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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Ministry of External Affairs commemorated the 12th Passport Seva Divas on 24 June 2024 to mark the enactment of the Passports Act on 24 June 1967.
- ❖ The industrial town of Hosur in Tamil Nadu is set to get an international airport.
- ❖ The TN Chief Minister announced that the government's decision to establish the Kalaignar Centenary library in Tiruchi in the State Assembly.
- ❖ ICICI Bank Ltd became only the sixth Indian firm to hit a market capitalisation of \$100 billion (~Rs 8.4 lakh crore).
- ❖ Paraguay officially became the 100th full member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

TAMIL NADU

World Bank-assisted project for women



 சிறப்புத் திட்டச் செயலாக்கத் துறை
மானியக் கோரிக்கை

ரூ.1185 கோடி மதிப்பீட்டில்

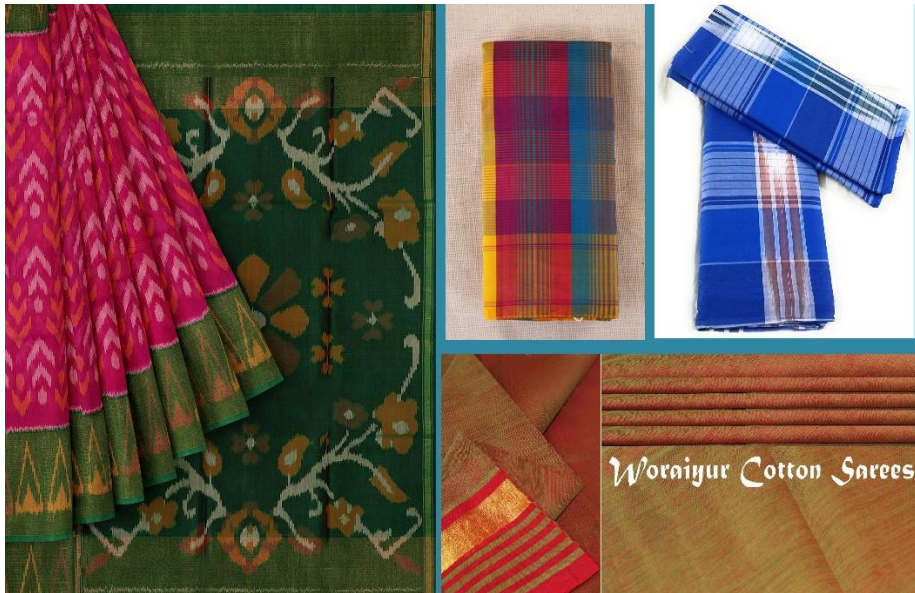
தமிழ்நாடு மகளிர் வேலைவாய்ப்பு
மற்றும் பாதுகாப்புத் திட்டம்

- முதற் கட்டமாக 8 மாவட்டங்களில் செயல்படுத்தப்படும்.
- மகளிருக்குப் பயனளிக்கும் அனைத்து தகவல்களைத் தரும் **மகளிர் தகவல் வங்கி** உருவாக்கப்படும்.
- அரசு பள்ளிகளில் **8 முதல் 12 வகுப்பு வரை** படிக்கும் மாணவிகளுக்கு உளவியல் பரிசோதனை மூலம் திறமைகளை கண்டறிய **திறமை மதிப்பீட்டு தளம்** உருவாக்கப்படும்.
- பள்ளிகளில் தொழில் முனைவு குறித்த பாடத் திட்டம் (**Earlypreneurship Programme**)
- அரசு கல்லூரிகளில் இறுதி ஆண்டு படித்து வரும் மாணவிகளுக்கு தொழில் துறை சார்ந்த பணியிட பயிற்சி (**Internship Training**) அளிக்கப்படும்.

- ❖ World Bank-assist to Tamil Nadu Women Employment and Safety Programme (WE-SAFE).
- ❖ It would be implemented in the next five years (2024-29) at a cost of ₹1,185 crore.

- ❖ The aim is to increase the participation of the women labour force in non-farm and emerging sectors.
- ❖ The allocation for the programme for the current year is ₹168 crore, and it will be implemented in eight districts.

New GI tag for 5 traditional varieties



- ❖ The handlooms department of Tamilnadu has also proposed to get geographical indication tag for five traditional varieties of handloom products.
- ❖ They are, the silk saris from Chinnalapatti; Koorainadu saris; Nagarcoil vaeti; Uuraiyur saris; and Gudiyatham lungis.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu currently hosts 58 GI products.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh topped with the most GI-tagged products (75) in India.

