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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The National Academy of Agricultural Research Management has bagged the Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021 for its overall performance.
- ❖ Filmmaker K.P. Kumaran has been chosen for the prestigious J.C. Daniel Award for 2021.
 - It is conferred by the Kerala government annually in recognition to an individual's contributions to Malayalam cinema.
- ❖ Elon Musk terminates the \$44 billion offer to buy Twitter after the company failed to provide enough information about the number of fake accounts.

NATIONAL

Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan

- ❖ Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan is a movement launched by the central government under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ❖ It aims to encourage people to bring the hoist the Tiranga to mark the 75th year of India's independence.



Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011

- ❖ The Department of Consumer Affairs vide the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities), (Second Amendment) Rules 2022.
- ❖ It has allowed electronic products to declare certain mandatory declarations through the QR Code for a period of one year, if not declared in the package itself.
- ❖ This amendment will allow the industry to declare the elaborated information in digital form through the QR Code.

- ❖ Earlier, all the pre-packaged commodities including the electronic products were required to declare all the mandatory declarations as per the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities), Rules 2011 on the package.

Amendments to Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011



INTERNATIONAL

Jeddah Summit for Security and Development



- ❖ The Jeddah Security and Development Summit was organised in Jeddah city of Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ It aimed at boosting the countries' joint cooperation across all the areas.
- ❖ They applauded the "Saudi Green Initiative" and "Middle East Green Initiative".

- ❖ The setting up of Combined Task Force 153 and Task Force 59 were discussed.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

India's first Human passenger drone



- ❖ India's first human carrying platform pilot-less drone made its debut in New Delhi.
- ❖ This 'Varuna' drone has been designed and developed by a start-up, Sagar Defence Engineering.
- ❖ It has the capacity to carry one person inside.
- ❖ It has a range of 25 kms with a payload of 130 kgs and around 25-33 minutes of endurance.

ENVIRONMENT

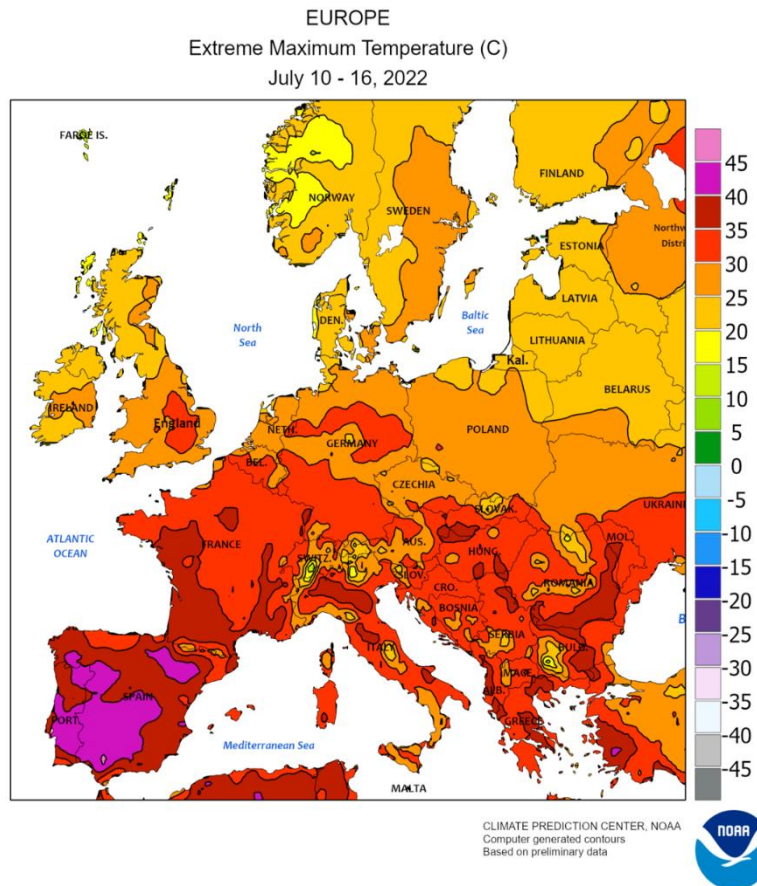
13th Petersburg Climate Dialogue

- ❖ The 13th Petersburg Climate Dialogue held at Berlin, Germany.
- ❖ The two-day informal ministerial meet was chaired by Germany and Egypt.
- ❖ They are the hosts of this year's annual climate meet (COP-27).

- ❖ This informal ministerial meeting proposes to build consensus and provide political direction to resolve divergences aimed at improving the implementation of climate action.



