

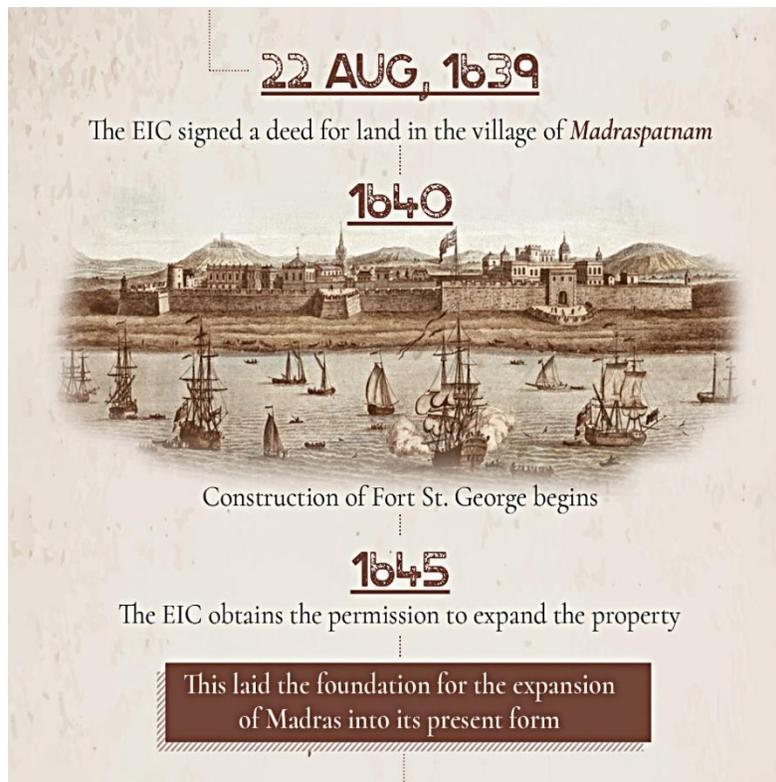
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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Bengaluru will host the FIBA U-18 women's Asian Basketball Championship.
- ❖ The 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore in 9<sup>th</sup> January next year.
- ❖ An Indian Parliamentary delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will be attending the 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference at Halifax in Canada.
- ❖ Manisha Kalyan, a 20-year-old from Hoshiarpur, Punjab, became the first Indian footballer to play in the UEFA Champions League.
- ❖ Israel's former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu wrote a biography in the name, "Bibi: My Story".

## TAMIL NADU

### Madras Day - 22 August



- ❖ It is believed that on this day, Madras city was founded in 1639.

- ❖ On this day, the foundation for the modern city was laid by the East India Company by buying land for building Fort St George from local rulers.
- ❖ Andrew Cogan and Francis Day from the East India company bought the land from Damarla Venkatadri Nayaka, the viceroy of the Vijayanagar Empire.
- ❖ This year marks the 383<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the city.
- ❖ The Madras Day celebrations began in the year 2004.

## NATIONAL

### India's Indigenous Monkeypox Test Kit

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone recently launched the first indigenously manufactured RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox.
- ❖ With the help of this kit, the infection can be detected quickly.
- ❖ This kit was developed by Transasia-Erba Biomedicals.
- ❖ TransAsia-Erba Monkeypox RT-PCR Kit is highly sensitive.
- ❖ On July 14, the Kollam district of Kerala announced the country's first case of monkeypox.



## INTERNATIONAL

### International Transport Forum

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved India-France contract to support ITF activities in the Indian transport sector.
- ❖ The International Transport Forum at the OECD is an intergovernmental organisation with 64 member countries.

- ❖ It acts as a think tank for transport policy and organises the Annual Summit of transport ministers.
- ❖ ITF is the only global body that covers all transport modes.
- ❖ The ITF is administratively integrated with the OECD, yet politically autonomous.



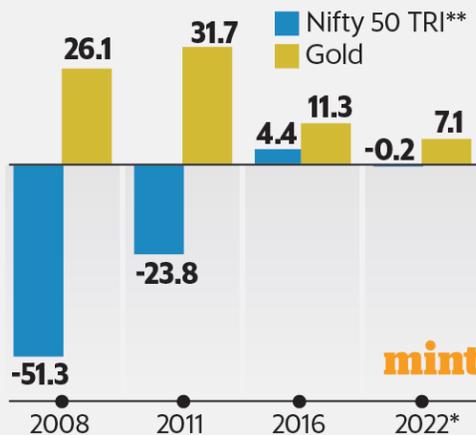
## ECONOMY

### India's first gold and silver fund

#### Precious twins

Gold has proven to a good hedge against inflation and has low correlation to equity markets.

