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## TNPSC BITS

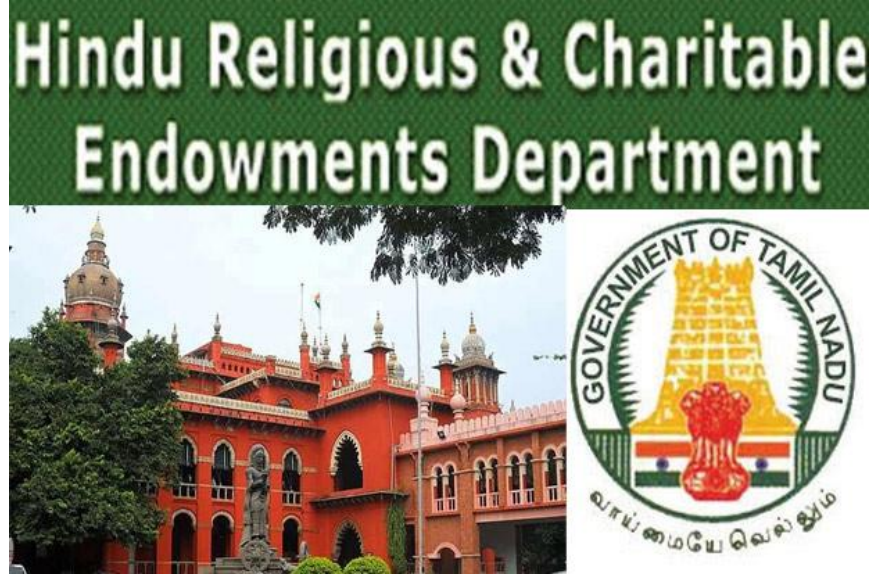
- ❖ Tamil Nadu informed to Union that the Prime Minister Vishwakarma scheme will not be implemented in the state in its present form and urged for its modification.
- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir celebrated the 'Samvidhan Diwas' on Nov 26<sup>th</sup> for the first time since 1950.
- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu addressed a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament to mark the 75th anniversary of the Constitution.
  - During the event, the President has also released translated versions of the Constitution in Sanskrit and Maithili.
- ❖ Sivapatham Vittal, regarded as the father of endocrine surgery in India, passed away recently.
  - He was a recipient of the Tamil Nadu Scientist Award, the Dr. B.M. Sundaravadanam Best Teacher Award among others.
- ❖ Dunlin (spotted in Kerala), a small shorebird's IUCN Conservation status is upgraded Near Threatened in 2024 from Least Concern in 2023.
- ❖ International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is observed on November 29 each year to mark the anniversary of Partition Plan or the resolution 181 (II), intended to establish an Arab State and a Jewish State.

## TAMIL NADU

### Madras High Court on HRCE Act

- ❖ The Madras High Court has held that only Hindus can be appointed to teaching as well as the non-teaching vacancies in self-financing colleges and the schools established with temple funds by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) department.
- ❖ Such appointees would be deemed to have relinquished the post the moment they cease to profess Hinduism.
- ❖ A self-financing institution, which does not receive any government aid, would not fall under the definition of the term 'State' in order to provide equality of opportunity in public employment.
- ❖ Also, a self-financing college established with temple funds and whose recurring expenses were met with fees collected from students would not fall under Articles 16(1) and (2) of the Constitution.

- ❖ It would instead fall under Article 16(5) which permits appointment based on religion in certain denominational institutions.




### **Social security of cooperation dept members**



- ❖ Tamil Nadu launched three new initiatives — 'Vergal' (roots), 'Vizhuthugal' (aerial roots) and 'Siragugal' (wings) — under the cooperation department.
- ❖ Under 'Siragugal' scheme, trans persons can avail themselves of loans ranging from Rs 5,000 to Rs 1 lakh at 5% interest rate.
- ❖ The loans can be availed by small businesses, self-employed and SHGs.

