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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Kariapatti, Mallankinaru police stations in Virudhunagar get ISO certifications (ISO 9001: 2015) recently.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu will introduce artificial intelligence (AI) and basic computer science from Class VI onwards.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is going to launch Agal Vilakku scheme under which committees comprising female teachers, will be formed to assist girls from classes 9 to 12 in tackling mental, physical and societal problems.
- ❖ A total of 10,000 km of roads in rural areas would be improved under the second phase of the Chief Minister's Rural Road Development Programmes.
 - The first phase of the scheme was introduced in January 2023, have completed 8,120 km of roads
- ❖ ISRO has completed the third Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) – Pushpak, Landing Experiment (LEX) at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) in Chitradurga, Karnataka.

TAMIL NADU

125th year anniversary - Ooty hill train



- ❖ The line from Mettupalayam to Coonoor was opened for traffic on 15 June 1899 during British colonial rule and was later extended to Udgai Hill Station.

- ❖ The 'Railway Committee' was formed with Sir Robert Stanes as the Chairman and Limited Joint Stock Company called the Coonoor Railway Company (Limited) was proposed in 1880.
- ❖ Later new Nilgiri Railway Company was formed in 1896 to purchase and finish the line.
- ❖ This line was finally declared open in June 1899, and operated by the Madras Railway under an agreement.
- ❖ UNESCO designated the Nilgiri Mountain Railway as a World Heritage Site on July 15, 2005.

Statues of various leaders



- ❖ Tamil Nadu govt announced that statues of various leaders and personalities across the state.
- ❖ Rani Velu Nachiyar statue will set up inside the Gandhi Mandapam campus in Chennai.

- ❖ Former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, archaeologist instrumental in excavations of Harappa and Mohanjodaro sites of Indus Valley Civilisation, Sir. John Hubert Marshall, will be erected in Chennai at a cost of Rs. 50 lakhs.
- ❖ Besides statues will be erected for Marudhu Brothers in Sivaganga district.
- ❖ Bartholomew Siegen baulk has brought the printing press to Tamil Nadu (Tranquebar or Tarangambadi) in 1713 and printed the Tamil translation of the 'Holy Bible' (New Testament).
- ❖ An auditorium will be built bearing his name in Tamil Nadu and a statue will be built for G.D. Naidu in Coimbatore at a cost of Rs. 50 lakhs.
- ❖ Former President Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan will have his statue erected in Tiruttani in Tiruvallur district.
- ❖ Freedom Fighter Vai. Nadimuthupillai statue will be erected in Pattukottai in Thanjavur district.
- ❖ A statue of C. Muthusami, who was a part of Cauvery Meetpu Kuzhu, fought for farmers' rights and was Karur MLA in Karur.

Air transport certification training program



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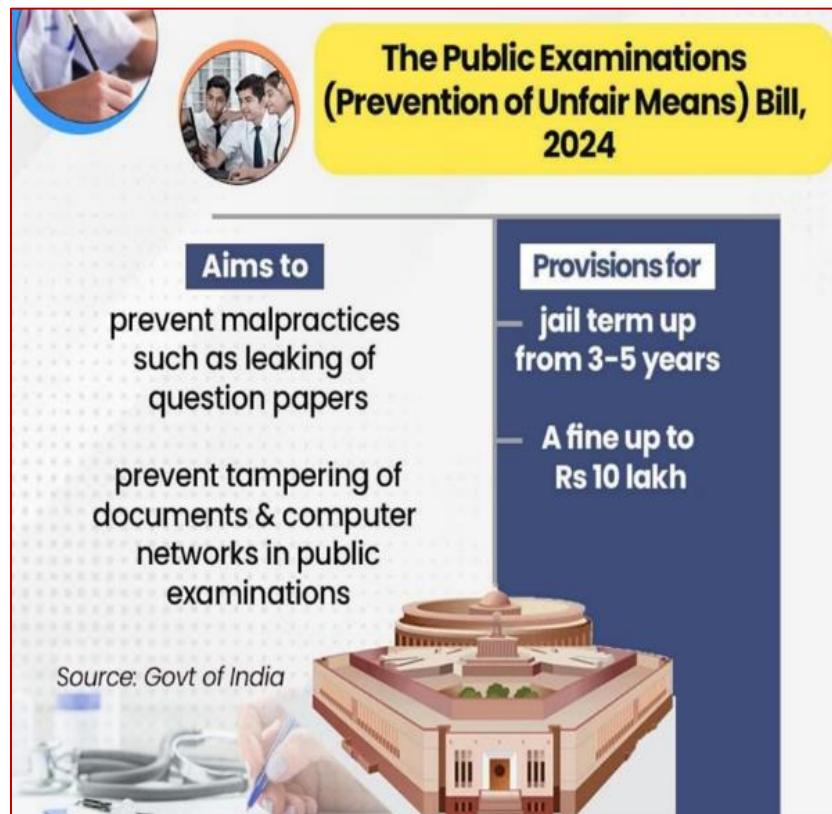
- Community - SC/ST Candidates.
- Educational Qualification: Graduation (any degree) with good English Reading and Understanding capacity.