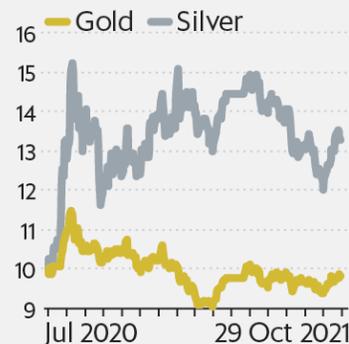
Gold's performance during recession, market downturns (in %)



\*YTD \*\*Total return index

Source: Edelweiss note, Mint research

Silver has outperformed gold during bull markets due to higher industrial demand during the period



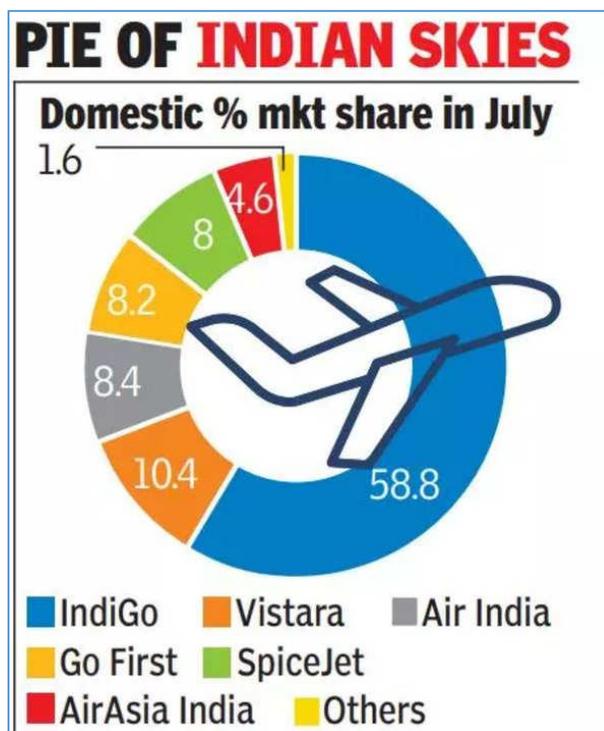
Base value taken as 10

Gold and silver are spot market prices as per MCX

- ❖ The asset management firm Edelweiss Mutual Fund (Edelweiss MF) introduced gold and silver through a single fund.
- ❖ This is the India's first such programme.
- ❖ Silver-based mutual funds were initially introduced in January of this year.
- ❖ India's first gold fund, Nippon India ETF Gold BeES, was released in March 2007.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> largest domestic airline**

- ❖ Vistara emerged as the second biggest airline of India by domestic market share last month with a 10.4%.
- ❖ IndiGo stood first with 58.8% share.
- ❖ The Vistara airline is Tata Sons' joint venture with Singapore Airlines.
- ❖ The number three, four and five positions saw airlines separated by just decimal points — Air India (8.4%), GoFirst (8.2%) and SpiceJet (8%).

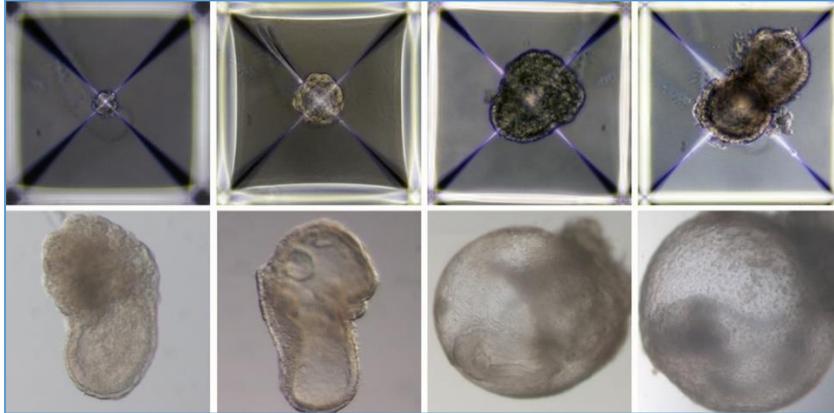


## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **First synthetic embryo without sperm**

- ❖ The Israeli scientists have developed the world's first synthetic embryo outside the womb using stem cells cultured in a petri dish.

