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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Argentinean navy officer, Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios has been named Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP).

NATIONAL

New Virtual Space Museum

- ❖ The digital platform known as the 'SPARK' space museum was launched by the Chairman of ISRO, S Somnath.
- ❖ It is showcasing several ISRO missions with an interactive interface.
- ❖ It has an interactive interface through which users can interact with the site easily.
- ❖ The platform hosts several documents, images, and videos related to ISRO's launch of vehicles, satellites, and scientific missions.



Golden joint of world's highest Chenab railway bridge

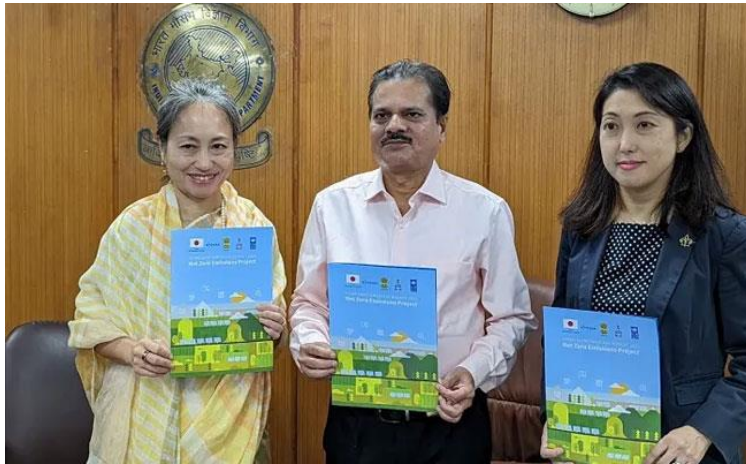
- ❖ The golden joint of the world's highest railway bridge over River Chenab was inaugurated recently.
- ❖ The Golden Join is connecting two ends of the deck of the world's highest railway bridge.
- ❖ The Chenab bridge is 1,315 metre long.

- ❖ The Chenab Bridge is now being built, and when it is finished, it will be 35 meters higher than the Eiffel Tower of Paris.
- ❖ The bridge will prove direct connectivity to the Kashmir valley.



INTERNATIONAL

IMD-UNDP and Japan collaborate for climate action



- ❖ India Meteorological Department (IMD) has partnered with Government of Japan, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Climate Change.
- ❖ They have launched an initiative to hasten climate action across 10 states and Union Territories in India.
- ❖ This initiative will extend support to Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs), in a bid to achieve net-zero emissions.

- ❖ It will also ensure climate-resilient development.

Udarashakti Exercise



- ❖ Udarashakti is a bilateral exercise between Indian Air Force and Royal Malaysian Air Force.
- ❖ The four-day bilateral exercises recently started in Malaysia.
- ❖ The first bilateral Air Force exercise that staged frontline Sukhoi-30 combat aircraft was conducted in 2018.

Exercise 'Al Najah'



- ❖ The 4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' begins in Rajasthan.
- ❖ The 3rd edition of Ex AL NAJAH IV was held at Muscat in March 2019.

- ❖ The exercise would focus on Counter Terrorism Operations, Regional Security Operations and Peace Keeping Operations.

