

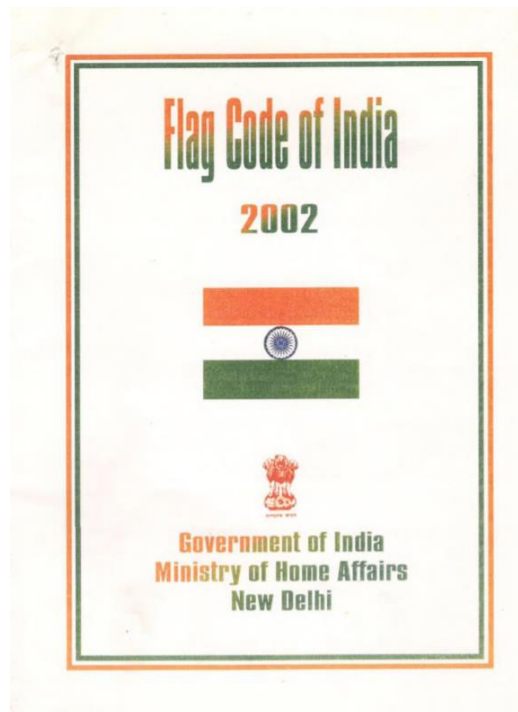
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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The first Khelo India Fencing Women's League will be hosted by Talkatora Indoor Stadium in New Delhi.
- ❖ NTPC has been recognized as one of the "Most Preferred Workplaces of 2022" in the premier edition, organized by Team Marksmen in association with India Today.
- ❖ Vodafone Idea has appointed Akshaya Moondra as its chief executive officer for a period of three years.
- ❖ Dinesh Gunawardena has been appointed as the new and 15th Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, by President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

## NATIONAL

### The Flag Code of India



- ❖ The Flag Code of India is a set of laws and conventions concerning the use, display, and hoisting of the Indian national flag in the country.
- ❖ It was brought into effect on January 26, 2002.
- ❖ On July 20, 2022, the Centre amended the Flag Code of India.

- ❖ This is allowing the national flag to be flown both in the day and at night if it is displayed in the open or on the house of a member of the public.
- ❖ Earlier, the tricolour could be hoisted only between sunrise and sunset.
- ❖ In an earlier amendment dated December 30, 2021, the government had allowed the use of machine-made and polyester flags.
- ❖ Previously, such flags were not allowed to be used.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Russia and Turkey Grain Export Deal

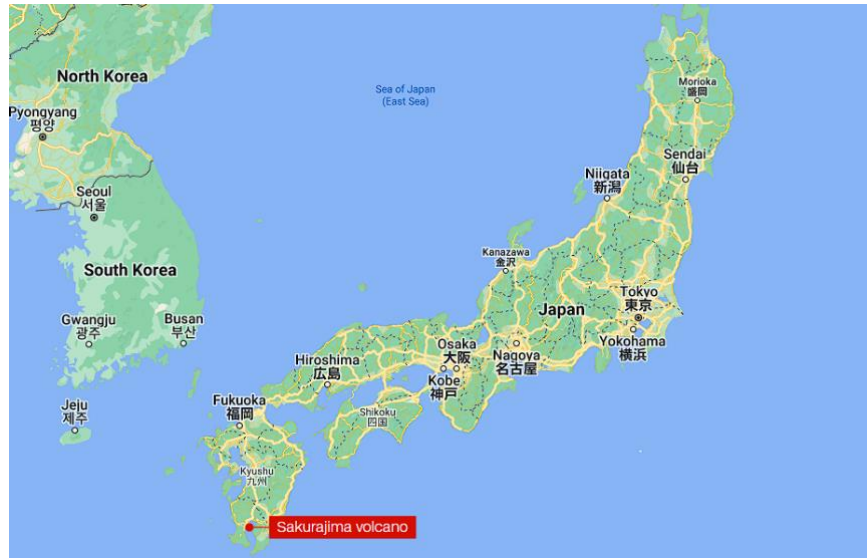


- ❖ The Russian and Ukrainian ministers signed separate but identical agreements with UN and Turkish officials.
- ❖ With this, grain shipments could ease a global food crisis in which millions face hunger.
- ❖ The deal was signed in Turkish capital Istanbul.

