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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Elon Musk has taken control of the social media site Twitter.
 - Through this deal, he will be acquiring the social network for around USD 44 billion.
- ❖ The Delhi and Punjab governments signed a unique Knowledge Sharing Agreement.
 - The two governments are signing the agreement to share knowledge to learn from each other and move forward.
- ❖ Kane Tanaka, a Japanese woman believed to have been the world's oldest person, has died aged 119.
 - She was born in the Fukuoka region of Japan.

TAMIL NADU

Olive Ridley protection and rehabilitation Centre



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government will set up an international olive ridley turtle protection and rehabilitation center in Chennai.
- ❖ The center will undertake research on olive ridley turtles, collect data and create awareness.

- ❖ The facility will be set up with funding from the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Tamil Nadu government.

Gram Sabha meetings in Tamilnadu

- ❖ The Tamilnadu state government announced the resumption of the observance of November 1 as the Local Governance Day.
- ❖ November 1 had been observed as Local Governance Day by the DMK government since 2007.
- ❖ The government would resume conferring the Uthamar Gandhi Village Panchayat Award on the best performing village panchayats on 10 parameters.
- ❖ It was introduced in 2006 under the DMK government, but was discontinued by the AIADMK government.
- ❖ One village panchayat in 37 districts would be chosen a year for this award.
- ❖ The gram sabha meetings in Tamilnadu would be held six times a year, which had so far been held on four days.
- ❖ Besides on the Republic Day (January 26), Labour Day (May 1), Independence Day (August 15) and the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi (October 2), the gram sabhas would meet on World Water Day (March 22) and Local Governance Day (November 1).

NATIONAL

Guinness Book of World records – India

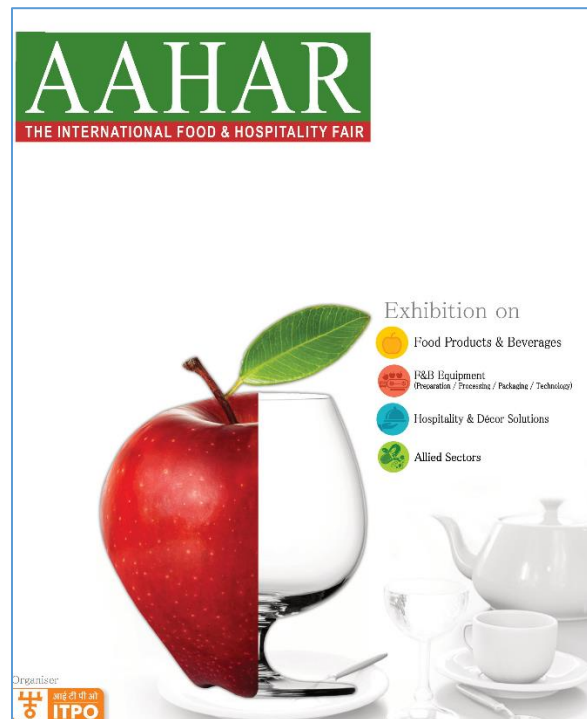


- ❖ India created history by entering the Guinness Book of World records by simultaneously waving 78,220 national flags on April 23, 2022.
- ❖ This took place in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

- ❖ It was done at the 'Veer Kunwar Singh Vijayotsav' programme at Bhojpur, Bihar.

AAHAR-2022: International Food and Hospitality Fair

- ❖ Asia's biggest international food and hospitality fair named AAHAR-2022 is being organized by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in collaboration with the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO).
- ❖ It was held at New Delhi's Pragati Maidan.
- ❖ This is the 36th edition of this fair.
- ❖ This fair will be providing the visitors as well as the participants with an unrivaled opportunity that will help them to generate new business leads.
- ❖ This fair will also help in marketing the country's dynamic growing market in an efficient and effective manner.



Trilateral Development Corporation Fund

- ❖ India and the United Kingdom have launched their Global Innovation Partnership (GIP) as both countries look to bolster their innovation ecosystem to benefit the start-ups.
- ❖ GIP is expected to provide a model for utilizing the Trilateral Development Corporation (TDC) Fund for projects with other countries like Germany, Japan,

the European Union, France, etc that are willing to work with India on the field of development and innovation.

- ❖ The GIP will be co-financed by India and the UK.

India - steel growth

- ❖ India is the only country among the top ten steel-producing nations in the world that grew steel output from January to March 2022 over the same period last year.
- ❖ This is according to data released by the World Steel Association.
- ❖ India produced 9 million tonnes of steel, up 5.9% over the previous year.
- ❖ India's growth rate is 4.4 percent, with 9 million tonnes of steel produced in March 2022.