Super Garuda Shield exercise



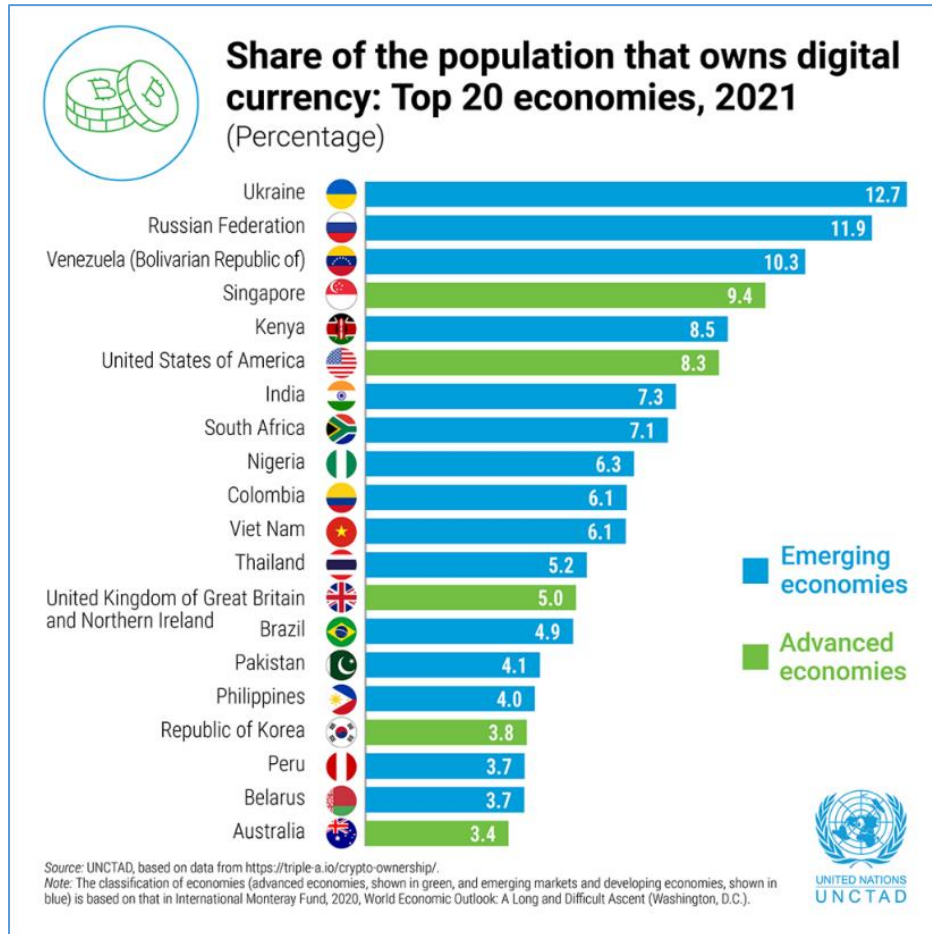
- ❖ The “Super Garuda Shield” exercises, were first held in 2007 with only Indonesian and US troops involved.
- ❖ Now it has expanded to include 12 other countries this year.
- ❖ Défense forces from Australia, Japan and Singapore are taking part in the drills.
- ❖ India, France and the UK are sending its observers.
- ❖ It aims to strengthen unity in the Indo-Pacific region.

ECONOMY

Digital Currency in 2021

- ❖ It was as per the UN trade and development body, UNCTAD in 2021.
- ❖ The developing countries accounted for 15 of the top 20 economies when it comes to the share of the population that owns cryptocurrencies.
- ❖ Ukraine topped the list with 12.7 per cent.
- ❖ It is followed by Russia (11.9 per cent), Venezuela (10.3 per cent), Singapore (9.4 per cent), Kenya (8.5 per cent), and the US (8.3 per cent).
- ❖ In India, 7.3 per cent of the population owned digital currency in 2021.

- ❖ India is ranking seventh in the list of top 20 global economies for digital currency ownership as share of population.



First manufacturing Index fund



- ❖ Navi Mutual Fund has announced the launch of Navi Nifty India Manufacturing Index Fund.

- ❖ It is India's first index fund focusing on the manufacturing sector.
- ❖ Navi Nifty India Manufacturing Index Fund is an open-ended index fund that will seek to replicate the Nifty India Manufacturing Index.
- ❖ It will track the performance of manufacturers among the top 300 companies in India.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Monument Status of Subash Chandra Bose

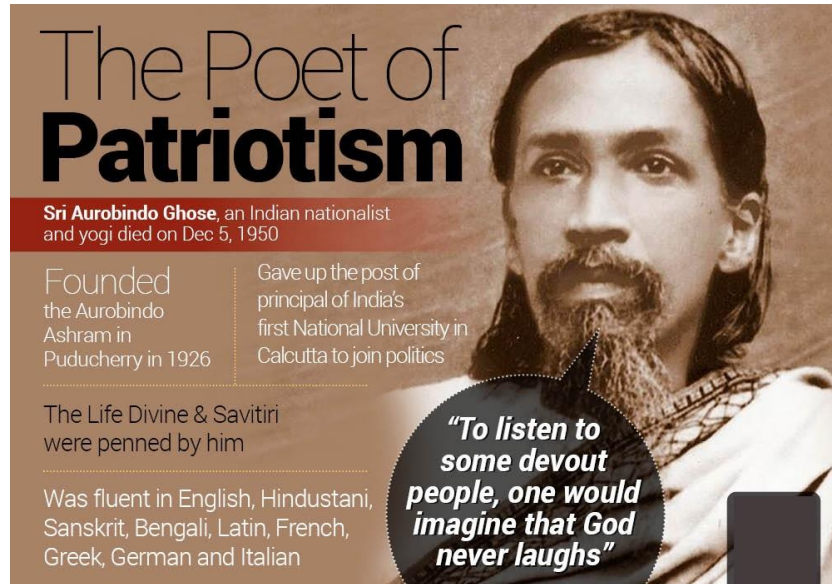
- ❖ The National Heritage Board stated that Padang will now receive the Monument Status of Subash Chandra Bose.
- ❖ This was the location where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose made the Call "Chalo Dilli".
- ❖ It will have greatest level of protection possible under Singapore's Preservation of Monuments Act.
- ❖ Padang is a sizable open field venue in Singapore.
- ❖ In July 1943, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose delivered the phrase "Delhi Chalo" here.



