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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Uday Kotak has announced to step down as the Chairman of the board of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS).
 - CS Rajan, Managing Director, IL&FS has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director for six months by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- ❖ Lok Sabha passed the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2022 on March 28, 2022.
 - The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2022 proposes the "Darlong" community as a sub-tribe of "Kuki" in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Tripura.

TAMIL NADU

Lulu Group deal - Tamil Nadu

- ❖ Lulu Group will also set up food processing and logistics centers for procuring and processing agri-produce for exports to middle eastern countries.
- ❖ Lulu Group will invest ₹3,500 crores in Tamil Nadu to set up shopping malls, hypermarkets, and a food-logistic park.
- ❖ According to the MoU, the first shopping mall will come up in Chennai by 2024.
- ❖ While the first hypermarket is expected at the Laxmi Mills compound in Coimbatore.



Portfolio swap

- ❖ The portfolios of ministers R S Rajakannappan and S S Sivasankar have been swapped.

- ❖ “Transport, Nationalised Transport and Motor Vehicles Act” dealt with by Raja kannappan had been allocated to S S Sivasankar.
- ❖ “Backward Classes Welfare, Most Backward Classes Welfare, and Denotified Communities Welfare” dealt with by Sivasankar have been allocated to Raja kannappan.



NATIONAL

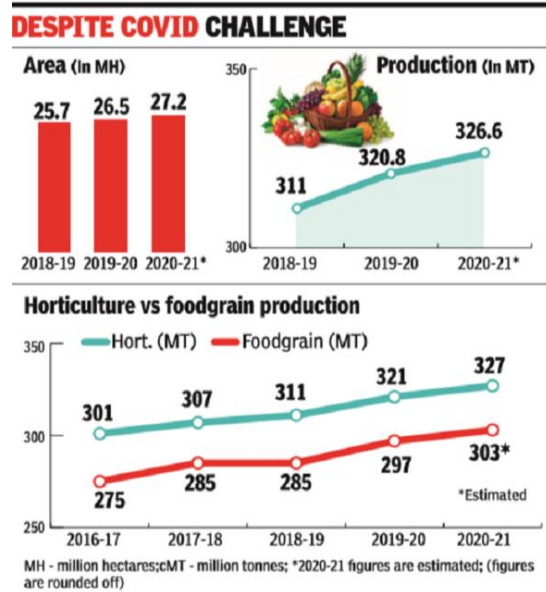
Indian Jewellery Exposition Centre building



- ❖ Piyush Goyal inaugurates the Indian Jewellery Exposition Centre (IJEX) building in Dubai.

- ❖ During the launch of IJEX, the minister called upon the export members of the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council to go for a USD 100 billion export target annually from the current USD 35 billion.

Horticultural Crops - Final Estimates of 2020-21



- ❖ The information regarding the Final Estimates of 2020-21 and First Advance Estimates of 2021-22 of Area and Production of various Horticultural Crops have been released by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- ❖ Total Horticulture production in 2020-21: 334.60 Million Tonne (estimated), an increase of about 14.13 Million Tonne (4.4 percent) from 2019-20.
- ❖ Production of Fruits: 102.48 Million Tonne (estimated). In 2019-20 it was 102.08 Million Tonne.
- ❖ Production of Vegetables: 200.45 Million Tonne (estimated) which is a 6.5 percent increase compared to 2019-20 production of 188.28 Million Tonne.
- ❖ Production of Onion: 26.64 Million Tonne. In 2019-20 it was 26.09 Million Tonne.
- ❖ Production of Potato: 56.17 Million Tonne (estimated) in 2020-21, which is an increase of 7.61 Million Tonne from 2019-20.
- ❖ Production of Tomato: 21.18 Million Tonne, in 2019-20 it was 20.55 Million Tonne.
- ❖ Aromatic & Medicinal crops: 12.4 percent increase to 0.83 Million Tonne in 2020-21 from 0.73 Million Tonne in 2019-20.
- ❖ Production of Plantation Crops: 16.63 Million Tonne in 2020-21, in 2019-20 it was 16.12 Million Tonne.

- ❖ Production of Spices: 9.7 percent increase to 11.12 Million Tonne in 2020-21 from 10.14 Million Tonne in 2019-20.
- ❖ Total Horticulture production in 2021-22: 333.3 Million Tonne (estimated), which is a 0.4 percent decrease of about 1.35 Million Tonne over 2020-21 (Final).

