

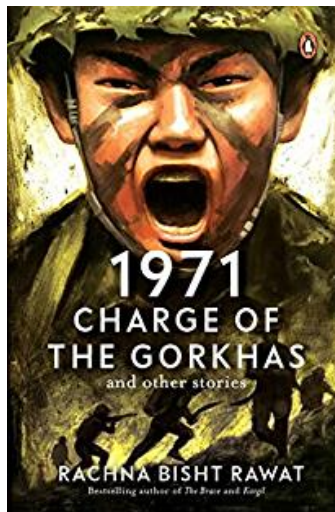
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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched a scheme allowing the free conduct of marriages between persons with disabilities in temples.
  - This is applicable for temples under the purview of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department.
- ❖ The National Human Rights Commission issued notices to the Centre and the Nagaland Government over the firing incident by the security forces that claimed the lives of several civilians.
  - The Commission has issued notices to the Union Defence Secretary, Union Home Secretary, Chief Secretary and Director General of Police, Nagaland calling for a detailed report on the matter within six weeks.
- ❖ The Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu launched 'Public Service Ethics-A Quest for Naitik Bharat' authored by Prabhat Kumar.
  - The book highlights the multiple dimensions element of human character, the practice of ethical principles as a way of life.

## NATIONAL

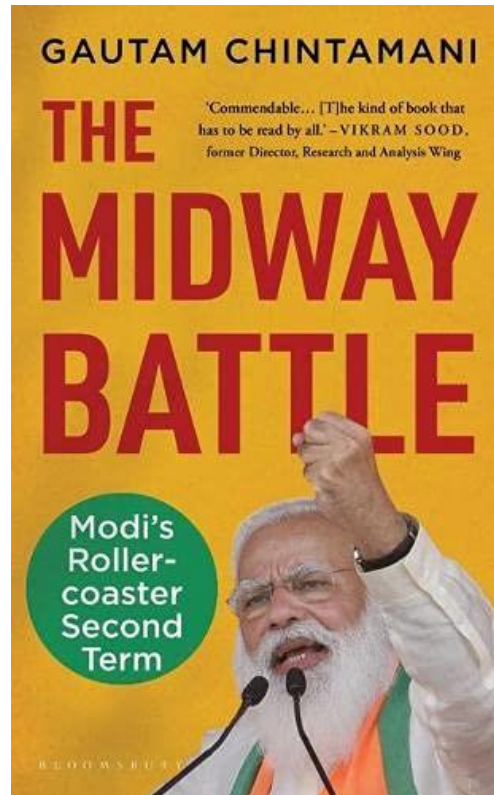
### Book on 1971 Indo-Pak war



- ❖ '1971: Charge of the Gorkhas and Other Stories' written by Rachna Bisht Rawat, was released recently.
- ❖ The new book unearths true stories of the 1971 Indo-Pak war.

- ❖ The book includes, from the story of the flight lieutenant who went missing after his plane crashed inside Pakistan to the 'last khukri attack' in modern military history.

