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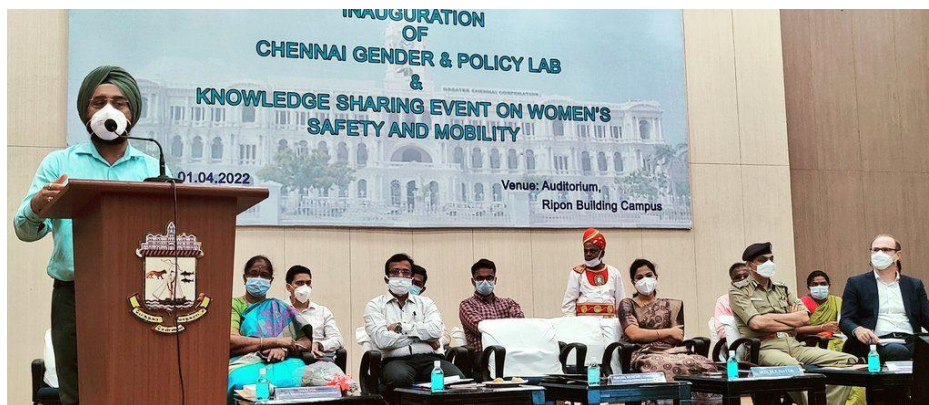
## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Amazon India announced 'Sambhav Entrepreneurship Challenge 2022'.
  - The initiative will provide participating startups from anywhere in the country a chance to showcase their business proposition.
- ❖ Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu was named the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award for 2021.

## TAMIL NADU

### Gender lab

- ❖ The Greater Chennai Corporation has inaugurated a gender lab.
- ❖ It is said to be the first such initiative by an urban local body in the country.
- ❖ The civic body has appointed three specialists in the first phase to launch the facility.
- ❖ The three specialists, all women, will review every civic infrastructure project to suggest changes for improving the safety of women in public spaces.



## NATIONAL

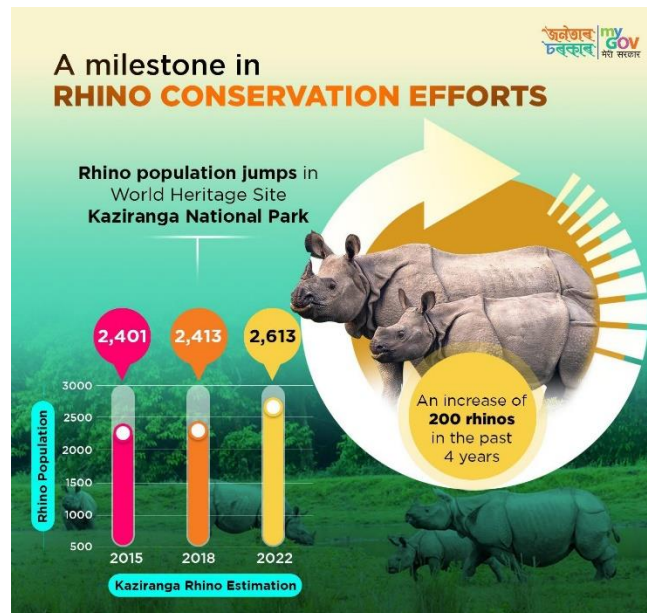
### Indian Antarctic Bill 2022

- ❖ Recently, the government has introduced the 'Antarctic Bill' in the Lok Sabha.
- ❖ It envisages regulating visits and activities to Antarctica as well as potential disputes that may arise among those present on the continent.
- ❖ The Bill is applicable to Indian citizens as well as foreign citizens.

- ❖ It aims at providing national measures to protect the Antarctic environment, and the dependent and associated ecosystems.



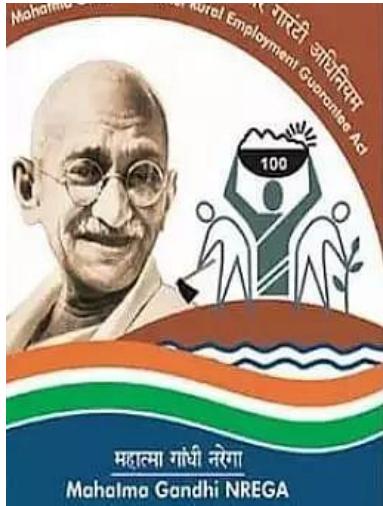
### Indian Rhinoceros population



- ❖ The population of the greater one-horned or Indian rhinoceros in the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve has increased by 200 in four years.
- ❖ The last rhino census conducted in 2018 had put the number at 2,413.

- ❖ The Indian rhinoceros is also called the greater one-horned rhinoceros and great Indian rhinoceros.
- ❖ It is a rhinoceros native to the Indian subcontinent.
- ❖ It is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List and as a Schedule I animal in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

### Revised MGNREGA Wages



## Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

- ❖ Fresh wage rates have been notified by the central government under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.
- ❖ This is for the financial year 2022-23.
- ❖ Out of 34 Union Territories and states, 21 of them have received hikes of less than 5 percent.
- ❖ A 5 percent hike has been given to 10 states.
- ❖ Mizoram, Manipur, and Tripura have not been given any hikes.
- ❖ This change in wage rates has been notified by the Ministry of Rural Development.
- ❖ Goa has recorded the highest increase with a 7.14 percent increase to Rs 315 per day in 2022-23.
- ❖ Meghalaya has seen the lowest hike with a 1.77 percent increase to Rs 230 per day.
- ❖ In Tamil Nadu, Assam, and Puducherry the hike was 2 to 3 percent.
- ❖ Five UTs and states with the highest wages are Haryana with wages of Rs 331 per day, Goa with Rs 315, followed by Kerala, Karnataka, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.



