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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Elon Musk become the top-paid chief executive officer in 2021, according to the Fortune 500 index.

NATIONAL

Charge of Lokpal chair

- ❖ President has given Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty the additional charge of Lokpal chairperson.
- ❖ He holds this position after Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose completed his term as the Lokpal chief.
- ❖ The Lokpal is headed by a chairperson and can have eight members.
- ❖ At present, there are six members in the Lokpal.
- ❖ Two posts of judicial members have been lying vacant for over two years.
- ❖ A Lokpal chief and members are appointed for a term of five years or until attaining the age of 70 years.

Gen Next Democracy Network



- ❖ The Indian Council for Cultural Relations' (ICCR) ten days programme Gen Next Democracy Network concluded.

- ❖ Youth from democratic countries come to India under the Gen Next Democracy Network programme.
- ❖ In the closing ceremony, 27 delegates from six countries- Ghana, Bangladesh, Peru, Nepal, Brunei and Norway shared their experiences of visiting India.
- ❖ ICCR was founded under the Ministry of External Affairs in 1950 by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of independent India.
- ❖ It is involved in India's global cultural relations, through cultural exchange with other countries and their people.

Extension of PMEGP



- ❖ The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been extended for another five years, until FY26.
- ❖ The Government of India approved the introduction of a new credit-linked subsidy programme called PMEGP by combining two schemes.
- ❖ The two schemes are Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP).

Top sugar producer states

- ❖ After a five-year gap, Maharashtra has overtaken Uttar Pradesh to regain its position as India's top sugar producer.



- ❖ This state's output for the 2021-22 crushing year (October-September) at 138 lakh tonnes (lt).
- ❖ That is an all-time-high, beating the previous 107.21 lt of 2018-19.

TOP SUGAR PRODUCING STATES					
(IN LAKH TONNES)					
YEAR (OCT-SEP)	MAHARASHTRA	UTTAR PRADESH	KARNATAKA	GUJARAT	ALL-INDIA
2013-14	76.85	64.87	41.77	11.77	243.60
2014-15	105.07	71.01	49.35	11.54	283.13
2015-16	84.24	68.55	40.49	11.68	251.25
2016-17	42.38	87.73	21.44	8.85	202.62
2017-18	107.05	120.50	36.58	10.67	323.28
2018-19	107.21	118.22	44.29	11.23	331.62
2019-20	61.70	126.37	35.00	9.30	273.85
2020-21	106.30	110.59	44.65	10.50	311.20
2021-22*	138.00	104.00	60.00	12.00	355.50

**Projected*

INTERNATIONAL

World's largest petroleum research Centre

- ❖ Kuwait plans to start building the world's largest petroleum research centre.
- ❖ The centre, to be built in al-Ahmadi, south of Kuwait City, will have 28 laboratories.
- ❖ It will seek to develop improved production and refining techniques that can be used by the industry for different applications including the extraction of heavy crude and non-associated gas.

ECONOMY

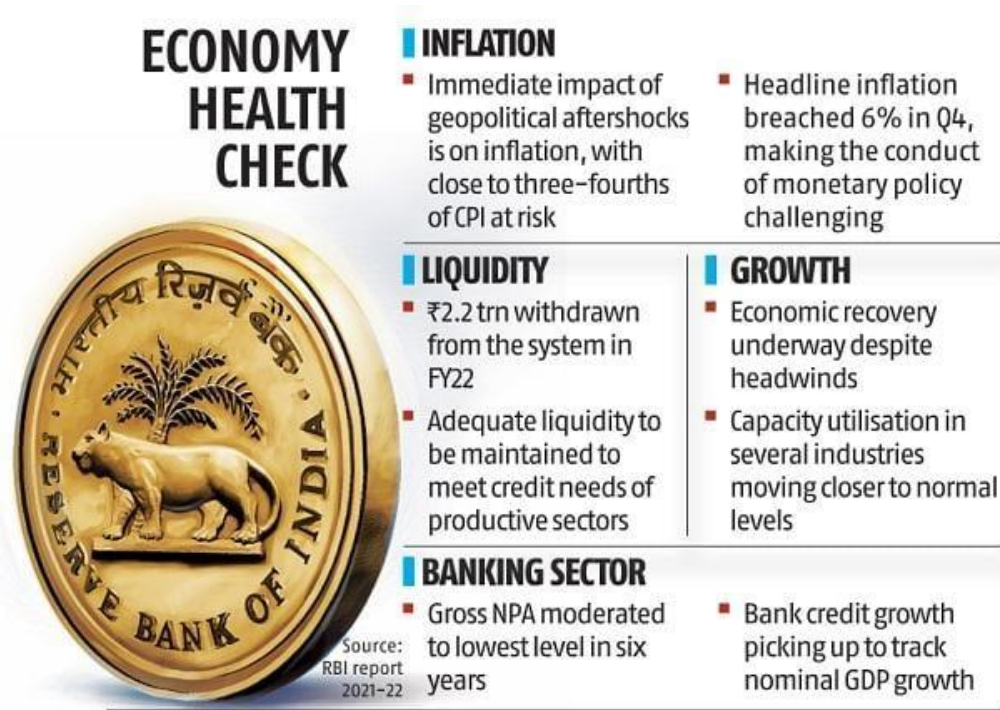
Banknote Survey of Consumers

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India released Banknote Survey of Consumers'.
- ❖ It revealed that, among banknotes, Rs100 was the most preferred while Rs 2,000 was the least preferred denomination.

