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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Debashis Mitra has been elected as the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the year 2022-23.
 - Aniket Sunil Talati has been elected as Vice President of the institute.
- ❖ The German President, Frank-Walter Steinmeier has been re-elected for a second term of five years by a special parliamentary assembly.
 - This is also the final term for Steinmeier.
- ❖ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the first color souvenir coin on 'Panchtantra'.
 - It was launched on the occasion of the 17th foundation day of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited.
- ❖ As part of the Maitri initiative, Australia has announced two new scholarship and cultural exchange programs for Indian students.
 - The two scholarships, Fulbright and Rhodes, will support 45 graduate and undergraduate Indian students planning to study in Australian universities.
- ❖ The Tata Group has appointed Ilker Ayci as Air India's Managing Director and CEO.
 - He is the former Turkish Airlines Chairman.

NATIONAL

India and World Food Programme (WFP)





- ❖ India signed an agreement with the United Nations World Food Programme for the distribution of 50,000 Million Tonnes of wheat.
- ❖ India is sending this to Afghanistan as part of humanitarian assistance.
- ❖ According to this MoU, the wheat will be taken through Pakistan to the Afghan border crossing and handed over to WFP officials in Kandahar.

Anti-Smuggling Day

- ❖ The FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) has taken the initiative to launch Anti-Smuggling Day.
- ❖ This will be marked on 11 February every year.
- ❖ The inaugural Anti-Smuggling Day was observed on February 11, 2022.



ISRO PSLV-C52

- ❖ The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) recently launched the PSLV – C52 rocket successfully.
- ❖ The rocket carried two small satellites and EOS - 04.
- ❖ The two small satellites were Inspiresat - 1 and INS - 2TD.
- ❖ This is the first launch of 2022.
- ❖ And it is the first launch since the failure of the EOS - 03 mission.
- ❖ The EOS - 03 failed as the cryogenic upper stage did not ignite.

- ❖ INS - 2TD is a joint satellite of India and Bhutan.



Sainya Ranakshetram



- ❖ The Indian army has conducted a first-of-its-kind Hackathon named “Sainya Ranakshetram”.
- ❖ The hackathon was conducted in the Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE), Mhow under the overall guidance of the Shimla-based Army Training Command.
- ❖ Shimla-based Army Training Command is one of the seven commands of the Indian Army.

Global Entrepreneurship Monitor report

- ❖ India is among the top five easiest places to start a new business.
- ❖ This is according to the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor 2021/2022 report.










- ❖ India is placed fourth globally.
- ❖ Saudi Arabia is at the top place and then followed by Netherlands & Sweden.



Modernization of State Police Forces Scheme

Cabinet approves umbrella scheme of **Modernisation of Police Forces**

Special provision made under the Scheme for the following

 Internal Security	 Mobility of Police Forces	 CCTNS Project
 Law and Order	 Logistics Support	 E-prison Project
 Women Security	 Hiring of Helicopters	 National Satellite Network etc
 Availability of modern weapons	 Upgradation of police wireless	

- ❖ The Government has approved the continuation of the Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

- ❖ The scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) since 1969-70.
- ❖ The objective of the scheme is to gradually reduce the dependence of the State Governments on the Army and the Central Armed Police Forces to control internal security and law and order situations.
- ❖ This will be achieved by equipping the State Police Forces adequately and strengthening their training infrastructure.

Cut in Tax on crude palm oil imports

- ❖ The Central Government cut tax on imports of crude palm oil (CPO), from 7.5 percent to 5 percent.
- ❖ Reduction in the tax is also known as “agriculture infrastructure and development cess (AIDC)”.
- ❖ It will widen the gap between refined palm oil import duties and CPO.
- ❖ The tax reduction is effectively making it cheaper for Indian refiners to import CPO.

