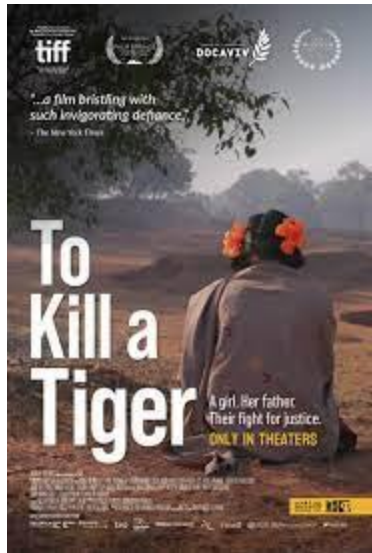




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<p>T.N. Cabinet approves new policy aimed at 'holistic development of women'</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tamil Nadu Cabinet approved the State's New Policy for Women • The policy is aimed at holistic development of women, and focused on empowering them through education, economic independence and power sharing • A State-level committee headed by Chief Secretaries and district-level committees headed by Collectors will be constituted to monitor the implementation of the policy. • The State government has been implementing many women empowerment schemes such as Vidiyal Payanam, Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thogai, and construction of working women's hostel in many districts.
<p>UAE govt. to set up tourism township at hill station in Kerala</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United Arab Emirates (UAE) government has evinced interest in developing a tourism township at a hill station in Kerala at an altitude of around 3,000 ft above mean sea level. • The State has identified Wagamon/Munnar to set up the tourism township • Munnar, located around 5,200 ft above mean sea level, is a popular destination for both domestic and foreign tourists. • Wagamon, located over 3,000 ft above sea level, is an emerging destination and a getaway for those looking to spend time in the lap of nature.
<p>Film set in India nominated for best documentary in oscars.</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "To Kill a Tiger", set in a small Indian village, was nominated for the Best Documentary feature at the 2024 Academy Awards. • A Canadian production, To Kill a Tiger, is directed by Delhi-born Nisha Pahuja, an Emmy-nominated filmmaker based in



Toronto.

- It had its world premiere at Toronto International Film Festival 2022 where it won the Amplify Voices Award for Best Canadian Feature Film.
- The film follows Ranjit's battle to find justice for his 13-year-old daughter who was abducted and sexually assaulted by three men.

Gender equity in education

Context

- The latest **Annual Status of Education Report** shows that while girls and boys from rural India equally aspire to become doctors or engineers, when it comes to choosing **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) courses**, it is boys who take up STEM courses more than girls.
- Data from one of the largest competency-based sample surveys in school education, **the National Achievement Survey (2017)**, covering over 22 lakh students, shows parity in learning levels between boys and girls in elementary and secondary classes across the country

Production of sugar

Context

- Production of sugar from October 1, 2023, to January 15, 2024, stood at 149.52 lakh tonne compared with 157.87 lakh tonne during same period last season.
- The **production is lower this year in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat.**

Vaibhav' Fellows to build long-term research synergy

Context

The **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** announced the first batch of Fellows of the Vaibhav scheme meant to attract Indian-origin scientists based abroad for short-term collaboration.



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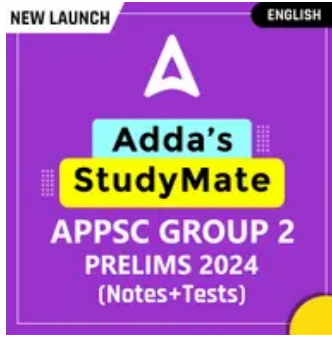


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About Vaibhav

- The fellowship offers Non-Resident Indian (NRI) researchers an opportunity to work for a minimum of one month to a maximum of two months a year with a research institution or an academic institution in India.
- **Duration:** Three years with the government offering the researchers an amount of up to Rs 37 lakh for the entire period.
- **Aim:** Improving the research ecosystem of India's Higher Educational Institutions by facilitating academic and research collaborations between Indian Institutions and the best institutions in the world.



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