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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Virat Kohli has become the first Indian and just the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game.
 - The first man to do so was New Zealand batter Ross Taylor.
- ❖ India Cricket captain Rohit Sharma overtook New Zealand's Martin Guptill to become the top run-scorer in the T20I format.
 - Virat Kohli is the third highest scorer in men's T20 Internationals.

TAMIL NADU

Sahitya Akademi's Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2022



- ❖ The Sahitya Akademi announced that Bal Sahitya Puraskar would be given to writers of 23 languages.
- ❖ The Akademi has also announced that writers in 24 languages will be given the Yuva Sahitya Puraskar.
- ❖ In the category of Bal Sahitya Puraskar, the award in Punjabi language is not being given this year.
- ❖ While the award in the Bal Sahitya Puraskar, Santhali language will be announced later.
- ❖ In the category of Youth Award, the winner will be announced later in Marathi.
- ❖ In Tamil, Bal Sahitya Puraskar will be given to G. Meenakshi for Mallikavin Veedu.

- ❖ In Tamil, Yuva Puraskar will be given to Paa. Kalimuthu for Thaniththirukkum aralikalin mathiyam.

NATIONAL

India's first earthquake memorial

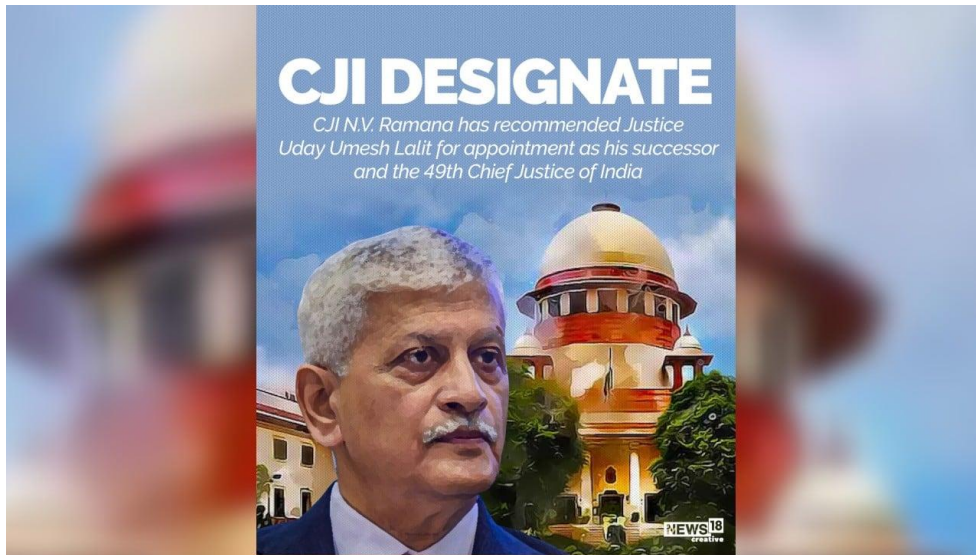


- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated India's first earthquake memorial, named Smruti Van at Bhuj in Gujarat.
- ❖ Smruti Van is a unique memorial carrying the names of more than 12 thousand people.
- ❖ They lost their lives in the devastating earthquake that struck here in January 2001.

New CJI of India

- ❖ Justice Uday Umesh Lalit took oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India on August 27th 2022.
- ❖ The President of India Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office in Rashtrapati Bhavan, Delhi.
- ❖ Prior to his elevation as a judge, he practised as a senior counsel at the Supreme Court.

- ❖ He is the second one to be appointed directly by the Bar as the Chief Justice of India
- ❖ He will retire on 8 November 2022 (for a period of seventy-four days).
- ❖ He ensured that at least one constitution bench is functioning in the Supreme Court throughout the year, listing cases for hearing in the apex court, and mentioning urgent matters.
- ❖ Justice Lalit's initiative comes at a time when the Supreme Court's pendency has crossed over 71,000 from a little over 55,000 in 2017.
- ❖ Justice S M Sikri became the 13th CJI in January 1971.
- ❖ He was the first lawyer to be elevated directly to the top court bench in March 1964.