New Environmental Initiatives in Tamilnadu

- ❖ TN govt has decided to set up a native seed species vault at Tamil Nadu Forest Academy, Coimbatore, at a cost of ₹10 crore.
- ❖ The Community-based eco-tourism will be developed at Rameswaram & Gulf of Mannar at Rs 15 cr.
- ❖ Dark sky park will be set-up at Kolli Hills, Namakkal.
- ❖ Crocodile conservation will be set up at Anakkarai Kumbakonam range at Rs 2.50 crore.

- ❖ In order to commemorate the legacy of renowned wildlife biologist AJT Johnsingh, the government has proposed to create an annual 'Dr AJT Johnsingh Wildlife Conservation Award'.
 - It will be awarded to a wildlife enthusiast who has immensely contributed towards excellence in wildlife conservation.



NATIONAL

Child Care Leave for Surrogacy

SURROGACY

- Having another woman bear a child for a couple (or single women or men) to raise.
- The surrogate offers to carry a baby through pregnancy and then return the baby to the intended parent(s) once it is born.
- Surrogacy is an option to fulfill the desire to have a child of a couple for whom it is physically or medically impossible or undesirable to carry a baby to term on their own.
- There are two types of surrogacy – traditional surrogacy and gestational surrogacy.
- In Traditional Surrogacy, a surrogate mother is artificially inseminated, either by the intended father or an anonymous donor. The surrogate mother provides the egg and is thus genetically related to the child.
- In Gestational Surrogacy, an embryo is created using an egg and sperm produced by the intended couple and is transferred into the surrogate's uterus. The surrogate has no genetic link to the child. Her eggs cannot be used to conceive the child.
- The Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill seeks to allow and regulate Gestational Surrogacy.
- Surrogacy can be altruistic or commercial. In altruistic surrogacy, the surrogate is not paid for her services, except for medical expenses and insurance. In commercial surrogacy, the surrogate is paid over and above these expenses.
- The Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill seeks to ban commercial surrogacy but protect the altruistic surrogate through enhanced, prescribed payments (for medical expenses, food and care, longer-duration insurance).

- ❖ The Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972, have been updated to allow 'commissioning mothers' who opt for surrogacy 180 days of maternity leave.



- ❖ According to the amendment of Rules, the “commissioning mother” (the intending mother of the child born through surrogacy) with child care leave is eligible for these leaves.
- ❖ The government also grants the paternity leave of 15 days to the “commissioning father”.
- ❖ The current regulations permit "a female government servant and single male government servant" to take childcare leave for up to 730 days throughout their service to care for their two oldest surviving children.

INTERNATIONAL

Operation Azm-e-Istehkam

- PRIME MINISTER LED CRUCIAL **APEX COMMITTEE** MEETING ON **NATIONAL ACTION PLAN**.
- TOP FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL LEADERS STRATEGIZED ON **COUNTER-TERRORISM EFFORTS**.
- APPROVED OPERATION **AZM-E-ISTEHKAM** FOR ROBUST ANTI-TERRORISM DRIVE.
- UNITED EFFORT TO SAFEGUARD **PAKISTAN'S FUTURE**.
- NEW MEASURES TO ENSURE SECURITY FOR **CHINESE NATIONALS IN PAKISTAN**.

- ❖ Pakistan's top leadership has approved the launch of a new military operation aimed at quelling a surge in violence.
- ❖ It is called Azm-e-Istehkam, meaning Resolve for Stability in Urdu.
- ❖ It aims to address domestic security threats and the activities of armed fighters crossing over from Afghanistan.
- ❖ Since 2001, Pakistan's military has conducted many operations like "Zarb-e-Azb", "Rah-e-Nijat", "Rah-e-Rast" against homegrown militants in border areas.

