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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The government of India will be promoting the 'Heal by India' initiative to improve India's educational institutions in the health sector.
  - Heal by India's initiative is meant to generate job opportunities abroad for India's trained professionals in the health sector.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off 100 Kisan drones in different cities and towns of India.
  - This is in order to help farmers in spraying pesticides on their farms.

## NATIONAL

### Meri Policy Mere Hath



- ❖ The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare will launch 'Meri Policy Mere Hath'.
- ❖ It is a doorstep distribution drive to deliver crop insurance policies to farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

- ❖ The campaign aims to ensure all farmers are aware of all information on their policies, land records, the process of claim, and grievance redressal under PMFBY.
- ❖ PMFBY aims to provide financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/damage arising out of natural calamities.
- ❖ PMFBY has completed 6 years of its implementation.
- ❖ It was launched by PM Modi on 18th February 2016 at Sehore, Madhya Pradesh.

### **Deloitte 2022 CxO Sustainability Report**



- ❖ The Indian businesses rank 5th in their concern for climate change
- ❖ This is as per the 'Deloitte 2022 CxO Sustainability Report: The Disconnect Between Ambition and Impact'.
- ❖ The report was released by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited (DTTL).
- ❖ DTTL is also known as Deloitte Global.
- ❖ The report examines business leaders' and companies' concerns and actions related to climate change and sustainability.
- ❖ The report also explores the disconnect between company ambition and impact, as well as steps CxOs can take to start to bridge the gap.

### **RUSA scheme**



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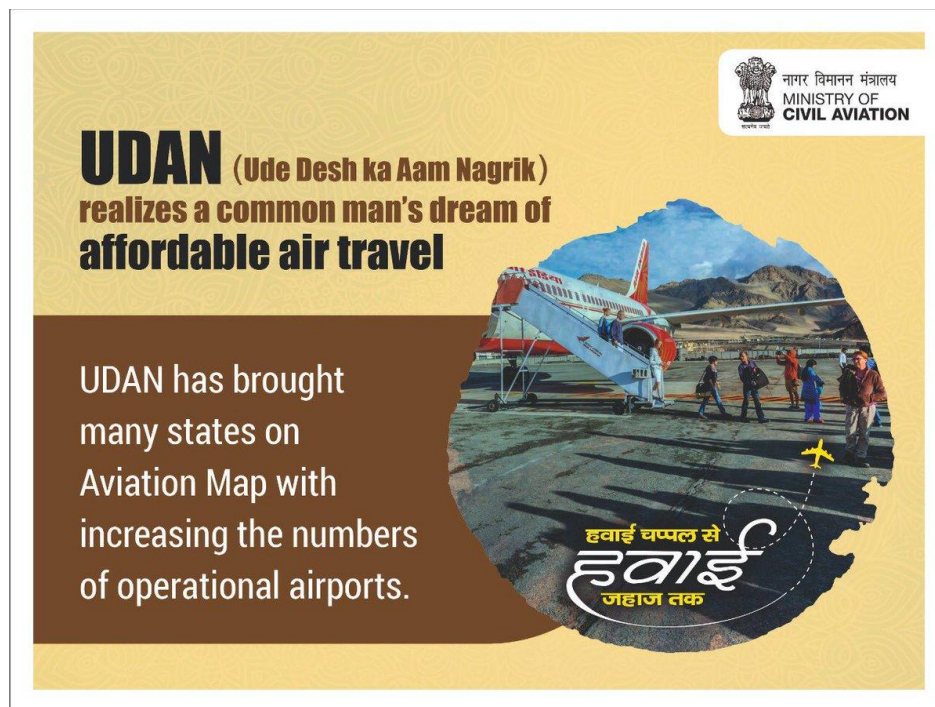
- ❖ The Ministry of Education approved the continuation of the 'Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) Scheme' till 2026.

- ❖ RUSA is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS).
- ❖ It was launched to fund state government universities and colleges for achieving the aims of equity, excellence, and access.

### Star Campaigners

- ❖ The Election Commission of India restored the maximum limit on the number of star campaigners a party can field in the ongoing Assembly elections in 5 States.
- ❖ In 2020, the commission had reduced the number of star campaigners for recognized national and State parties from 40 to 30 and unrecognized parties from 20 to 15.
- ❖ This reduction was done in order to prevent large crowds from gathering during campaigning.
- ❖ The commission said it had decided to restore the maximum limit of star campaigners, citing the fall in COVID-19 cases in the country.