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO) has relaunched the International Air Transport Association (IATA) certification training programme.

- ❖ It is provided to graduates from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities to get job opportunities in domestic and international airlines.
- ❖ The entire training programme including registration fee ₹1.25 lakh for the IATA test, book fee, food and accommodation charges would be funded by TAHDCO.
- ❖ After completing the training programme, the candidates must clear the IATA certification test.

NATIONAL

Anti-Paper Leak Law



- ❖ The Centre made public the rules under the recently notified anti-paper leak law.
- ❖ It will be mandating the National Recruitment Agency (NRA) to prepare norms, standards and guidelines for the computer-based tests among others.
- ❖ The rules were notified within days of operationalising The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024.
- ❖ This is the first-ever national law against the use of unfair means to rig recruitment exams conducted by various public bodies.

- ❖ The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024 was passed by the Rajya Sabha on February 9 and Lok Sabha passed it on February 6 and approved on February 12.
- ❖ The Act aims to prevent unfair means in the public examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), the railways, banking recruitment examinations and the NTA among others.
- ❖ Under the Act, any person or persons found guilty of leaking a paper or tampering with answer sheets will receive a minimum jail term of three years.
- ❖ This can be extended to five years with a fine of up to ₹ 10 lakh. All offences under the Act will be cognisable and non-bailable.
- ❖ Examination service providers who have knowledge about a possible offence but do not report it can be fined up to ₹ 1 crore.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Rainforest Day 2024 - June 22



- ❖ It was initiated by the Rainforest Partnership in 2017.
- ❖ It celebrates the importance of maintaining healthy, intact rainforests for climate stability, biodiversity preservation, cultural heritage, and sustainable livelihoods.

- ❖ It serves as a global platform to promote efforts in safeguarding and restoring these vital environments.
- ❖ The theme of 2024 is 'Empowering the World in Défense of Our Rainforests.'

World Vitiligo Day 2024 - June 25

- ❖ It aims to increasing the effort for vitiligo healthcare and education and raising awareness of the social stigma and mental challenges faced by those affected by vitiligo.
- ❖ Vitiligo is a skin disorder in which the skin cell melanocytes that produce melanin are destroyed by the body's immune system.
- ❖ This is causing the skin to lose its colour and resulting in whitish, smooth patches on the skin.
- ❖ Vitiligo is a rare disease which can occur in about 1% or a little more of the population throughout the world.
- ❖ The theme for 2024 is "United by the Skin" or "Unidos Por La Piel".



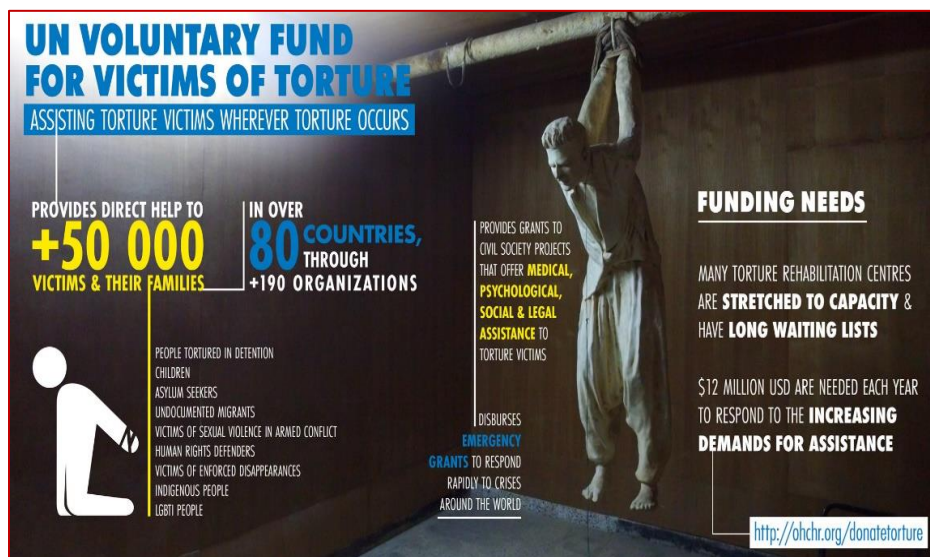
World Drug Day 2024 - June 26

- ❖ This day is also known as the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

- ❖ This day focuses on raising awareness about the detrimental effects of drug abuse and promoting global efforts to combat illicit drug trafficking.
- ❖ This year's theme is "The evidence is clear: invest in prevention".



International Day in Support of Victims of Torture 2024 - June 26



- ❖ The UN General Assembly proclaimed this day on 12 December 1997.
- ❖ This day marks the moment in 1987 when the UN Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment came into effect.
- ❖ In 1975, the General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.
- ❖ The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture was established by the General Assembly in 1981.



- ❖ The first Special Rapporteur on torture was appointed by the Commission on Human Rights in 1985.
- ❖ In 2002, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture was adopted.

