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### First Green Energy state

- ❖ Himachal Pradesh targets to be first 'green energy state' by 2025.
- ❖ It had set a target to harness hydropower, hydrogen, and solar energy to preserve environment.

### Best Police station in India



- ❖ Aska police station in Ganjam district of Odisha was awarded as the best police station in the country by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- ❖ Ranking of police stations is an annual exercise conducted by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ❖ The stations are judged on the basis of 165 different parameters like crime rate, investigation and disposal of cases, infrastructure and delivery of public service.

### India's Civil 20 Engagement Group (C20)

- ❖ It is the official engagement group of the country's G20 leadership representing the voices of non-profit, voluntary citizens' groups in service to society.
- ❖ It has been inaugurated at Amritapuri in Kerala's Kollam district.
- ❖ Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi (Amma) is the Chair of C20.
- ❖ There are nine engagement groups on the non-government side of the G20.
- ❖ These groups make policy recommendations to G20 leaders and help shape them.

- ❖ Business 20, Civil 20, Labour 20, Parliament 20, Science 20, SAI 20, Startup 20, Think 20, Urban 20, Women 20, and Youth 20 are the nine groups.



### **Business 20 inception**



- ❖ The Business 20 (B20) inception meeting began in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ❖ It is being held as part of the G20.
- ❖ The meeting was headed by Mr Chandrasekaran, Head of TATA sons.

- ❖ The B20 India 2023 dialogue is taking place under the theme of 'RAISE'.
- ❖ It is an acronym for Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable and Equitable Businesses.
- ❖ The meeting was attended by G20 Sherpa, business delegates, CEO, railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal, etc.
- ❖ For the first time, there will be a special task force for Africa in the meet.
- ❖ India's G20 Sherpa is Amitabh Kant, chief executive officer of NITI Aayog.
- ❖ India is among the top five best performing nations in achieving climate targets, and is the only G20 country to get this place.

### **Strategic Partnership – India and Egypt**



- ❖ India and Egypt agreed to elevate their bilateral ties to "Strategic Partnership".
- ❖ It is covering political, security, defence, energy and economic aspects.
- ❖ The trade between the countries is touching 12 billion USD in the last five years.
- ❖ With Egypt, India has signed the agreement on terrorism.
- ❖ Also, the agreement will focus in areas such as cyber security, Information Technology, youth, culture, and broadcasting.
- ❖ India sees Egypt as a Gateway to the European and African countries.
- ❖ India has also invited Egypt as a special guest for the G-20 summit.
- ❖ India and Egypt are founding partners of the non-aligned movement in world affairs.

### **Renaming of Andaman Islands**

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi named 21 Islands in Andaman and Nicobar after recipients of India's highest military decoration, the Param Vir Chakra.



- ❖ The naming was done on the occasion of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's 126th birth anniversary
- ❖ Modi also unveiled the model of a proposed memorial dedicated to Bose, to be set up in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- ❖ The memorial to Netaji will be located on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep, which was called Ross Island before 2018.
- ❖ The largest unnamed island was named after the first Param Vir Chakra awardee.
- ❖ The second largest unnamed island after the second Param Vir Chakra awardee.
- ❖ The first recipient of the award was Major Somnath Sharma.
- ❖ He lost his life while fighting against Pakistani infiltrators near Srinagar airport on November 3, 1947.

Below are all the 21 islands that were named

1. Dhan Singh Island after Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Dhan Singh Thapa
2. Tarapore Island after Lt Col Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore
3. Karam Singh Island after Lance Naik (Hony. Captain) Karam Singh
4. Bana Island after Naib Subedar Bana Singh
5. Ekka Island after Lance Naik Albert Ekka
6. Khetrapal Island after 2nd Lt Arun Khetrapal
7. Pandey Island after Lt Manoj Kumar Pandey
8. Hoshiar Island after Major Hoshiar Singh
9. Shaitan Island after Major Shaitan Singh
10. Jadunath Island after Nayak Jadunath Singh
11. Yogender Island after Subedar Major (Hony. Captain) Yogendra Singh Yadav
12. Hamid Island after Company Quartermaster Havildar (COMH) Abdul Hamid
13. Rane Island after 2nd Lt Rama Raghoba Rane
14. Ramaswamy Island after Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran
15. Batra Island after Captain Vikram Batra
16. Joginder Island after Subedar Joginder Singh
17. Salaria Island after Captain G S Salaria (then Major)
18. Piru Island after Company Havildar Major Piru Singh
19. Somnath Island after Major Somnath Sharma
20. Sekhon Island after Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon
21. Sanjay Island after Subedar Major (then Rifleman) Sanjay Kumar

## **Republic Day Parade 2023**

- ❖ 'Nari Shakti' dominates Tableaux of Several States at Republic Day Parade of 2023.
- ❖ Kerala's tableau portrayed Karthyayani Amma, the winner of Nari Shakti Puraskar in 2020 who topped the literacy examination at the age of 96.
- ❖ Kerala has the highest women's literacy rate in the country and has the world's largest women's self-help network, Kudumbashree.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's tableau was based on women empowerment and culture of the state.
- ❖ The front portion of the tableau showcased a statue of poet Avvaiyar, an icon for intellectual women.
- ❖ On either side of the front portion, the statue of Veeramangal Velu Naachiar riding on a horse is placed.
- ❖ She was the queen of Sivaganga (1780-90).
- ❖ The middle portion of the tableau showcased statues of eminent women personalities namely
- ❖ Carnatic singer M S Subbulakshmi, the great Bharatanatyam exponent Tanjore Balasaraswati,
- ❖ Social reformer and doctor Muthulakhmi Reddy,
- ❖ Author and political activist of the Dravidian Movement Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar and
- ❖ Pappammal, a popular organic farmer still active at the age of 105 in her agriculture field.



### **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2023**

- ❖ It is formerly called the National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement.
- ❖ It is India's highest civilian honour for children.
- ❖ It was awarded annually by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- ❖ The award has two categories.

- ❖ Bal Shakti Puraskar is awarded to Indian citizens under the age of 18 for outstanding achievement in innovation, scholastic achievements, social service, arts and culture, bravery, or sports.
- ❖ Bal Kalyan Puraskar is given to individuals or organisations that have made outstanding contributions in child development, child protection, or child welfare.
- ❖ In 2023, this award was given to 11 children (six boys and five girls) from 11 different states and union territories.



### **Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2023**



- ❖ It is to recognize and honour the invaluable contribution and selfless service rendered by individuals and organizations in India in the field of disaster management.

- ❖ For the year 2023, Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) and Lunglei Fire Station (LFS), Mizoram, both in the Institutional category, have been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2023 for their excellent work in Disaster Management.

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

### **Balkrishna Vitaldas Doshi (1927-2023)**

- ❖ Indian architect BV Doshi has passed away, at the age of 95, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ❖ Trained under Le Corbusier, he was the only Indian to have been awarded the Pritzker Architecture Prize.
- ❖ He was a Pioneer of Indian modernist architecture.
- ❖ He won the gold medal awarded by the Royal Institute of British Architects in 2022.
- ❖ Doshi was known for designing the buildings of the Ahmedabad-based Centre for Environment and Planning Technology (CEPT) and Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute.