- ❖ The five lowest UTs and states are Tripura with Rs 212, Bihar with Rs 210, followed by Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, and Madhya Pradesh.

### **Chairman of Payments Council of India**

- ❖ Vishwas Patel has been re-elected as the Chairman of the Payments Council of India (PCI) for the second time in 2022.
- ❖ Previously he was elected as Chairman of PCI in the year 2018.
- ❖ In 2013, he served as Co-Chairman of PCI.
- ❖ PCI is a payment ecosystem industry body.
- ❖ It is a part of the Internet and Mobile Association of India.
- ❖ PCI aims to promote a cashless transaction society and vision to grow digital payment in India.



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### **Startups Founders Hub**





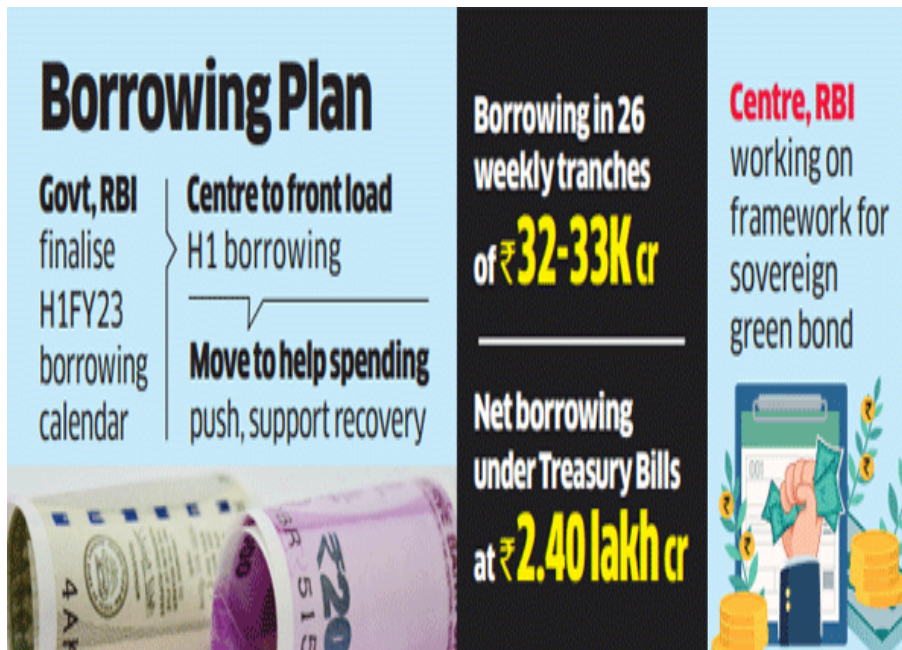
- ❖ Microsoft launched a new digital and inclusive platform for startup founders in India.
- ❖ The platform is called 'Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub'.
- ❖ It will support startup founders in India at every stage of their startup journey.
- ❖ The initiative will help the Startups to gain mentorship and skilling opportunities with industry experts and Microsoft Learn.

### **BJP exceeds 100 seats in Rajya Sabha**

- ❖ After winning one seat in each of Assam, Tripura, and Nagaland the BJP became the first party since 1990 to reach the 100-seat mark in the Rajya Sabha.
- ❖ In the recently held biennial polls for 13 Rajya Sabha seats across six states, the BJP lost its solitary seat from Punjab.
- ❖ But it gained one each from the three northeastern states and Himachal Pradesh.

## **ECONOMY**

### **India's Borrowing Estimate**



- ❖ To fund the revenue gap for the economy's revival Rs 8.45 lakh crore has been targeted by the government of India that will be raised through borrowings in the first half of 2022-23.

- ❖ The gross market borrowing that is estimated for the next financial year is Rs 14.31 lakh crore.
- ❖ The planned Rs 8.45 lakh crore borrowing will be targeted in the April to September period.
- ❖ 60 percent of the borrowing for FY 2022-23 would be completed in the fiscal year's first six months.
- ❖ For 2021-22, the gross borrowing was Rs 12,05,500 crore.

### **Fraud incidences**

- ❖ In the nine months ending December, 96 incidences of fraud were recorded by 27 scheduled commercial banks and financial institutions.
- ❖ It totals Rs 34,097 crore.
- ❖ Punjab National Bank had the greatest amount of fraud at Rs 4,820 crore.
- ❖ Bank of India had the highest number of frauds at 13.

## **STATES**

### **Personal loans to prisoners**



- ❖ The Maharashtra government has introduced a scheme that allows prisoners to obtain personal loans from banks.
- ❖ This is to help their families improve their living conditions and meet expenses related to their legal matters.
- ❖ It will be a first-of-its-kind initiative in our country.



- ❖ The Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank would provide loans up to 50,000 under the scheme at a 7% interest rate.
- ❖ This type of loan is called a “khavti” loan.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Anandi Gopal Joshi**



- ❖ The 157th birth anniversary of Anandi Gopal Joshi of Bombay presidency was observed on March 31, 2022.
- ❖ She is one of India's first female doctors of western medicine.
- ❖ She secured a degree in medicine at the age of 21 from Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania of USA.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **Army Medical Corps Establishment Day - April 03**

- ❖ It is observed every year to commemorate the foundation day of the Army Medical Corps.
- ❖ The Bengal Presidency Medical Service was established on January 1, 1764.
- ❖ It was the first military service of the three Presidencies in India
- ❖ The Indian Army Medical Corps came into existence on April 3, 1943, by the amalgamation of the Indian Medical Service, Indian Medical Department, and Indian Hospital Corps.
- ❖ After independence, IAMS was rechristened as Army Medical Corps.

- ❖ The motto of the AMC is Sarve Santu Niramaya (may all be free from disease and disability).

