

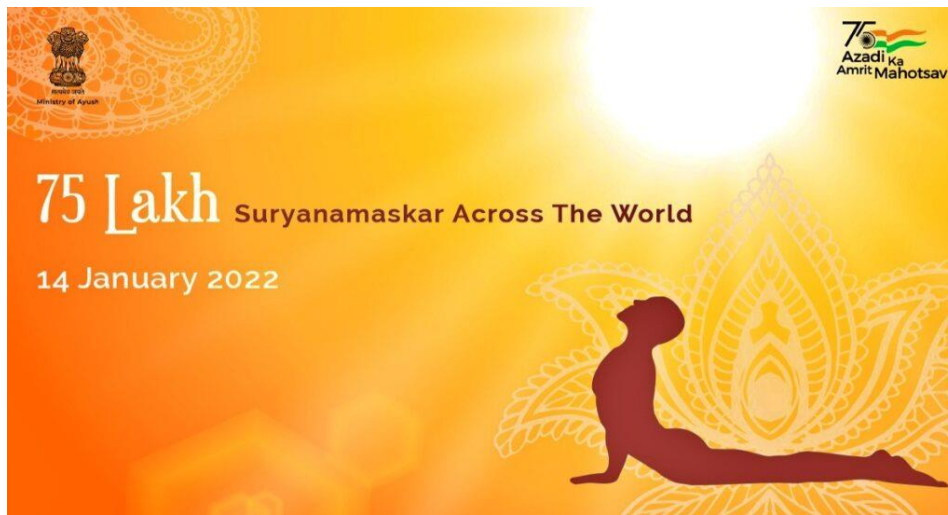
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Noida recently bagged the Cleanest Medium City (population of 3-10 Lakh) in Swachh Survekshan 2021.
 - Swachh Survekshan is an annual survey of cleanliness, hygiene, and sanitation in India carried out by Quality Council of India.

NATIONAL

Global Surya Namaskar event



- ❖ The Ministry of AYUSH has decided to organize a “Global Surya Namaskar Demonstration Programme” on the occasion of Makar Sankranti (January 14, 2022).
- ❖ The event will be organized for 75 lakh people across India.
- ❖ The Mass Surya Namaskar demonstration programme also seeks to carry the message of global warming and climate change.

International conference on academic institutions 2022

- ❖ The International Conference of Academic Institutions was organized at Vigyan Bhavan, Science City, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ❖ It was organized in coordination with the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and globally renowned universities under the aegis of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2022.

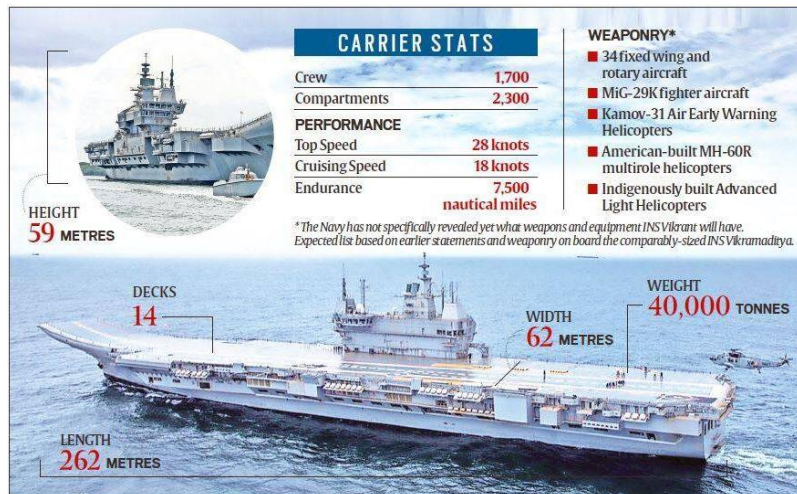
- ❖ ICAI 2022 Endeavours provided a platform to academicians, researchers, and students across the world to deliberate on diverse perspectives of the NEP - 2020 (National Education Policy) and its role in transforming higher and technical education.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS
VIBRANT GUJARAT EDUCATION SUMMIT-2022

JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY

Education Department, Government of Gujarat
Ministry of Education, Government of India
Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship,
Government of India

IAC Vikrant



- ❖ INS Vikrant (IAC-I) is the first aircraft carrier built in India.
- ❖ It has been designed by the Indian Navy's Directorate of Naval Design.
- ❖ It is being built at Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- ❖ The IAC-1 has an overall length of 263 m and a breadth of 63 m.

- ❖ It is capable of carrying 30 assorted aircraft including combat jets and helicopters.

