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TAMIL NADU

Ganja Vettai 2.0

- ❖ Director-General of Police C. Sylendra Babu has ordered a month-long, State-wide raid against the sale of ganja and pan masala products.
- ❖ It is code-named Operation Ganja Vettai-2.0.
- ❖ The present operation is being conducted from March 28 to April 27.
- ❖ The police conducted a similar operation from December 2021 to January 2022 to curb the sale of ganja and pan masala products.



NATIONAL

VARUNA – 2022



- ❖ The 20th edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise between the Indian Navy and French Navy named 'VARUNA' was conducted in the Arabian Sea from March 30 to April 03, 2022.

- ❖ The Bilateral Naval Exercises between the two Navies is being held since 1993.
- ❖ The exercise was christened 'VARUNA' in 2001.

Dogra Regiments



- ❖ General MM Naravane, Chief of the Army Staff, gave the prestigious President's Colours to two battalions of the Dogra Regiment.
- ❖ The regiments were 20 DOGRA and 21 DOGRA.
- ❖ It was awarded during the Parade held at the Dogra Regimental Centre, Faizabad (UP).

Armed Forces Special Powers Act

WHAT IS ARMED FORCES SPECIAL POWERS ACT?	
<p>➤ Introduced in 1958. AFSPA confers on members of the armed forces special powers to rein in suspects in areas declared "disturbed" on account of insurgent activities or similar threats. It has been in force in Manipur since 1988, and the alleged excesses committed under it are the reasons why activist Irom Sharmila has been on a hunger strike since 2000.</p> <p>WHAT ARE SPECIAL POWERS? AFSPA allows any commissioned officer, warrant officer and non-commissioned officer – or any other</p>	<p>person of equivalent rank – to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fire upon or use force against any person acting 'in contravention of any law for the time being in force in the disturbed area' ➤ Arrest suspicious people without warrant ➤ Destroy any structure suspected to house an arms dump, shelter from which armed attacks are made or are likely to be made ➤ Conduct searches without warrants for evidence, to recover a wrongfully confined person or property or arms or explosives ➤ AFSPA bars prosecution or proceedings – except with Centre's nod – against personnel for action committed while exercising powers under the Act

- ❖ The Central Government has announced the reduction of areas under the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in the Northeast states of the country.
- ❖ The impacted states are Assam, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, and Manipur.
- ❖ In the year 1958, AFSPA was enacted with the aim of bringing the situation under control in all the conflict-hit areas of the country.

- ❖ In Assam, from 23 districts AFSPA will be removed while in one district it will be applied partially.
- ❖ In the state of Manipur, from 15 police stations in 6 districts, the AFSPA jurisdiction will be removed.
- ❖ In this state, in only 3 districts AFSPA will be applicable along with the jurisdiction of two police stations in another district.
- ❖ From 15 police stations in 7 districts of Nagaland, the jurisdiction of AFSPA will be removed.

FASTER software



- ❖ Chief Justice of India NV Ramana unveiled the 'Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records' (FASTER) platform.
- ❖ It is a digital platform that allows the supreme court to send interim orders, stay orders, and bail orders to the appropriate authorities via a secure electronic channel.
- ❖ The Supreme Court Registry, in partnership with the NIC, created the FASTER system.

INTERNATIONAL

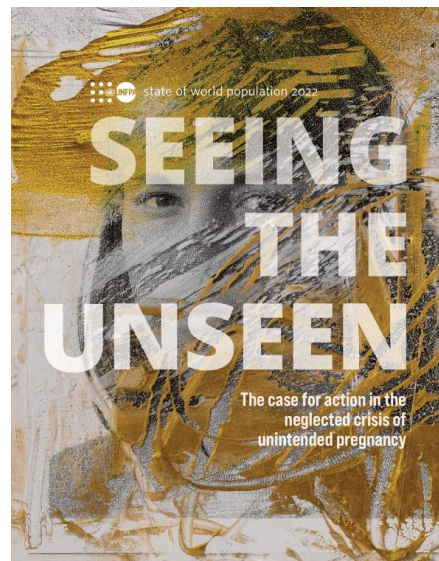
World's Biggest Electric Cruise Ship

- ❖ The largest electric cruise ship in the world has returned back to port in Yichang in central Hubei province, China after traveling up and down the Yangtze River for its maiden voyage.

- ❖ This cruise ship has been powered by a 7,500-kilowatt-hour massive-sized marine battery.
- ❖ The name of the ship is Yangtze River Three Gorges 1.
- ❖ This ship will mainly be used for the purpose of conducting sightseeing trips.