- ❖ These cells were cultured without the use of fertilized eggs, bypassing the need for sperm.



## STATES

### Make India No 1 mission



- ❖ Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal has unveiled his Aam Aadmi Party's national ambition with the launch of the 'Make India No 1' campaign.
- ❖ He proposed a five-point vision for good governance.
  - Free and quality education to every child of this country.
  - Free and best medical treatment along with free medicines and test facilities to every citizen of the country.
  - Employment to every youth which is possible with the right intention and management.
  - Every woman should get respect, equal rights and security.

- Ensure farmers get fair prices for their produce and get respect so that children can say with pride that they also want to become farmers.

### **Electric double-decker bus**

- ❖ India's first electric double-decker bus was launched at YB Centre in south Mumbai.
- ❖ The name of the bus is "Switch EiV 22".
- ❖ It has App-based seat booking, live tracking and payment on the BEST Chalo App



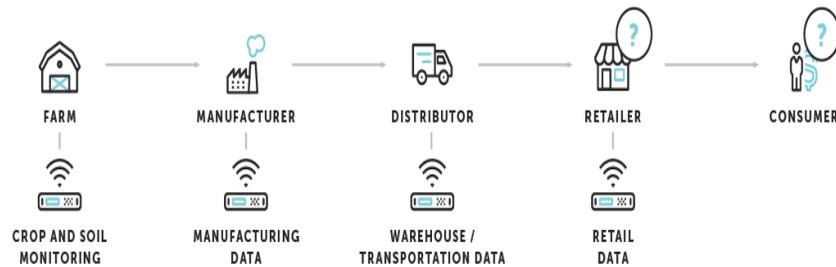
### **Official sport in Maharashtra**



- ❖ 'Dahi-Handi' will be recognized as an official sport in Maharashtra.

- ❖ The state is set to organize a 'Pro- Dahi Handi' competition.
- ❖ The Maharashtra Government also announces that the Govindas will get a job under the sports category.

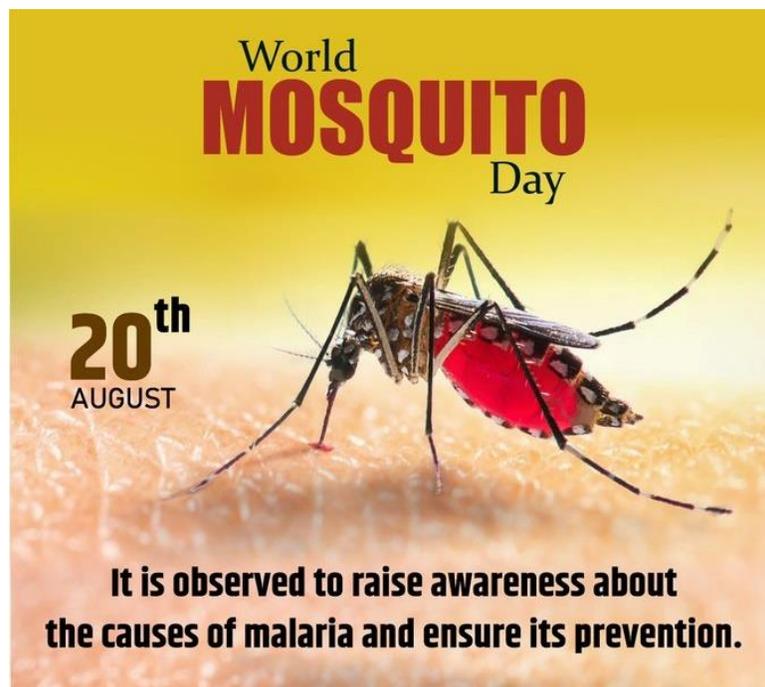
### Block chain-based Seed distribution



- ❖ Jharkhand and global blockchain technology company, SettleMint jointly launched the seed distribution to farmers based on blockchain technology.
- ❖ It aims to reducing pilferage and getting rid of spurious seeds that the farmers receive under various government schemes including the seed exchange scheme.