Permanent Body to prevent elephant deaths on railway tracks

- ❖ The Union Environment Ministry has constituted a “permanent” coordination committee that includes the Ministry of Railways and the Environment Ministry to prevent elephant deaths on railway tracks.
- ❖ 19 elephants were killed across the country on railway tracks in 2018-19, 14 in 2019-20, and 12 in 2020-21.
- ❖ Railway collisions were the second-largest reason for the unnatural deaths of elephants.

INTERNATIONAL

Balikatan 2022 military drills



- ❖ The United States military and the military of the Philippines kicked off the military drill Balikatan 2022.
- ❖ The Philippine-led annual exercise will take place across Luzon in the Philippines region near Taiwan.

- ❖ Around 8,900 Filipino and American troops are participating in the military drill, making it the largest Balikatan military exercise ever.

HURUN Global U40 Self-Made Billionaires 2022

- ❖ Hurun Research Institute has released the Hurun Global Forty and Under Self-Made Billionaires 2022.
- ❖ It ranks the self-made billionaires in the world (in terms of US dollars) aged forty years and under.
- ❖ The Hurun Report 2022 lists 87 Self-Made Billionaires in the world aged 40 and under.
- ❖ India ranks 4th in this report
- ❖ The USA leads the list with 37 self-made billionaires.
- ❖ China is second with 25 billionaires, followed by the United Kingdom (8), India (6), and Sweden (3) respectively in the top five.
- ❖ Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg is the world's richest self-made billionaire aged 40 and under with a total wealth of \$76 billion.
- ❖ He is followed by ByteDance CEO Zhang Yiming, FTX CEO Sam Bankman-Fried, Airbnb CEO Brian Chesky, and Facebook co-founder Dustin Moskovitz, respectively.

Global U40 Self-made Billionaires by Country and City of Residence							
	Country	No. of Billionaires	Change		City	No. of Billionaires	Change
1 -	USA	37	6	1 ↑	San Francisco	15	-1
2 -	China	25	-5	2 ↓	Beijing	13	-4
3 ↑	UK	8	5	3 ↑	Palo Alto	8	4
4 ↓	India	6	2	4 *	London	7	5
5 *	Sweden	3	2	5 -	Bengaluru	4	0
6 *	Brazil	2	2	5 ↓	Shenzhen	4	0
6 -	UAE	2	0	7 ↑	Stockholm	3	2
8 *	Bahamas	1	1	8 *	Sao Paolo	2	2
8 *	Denmark	1	1	8 -	Santa Monica	2	0
8 ↓	Australia	1	-1	8 -	Guangzhou	2	0
8 ↓	Singapore	1	-2	8 *	Mumbai	2	2
				8 -	Dubai	2	0
				8 -	LA	2	0
				8 -	Phoenix	2	0

↑ Rank increase YOY ↓ Rank decrease YOY - No change
Source: Hurun Global Rich List 2022

STATES

Catch the Rain Campaign 2022

- ❖ The Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain Campaign - 2022 was launched by N. Biren Singh, the Chief Minister of Manipur.

- ❖ The campaign was launched with the aim of intensifying the various measures of water conservation in all the identified water-stressed districts and blocks across Manipur.
- ❖ “Catch the Rain, where it falls, when it falls” is the theme selected for this campaign.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Dune - Namit Malhotra



- ❖ This year's Oscars was named to Dune as the Timothee Chalamet and Zendaya starrer sci-fi thriller bagged six wins.
- ❖ Dune was nominated in 10 categories and it won in 6 of them.
- ❖ This win was a proud moment for India because of Namit Malhotra.
- ❖ Namit Malhotra is the CEO and Chairman of Double Negative (DNEG).

- ❖ This studio did the VFX for the film.

President of the Badminton Association of India



- ❖ The incumbent president of the Badminton Association of India (BAI), Himanta Biswa Sarma has been re-elected unopposed for a second four years term, from 2022 to 2026.
- ❖ He is also the current Chief Minister of Assam.
- ❖ He was first elected as BAI chief in 2017.
- ❖ Apart from this, Sarma also serves as Vice President of Badminton Asia and a member of the Badminton World Federation Executive Council.

SPORTS

Jiya Rai



- ❖ A 13-year-old girl from Mumbai, Jiya Rai, became the youngest person to cross the Palk Strait in just 13 hours and 10 minutes.



- ❖ Jiya successfully covered a distance of 29 kilometers.
- ❖ Previously, the record was held by Bula Chowdhury for 13 hours and 52 minutes.

