

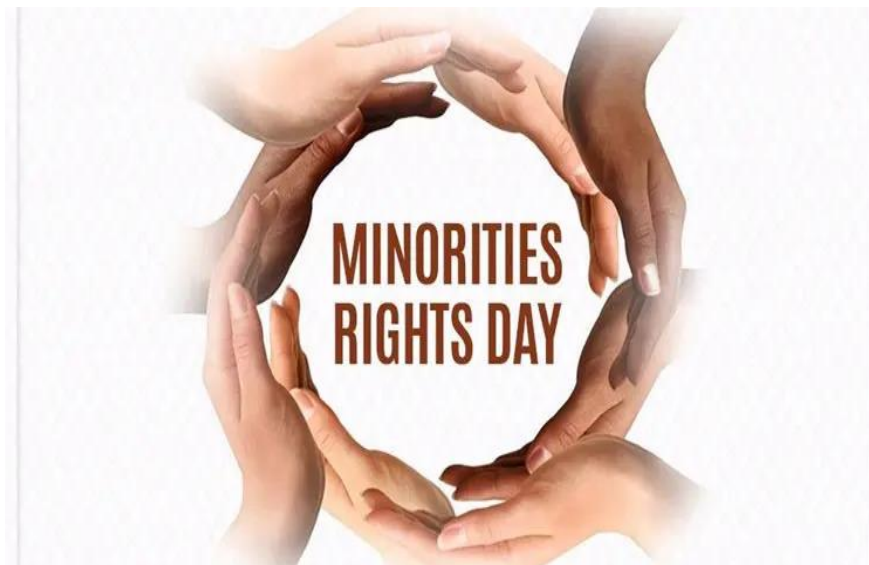
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TAMIL NADU

Appointment of university vice-chancellors

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Assembly adopted a Bill (Tamil Nadu Universities Laws Amendment Act, 2022) to empower the state government to appoint vice-chancellors in the state.
- ❖ The authority so far had rested with the Governor.
- ❖ It covers 12 universities in the state.
- ❖ A separate Bill is to amend the Chennai University Act, 1923.
- ❖ The Governor is the Chancellor of 13 universities in the state, with the Higher Education Minister being the Pro-Chancellor.
- ❖ In Gujarat, only the chief minister has had this power since 1949.
- ❖ A similar bill was passed last year in Maharashtra on this matter.
- ❖ Same was the case with other states including Telangana and Karnataka.
- ❖ In 2019, the West Bengal government took away the Governor's this authority.
- ❖ Punchhi Commission in 2007 also recommended this.

Tamil Nadu Minorities Rights Day



- ❖ The state government of Tamil Nadu has decided to observe the 18th of December annually as Minorities Rights Day at the state level.

- ❖ This day is being observed at the district level of Tamil Nadu under the concerned collectors.

NATIONAL

Raisina Dialogue 2022

- ❖ The Raisina Dialogue was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❖ The chief guest of the event was European Commission President Ursula Von Der Leyen.
- ❖ It is the flagship geo-economics and multilateral foreign policy conference of the country.
- ❖ “Terranova- Impassioned, Impatient, Imperilled” is the theme of the Raisina Dialogue 2022.



Trade and Technology Council



- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral talks with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in New Delhi recently.
- ❖ There was an agreement to launch the EU-India Trade and Technology Council to strengthen the strategic partnership.
- ❖ With this, India becomes 2nd country to launch Trade and Technology Council with the EU.

Urja Pravaha

- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard Inducts New Vessel 'Urja Pravaha'.
- ❖ It was inducted at Gujarat's Bharuch.