- ❖ 'Vergal' offers financial benefits to members of cooperative societies in the event of death, disability and injury.
- ❖ The members can avail themselves of a benefit of Rs 1 lakh for accidental death, Rs 50,000 for natural death and Rs 50,000 for permanent disability.
- ❖ The Members can subscribe to the scheme by paying a monthly subscription of Rs 100.
- ❖ 'Vizhuthugal' is aimed at providing the financial assistance to the employees of cooperative societies.
- ❖ Family members of employees can avail themselves of the benefit of Rs 5 lakh for accident death, Rs 1 lakh for natural death and Rs 2.5 lakh for permanent disability.
- ❖ The staff shall subscribe to the scheme by paying Rs 300 monthly.

### **Pennaiyar river issue**

<b>DISPUTE SO FAR</b>	
<p><b>1892</b>   State of Madras and Mysore entered into an agreement on use, control and distribution of waters of the inter-state river. It was modified and amended in 1933</p>	 <p>A tributary of Pennaiyar in Kelavrapalli, Krishnagiri district</p>
<p><b>2012</b>   Tamil Nadu objects to Karnataka's plan to divert Pennaiyar waters to about 160 tanks in Malur taluk</p>	<p><b>2018</b>   TN moves SC to declare the unilateral action of Karnataka illegal</p>
<p><b>2013</b>   TN gets to know Karnataka proposed a check dam across river Markandeya, a tributary of Pennaiyar. Communications followed since then</p>	<p><b>Dec 2018</b>   Centre says no request for appointment of arbitrator under the agreement was received from either state</p>
	<p><b>April</b>   TN blames Centre for failing to initiate action to stop the unauthorized diversions</p>
	<p><b>July</b>   TN files interlocutory petition against construction of dam across river Markandeya</p>
	<p><b>Mar 2019</b>   Karnataka argues that consent of TN government not required</p>
	<p><b>Nov 14</b>   Court dismissed the petition and posted the original suit for hearing on January 10</p>

- ❖ The Supreme Court asked the Union government to place on record the report prepared by a committee negotiating the same dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka over the sharing of the Pennaiyar river water.
- ❖ The court had in January 2024 directed the Union government to constitute a new negotiation committee under Section 4 of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act of 1956.
- ❖ It aims to make a serious endeavour for a resolution between the two States.
- ❖ In 2018, Tamil Nadu moved the court against Karnataka's work on check dams and diversions' structures on the river.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu had argued as the flowing water of an Inter-State River is a national asset and no single State can claim exclusive ownership of its water.
- ❖ Also, it had also argued that an 1892 agreement over the river water was “valid and binding” on the party States.

## NATIONAL

### Atal Innovation Mission 2.0

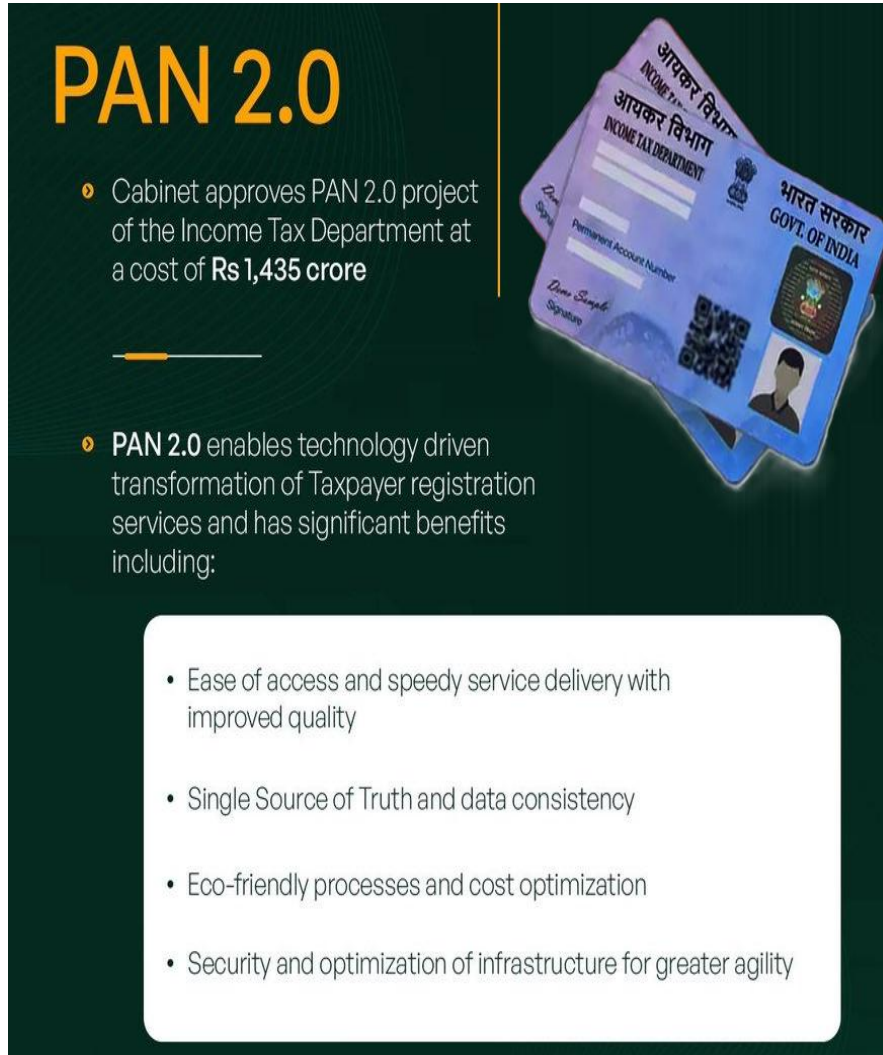
- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of its flagship initiative, the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), under the aegis of NITI Aayog till March 31, 2028.
- ❖ The AIM 2.0, aims to bolster India’s innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem, advancing the country’s goal of becoming a globally competitive and innovation-driven economy.
- ❖ India currently ranks 39th on the Global Innovation Index and boasts the world’s third-largest startup ecosystem.