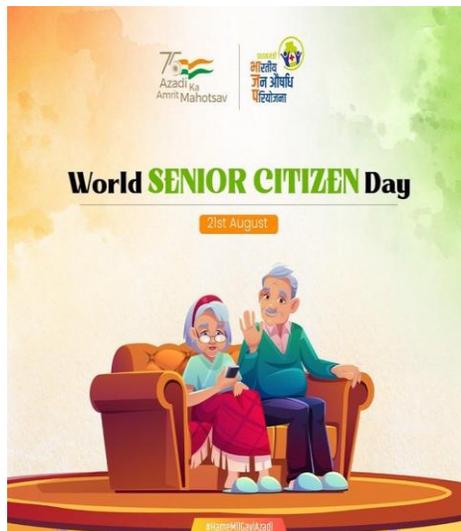
## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Mosquito Day - August 20



- ❖ This day honour Sir Ronald Ross who discovered the link between mosquitoes and the transmission of malaria in the year 1897.
- ❖ As per his discovery, it is the female mosquitoes that disseminate malaria among humans.
- ❖ The purpose of this day is to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented.
- ❖ As per WHO Data, there was an increase of sixty-nine thousand deaths caused by malaria from the year 2019 to 2020.

### **World Senior Citizen Day - August 21**



- ❖ It is also known as National Senior Citizens' Day in the United States (US).
- ❖ Its intent is to highlight the contributions of elderly people in human society and honour them.
- ❖ This day has its roots back in the August 19, 1988 proclamation by the then US President, Ronald Reagan.
- ❖ The elderly population is projected to reach more than 1.5 billion by 2050.
- ❖ This rise will be prominently seen in East Asia and South-East Asia.
- ❖ Less developed nations will host more than two-thirds of the planet's elderly people by 2050.

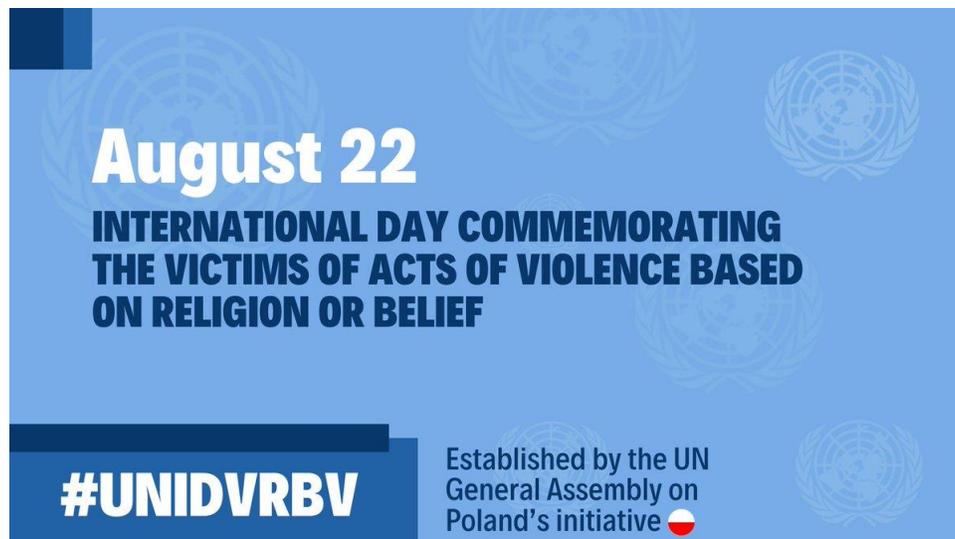
### **International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism - August 21**

- ❖ This day is observed to uphold the dignity of victims and highlight the importance of global solidarity in ensuring that victims are not forgotten.

- ❖ This International Day was established in 2017.
- ❖ The theme for 2022' observation is "Memories."



**International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief - August 22**



- ❖ The day aims to remember the victims and survivors of evil acts on the basis of or in the name of religion or belief.



- ❖ On this day, the international community honours the survivors and victims of religious-based violence.
- ❖ This day was adopted at the 73<sup>rd</sup> UN General Assembly on 28 May 2019 as proposed by Poland.

