

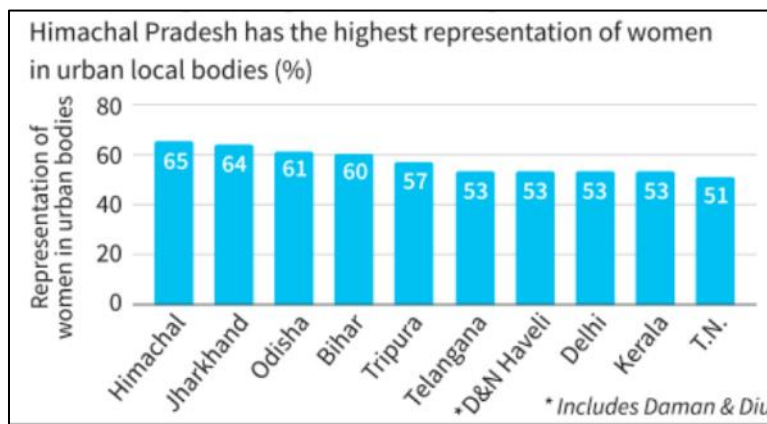
November - 23

TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Odisha wins maiden Gold in 14th Senior National Hockey Championship by defeating two-time champion Haryana.
- ❖ India signed an agreement to establish BIMSTEC Energy Centre in Bengaluru.
- ❖ Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla in Chhattisgarh was declared as India's 56th tiger reserve.
- ❖ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) recommended notifying Nugu Wildlife Sanctuary as a core and critical area of Bandipur Tiger Reserve.
- ❖ At least 659 Indian Bisons or Gaurs were counted in the first-ever census of the animals conducted in Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary, Odisha.
- ❖ The 4th Ministerial High-level Global Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ Dr Ashwin Fernandes, Executive Director of the UK-based QS World University Rankings, authored a book 'Modialogue: Conversations for a Viksit Bharat'.
- ❖ International Men's Day is celebrated annually on November 19th.
- ❖ India's Rachel Gupta became the first Miss Grand International 2024 winner from the country.
 - She is only the third Asian to win this coveted title.

TAMIL NADU

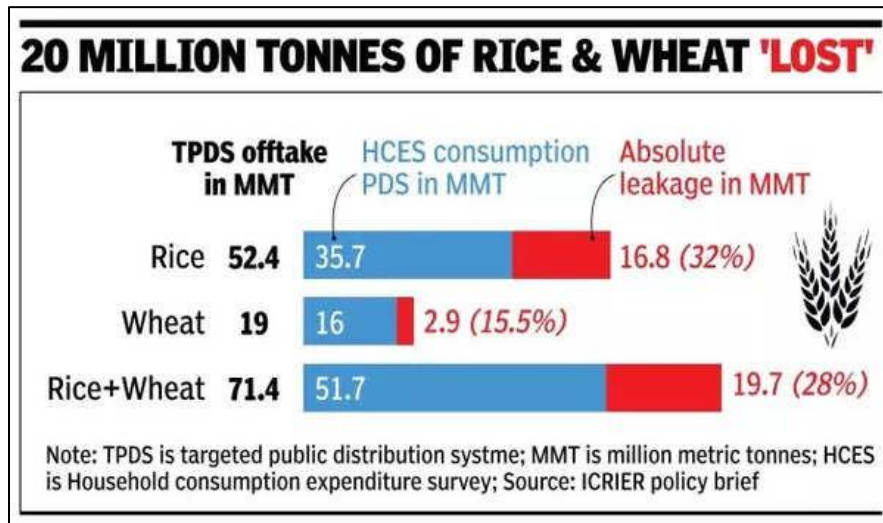
Highest number of women councilors



- ❖ Among the States, Tamil Nadu has the highest number of women councillors.

- ❖ The other States in the top 10 are Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar and Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ 17 States in India have legislated for 50% women's reservation, well over the constitutional minimum of 33%.
- ❖ Around 46% of the councillors in India are women.
- ❖ In 19 out of 21 capital cities that have active urban local bodies, including Patna, Shimla, Ranchi and Bhubaneswar, the figure goes well over 60%.

Leakage of rice in PDS



- ❖ Tamil Nadu was estimated to have suffered a loss of ₹1,900 crore during 2022-23 through leakages in the supply of rice under the public distribution system (PDS).
- ❖ The figure of leakage at 5.2 lakh tonne that accounted for 15.8% of the total quantity of rice reported to have been supplied through PDS.
- ❖ The economic cost of rice for the year is ₹ 3,670 per quintal for rice.
- ❖ The quantum of PDS rice lost in distribution could have fed approximately 21.67 lakh families.
- ❖ As on May 31, 2024, Tamil Nadu had about 2.2 crore rice-drawing ration cards.