State of World Population Report 2022



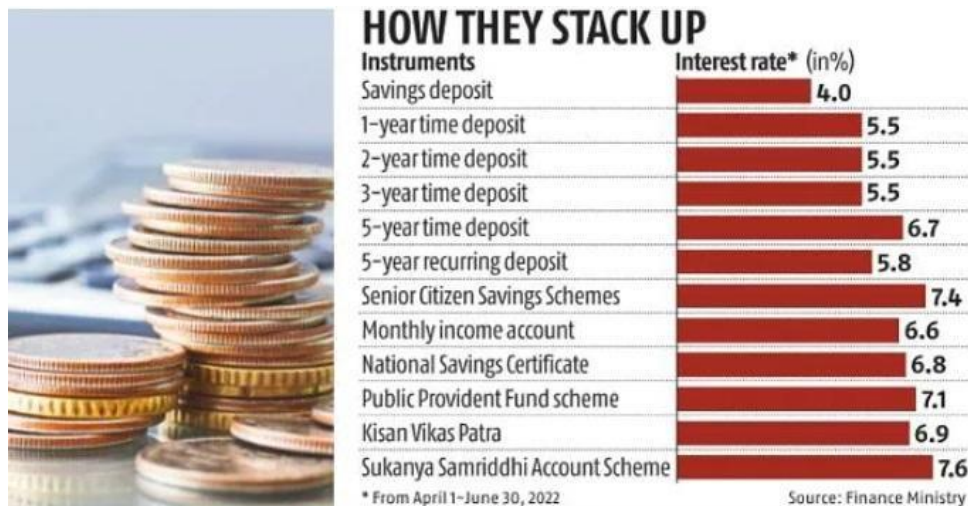
- ❖ The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) publishes the State of World Population report annually.
- ❖ The recently released State of World Population Report 2022 has been titled “Seeing the Unseen: The case for action in the neglected crisis of unintended pregnancy.”

- ❖ Between the years 2015 to 2019, there was a rise in unintended pregnancies which numbered around 121 million across the globe annually.
- ❖ There was a lack of modern and safe methods of contraception and across the globe, around 257 million women are not using such methods of contraception to avoid pregnancies.

ECONOMY

Interest rates on Small Savings Schemes

- ❖ The Ministry of Finance has decided to keep the interest rates unchanged on small savings schemes or post office schemes for the Quarter -1 of FY2022-23 (April-June 2022).
- ❖ The interest rates on the various instruments for April-June 2022 range from 4.0 percent to 7.6 percent.
- ❖ It must be noted that the Government notifies the Interest rates for small savings schemes on a quarterly basis.
- ❖ This is the eighth consecutive quarter when the interest rates on small savings instruments remained unchanged.



Axis Bank - Citibank Deal

- ❖ Citigroup has announced that Axis Bank will be acquiring Citibank's India consumer business for an amount of USD 1.6 billion in an all-cash deal.
- ❖ This transaction will be including Citibank India's consumer banking businesses, which include retail banking, credit cards, consumer loans, and wealth management.

- ❖ Citibank India's consumer business employees, around 3,600, will be transferred to Axis after the completion of this deal.



STATES

Vinaya Samarasya Yojana

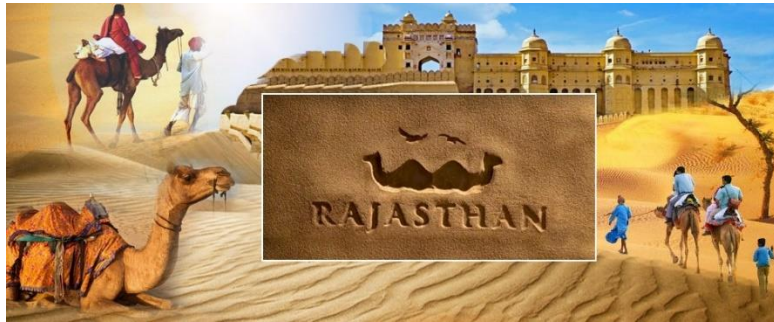
- ❖ The government of Karnataka announced the Vinaya Samarasya Yojana.
- ❖ It is a public awareness campaign against caste prejudice in the state's gramme panchayats.
- ❖ It will be formally launched on April 14, the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.
- ❖ The initiative was named after Vinay, a three-year-old Dalit kid who strayed into a temple in Miyapur hamlet in Karnataka's Koppal district to seek shelter from the rain in September 2021.



Rajasthan Foundation Day

- ❖ On 30th March Rajasthan Diwas (Rajasthan Foundation Day) is observed to commemorate the state's formation.
- ❖ On 30th March 1949, Rajasthan was formed after the merging of Rajputana into the Indian Union.

- ❖ The 73rd foundation day of Rajasthan is being celebrated on Rajasthan Day 2022.
- ❖ The largest state by area in India is Rajasthan.
- ❖ 4 percent of the country's geographical area is covered by Rajasthan.
- ❖ Rajasthan is India's seventh-largest state by population.
- ❖ The state has three national tiger reserves which are Ranthambore National Park (Sawai Madhopur), Sariska Tiger Reserve (Alwar), and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve (Kota).
- ❖ Rajasthan is also known as the Land of Kings.



SPORTS

Al Rihla



- ❖ It is the Official Match Ball for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 that has been revealed by Adidas.
- ❖ It is Adidas' 14th World Cup ball.
- ❖ It is designed to accommodate the fastest game speeds possible since it flies quicker in flight than any other World Cup ball.

- ❖ Al Rihla is the first World Cup ball to be constructed entirely of water-based inks and glues.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Children's Book Day - April 02

- ❖ It is organized annually since 1967.
- ❖ It is organized by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY).
- ❖ IBBY is an international non-profit organization, to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.
- ❖ In 2022, Canada is hosting this day with this chosen theme: "Stories are wings that help you soar every day."



World Autism Awareness - April 02



- ❖ It is observed annually by the member states of the United Nations.
- ❖ The day is observed to raise awareness among its citizens about people with Autism Spectrum Disorder throughout the world.



- ❖ World Autism Awareness Day is organized by the UN Department of Global Communications and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
- ❖ The theme for the year 2022 is “Inclusive Quality Education for All”.