### PAN 2.0

- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the PAN 2.0 Project of the Income Tax Department
- ❖ It aims to make the permanent account number a ‘common business identifier’ for all digital systems of government agencies.

- ❖ This will be an upgrade of the current PAN/TAN 1.0 eco-system consolidating the core and non-core PAN/TAN activities as well as PAN validation service.
- ❖ Hence the paperwork is now eliminated via digital procedures, which encourage sustainability.




**PAN 2.0**

- Cabinet approves PAN 2.0 project of the Income Tax Department at a cost of Rs 1,435 crore

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- **PAN 2.0** enables technology driven transformation of Taxpayer registration services and has significant benefits including:

- Ease of access and speedy service delivery with improved quality
- Single Source of Truth and data consistency
- Eco-friendly processes and cost optimization
- Security and optimization of infrastructure for greater agility



### **‘One Nation One Subscription’ Scheme**

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved a budgetary allocation of Rs 6,000 crore for an initiative called ‘One Nation One Subscription’ (ONOS).
- ❖ It will help India’s higher education institutions (HEIs) access academic resources for the better.
- ❖ Through the ONOS scheme, the Centre aims to consolidate the disaggregated approach to journal access for all government HEIs.


- ❖ ONOS will enable state and central government HEIs to access thousands of journals on one platform, which will be active from January 1, 2025.
- ❖ A single subscription for all central and state government HEIs would provide better bargaining power when negotiating with publishers.

**ONE NATION  
ONE SUBSCRIPTION  
SCHEME APPROVED**

A Central sector scheme for providing country-wide access to scholarly research articles and journal publication

**Rs.6,000 crore** has been allocated for 3 calendar years, 2025, 2026 and 2027

Scheme to benefit nearly **1.8 crore students in 6300 institutions**



## INTERNATIONAL

### Riyadh Design Law Treaty



- ❖ After nearly two decades of the negotiations, the member states of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) including India adopted the Design Law Treaty (DLT).

- ❖ They signed the Final Act of the Riyadh Design Law Treaty.
- ❖ It seeks to harmonise procedures and simplify registration processes of industrial designs in different countries.
- ❖ Over the past decade, design registrations in India have tripled, with domestic filings increasing by 120 per cent in the last two years.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Ophiophagus Kaalinga



- ❖ Karnataka has officially named the king cobra found in the Western Ghats as Ophiophagus Kaalinga.
- ❖ It was first classified in 1836 as Ophiophagus hannah by the Danish naturalist Theodore Edward Cantor.
- ❖ They are diurnal, feeding primarily on snakes like rat snakes, dhamans, and other cobras.
- ❖ The king cobra has also been reclassified into four distinct species based on the geographical lineages.
  - Northern King Cobra (Ophiophagus hannah): Found from Pakistan to eastern China and Southeast Asia.
  - Sunda King Cobra (Ophiophagus bungarus): Inhabits Southeast Asia, including Thailand, Malaysia, and parts of the Philippines.