Tamil Nadu's investment need

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government has handed over the memorandum to the 16th Finance Commission during its visit to the state
- ❖ Investment needs of the Tamil Nadu stood at ₹6.84 lakh crore.
- ❖ Besides, infrastructure needs in urban areas were to the tune of ₹5.32 lakh crore.

- ❖ The funding requirement in power sector was ₹62,000 crore and the investment needs for industrialisation was ₹43,600 crore.
- ❖ For modernisation of the buses and public transport systems, ₹7,000 crore were needed.
- ❖ For nurturing the blue economy, support for secondary and tertiary healthcare and restoration of waterbodies ₹5,000 crore each was mentioned.



Green Energy Corridor scheme-II

Green Energy Corridor Phase-II

- › To facilitate grid integration and power evacuation of approximately **20 GW of Renewable Energy projects in 7 States**
- › Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh
- › Total estimated cost **Rs. 12,031 crore**
- › Central Financial Assistance at **33% of project cost** i.e. Rs. 3970.34 crore
- › To be created **over a period of five years**

- ❖ The National Transmission plan report was released by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).
- ❖ Transmission system at a cost of ₹719.76 crore is planned for Tamil Nadu under the Green Energy Corridor-II (GEC-II) Scheme.

- ❖ Under the scheme, about 19 gigawatts (GW) of the renewable energy capacity is planned to be integrated into the transmission system within States.
- ❖ For Tamil Nadu, 4,000 MW of renewable energy capacity addition is envisaged.
- ❖ It is targeting a transmission line of 624 circuit kilometres (ckm) and 2,200 Sub-stations (MVA).
- ❖ Under the Green Energy Corridor-I (GEC-I) Scheme, about 23 GW of renewable capacity was planned to be integrated to the intra-State network.
- ❖ About 18.72 GW have been commissioned (till 31 March, 2024).

NATIONAL

New Comptroller and Auditor General of India

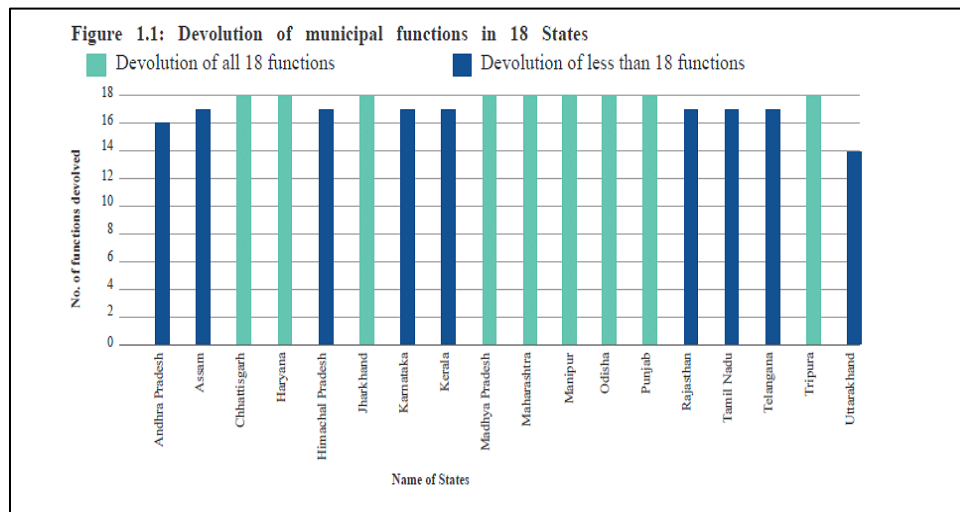
- ❖ Senior IAS officer K. Sanjay Murthy was appointed as the new Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).
- ❖ He will complete his term on November 20, 2024.
- ❖ The Clause (1) of article 148 of the Constitution of India empowered President to Appoint CAG.



CAG Report on Urban Local Bodies

- ❖ The 74th Constitutional Amendment Act mandated the devolution of powers to urban local bodies so they serve citizens directly and effectively.
- ❖ This has not been fully implemented by 18 states even after three decades after Parliament amended the Constitution.