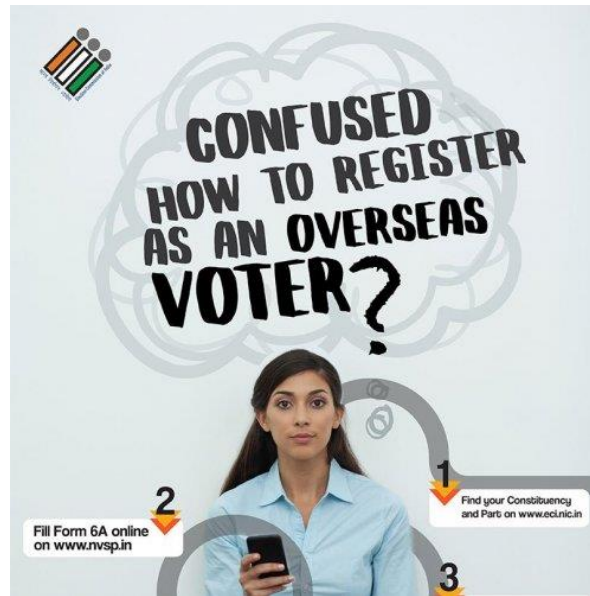
Ratle and Kwar Power Projects

- ❖ The Prime Minister recently laid the foundation stone of the 850 MW Ratle Power Project and 540 MW Kwar Hydro Project in J&K.
- ❖ These dams will be constructed on the Chenab river in Kishtwar District.

Registration of Overseas Voters

- ❖ Sushil Chandra, India's Chief Election Commissioner has urged the members of the Indian Community who are staying abroad to register as Overseas Voters.

- ❖ The extension of the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System facility to the overseas Indian voters is also being contemplated.



Household consumer spending survey

Counting the spending | The All-India Households' Consumer Expenditure Survey will be conducted between July 2022 and June 2023

What is it? Usually carried out every five years, the survey helps assess poverty levels and consumption patterns across the country, and rebase GDP calculations

What's the big deal? The last survey whose findings were made public was conducted in 2011-12

Why this long pause? A survey was conducted in 2017-18 too, but its results were not released owing to 'quality' concerns. It reportedly reflected the first drop in monthly per capita household spending since 1972-73, with a rise in poverty incidence



- ❖ The All-India Household Consumer Expenditure Survey is usually conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO) every five years.
- ❖ It is designed to collect information on the consumption spending patterns of households across the country, both urban and rural.
- ❖ The data gathered in this exercise reveals the average expenditure on goods (food and non-food) and services.

- ❖ It is used to arrive at estimates of poverty levels in different parts of the country and to review economic indicators like the Gross Domestic Product.
- ❖ India hasn't had any official estimates on per capita household spending since 2011-12.

Kisan Bhagidari, Prathmikta Hamari – campaign



- ❖ The 'Kisan Bhagidari, Prathmikta Hamari' campaign is being organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- ❖ This campaign is being organized under the government's 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' in collaboration with various other Departments and Ministries.
- ❖ During the period of this campaign, various countrywide programs at the regional level for the farmers of the nation are being organized by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

INTERNATIONAL

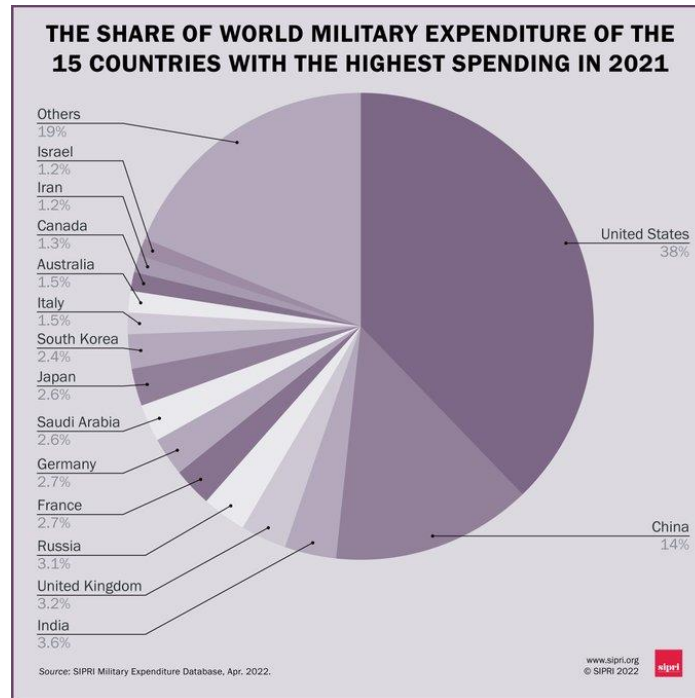
Emmanuel Macron



- ❖ Marine Le Pen has been defeated by Emmanuel Macron.