INTERNATIONAL

Singapore Air Show 2022

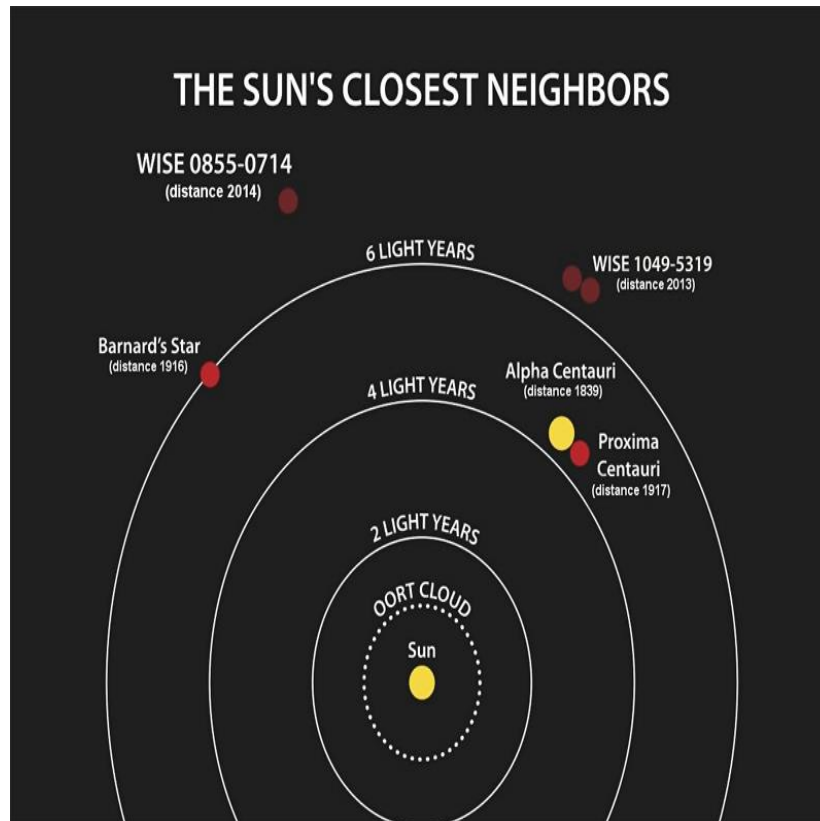


- ❖ The 44-member contingents of the Indian Air Force (IAF) have reached the Changi International Airport in Singapore to participate in the ‘Singapore Air Show-2022’.
- ❖ The IAF will showcase its indigenous Tejas MK-I during the event.

- ❖ Singapore Air Show is a biennial event that provides a platform for the Global Aviation Industry to showcase its products.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Planet Proxima d



- ❖ The European Southern Observatory has detected a new planet 'Proxima d' around Proxima Centauri.
- ❖ Proxima Centauri is the closest star to our Solar System, lying just over four light-years away.
- ❖ It is part of the Alpha Centauri star system.

STATES

Rail-cum-Road Bridge over River Ganga

- ❖ The Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar jointly inaugurated the 14.5-kilometer long 'Rail-cum-Road-Bridge' in Bihar.

- ❖ The much-awaited bridge is constructed over the River Ganga on NH 333B in Bihar's Munger region.



Hope Express - Maharashtra

- ❖ Maharashtra's Health Minister, Rajesh Tope has announced that "Hope Express" will be launched in the state to prevent cancer.
- ❖ This is the first such machine in India.
- ❖ He was speaking at the launch of a state-of-the-art Mosaic-3D radiation machine at a private hospital in Kolhapur.

FM radio channel in Central Jail

- ❖ In Madhya Pradesh, the Central Jail of Indore has started its own radio channel 'Jail Vaani-FM 18.77'.
- ❖ Through this radio channel, the jail inmates will get to know about the happening in the world.
- ❖ The radio channel will also provide the jail inmates with information on health and social issues.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

ESPNcrinfo awards

- ❖ In the 15th Edition of ESPNcrinfo Awards, India's wicketkeeper-batsman, Rishabh Pant wins the 'Test Batting' award.

- ❖ He helped India to win the Border Gavaskar Trophy 2021.
- ❖ New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson was adjudged 'Captain of the Year'.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Epilepsy Day 2022 - February 14

- ❖ International Epilepsy Day is observed every year on the Second Monday of February across the world.
- ❖ In 2022, International Epilepsy Day was observed on February 14.
- ❖ International Epilepsy Day seeks to raise awareness and educate the general public on the true facts about epilepsy and the urgent need for improved treatment, better care, and greater investment in research.

