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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Indian boxer Deepali Thapa has made history by becoming the first-ever Asian Schoolgirl Champion in Al Ain, UAE.
- ❖ Nepal has become the 101st country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a full member.
- ❖ India hosted the 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation in New Delhi.
- ❖ Syria has defeated India and won the 4th Intercontinental Cup Football Championship 2024, held at Hyderabad.
- ❖ The SEMICON India 2024 event was held in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ July 6 has been chosen as the World Rural Development Day by UNGA in commemoration of the date of establishment of the "Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP)" on July 6, 1979.

TAMIL NADU

Achievements of the School Education Department

பள்ளிக்கல்வித்துறை படைத்த சாதனைகள்!

அரசுப் பள்ளிகளில் கல்வித் தரத்தினை மேம்படுத்த, ரூ.551.411 கோடியில் 28,794 பள்ளிகளில் திறன்மிகு வகுப்பறைகள் (Smart Class Rooms) உருவாக்கப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.

பேராசிரியர் அன்பழகன் பள்ளி மேம்பாட்டுத் திட்டத்தின் மூலம் ரூ.1,086 கோடியில் 614 பள்ளிகளில் 3,238 வகுப்பறைகள், 21 அறிவியல் ஆய்வகங்கள், உள்கட்டமைப்புகள் மேம்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது.

அரசு உதவிபெறும் மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளிகளில் உயர் தொழில்நுட்ப ஆய்வகங்களை நிறுவ ரூ.41.856 கோடி ஒதுக்கீடு செய்யப்பட்டு, பணிகள் நடைபெற்று வருகிறது.

மாதம் 1,000 ரூபாய் வழங்கும் "புதுமைப்பெண்" மற்றும் "தமிழ்ப் புதல்வன்" திட்டத்தின் கீழ், 6 இலட்சத்திற்கும் மேற்பட்ட மாணவ மாணவியர் பயன் பெறுகின்றனர்.

நான் முதல்வன் திட்டத்தின் கீழ், 10 இலட்சம் மாணவர்கள் பயனடைந்துள்ளனர்.

காலை உணவுத் திட்டத்தின் மூலம் 20 இலட்சத்திற்கும் மேற்பட்ட குழந்தைகள் பயனடைந்துள்ளனர்.

"தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திறனாய்வுத் தேர்வு" மூலம் 1,000 மாணவ மாணவியருக்கு மாதம் ரூ.1,000 வீதம் இளநிலை பட்டப்படிப்பு வரை வழங்கப்படுகிறது.

- ❖ The National Institute of Ranking Framework (NIRF) report was released recently by Union Ministry for Education.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu housed 165 of the 926 colleges across the country.
- ❖ Under the Perasiriyar Anbazhagan School Development Scheme, efforts towards ensuring infrastructure facilities in 614 government schools was taken up since 2022 at a total cost of ₹1,086 crore.
- ❖ Over 8,200 high-tech labs were being set up in State-run schools at a total cost of ₹394 crore.
- ❖ Since 2021-22, smart classrooms were established in over 28,700 government-run and State-aided schools across Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Over 20 lakh children benefited from the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme.

NATIONAL

Health Cover for All 2024



World's Largest
Health Insurance Scheme Becomes Bigger!

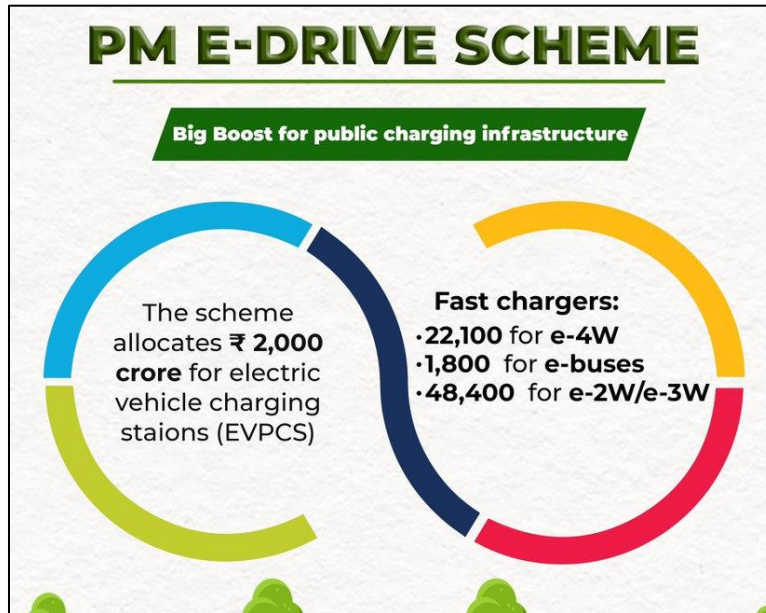
-  Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) to provide Health Coverage to **all Senior Citizens of 70 years & Above** Irrespective of their Income
-  **4.5 Crore families** with **6 crore senior citizens** to be benefitted
-  **₹ 5 Lakh** free health cover per family
-  Issuance of a **new Distinct Card** under AB PM-JAY
-  **Additional top-up of ₹ 5 Lakh** to seniors **aged 70+** belonging to families under **AB PM-JAY**



- ❖ The Union government has approved health coverage to everyone who is 70 and above under the national insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat.
- ❖ The Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) will benefit 4.5 crore families with six crore senior citizens.
- ❖ The free cover is worth ₹ 5 lakh and will be on a family basis.
- ❖ All senior citizens of the age 70 years and above irrespective of their socio-economic status would be eligible to avail the benefits of AB PM-JAY.

- ❖ The eligible senior citizens would be issued a new distinct card under AB PM-JAY.
- ❖ Senior citizens of the age 70 years and above belonging to families already covered under AB PM-JAY will get an additional top-up cover up to ₹ 5 lakh per year for themselves.