### RCS UDAN - First flight between Delhi-Khajuraho



- ❖ The Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M.Scindia recently flagged off the first direct flight between Delhi and the heritage city of Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh.

- ❖ With the start of this flight, a total of 405 routes would be operationalized under the UDAN-RCS scheme.
- ❖ under the RCS-UDAN 3.0, SpiceJet was awarded the Delhi-Khajuraho-Delhi route.
- ❖ SpiceJet is the largest regional carrier and strongest supporter of the scheme.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Recent Study on Pollination of Moths**

- ❖ A study has revealed that moths are essential for pollination in northeast India's Himalayan environment.
- ❖ The study established that 91 species of moths are pollinators of 21 different species of plants in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim in the north-eastern Himalayas.
- ❖ Erebididae (tiger moths, erebid moths, lichen moths, etc) and Geometridae (geometer moths) were found to be the Himalayan region's most important families of moths for pollen transportation.
- ❖ The results are significant as most pollination research focused on daytime pollinators such as butterflies and bees.
- ❖ While the contribution of nocturnal pollinators received less scientific attention.



## **STATES**

### **Khajuraho Dance Festival**

- ❖ The Madhya Pradesh Kala Parishad organizes the Khajuraho Dance Festival.
- ❖ It is a one-week classical dance festival held annually beside the Khajuraho temples located in the Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ This year's Khajuraho Dance Festival is the 48th edition of this festival.

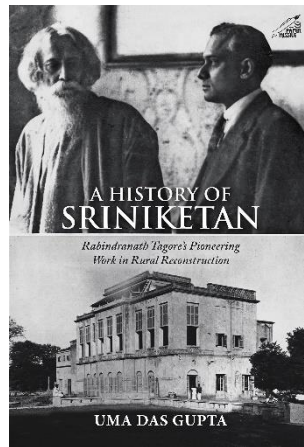
- ❖ In this festival, the Madhya Pradesh State Rupankar Kala Award and National Kalidas Award for dance will be presented to the various artists.



## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Book by Uma Das Gupta

- ❖ The book titled "A History of Sriniketan: Rabindranath Tagore's Pioneering Work in Rural Construction" was released.
- ❖ It was authored by Uma Das Gupta.
- ❖ The book contains Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore's work in 'village reconstruction' by setting up 'Sriniketan'.
- ❖ It is a wing of his Visva Bharati International University at Santiniketan in 1922.
- ❖ It is situated in West Bengal.



### India's Most Trusted Public Sector Company award

- ❖ Coal India Limited has been awarded the 'India's Most Trusted Public Sector Company' award.





- ❖ Coal India received this honor at the “Energy Meet and Excellence Award” function in Kolkata.
- ❖ It was organized by Industry Chamber “ASSOCHAM”.



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## **SPORTS**

### **International Olympic Committee session 2023**



- ❖ Mumbai, India will host the International Olympic Committee session in 2023.
- ❖ The IOC Session for 2023 will be held at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai.
- ❖ The last such session was hosted by India in the year 1983 in New Delhi.

- ❖ In 2022, the IOC session was held in Beijing, China.
- ❖ Nita Ambani is the representative of India on this committee.

## Beijing Winter Olympic Games



- ❖ The 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, China, was held from 4 to 20 February 2022.
- ❖ The Games featured a record 109 events across 15 disciplines in 7 sports.
- ❖ The venues of the Games were distributed across three zones- Beijing, Yanqing, and Zhangjiakou.
- ❖ The Presidency of the Games was formally handed over to Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, in Italy, to host the 2026 Winter Olympics.
- ❖ Norway has topped the medal table for the second successive Winter Olympics, winning a total of 37 medals.
- ❖ This is a new record for the most amount of gold medals won at a single Winter Olympics.
- ❖ Germany finished second.
- ❖ China finished third.
- ❖ The Indian team at the game was represented by one male alpine skier, Arif Khan.
- ❖ India could not win any medal at the games.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Scout Day - February 22

- ❖ It is the birth anniversary of Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of scouting.
- ❖ It is also his wife Olave Baden-Powell's birth anniversary.



- ❖ This day is also observed as World Thinking Day.



## **World Thinking Day - February 22**

- ❖ It is celebrated by all Girl Scouts, Girl Guides and other girl groups worldwide.
- ❖ The day is observed to think about fellow brothers and sisters around the world, address their concerns and understand the true meaning of guiding.
- ❖ The theme for World Thinking Day 2022 is Our World, Our Equal Future.

