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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ South Korean electronics manufacturing giant, Samsung Electronics surpassed U.S chipmaker Intel to become the world's leading chipmaker by revenue in 2021.
  - This is according to a report released by research firm Counterpoint Technology Market Research.
- ❖ Scientists have recently discovered a coral reef along the coast of Tahiti, located in French Polynesia in the Pacific Ocean.
  - The reef is two miles long and is unaffected by anthropogenic activities and climate change.
- ❖ The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the elevation of Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari, Judge of Madras High Court as Chief Justice of Madras High Court.

## TAMIL NADU

### Pledge against Anti-Untouchability

- ❖ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on January 30th administered the pledge against untouchability to Ministers, senior officials, and staff at the Secretariat in Fort St. George in Chennai.
- ❖ This is to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

## NATIONAL

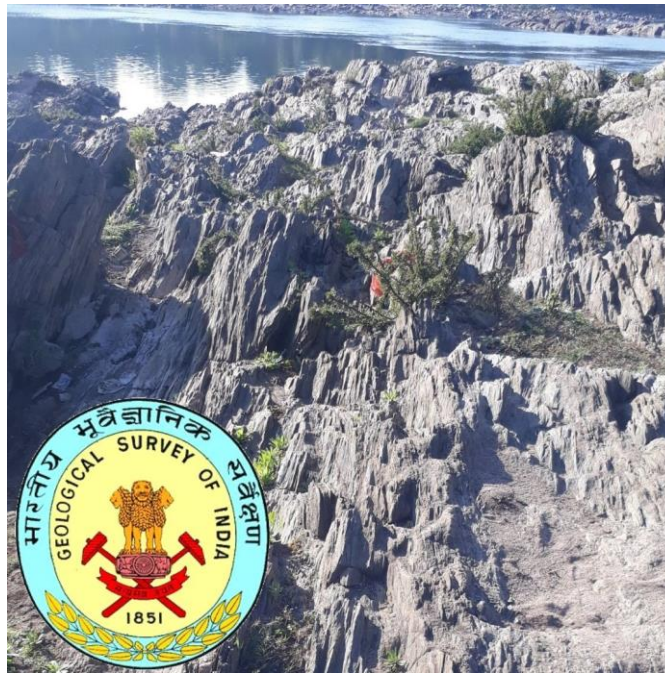
### 30th National Commission for Women Foundation Day



- ❖ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has addressed 30th National Commission for Women Foundation Day programme on January 31, 2022.

- ❖ The event was organized to celebrate the achievements of women in different fields.
- ❖ The theme of the programme was ‘She The Change Maker’.
- ❖ The National Commission for Women (NCW) is the statutory body of the Government of India.
- ❖ NCW was set up on 31 January 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.

### **India’s first geological park**



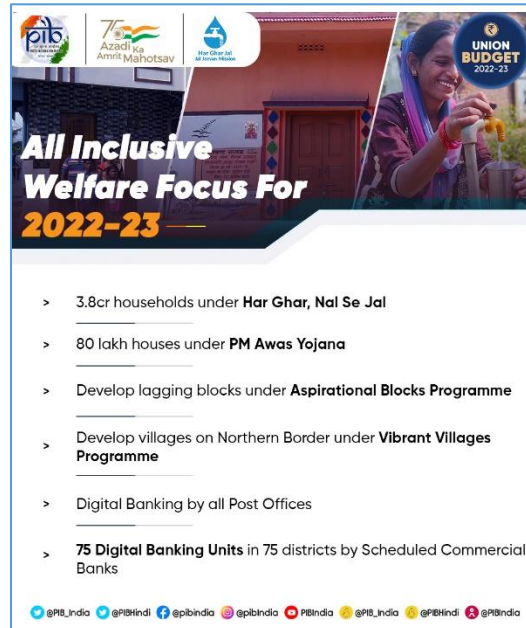
- ❖ The first geological park of India will be built in Lamheta, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Approval for the park was given by the Geological Survey of India, under the ministry of mining.
- ❖ Geopark is a unified area, which advances the protection and use of geological heritage in a sustainable manner.
- ❖ It also promotes the economic well-being of the people living there.

### **Union Budget 2022-23-Highlights**

- ❖ On February 1, 2022, the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman presented the Union budget 2022-23.
- ❖ It is India second paperless budget.

### Key highlights

- ❖ Digital Rupee is to be issued using blockchain technologies
- ❖ Issuance of E-Passports
- ❖ National Tele Mental Health programme is to be launched
- ❖ Zero Fossil Fuel policy to be introduced
- ❖ Special Economic Zones Act to be replaced with a new act
- ❖ Sovereign green bonds are to be issued
- ❖ India growth: Estimated at 9.2%
- ❖ Scheme for oilseeds to be launched: To increase domestic oil production and reduce import
- ❖ The PM Gati Shakti Master plan is to be expanded to 25,000 km
- ❖ 400 new Vande Bharat trains are to be launched
- ❖ The central and state government employees' tax deduction limit is to be increased from 10% to 14%.



The infographic features a collage of images including a woman, a house, and a water tap. It lists several welfare initiatives under the Union Budget 2022-23:

- > 3.8cr households under **Har Ghar, Nai Se Jal**
- > 80 lakh houses under **PM Awas Yojana**
- > Develop lagging blocks under **Aspirational Blocks Programme**
- > Develop villages on Northern Border under **Vibrant Villages Programme**
- > Digital Banking by all Post Offices
- > **75 Digital Banking Units** in 75 districts by Scheduled Commercial Banks

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### New Leprosy Cases in India 2020-21

- ❖ Though India was declared “leprosy-free” in 2005, it still accounts for around 60 percent of the world’s new leprosy patients.
- ❖ According to data of National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP), Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, and Jharkhand contributed around 76 percent of new leprosy.