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MARCH 2022 CRUDE STEEL PRODUCTION

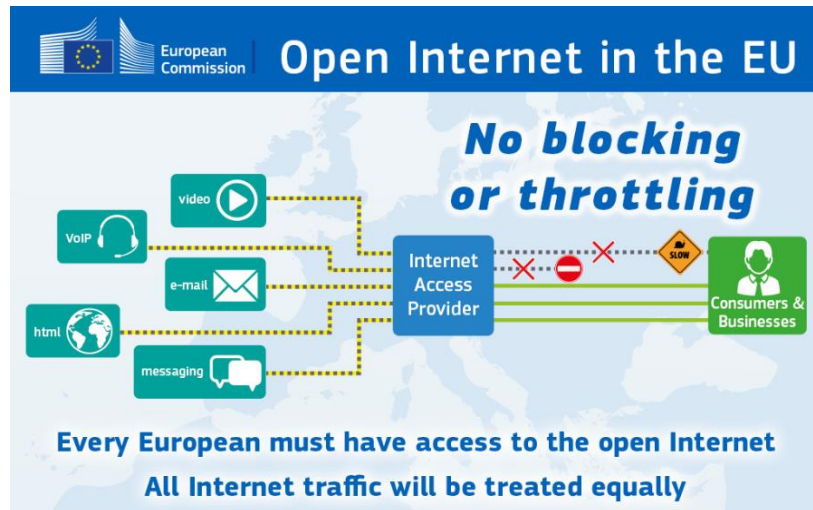
| TOP 10 STEEL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | Mar 2022 (Mt) | % change Mar 22/21 | Jan-Mar 2022 (Mt) | % change Jan-Mar 22/21 |
| China | 88.3 | -6.4 | 243.4 | -10.5 |
| India | 10.9 | 4.4 | 31.9 | 5.9 |
| Japan | 8.0 | -4.3 | 23.0 | -2.9 |
| United States | 7.0 | -1.7 | 20.3 | -0.4 |
| Russia | 6.6 e | -1.8 | 18.7 | -1.2 |
| South Korea | 5.7 | -6.1 | 16.9 | -3.8 |
| Germany | 3.3 | -11.8 | 9.8 | -3.7 |
| Turkey | 3.3 | -2.9 | 9.4 | -4.7 |
| Brazil | 3.1 e | 7.4 | 8.5 | -2.2 |
| Iran | 2.3 e | -6.1 | 6.9 | -4.4 |

INTERNATIONAL

European Union New Internet Rules

- ❖ The European Union finalized new legislation that will require the world's big tech companies to remove harmful content.
- ❖ This is the latest move of the union to regulate the world's online giants.

- ❖ The Digital Services Act (DSA) has the aim of ensuring tougher consequences for websites and platforms that will be hosting banned content ranging from disinformation to hate speech and images of child sexual abuse.



STATES

Village library

- ❖ Jamtara in Jharkhand has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries.
- ❖ This district with a population of about eight lakh has a total of 118 gram panchayats under six blocks.
- ❖ Each panchayat has a well-equipped library.



Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture Project

- ❖ The government of Meghalaya's Planning Department's initiative of the "e-Proposal System", has won the UN Award - World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum Prizes 2022.

- ❖ The “e-Proposal System” is a part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture (MeghEA), which eliminates 75 percent physical work of files in all government departments in the state.
- ❖ It aims to improve governance and service delivery for the people of the state using the power of various digital technologies.



Cosmos Malabaricus Project

- ❖ Kerala has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Netherlands for a project that is named ‘Cosmos Malabaricus.’
- ❖ This project will be helping to further illustrate Kerala’s history in the 18th century.
- ❖ The state will also be collaborating with the Netherlands to establish paint academies in Malappuram and Kollam.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

UK’s Commonwealth Points of Light Award

- ❖ The founder of the educational charity ‘Bidyanando’ Kishore Kumar Das from Bangladesh has been chosen for the United Kingdom’s Commonwealth Points of Light Award.

- ❖ This is for his exceptional work in improving access to education for children from marginalized backgrounds.
- ❖ UK's Commonwealth Point of Light Awards recognizes outstanding individual volunteers who are making a change in their community.



M. Vijayan

- ❖ Eminent structural biologist M. Vijayan passed away in Bengaluru.
- ❖ Vijayan was instrumental in the development of macromolecular crystallography in India.
- ❖ Professor Vijayan was a recipient of the Padma Shri and Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize.



PRSI Awards

- ❖ The National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC) swept the Public Relations Society of India's (PRSI) Public Relations Awards 2022, taking first place in four categories.

- ❖ NMDC's resolve to expand and contribute to nation-building has been bolstered by its efforts to build a robust network in-house, with the media, and with the general public.