- ❖ 17 of the 18 municipal functions have been transferred to the urban local self-governments (ULSGs) by law.
- ❖ But only four functions have been effectively devolved with complete autonomy.
- ❖ Ten out of the 14 states have overriding powers over ULSGs on more than five of the 16 factors.
- ❖ 1,600 out of 2,625 ULSGs in 17 states had no active elected council, and only five had directly elected mayors.
- ❖ Six out of the 14 states reserved 50% of their city council seats for women, surpassing the constitutional requirement of 33% reservation for women.
- ❖ Only four of the 15 states have empowered their State Election Commissions (SEC) with ward delimitation.
- ❖ The municipal bodies heavily depend on the central and state governments for funds.
- ❖ On average, only 32% of ULSG's total revenue was their own.
- ❖ As little as 29% of their expenditure went to development works and welfare programmes.
- ❖ Their average resource expenditure gap was 42%.
- ❖ Only ten states have constituted the State Finance Commissions according to the prescribed timeline.



Operation Dronagiri

- ❖ Department of Science and Technology launched the Operation Dronagiri.
- ❖ It is a pilot project under National Geospatial Policy 2022.

- ❖ It aims to demonstrate the potential applications of geospatial technologies and innovations in improving the quality of life of citizens and ease of doing business.
- ❖ The first phase covers Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra, focusing on agriculture, livelihoods, logistics, and transport.



GRAI 2023

#	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	
Group A: Grievances > 10,000	Composite	Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Department of Posts	Ministry of Cooperation
	Efficiency	Ministry of Cooperation	Department of Telecommunications	Ministry of Labour and Employment
	Feedback	Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Central Board of Direct Taxes (Income Tax)	Department of Defence
	Domain	Unique Identification Authority of India	Ministry of Home Affairs	Ministry of Cooperation
	Organisational Commitment	Department of Posts	Department of Telecommunications	Ministry of Corporate Affairs

- ❖ The Grievance Redressal Assessment and Index (GRAI) 2023 is based on four dimensions and 11 indicators.
- ❖ It is assessing grievance redressal mechanism adopted by the central ministries and departments.



- ❖ It was conceptualized and designed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).
- ❖ The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has topped the ranking followed by Department of Post in Group A.
- ❖ In Group B, O/O the Comptroller & Auditor General of India topped the ranking, closely followed by the Department of Land Resources.

INTERNATIONAL

G20 Rio Summit 2024

The infographic features the G20 logo at the top, followed by the title 'G20 LEADERS SUMMIT AND NIGERIA'S PARTICIPATION'. Below this, there are three sections: 'EVENT OVERVIEW' describing the summit as a high-profile meeting of the world's largest economies; 'HOST NATION' identifying Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and 'THEME' stating 'Building a Just World and a Sustainable Planet'. The bottom right corner shows a row of national flags including India, Brazil, and others.

G20
BRASIL 2024
BUILDING A JUST WORLD
AND A SUSTAINABLE PLANET

G20 LEADERS SUMMIT AND NIGERIA'S PARTICIPATION

EVENT OVERVIEW

The G20 Leaders Summit is a high-profile meeting of the world's largest economies, addressing global economic, social, and environmental issues.

HOST NATION

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

THEME

Building a Just World and a Sustainable Planet

- ❖ The 19th G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro concluded with the adoption of the Rio Declaration.
- ❖ The theme for this year's G20 Summit under Brazil's presidency is 'Building a Just World and a Sustainable Planet'.
- ❖ The declaration has reaffirmed the G20's commitment to the Paris Agreement and progress under the UNFCCC.
- ❖ The declaration unequivocally condemned terrorism in all its forms.

- ❖ The summit highlighted the failure to break the deadlock in UN climate talks in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- ❖ Brazil proposed taxing billionaires to address global inequality.
- ❖ It also launched the Global Alliance Against Poverty and Hunger, aiming to feed 500 million people by 2030.
- ❖ During this event, Joe Biden became the first sitting US President to visit the Amazon.

ENVIRONMENT

Cao Bang Crocodile

- ❖ A crocodile-like creature was found in Vietnam's mountainous farm.
- ❖ The creature is turned out to be a new species of crocodile with long limbs.
- ❖ The new species is named as Tylotriton Koliaensis or the Cao Bang Crocodile newt.