### **Book by Gautam Chintamani**

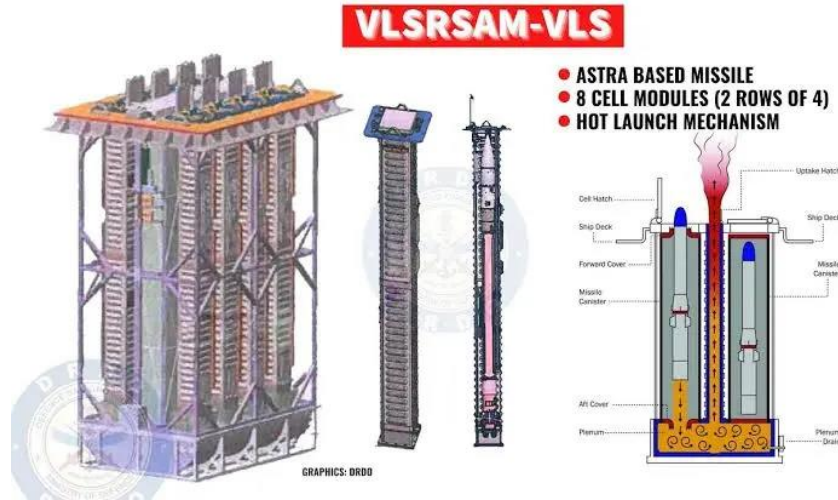


- ❖ Vice President (VP) M. Venkaiah Naidu launched a book titled 'The Midway Battle: Modi's Roller-coaster Second Term' authored by Gautam Chintamani.
- ❖ It was published by Bloomsbury India.
- ❖ The book mentioned the political scenario of India.
- ❖ It marks the second tenure of the current Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❖ The Midway Battle shed light on the various legislations like the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, triple talaq, the Citizenship (Amendment) Act as well as farming laws.

### **Vertical launch - Short Range Surface to Air Missile**

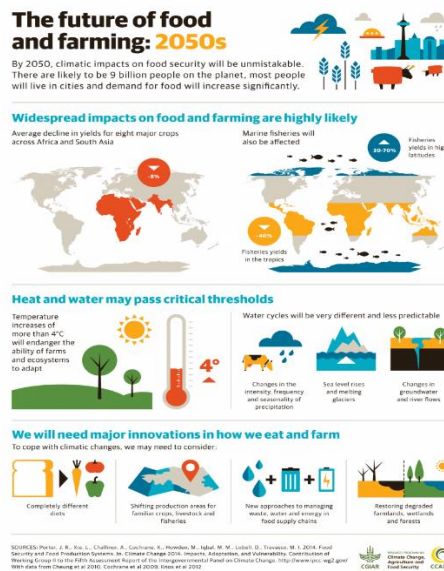
- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organisation tested the "vertical launch-short range surface-to-air missile", successfully.

- ❖ The missile was test-fired from the integrated test range in Chandipur, off the Odisha coast.
- ❖ Its launch was conducted from a vertical launcher towards an electronic target at a very low altitude.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Climate Change on Food Prices



- ❖ The Food and Agricultural Organization has said that the average food prices (after adjusting for inflation) in the 11 months of 2021 are the highest in 46 years due to climate change.

- ❖ Due to disasters, the world is losing up to 4% of the potential crop and livestock production.
- ❖ Climate change is fuelling extreme and erratic weather events and prolonging drought and heatwaves.
- ❖ These lead to widespread crop damage and also affect crop yields in the long term.
- ❖ The global food price rise was driven predominantly by wheat, which reported an increase in price due to drought and high temperatures in major producing countries, including the US and Canada.
- ❖ The price rise impacts the world's poor even more because the pandemic has already pushed millions into the poverty trap.
- ❖ Every third person in the world is not able to have adequate food.

## ECONOMY

### Loan against digital gold

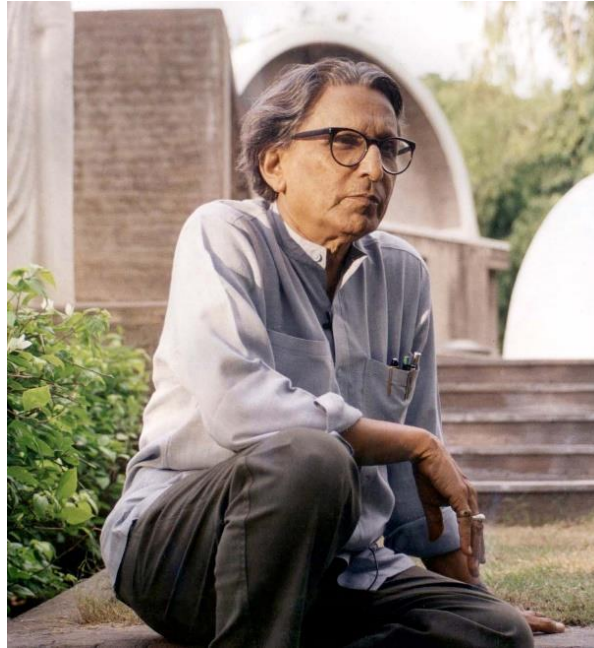


- ❖ Shivalik Small Finance Bank (SSFB) signed a partnership agreement with fintech firm, India gold to launch India's first Loan against Digital Gold.
- ❖ This agreement will enable customers to use their digital gold balance to avail of instant and digital loans up to Rs. 60,000.

