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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



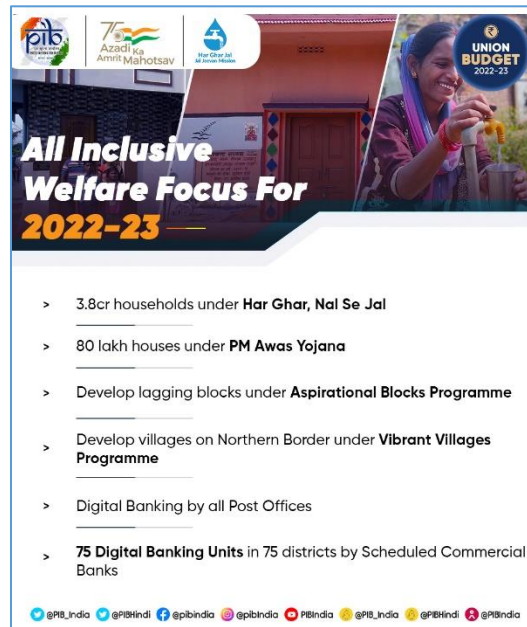
- ❖ The first geological park of India will be built in Lamheta, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Approval for the park was given by the Geological Survey of India, under the ministry of mining.
- ❖ Geopark is a unified area, which advances the protection and use of geological heritage in a sustainable 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%.



All Inclusive Welfare Focus For 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



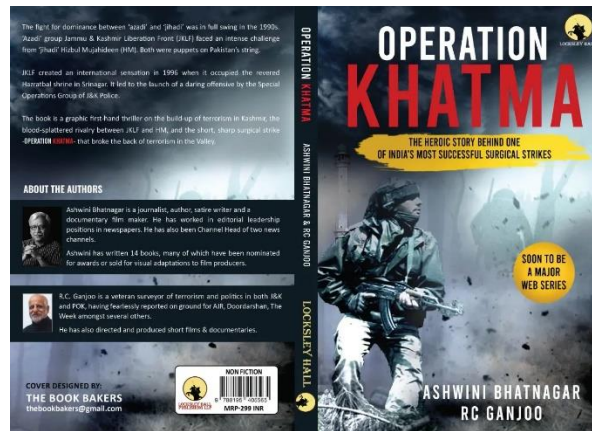
- ❖ State Bank of India (SBI) has issued \$300 million Formosa bonds and listed the issuance on India INX GIFT IFSC.
- ❖ The lender is the first Indian entity to raise money through Formosa Bond, which is a bond issued in Taiwan.
- ❖ SBI was the first issuer whose Green bonds were dually listed in November 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.

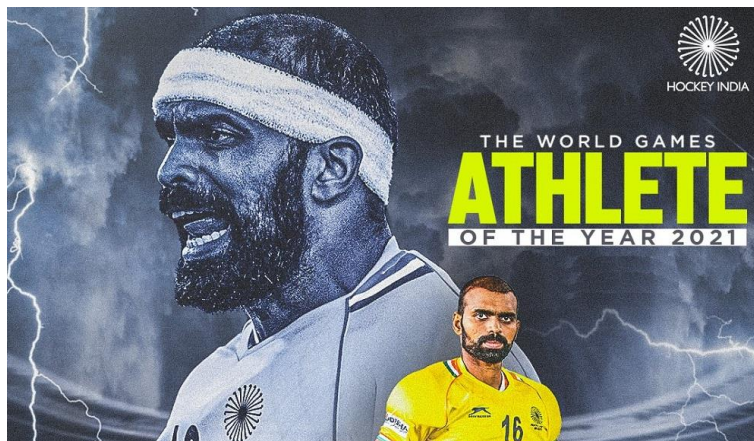
- ❖ The book is based upon the operation of the Special Operations Group of Jammu & Kashmir Police which led to the killing of 22 terrorists of the Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Front.



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 - 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.