REPORTS AND INDICES

Sustainable Trade Index 2024

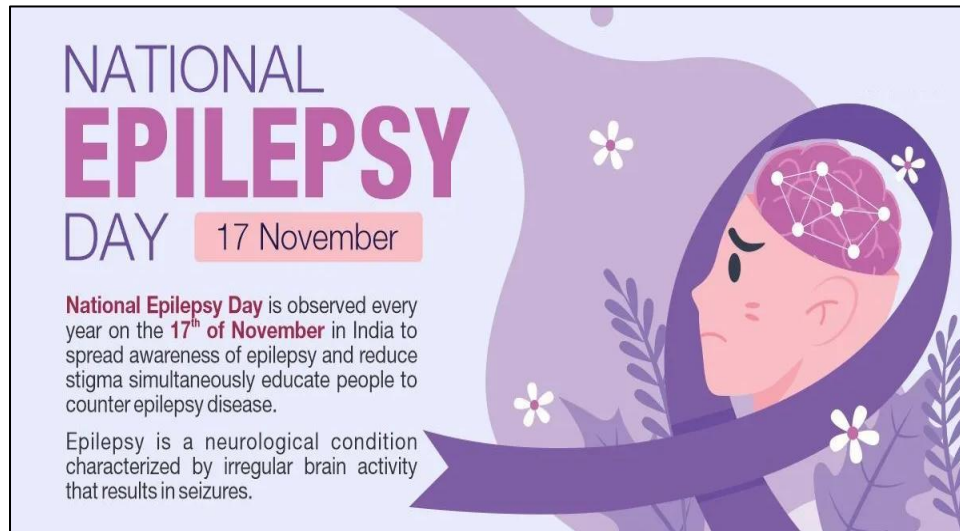
- ❖ New Zealand has retained as the 'most sustainable trade economy' for the third consecutive edition.
- ❖ It is followed by UK and Australia.

- ❖ USA stood at 10 rank and India ranked at 23rd.

Rank	Economy	Overall	Economic	Societal	Environmental
1	New Zealand	100	86	100	100
2	United Kingdom	97.7	87.8	93.7	99.4
3	Australia	87.4	75.4	99.6	83.2
4	Singapore	85.7	92.4	87	75.2
5	Japan	81.5	72.2	81.9	91.2
6	South Korea	81.4	92.2	85.4	67.4
7	Hong Kong	81.4	100	65.8	79.2
8	Canada	80	81.1	99.8	61
9	Taiwan	72.3	76.7	87.1	61.2
10	United States of America	72.2	90	69.4	65.3

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Epilepsy Day 2024 - November 17



- ❖ It aims to spread the awareness about epilepsy—a neurological disorder that affects millions globally.
- ❖ The day emphasizes removing the stigma and misconceptions associated with epilepsy while promoting scientific understanding and empathy.

- ❖ Globally, Purple Day (March 26) is also celebrated to raise epilepsy awareness.
- ❖ There are around 50 million people across the world who have epilepsy.

National Integration Day 2024 - November 19

- ❖ It marks the birth anniversary of Indira Gandhi, the first woman Prime Minister of India.
- ❖ Popularly known as the 'Iron Lady of India,' she was born on November 19, 1917, in Allahabad.
- ❖ National Integration Day was officially introduced in 1985.
- ❖ It aims to celebrate the country's diversity while recognising the importance of working together for the greater good of the nation.
- ❖ She served as Prime Minister from 1966 to 1977 and again from 1980 until her tragic assassination in 1984.
- ❖ Her political career was defined by her unwavering commitment to unity and integrity.



7th Naturopathy Day 2024 – November 18

- ❖ Naturopathy is a unique system of medicine that promotes health by aligning with nature.
- ❖ This day was first declared by the Ministry of Ayush in 2018 to reaffirm its commitment to empowering individuals through health.

- ❖ This year's theme is "Naturopathy for Healthy Aging and Longevity".



MISCELLANEOUS

Sami, Forest Finns, and Kvens Tribes



- ❖ The Norwegian parliament has apologised to the minority groups and Indigenous people for historical injustices committed against them.
- ❖ They have apologised to the Sami, Kvens and Forest Finns by the Norwegian parliament, known as Storting.



- ❖ Norwegian state-run boarding schools banned minority languages and they made forced relocation of whole villages during the 18th century and became official policy from 1851.
- ❖ Sami People are Indigenous to Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia.
- ❖ They are traditionally reindeer herders and fishers.
- ❖ Kvens are the ethnic minority of Finnish descent in northern Norway.
- ❖ They were historically subjected to forced assimilation and loss of language.
- ❖ Forest Finns are the Minority group originally from Finland who settled in Norway and Sweden.
- ❖ They practiced slash-and-burn agriculture, later marginalized by the assimilation policies.