- ❖ It also seamlessly accesses gold loans starting at a monthly interest of just 1%.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Royal Gold Medal 2022**



- ❖ Architect Balkrishna Doshi will receive the Royal Gold Medal 2022, one of the world's highest honours for architecture.
- ❖ 94-year-old Mr. Doshi has influenced the direction of architecture in India and its adjacent regions through both his practice and his teaching.
- ❖ The Royal Gold Medal is approved personally by Queen Elizabeth II.
- ❖ It is given to a person or group of people who have had a significant influence on the advancement of architecture.

## **SPORTS**

### **Asian Youth Para Games 2021**

- ❖ India claimed 41 medals (12 Gold, 15 Silver, 14 Bronze) at the 4th Asian Youth Para Games (AYPG).
- ❖ The event was held in Riffa city, Bahrain.
- ❖ The event was organized by the National Paralympic Committee of Bahrain with the support of the local government.

- ❖ The 5th edition of the Asian Youth Para Games 2025 will be hosted by Tashkent, Uzbekistan.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Anti-Corruption Day - December 09



- ❖ The day is observed globally to raise awareness about corruption and the ways to combat this global ill.
- ❖ As per reports, the global cost of corruption is about five percent of the world's Gross Domestic Product or \$2.6 trillion.
- ❖ The theme for this year's International Anti-Corruption Day is 'Your right, your role: Say no to corruption.'

## **Human Rights Day - December 10**

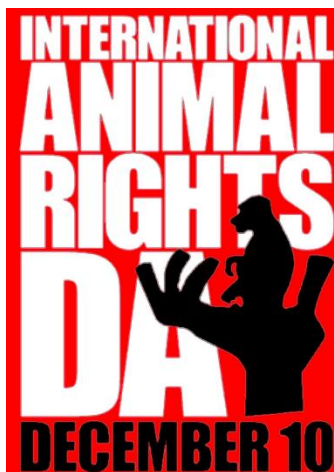
### **Equality: Reducing Inequalities, Advancing Human Rights** *In Recognition of International Human Rights Day*

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- ❖ This Day came into existence on December 10, 1948, when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations.
- ❖ This day is observed every year across the world, as it empowers us all.
- ❖ The day also acknowledges the advocates and defenders of human rights around the world.
- ❖ The theme for Human Rights Day 2021 is “EQUALITY – Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights.”
- ❖ This year’s Human Rights Day theme relates to ‘Equality’ and Article 1 of the UDHR – “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.”

## **International Animal Rights Day - December 10**



- ❖ It aims to remember the atrocities on animals by human tyranny.
- ❖ It calls for the recognition of our Universal Declaration of Animal Rights (UDAR).

- ❖ The day is shared with Human Rights Day because animals have the right to be treated with respect, and acts of cruelty against them need to end just as much as for humans.

### **UNICEF Day - December 11**



- ❖ UNICEF Day is observed every year, to spread awareness on saving children's lives, defending their rights and helping them fulfil their potential from childhood to adolescence.
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly announced this day on December 11 in the year 1946.
- ❖ This was done to ensure the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
- ❖ The theme for this year is to help children recover from interruptions and learning losses experienced through pandemics in the last two years.

### **International Mountain Day - December 11**

- ❖ The day is celebrated to create awareness about the importance of mountains to life.





- ❖ It also highlights the opportunities and constraints in mountain development and building alliances that will bring positive change to mountain peoples and environments around the world.
- ❖ The theme of this year is sustainable mountain tourism.