75 tribal districts – TB interventions

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Government of India



Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Government of India



Learning Dissemination Conclave
Aashwasan Campaign
TB-free Tribes for a TB-free India

A conclave to discuss and disseminate the key findings and insights learned from the Tribal TB Initiative's Aashwasan campaign, an intensive ACF drive implemented across 182 tribal districts of India in 2022.

- ❖ To mark 75 years' of India's Independence, 75 high burden tribal districts have been selected for focused interventions.
- ❖ It aims to make India TB-free by 2025.
- ❖ The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TB division of Ministry of Health and Family welfare organized a national conclave recently to disseminate the learnings of the 100-day Aashwasan Campaign under 'Tribal TB Initiative'.
- ❖ Tribal TB Initiative is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Central TB Division, Ministry of Health.
- ❖ It is supported by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as technical partner and Piramal Swasthya as implementing partner.
- ❖ The Aashwasan Campaign started in January, 2022 for active case finding for TB in 174 tribal districts of India, under the ambit of the Tribal TB Initiative.

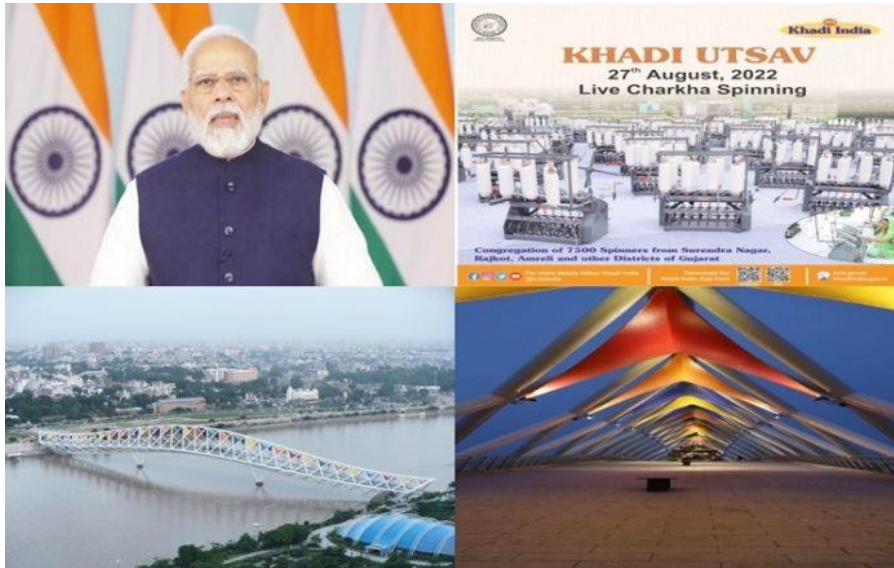
2nd railway station at Nagaland



- ❖ Nagaland got its second railway station after a gap of more than 119 years with the commissioning of a new facility at Shokhuvi.
- ❖ The Donyi Polo Express ran daily between Guwahati in Assam and Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh.

- ❖ Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh will be directly connected by train service with the extension of Donyi Polo Express till Shokhuvi Railway Station.
- ❖ Dimapur Railway Station, the first railway station in the state, was inaugurated in 1903.

Atal Bridge



- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi opened the pedestrian-only "Atal Bridge" over the Sabarmati River in Gujarat.
- ❖ The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation developed the pedestrian overpass (Atal Bridge).