- Western Ghats King Cobra (*Ophiophagus kaalinga*): Endemic to India's Western Ghats.
- Luzon King Cobra (*Ophiophagus salvatana*): Found only on Luzon Island, Philippines.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Sustainable Transport Day 2024 - November 26



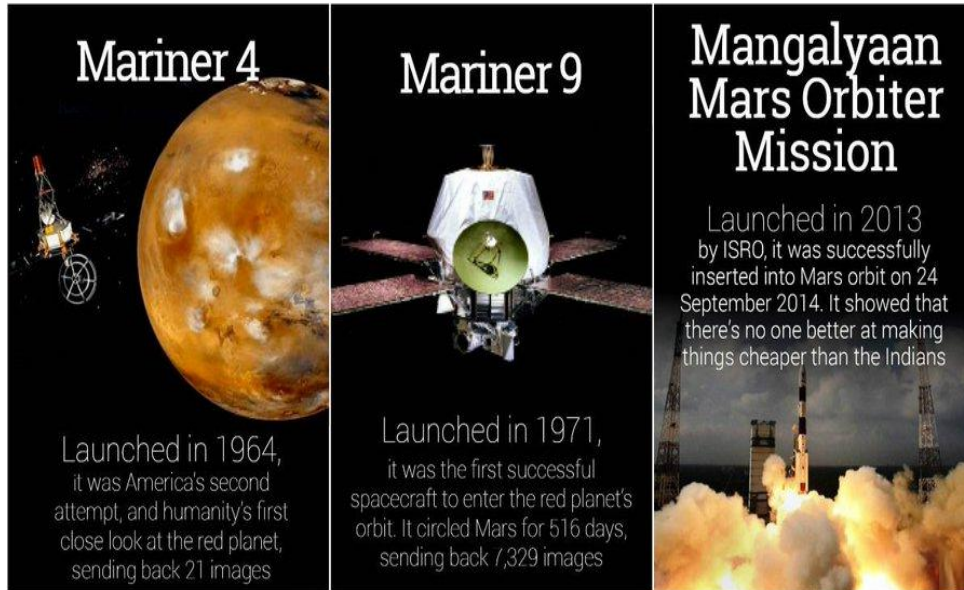
- ❖ It recognises the important role of safe, affordable, accessible and the sustainable transport systems for all in supporting sustainable economic growth.
- ❖ Approximately 1.19 million people die each year as a result of road traffic crashes.
- ❖ It is costing countries around 3% of their Gross Domestic Product.
- ❖ In the developing world, an estimated 1 billion people still lack the access to all-weather roads.

### Red Planet Day 2024 - November 28

- ❖ It aims to celebrate the exploration and study of Mars, the "Red Planet" due to its reddish appearance caused by iron oxide on its surface.
- ❖ This day commemorates a milestone in space exploration history—the launch of NASA's Mariner 4 spacecraft on November 28, 1964.



- ❖ It was the first successful mission to fly by Mars and send back close-up images of the planet.



### **International Jaguar Day 2024 - November 29**



- ❖ It brings the attention to the myriad conservation efforts led by the governments, organisations and individuals.
- ❖ In 1973, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) classified jaguars as an endangered species.
- ❖ The date was chosen to coincide with the birthday of Liso, a jaguar rehabilitated by the Belize Zoo, in Central America.

- ❖ It is found in 18 countries from Mexico to Argentina, jaguars live mostly in Brazil, where most wild jaguars are found.
- ❖ In 2020, the World Wildlife Federation (WWF) launched a plan to help increase jaguar numbers and protect their habitats by 2030.

## **Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare 2024 - November 30**



- ❖ The day offers tribute to the victims of chemical warfare, as well as affirms the commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to eliminate the threat of chemical weapons.
- ❖ It further aims to promote the goals of peace, security, and multilateralism.
- ❖ United Nations (UN) officially recognized the day and has been celebrated since 2005.
- ❖ Adopted in 1993, the Chemical Weapons Convention entered into force on 29 April 1997.

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