PM E-Drive scheme



- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved “PM-eBus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) scheme” and "PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme".
- ❖ PSM scheme will support the deployment of more than 38,000 electric buses (e-Buses) from FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29.
- ❖ ₹3,679 crore will be provided as subsidies for purchasing e-two wheelers, e-three wheelers, e-ambulances, e-trucks, and other emerging electric vehicles (EVs) under the PM E-Drive scheme.
- ❖ The heavy industries ministry will implement the scheme and provide subsidies to both the buyer and manufacturer e-vouchers through a dedicated portal.

Joint Doctrine for Amphibious Operations

- ❖ Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan released the Joint Doctrine for Amphibious Operations during the Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) meeting.

- ❖ The Doctrine is a keystone publication which will provide guidance to the Commanders for conduct of Amphibious Operations in today's complex military environment.
- ❖ The amphibious capability empowers the Armed Forces to conduct a multitude of operations in the Indian Ocean Region, both during war and peace.
- ❖ Earlier they released the Joint Doctrine for Cyberspace Operations.



INS Malpe and INS Mulki



- ❖ The Indian Navy has launched two anti-submarine warfare (ASW) shallow water crafts, named Malpe and Mulki.

- ❖ These vessels are part of the Eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft project.
- ❖ They are the fourth and fifth ships to be launched under the program.
- ❖ They are equipped with indigenously developed underwater sensors designed to detect and neutralize enemy submarines and underwater threats.

INTERNATIONAL

Switzerland - Best country in the world

- ❖ The survey ranks 89 countries on the basis of their global perception using 10 differentially weighted sub-rankings.
- ❖ Switzerland is ranked higher on metrics of quality of life and openness to business, its lowest ranking was in the field of heritage.
- ❖ This is the seventh time the Central European nation of Switzerland has ranked first in the survey.
- ❖ European countries are making up the majority of the top 25.
- ❖ Switzerland is followed by Japan, the United States of America, Canada and Australia.
- ❖ India is ranked at number 33 on the list this year, dropping three spots from its place on the list in 2023.
- ❖ Only Japan, Singapore, China and South Korea have managed to crack the top 25 from Asia.



ENVIRONMENT

Air Quality Management Exchange Platform

- ❖ Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) launched an Air Quality Management Exchange Platform (AQMx) following UNEA-6 resolution.

- ❖ It aims to increase the regional cooperation and action on improving air quality globally.
- ❖ The platform will guide city and national air quality managers on how to meet WHO Air Quality Guidelines and interim targets.
- ❖ Air pollution causes more than 8 million premature deaths annually and particularly affects poorer places and more vulnerable populations.



Myristica Swamp Forest



- ❖ The Researchers have discovered a sacred grove — a Myristica swamp forest in Kumbra, which is protected by the local community.

- ❖ *Myristica magnifica* is a species of plant native to Karnataka and Kerala, and is classified as endangered.
- ❖ Earlier researchers discovered the same in Hewale - Bambarde in Sindhudurg district.
- ❖ This new finding makes Kumbhal, the second village in Maharashtra to have such a unique forest patch.

Elongated Tortoise

- ❖ A critically endangered species, the elongated tortoise (*Indotestudo elongata*), was spotted in Haryana.
- ❖ The tortoise is found in the Sal deciduous and hilly evergreen forests.
- ❖ It is distributed across Southeast Asia from northern India, Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, and all of Indochina.
- ❖ It also inhabits lowlands and foothills of up to 1,000 m above sea level.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

National Florence Nightingale Awards 2024

- ❖ The president Droupadi Murmu gave the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2024 to the 15 nursing professionals
- ❖ This award was instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in the year 1973.

- ❖ It aims to mark of recognition for the meritorious services rendered by the nurses and nursing professionals to the society.
- ❖ The award is given to outstanding nursing personnel employed in central, states and Union territories and voluntary organisations.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Forest Martyrs Day 2024 - September 11

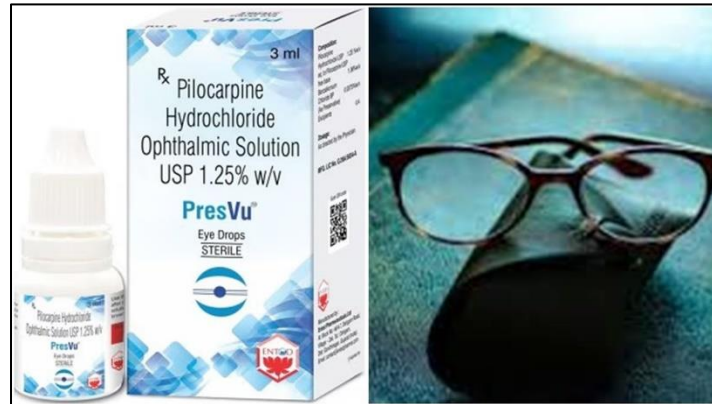


- ❖ The day is dedicated to honour the brave souls who sacrificed their lives for protecting the country's forests, wildlife, and biodiversity.

- ❖ It was established to commemorate the Khejarli massacre 1730.
- ❖ During this event, Amrita Devi Bishnoi and over 350 members of the Bishnoi community laid down their lives to protect the Khejri trees.
- ❖ They opposed the orders of Maharaja Abhay Singh, who had instructed to cut down trees to construct his palace.

MISCELLANEOUS

PresVu Eye Drop



- ❖ The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has suspended the license for PresVu, an eye drops by Entod Pharmaceuticals.
- ❖ This is meant to reduce the need for reading glasses in people with Presbyopia.
- ❖ The suspension was due to the company's unauthorized promotions, creating doubts about the product's safety and its misuse by patients.