ENVIRONMENT

Ichthyophis spp

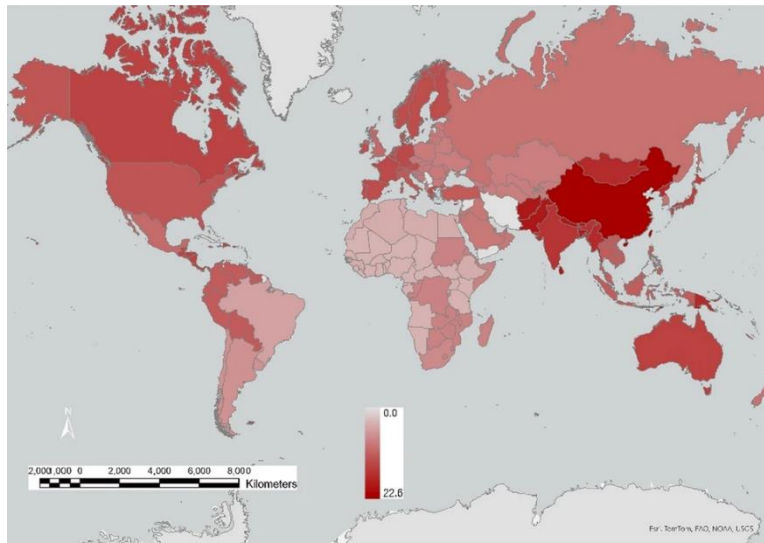
- ❖ A limbless amphibian has been added to the fauna in the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve in Assam.

- ❖ Assam's wildlife officials recorded the striped caecilian (*Ichthyophis* spp) in the tiger reserve for the first time.
- ❖ Caecilians are limbless amphibians that spend most of their lives burrowed under soil.
- ❖ The tiger reserve houses 24 species of amphibians and 74 species of reptiles.
- ❖ It is also home to 21 of the 29 species of tortoises and freshwater turtles found in India.



REPORTS AND INDICES

Global impacts of heat and water stress – report



- ❖ Heat and water stress can lead to 6-14 per cent global food production decline by 2050.

- ❖ It correspondingly increases the number of people with severe food insecurity by up to 1.36 billion compared to 2020.
- ❖ Due to this, regions like China and ASEAN countries can become food importers from being net food exporters by 2050.
- ❖ In India, in the worst-case scenario of climate change, food production was projected to fall by 16.1 per cent in 2050 as a result of both water and heat stress.
- ❖ In China, it would fall by 22.4 per cent and in the United States by 12.6 per cent.
- ❖ In Africa, food production was projected to decline by 8.2-11.8 per cent, 14.7 per cent for Australia and 19.4 per cent for some parts of Central America.
- ❖ Globally, the number of additional people with severe food insecurity by 2050, relative to 2020, can increase between 556 million and 1.36 billion.

STATES

India's largest leopard safari



- ❖ South India's first and the country's largest leopard safari was inaugurated by at the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP).
- ❖ Currently eight leopards have been released for the safari in the open forest area.
- ❖ BBP was carved out of Bannerghatta National Park in 2004 and brought under the administration of the Zoo Authority of Karnataka.
- ❖ It comprises several units including the zoo, safari, butterfly park, and rescue center.

Income Tax for Ministers

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh cabinet has decided that state ministers will have to pay their Income Tax, instead of the state government bearing such burden.

- ❖ They strike off the 1972 rule, under which the state government was paying the Income Tax on the salaries and perks of ministers.
- ❖ There are other states that have in the past amended provisions exempting ministers from paying tax.
- ❖ In 2019, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet decided to amend the law that exempted the Chief Minister and other ministers from paying their own income tax.
- ❖ The Himachal Pradesh Cabinet had in 2022 also said that all ministers and MLAs would pay their own income tax.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Refrigeration Day - June 26



- ❖ The day was chosen to celebrate the birth date of Lord Kelvin on 26 June 1824.

- ❖ It was established by the World Refrigeration Day Secretariat in Derbyshire, England.
- ❖ It aims to raise the profile of the refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat-pump sector and focuses attention on the significant role that the industry and its technology play in modern life and society.

World Asteroid Day - June 30

- ❖ This day is aimed at raising awareness about asteroids and the potential hazards they pose to our planet.
- ❖ It commemorates the anniversary of the Tunguska event in 1908.
- ❖ This event was caused by an asteroid or comet fragment exploding over Siberia, Russia, flattening around 2,000 square kilometres of forest.
- ❖ The United Nations officially declared this in 2016 to raise awareness about the potential hazards of asteroid impacts.



International Day of Parliamentarism - June 30



- ❖ The International Day of Parliamentarism is also known as the World Parliament Day.



- ❖ It was established in 2018 through a United Nations General Assembly Resolution and is led by the Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- ❖ On this day in 1889 Inter-Parliamentary Union was founded in Paris.
- ❖ 179 countries including India are members of IPU.