150th Birth Anniversary of Shri Aurobindo

- ❖ Sri Aurobindo was an Indian philosopher, maharishi, yoga guru, poet, and Indian nationalist.
- ❖ He was also the editor of newspapers like Vande Mataram.

- ❖ He took part in Indian movement for independence from British.
- ❖ Until 1910, he was among influential leaders of independence movement.
- ❖ Later, he became spiritual reformer and put forward his visions on human progress and spiritual evolution.
- ❖ He was born on August 15, 1872 in Calcutta (Kolkata) and died in Pondicherry on 5th December, 1950.
- ❖ In Puducherry, Sri Aurobindo Ashram was established in 1926.



The Poet of Patriotism

Sri Aurobindo Ghose, an Indian nationalist and yogi died on Dec 5, 1950

Founded the Aurobindo Ashram in Puducherry in 1926

Gave up the post of principal of India's first National University in Calcutta to join politics

The Life Divine & Savitiri were penned by him

Was fluent in English, Hindustani, Sanskrit, Bengali, Latin, French, Greek, German and Italian

"To listen to some devout people, one would imagine that God never laughs"

Lisbon Triennale Lifetime Achievement Award



- ❖ Bangladeshi architect, researcher and educator Marina Tabassum has been chosen for prestigious Lisbon Triennale Millennium BCP Lifetime Achievement Award.

- ❖ She became the first person from the global south and first south Asian to win the award.
- ❖ She is known for her architectural designs that break away from commercialism and deeply embed environmental concerns.









International Awards in Groundbreaking Policing

- ❖ SP Santosh Kumar Singh and SP Amit Kumar, IPS officers from India have won the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)'s 2021 40 Under 40 awards.
- ❖ They've been chosen amongst the top 40 police officers from six countries around the world.
- ❖ They are awarded for "exemplifying leadership, dedication, and service to their communities and the law enforcement profession".

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The 2021 40 Under 40 awardees represent the top rising leaders from around the globe, exemplifying leadership, dedication, and service to their communities and the law enforcement profession.

			
Jasmine Merricks Officer/Victim-Witness Coordinator, Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department	Santosh Kumar Singh Superintendent of Police, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh Chhattisgarh Police, India	Ben Bjarnesen Senior Constable, Queensland Police Service, Australia	Sarah Allen Chief of Staff, Colorado State Patrol
			
Amit Kumar Superintendent of Police, Uttar Pradesh Police, India	Robert Butler Captain, Cleveland Metropark Police, Ohio	Hamad Al Nualmi Lieutenant Colonel, Abu Dhabi Police, UAE	George Roxby Captain, Highlands Police Department, New Jersey

SPORTS

600 T20 matches

- ❖ Former West Indies all-rounder, Kieron Pollard became the first cricketer to play 600 T20 matches.

- ❖ He is followed by Dwayne Bravo (543 matches), Shoaib Malik (472), Chris Gayle (463) and Ravi Bopara (426).

A T20 STAR
PLAYERS TO REACH MILESTONES IN MEN'S T20S

MILESTONE	PLAYER	YEAR
First to 100 T20s	Albie Morkel	2010
First to 200 T20s	Albie Morkel	2012
First to 300 T20s	Kieron Pollard	2016
First to 400 T20s	Kieron Pollard	2018
First to 500 T20s	Kieron Pollard	2020
First to 600 T20s	Kieron Pollard	2022

Powerlifting Guinness World Record



- ❖ Tamara Walcott from Maryland, USA recently broke the Guinness World Records in a weightlifting competition.

- ❖ He was lifting a total of 1,620.4 pounds or 735 kg at a weightlifting competition held in Virginia, USA.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nature Index 2022

- ❖ The University of Hyderabad ranked first among Indian Universities and 16th among all institutions in the academic sector in the Nature Index Rank of 2022.
- ❖ The Nature Index is an indicator of high-quality research in the Natural and Physical Sciences.
- ❖ It includes Chemistry, Life Sciences, Earth & Environmental Sciences, and Physical Sciences.