Heat Wave



- ❖ Over 2,000 people have died in Spain and Portugal due to an unprecedented heat wave moves through Europe.
- ❖ Spain was gripped by a heatwave affecting much of Western Europe.
- ❖ It increased the temperatures as high as 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit).
- ❖ It is the third most intense heatwave in terms of its geographic extension and duration" since modern records began in 1975.
- ❖ Only two other heatwaves lasted longer: one in July 2015 (26 days) and another in August 2003 (16 days).

World's oldest male giant panda

- ❖ World's oldest male giant panda in captivity dies at the age of 35 in Hong Kong.
- ❖ The panda, called An An, was euthanized at the age of 35.
- ❖ This is equivalent of a human living till 105.
- ❖ An An, together with its mate Jia Jia, was gifted to Hong Kong from China's central government in 1999.
- ❖ His female mate Jia Jia died in 2016 at the age of 38.
- ❖ It became the oldest female panda in captivity.
- ❖ The average life expectancy of the species is below 20 years in the wild.

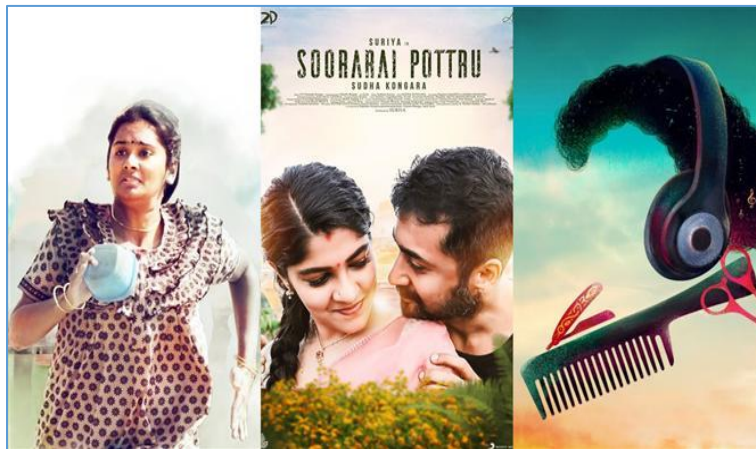


PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

68th National Film Awards 2022

- ❖ This year's awards ceremony honoured films from 2020 as well due to COVID-19-related delays.

- ❖ Soorarai Pottru won three of the four biggest awards.
- ❖ ‘Tanhaji The Unsung Warrior’ also got major trophies.
- ❖ The National Film Awards is the most prominent film award ceremony in India from 1954.
- ❖ Some Important awardees
 - Best Feature Film: Soorarai Pottru
 - Best Director: Sachidanandan KR for Ayyappanum Koshiyum
 - Best Actor: Suriya for Soorarai Pottru and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji
 - Best Actress: Aparna Balamurali for Soorarai Pottru
 - Best Background Score: Soorarai Pottru (Tamil) - GV Prakash Kumar
 - Best Supporting Actress: Lakshmi Priya Chandramouli for Sivaranjanियum Innam Sila Pengallum
 - Best Editing: Sreekar Prasad for Sivaranjiniyum Innum Sila Pengalum
 - Best Screenplay: Soorarai Pottru (Sudha Kongara), and Mandela (Madonne Ashwin)
 - Best Feature Film in Tamil: Sivaranjiniyum Innum Sila Pengalum.
 - Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director: Mandela (Tamil) - Madonne Ashwin
 - Most Film Friendly State: Madhya Pradesh



SPORTS

36th National Games logo

- ❖ The 36th National Games will be held in Gujarat from September 28-October 10.

- ❖ The logo for the 36th National Games 2022, featuring the Asiatic lion, was unveiled recently.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Flag Day - July 22



- ❖ It was the day that the tricolour was adopted in its present form in 1947 as India's national flag.
- ❖ The members of the Indian Constituent Assembly met in the Constitution Hall in Delhi for this on July 22, 1947.

- ❖ A motion to adopt the national flag for free India was introduced by Jawaharlal Nehru.

World Brain Day - July 22

- ❖ It aims to create awareness on brain health.
- ❖ The World Federation of Neurology which was established on the same day in 1957.
- ❖ It had proposed to observe the day as World Brain Day in the year 2014.
- ❖ The theme of the day is “Brain Health for all”



MISCELLANEOUS

Opium production and processing



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- ❖ India has opened up the highly regulated sector of producing and processing opium to private players.



- ❖ Bajaj Healthcare has become the first company to win tenders for producing concentrated poppy straw.
- ❖ It would use to derive alkaloids that are the active pharmaceutical ingredient in pain medication and cough syrups.
- ❖ The Central Bureau of Narcotics, Gwalior, licenses farmers to cultivate opium poppy; supervises and controls the cultivation; and procures the opium produced by the licenced cultivators.