- ❖ He is to be re-elected as the President of France.
- ❖ Macron is the first French sitting president in the past 20 years to have been re-elected.

World military expenditure



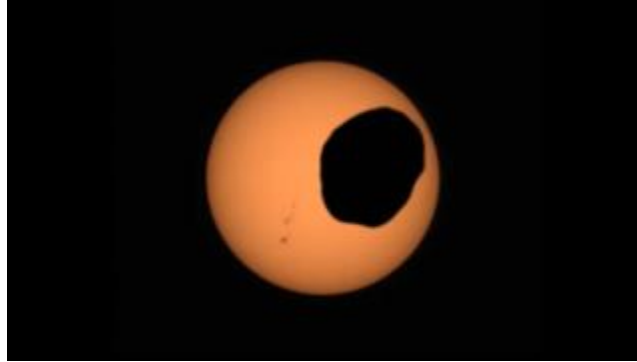
- ❖ World military expenditure reached an all-time high of USD 2.1 trillion in 2021.
- ❖ This is according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- ❖ The top three largest spenders were the United States, China, and India.
- ❖ India's military spending ranked third with USD 76.6 billion last year.
- ❖ This is an increase of 0.9 percent in comparison with 2020.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Capture of Solar Eclipse on Mars

- ❖ The Perseverance Mars rover of NASA has captured a video of an eclipse on Phobos.
- ❖ Phobos is one of the two moons of Mars.
- ❖ This Martian eclipse has provided the scientists with a new perspective regarding the subtle shifts in the orbits of the moons.

- ❖ The moon Phobos is inching very slowly towards Mars and they will collide millions of years from now.



STATES

Dudh Vani Community Radio Station

- ❖ PM Modi inaugurated a community radio station named Dudh Vani in Gujarat.
- ❖ It is dedicated to animal husbandry.
- ❖ The Banas Dairy Community Radio station has been established by the Banaskantha District Cooperative Milk Producers Union.
- ❖ It is also known as Banas Dairy.
- ❖ This is the nation's first community radio station that is dedicated solely to the cattle breeders.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Class of Young Global Leaders

- ❖ Radhika Gupta CEO of Edelweiss Mutual Fund, Raghav Chadha Aam Aadmi Party leader, and Mykhailo Fedorov Ukrainian Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Transformation were named by the World Economic Forum in its list of Young Global Leaders 2022.

- ❖ This list is described by the WEF as the planet's most promising 109 Young Global Leaders who are under the age of 40.
- ❖ The personalities chosen are involved in various activities like health equity, green energy, education reforms, refugee rights, etc.
- ❖ The recently released list also includes Indians - athlete Manasi Joshi, Ritesh Malik founder of Innov8 Coworking, Suhail Sameer CEO of Bharat Pe, Vineeta Singh CEO of Sugar Cosmetics, and Jaideep Bansal CEO of Global Himalayan Expedition.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Intellectual Property Day - April 26



- ❖ The day is observed to learn about the role that intellectual property (IP) rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity.
- ❖ The day recognizes the huge potential of young people to find new and better solutions that support the transition to a sustainable future.

- ❖ This year, World Intellectual Property Day 2022's theme focuses on IP and Youth innovating for a Better Future.
- ❖ The event was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000 to “raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life.”

International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day - April 26

- ❖ The day is observed every year to raise awareness of the consequences of the 1986 Chernobyl disaster and the risks of nuclear energy in general.
- ❖ The day not only informs us about man-made disasters but also educates human beings about the risks of nuclear energy in general.