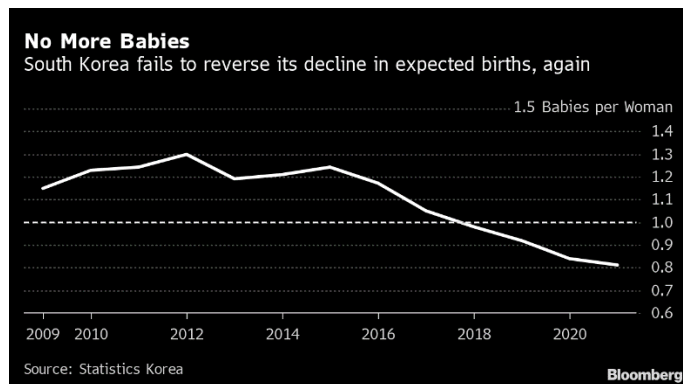
INTERNATIONAL

3rd Richest Person in the World



- ❖ Adani Group chairperson Gautam Adani has become the 3rd Richest Person in the World
- ❖ He has surpassed Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates and LVMH co-founder Bernard Arnault.
- ❖ He is the 1st Indian and 1st Asian to achieve this distinction.
- ❖ His overall net worth grew to USD 137.4 billion.
- ❖ The Adani group is also the country's largest coal trader.
- ❖ Adani now trails behind Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index ranking.
- ❖ Earlier, India's Mukesh Ambani and China's Jack Ma tried make it to the top three on the list.

World's lowest fertility rate



- ❖ South Korea has once again shattered its own record for the world's lowest fertility rate.
- ❖ Based on 2021 data, South Korean women were estimated to have an average of just 0.81 children over their lifetimes, down from 0.84 a year earlier.
- ❖ According to the United Nations' global population projections and World Bank's data, South Korea is the world's fastest-ageing nation among economies with a per capita GDP of at least \$30,000.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day against Nuclear Tests – Aug 29

- ❖ In May 2010, all state parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of nuclear weapons committed themselves to "achieve the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons".

- ❖ The resolution was initiated by Kazakhstan to commemorate the closure of the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site on August 29, 1991.
- ❖ The International Day for the Total Elimination of nuclear weapons was observed for the first time in September 2014.
- ❖ The international instrument to put an end to all forms of nuclear testing is the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT).
- ❖ Unfortunately, this has yet to enter into force.



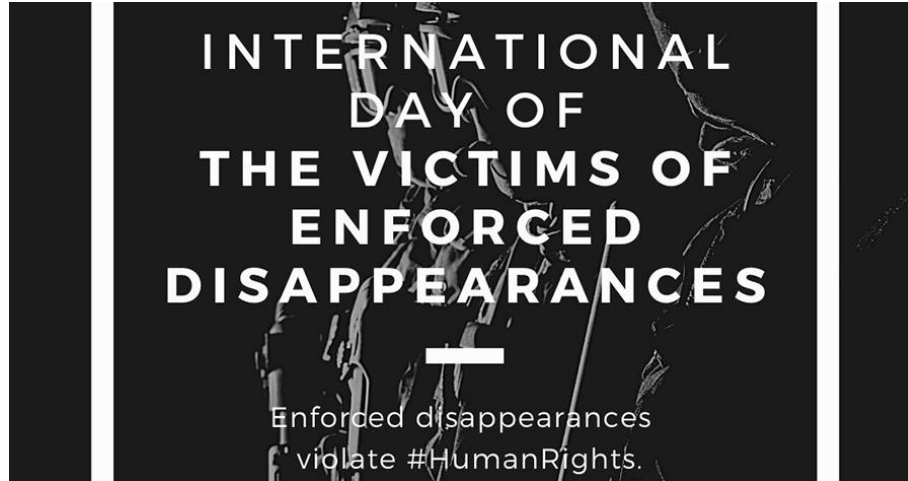
National Small Industry Day – Aug 30



- ❖ It can be traced back to August 2000 when the government formulated a comprehensive policy package for small-scale industries (SSI) in India.
- ❖ It contributes as much as 40 per cent to the gross industrial value of the country's economy.

- ❖ The central government has kickstarted various initiatives such as the CHAMPIONS portal, UDYAM, and National SC-ST Hub.

International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances – Aug 30



- ❖ It was observed for the first time in 2011.
- ❖ In 2010, by its resolution, the UN General Assembly expressed its deep concern about the increase in enforced or involuntary disappearances in various regions of the world.