- ❖ World Health Organization data shows that India accounted for 80 percent of the cases in southeast Asian countries.

### **Home Delivery of medicines under SeHAT scheme**



- ❖ The Ministry of Defence had launched the Services e-Health Assistance and Teleconsultation (SeHAT - Social Endeavor for Health and Telemedicine) medical teleconsultation service for all entitled armed forces personnel and their families in May 2021.
- ❖ To add further to this initiative, the Home Delivery or Self Pickup of Medicines to patients seeking consultation on SeHAT has been started w.e.f February 01, 2022.

### **Forest gain area - India**

- ❖ India ranks third in the world in terms of forest gain area.
- ❖ India has added 2,66,000 hectares of forest area every year between 2010 and 2020.
- ❖ This is according to the Economic Survey released by the Department of Economic Affairs recently.
- ❖ 24% of the total geographical area of India is covered with forest.
- ❖ The Indian forests accounts to 2% of the forests in the world.

- ❖ According to the survey, the countries with maximum forest are Brazil, Congo, Peru, and Russia.
- ❖ In India, Madhya Pradesh had the highest forest cover.
- ❖ It was followed by Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The highest proportion of forest, that is, the area covered under forest as compared to the geographical area of the state is as follows:
  - Mizoram: 85%
  - Arunachal Pradesh: 79%
  - Meghalaya: 76%

### **Issuance of Formosa Bond – SBI**



- ❖ State Bank of India (SBI) has issued \$300 million Formosa bonds and listed the issuance on India INX GIFT IFSC.
- ❖ The lender is the first Indian entity to raise money through Formosa Bond, which is a bond issued in Taiwan.
- ❖ SBI was the first issuer whose Green bonds were dually listed in November 2021 on Luxembourg Stock Exchange through an MOU that has been entered into by both Exchanges.

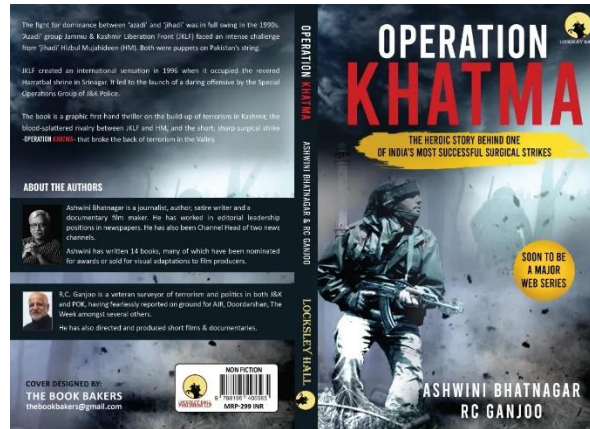
## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Operation Khatma**

- ❖ A book titled 'Operation Khatma' has been released which is authored by journalists RC Ganjoo and Ashwini Bhatnagar.



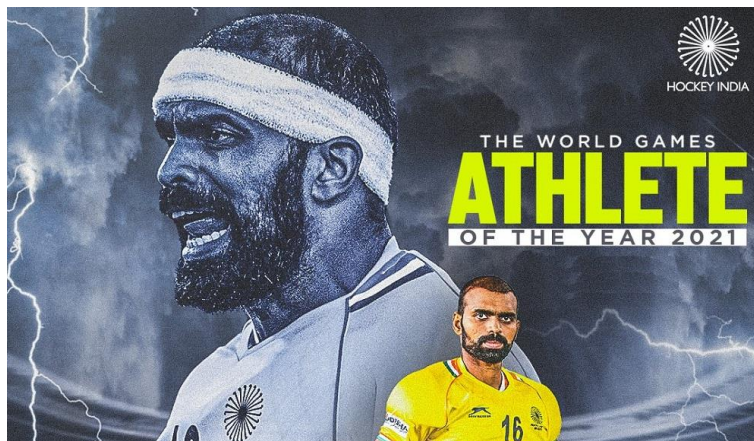
- ❖ The book is based upon the operation of the Special Operations Group of Jammu & Kashmir Police which led to the killing of 22 terrorists of the Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Front.



## SPORTS

### World Games Athlete of the Year award 2021

- ❖ Indian men's hockey player PR Sreejesh has won the World Games Athlete of the Year award for 2021.
- ❖ He is the second Indian after Rani Rampal to win this award.
- ❖ In 2020, Indian women's hockey captain Rani Rampal became the first Indian to win the honor for her performances in 2019.



### India's First Unicorn Sports Enterprise

- ❖ Chennai Super Kings (CSK), has become the country's first sports Unicorn with its market cap having touched a high of Rs 7,600 crores.

- ❖ The Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led CSK, which won its fourth IPL title in Dubai last year, now has a market cap more than its parent entity, India Cements.



### 2022 Odisha Open badminton tournament



- ❖ Indian teenager Unnati Hooda beat compatriot Smit Toshniwal to claim the women's singles title at the 2022 Odisha Open badminton tournament.
- ❖ The 14-year old Unnati is the youngest Indian to win the tournament.

- ❖ In men's singles, India's 21-year-old Kiran George beat Priyanshu Rajawat to emerge as the winner.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Wetlands Day is - February 2

- ❖ 2022 marks 51 years of the Convention on Wetlands.
- ❖ The international theme for World Wetlands Day 2022 is 'Wetlands Action for People and Nature'.
- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness about the crucial role played by wetlands for people and our planet.