ECONOMY

Offline transactions

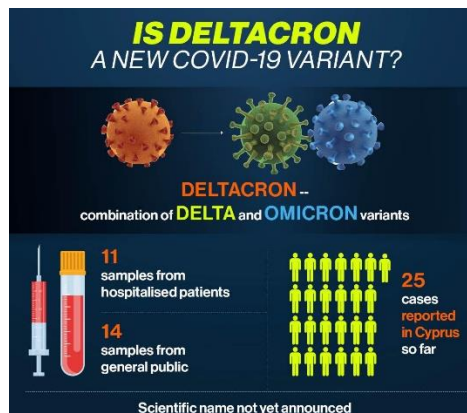
THE FRAMEWORK

- Payments can be carried out face to face using any channel or instrument like cards, wallets, mobile devices, etc
- Transactions are subject to an upper limit of ₹200; overall limit on a payment instrument shall be ₹2,000 at any point in time
- Transactions would not require an Additional Factor of Authentication
- But, replenishment of used limit shall be allowed only in online mode with AFA
- Offline mode of payment can be enabled only after obtaining specific consent of the customer

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a framework for small value offline transactions in digital mode.
- ❖ Offline payments can be made using any channel or means such as cards, wallets, or mobile devices.
- ❖ But they will be done in close proximity, or only in face-to-face mode.
- ❖ Offline transactions are expected to boost digital transactions in areas with poor or weak internet or telecom connectivity, especially in semi-urban and rural areas

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

New Covid Strain 'Deltacron'



- ❖ A strain of Covid-19 combining delta and omicron was found in Cyprus.

- ❖ The discovery has been named “deltacron”.
- ❖ It was named this way because of the identification of omicron-like genetic signatures within delta genomes.

STATES

Urban Forest Parks mobile app

- ❖ Telangana launches the first of its kind mobile app called the Urban Forest Parks mobile app.
- ❖ It is an exclusive mobile app that gives all information about theme-based Urban Forest Parks.
- ❖ It facilitates the visitors to plan their visits and journey.

International Craft Award



- ❖ The Kerala Arts and Crafts Village near Kovalam has won the 2021 International Craft Award for the best craft village of the year.
- ❖ It is an institution established by the Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society for the state tourism department.
- ❖ The ‘Kraf Komuniti Ku’ craft village in Malaysia was selected as the best village for the previous year.

First Heli-hub

- ❖ Gurugram of Haryana will get India’s first Heli-hub with all aviation facilities.

- ❖ The Heli-hub will be the first of its kind in the country to have all facilities at one place for helicopters.
- ❖ All kinds of aviation facilities for helicopters such as heliport, hangars, maintenance of air taxis, and chartered helicopters will be available.



Losoong festival



- ❖ Losoong (Namsoong) is annually celebrated across the Indian State of Sikkim on the 18th day of the 10th month of the Tibetan Lunar Calendar.
- ❖ It also marks the beginning of the harvest season.
- ❖ The losoong festival is celebrated as Sonam Losoong, by the Sikkimese Bhutia, and as Namsoong by the Lepchas.

- ❖ The festival is also celebrated in Nepal and Bhutan.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Dr. Subhas Mukherjee Award

- ❖ A professor in the clinical embryology department at Kasturba Medical College, Manipal in Karnataka Dr. Satish Adiga has been selected by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for its national award.
- ❖ He will receive Dr. Subhas Mukherjee Award from ICMR.
- ❖ This is in recognition for his outstanding contribution to the field of in-vitro fertilization.
- ❖ He has contributed significantly to both clinical IVF and fertility research.

Urjit Patel



- ❖ Urjit Patel was recently appointed as the Vice President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.
- ❖ He served as the 24th Governor of RBI (Reserve Bank of India).
- ❖ He was born in Kenya.

Golden Globe Awards 2022

- ❖ The winners of the Golden Globe Awards 2022 were announced by Hollywood Foreign Press Association of the USA in a private ceremony on January 10, 2021.
- ❖ This year, the event was not televised or live streamed and did not involve any celebrity presenter or nominee, and had no red carpet.
- ❖ Netflix's 'The Power of the Dog' won Best Film-Drama at the Golden Globe Awards 2022.

- ❖ 20th Century Studios' West Side Story won Best Film– Musical or Comedy.
- ❖ HBO series Succession won Golden Globe award 2022 for best television series-drama and
- ❖ HBO Max's Hacks won Best Television series-musical or comedy.
- ❖ Will Smith won his first-ever Golden Globe award for his role in the 2021 film 'King Richard'.
- ❖ Nicole Kidman won Golden Globe for Best Actress for her role in the film 'Being the Ricardos'.
- ❖ The Power of the Dog also won the Golden Globe award 2022 for Best Director.



SPORTS

World Deaf T20 Cricket championship 2023



- ❖ The All-India Sports Council of the Deaf has got approval from the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) to host the first World Deaf T20 Cricket Championship.

- ❖ The first World Deaf T20 cricket championship will be held in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala from January 10 to January 20, 2023.

73rd chess Grandmaster



Bharath Subramaniam has become the year's first Indian GM.

- ❖ Fourteen-year-old Bharath Subramaniam from Tamilnadu became India's 73rd chess Grand master.
- ❖ He secured the third and final Grandmaster norm at an event at Cattolica in Italy.
- ❖ Fellow Indian player M R Lalith Babu became the winner in the tournament.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Hindi Day - January 10

- ❖ The day is celebrated since 2006 to promote the language on the global stage.
- ❖ The day marks the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference which was inaugurated on January 10, 1975, by the then prime minister Indira Gandhi.
- ❖ However, the celebration of the first World Hindi Day was commenced on 10 January 2006 by former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh.

- ❖ The language got its name from the Persian term 'Hind' which means 'the land of Indus'.