### Sakurajima volcano

- ❖ Japan's Sakurajima volcano erupted recently.

- ❖ It is located on the island of Kyushu near the Pacific Ocean.
- ❖ It is one of Japan's most active volcanoes and eruptions of varying levels take place on a regular basis.
- ❖ It is an active stratovolcano.
- ❖ The largest historical eruptions of Sakurajima took place during 1471-76 and in 1914.



## ENVIRONMENT

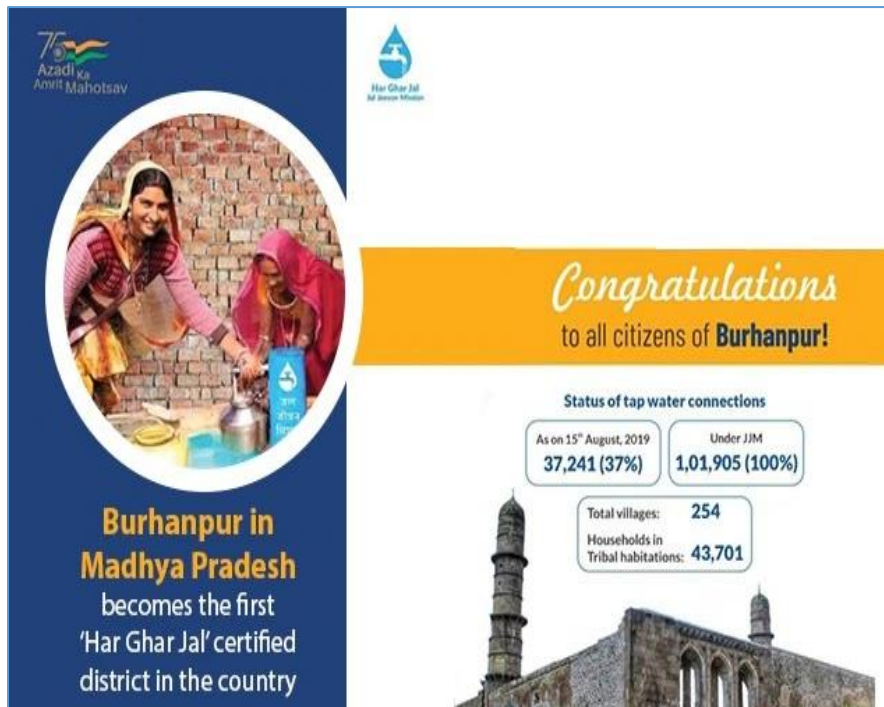
### New Ramsar Sites in India 2022



- ❖ Five more wetlands of India have got international importance tag of Ramsar sites.
- ❖ Now totally, 54 such Ramsar sites are in the country.
- ❖ The newly designated sites are
  - Karikili Bird Sanctuary - Tamil Nadu,
  - Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest - Tamil Nadu
  - Pichavaram Mangrove - Tamil Nadu
  - Pala wetland - Mizoram
  - Sakhya Sagar - Madhya Pradesh.

## STATES

### First Certified 'Har Ghar Jal' district



The infographic features a circular image of two women in traditional attire filling a water pot from a tap. Text on the left side reads: "Burhanpur in Madhya Pradesh becomes the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified district in the country". The right side contains a table of statistics and a photograph of a mosque.

Status of tap water connections	
As on 15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019	Under JJM
37,241 (37%)	1,01,905 (100%)
Total villages:	254
Households in Tribal habitations:	43,701

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh's Burhanpur became the first Certified 'Har Ghar Jal' district in the Country.
- ❖ This is the only district in the country, people from each of 254 villages in Burhanpur have declared their villages as 'Har Ghar Jal' through a resolution passed by Gram Sabhas.
- ❖ Jal Jeevan Mission was launched on August 15, 2019.



- ❖ Under this scheme, 55 litres of water per person is being provided to every rural household.

### **India's first brain health clinic**

- ❖ Karnataka health minister inaugurated India's first brain collaborative health clinic in Bengaluru.
- ❖ It has been established by the state health dept under the Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (KaBHI) in association with NIMHANS.



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

### **Golden Visa to Kamal Hasan**



- ❖ Tamil actor Kamal Haasan has been given the prestigious Golden Visa by the United Arab Emirates.
- ❖ The UAE Golden Visa is an extended resident visa programme which lasts between five and ten years.
- ❖ The visa is perpetually extended.

