

Civil Service Notes (Week 16)

GRAND ANICUT DAM

The Grand Anicut Dam, on the Cauvery River, near Trichy, was formally declared open by Tamil Nadu to ensure adequate availability of water for mitigating close to three and a half lakh hectares of farm land in the Delta region.

UN SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council is the only UN body that can make legally binding decisions like imposing sanctions and authorizing the use of force. This 15-member council has 5 permanent veto-wielding members and 10 non-permanent members. Permanent members – China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

“THE FAMILY AND THE NATION”

The Prime Minister recently mentioned one of the books – “The Family and The Nation” which was written by Acharya Mahapragya along with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

KANHA NATIONAL PARK

The Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh, which was shut since March-end due to COVID-19 outbreak, has reopened for tourists recently.

SMART AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION SYSTEM (SAIS)

A weather-based smart automatic irrigation system (SAIS), a tech-enabled process, has been deployed at Bangalore International Airport (BIAL) to manage its sprawling 100-acre landscape. The BIAL is the first airport in India to deploy a tech-enabled smart irrigation system. The first-of-its-kind system can be controlled from an app on a mobile phone. The SAIS irrigates plants based on the calculation of various parameters, including evapotranspiration (ET), soil moisture and weather conditions, said a press release issued by BIAL, the operator of Kempegowda International Airport.