in ribosome silencing because it can be turned off and on again.

### Casimir Effect

- ❖ The Casimir effect is a quantum phenomenon in which two materials, when placed close together, can be attracted or repelled by quantum fluctuations.
- ❖ Researchers successfully manipulated this effect by reversing the transition of attractive to repulsive using a ferrofluid as intermediate medium.
- ❖ In 1948, Dutch physicist Hendrik Casimir developed an ingenious experiment to witness the invisible wonders of quantum mechanics.



## STATES

### Hemis Festival 2024

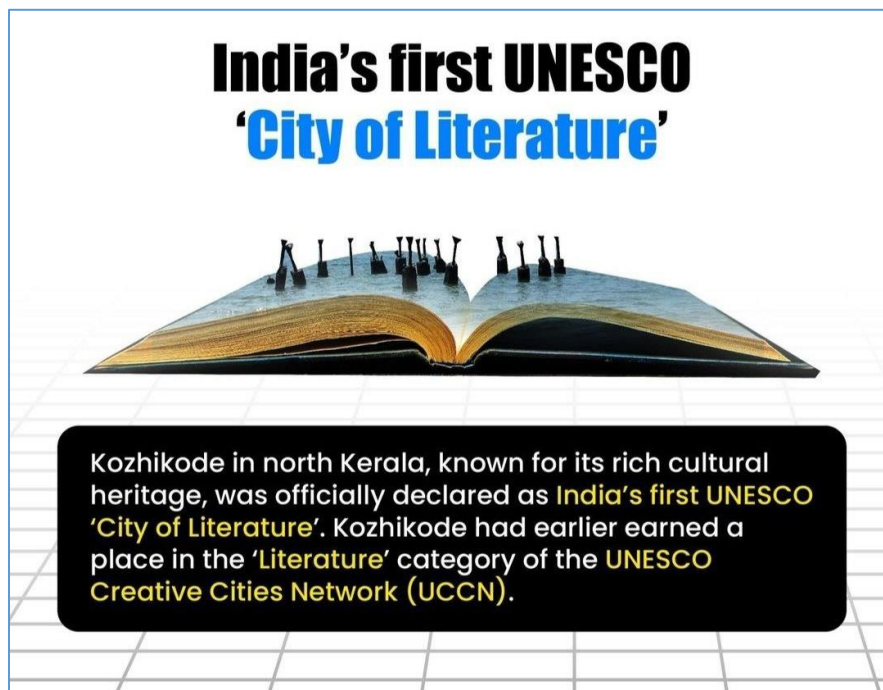
- ❖ The Hemis Festival, known as Hemis Tsechu, celebrates the birth of Guru Padmasambhava in Ladakh.
- ❖ The Hemis Festival celebrates the birth of Guru Padmasambhava, the founder of Tibetan Buddhism.



- ❖ Another rare event during the festival is the unveiling of a giant thangka, a religious painting on cloth, which happens once every 12 years.
- ❖ The next unfurling will take place in 2025.



### India's first UNESCO City of Literature



- ❖ Kozhikode city of Kerala has created history by becoming India's first city to be designated as a UNESCO City of Literature.
- ❖ Over the next four years, Kozhikode will host a series of literary and cultural activities to celebrate and promote its newfound status.



- ❖ Other Iconic locations of Kerala such as Mananchira, Tali, and Kuttichira will be transformed into vibrant centres for literary events.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Day of the Seafarer 2024 - June 25

- ❖ In 2010, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) designated this day.
- ❖ It aims to give thanks to seafarers for their contribution to the world economy and the civil society, and for the risks and personal costs they bear while on their jobs.
- ❖ #SafetyTipsAtSea is the new hashtag for the 2024 campaign.