- ❖ It is given to high performers in a variety of industries, as well as to professionals, investors, and those with potential skills.

### **Highest taxpayers**

- ❖ Rajinikanth and Akshay Kumar were honoured by the Income Tax Department in recognition of their contribution towards nation-building.
- ❖ Rajinikanth was felicitated for paying his taxes regularly.
- ❖ The highest taxpayer in India, Akshay Kumar, was honoured with 'samman patra.'



## **SPORTS**

### **World Athletics Championships - world record**



- ❖ Tobi Amusan won the 100 metres hurdles gold at the World Athletics Championships.
- ❖ This is the Nigeria's first gold medal in this competition.

- ❖ After breaking the world record in her semifinal heat with a time of 12.12 seconds, she even made a faster time for the final.
- ❖ Sweden's Armand Duplantis won his gold medal in the pole vault with new world record.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Drowning Prevention Day - July 25

- ❖ This day aims to collectively start action towards drowning prevention with the objective of making the world sustainably-developed.
- ❖ Drowning is among the major causes of death for people aged 1 to 24 years.
- ❖ It is the third leading cause for unintentional injury death.
- ❖ It accounts for 7% of all injury-related deaths.

**World Drowning Prevention Day 2022**  
*Do One Thing – to prevent drowning*

**INDIVIDUALS** are encouraged to:

- Share water safety advice
- Sign up for swimming and water safety lessons
- Support local drowning prevention charities and groups

**GROUPS** are encouraged to:

- Launch water safety campaigns
- Commit to developing or delivering new drowning prevention programmes
- Host public information events (workshops, seminars)
- Share stories of your work

**GOVERNMENTS** are encouraged to:

- Announce new drowning prevention policies, strategies, legislation, or investment
- Announce or commit to support drowning prevention programming domestically or internationally
- Convene multi-sectoral roundtables or parliamentary discussion

### World IVF Day - July 25

- ❖ On July 25, 1978, Louise Joy Brown became the first baby to be born through in vitro fertilisation (IVF) method.
- ❖ Robert Edwards received a Nobel Prize in 2010 for the development of IVF.



- ❖ IVF refers to a process of fertilisation where an egg is combined with sperm in vitro (meaning in glass).



## Kargil Vijay Diwas - July 26

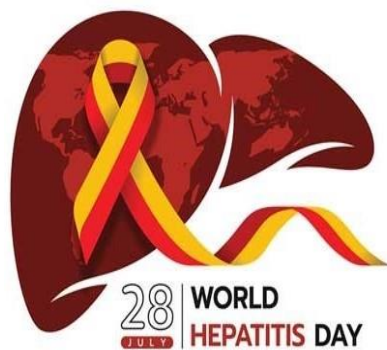




- ❖ The day is celebrated to mark India's victory in Kargil War against Pakistan.
- ❖ Year 2022 marked the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of India's victory.
- ❖ Kargil war was fought between May 1999 to July 1999 in Kargil-Drass sector of Jammu & Kashmir.
- ❖ The Pakistan troops had illegally invaded the mountain tops of Northern Kargil District in Ladakh.
- ❖ The Indian Army launched the "Operation Vijay" and regain its control over the region.

### **World Hepatitis Day - July 28**

- ❖ It aims to create awareness among people about the viral disease.
- ❖ This year's theme is "Bringing hepatitis care closer to you".
- ❖ In 1967, American Physician Baruch Samuel Blumberg discovered the Hepatitis B virus.
- ❖ In order to honour the Nobel Prize-winning scientist his birthday, July 28, was chosen as World Hepatitis Day.
- ❖ The hepatitis virus has five primary strains, known as types A, B, C, D and E.
- ❖ The World Hepatitis Alliance was founded in the year 2007.
- ❖ The first community-organised World Hepatitis Day was observed in 2008.



### **World Hepatitis Day 2022: Act Now!**

- ✓ Every year, on 28th July the world joins together to raise awareness about hepatitis
- ✓ Hepatitis-related illness, claiming one life every 30 seconds, needs immediate attention
- ✓ This year's theme highlights the need to bring hepatitis care closer to people