- ❖ The RBI survey also found out that the total number of Rs 2000 notes comprised only 214 crores or 1.6 per cent of the total currency notes in circulation.

RBI Annual Report 2021-22

- ❖ The central bank has highlighted that the Indian economy will most likely bounce back despite the present global risks.
- ❖ In 2020-21, counterfeit notes saw a decline.
- ❖ But in 2021-22 counterfeit notes witness a 10.7 per cent increase.
- ❖ Rs 500 denomination fake currencies rose by 102 per cent in 2021-22.
- ❖ Also, fake Rs 2,000 notes increased by 55 per cent.
- ❖ The monetary policy of the RBI has revised the real GDP growth for 2022-23 to 7.2 percent.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

First semi-high speed freight train

- ❖ The Railways is aiming to introduce the country's first semi-high speed freight train named the 'Gati Shakti' train by December 2022.
- ❖ The semi high-speed freight train can clock 160 km per hour.

- ❖ Presently plans are going to make 25 such trains at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai.

The infographic is divided into two main sections. The top section is titled 'Pragati Bharat ki Gati Shakti' and features a central image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi waving. The left side of this section is titled 'Connecting Pillars of New India' and lists three key areas: 1) Infrastructure initiatives like Bharatmala, Sagarmala, Ports, UDAN, Economic Zones, and Railways etc. 2) Social infrastructure such as hospitals and universities to be integrated in the next phase. 3) Developing new possibilities for the creation of future economic zones. The right side is titled 'Making India the hub of world-class infra' and lists four key objectives: 1) Comprehensive master plan mapping all existing/planned initiatives of Ministries. 2) Guide the creation of economic zones & connectivity infrastructure. 3) Help remove regional & sectoral imbalances in infrastructure & connectivity. 4) Aid faster growth of key sectors, employment generation & spearheading growth.

The bottom section is titled 'A Giant Stride in India's \$5 Trillion Economy Goal' and features a large image of a container ship. It is titled 'Gati Shakti National Master Plan' and describes it as 'Multimodal Connectivity Infrastructure to various Economic Zones'.

Param Ananta Supercomputer



- ❖ Param Ananta, is a state-of-the-art supercomputer at IIT Gandhinagar of Gujarat dedicated to the nation under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).
- ❖ It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the Department of Science and Technology which was commissioned.
- ❖ This indigenous software stack is developed by C-DAC.

- ❖ And it is a Make in India initiative.
- ❖ It has 838 teraflops computing power capacity.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Immunization Champion award

- ❖ Radio Jockey Umar Nisar (RJ Umar) from South Kashmir, has been awarded the '01 Best Content Award' and the Immunization Champion award by UNICEF.
- ❖ The award has been conferred to Umar for his work of providing awareness and countering rumours to reach audiences during the pandemic.
- ❖ The Radio4Child felicitated radio professionals from private FM and All India Radio from across the country for their commendable work during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as for routine vaccination.



SPORTS

IBSA Judo Grand Prix



- ❖ India won its first ever medal at the IBSA Judo Grand Prix, held at Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan.
- ❖ 18 of the 21 countries that competed won medals.
- ❖ Several countries, including Iraq, Switzerland, and India, earned their first medals in the IBSA Grand Prix as a result of these.

ISSF World Cup 2022

- ❖ Indian women's shooting team bagged a gold medal for India in the 10m air rifle in ISSF World Cup 2022.
- ❖ This was India's first medal at the ongoing ISSF World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- ❖ The trio of Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita from India defeated Denmark.



MISCELLANEOUS

India's first wind-solar hybrid power facility

- ❖ Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited has commissioned a 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power facility in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- ❖ The plant will be India's first hybrid wind-solar power producing facility.

- ❖ The hybrid power plant, which combines solar and wind generating, unlocks the full potential of renewable energy by eliminating generation intermittency and providing a more stable option to meet rising power demand.

30 Under 30 Asia list

- ❖ Forbes magazine has released the 7th edition of the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia List 2022.
- ❖ It featuring 10 categories each honouring 30 individuals under the age of 30.
- ❖ The honourees on the list represent 22 countries and territories across the Asia-Pacific region.
- ❖ India tops the list in terms of the number of entries with 61, followed by Singapore (34), Japan (33), Australia (32), Indonesia (30) and China (28).



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- ▶ Art
- ▶ Clean Energy & Climate Change
- ▶ Consumer Tech
- ▶ Cryptocurrency **NEW!**
- ▶ Design
- ▶ Digital Content Creators
- ▶ Ecommerce & Retail
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Enterprise Technology
- ▶ Entertainment
- ▶ Fashion
- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Food & Hospitality
- ▶ Health Care
- ▶ Industry, Manufacturing & Energy
- ▶ Music
- ▶ NGOs & Social Entrepreneurship
- ▶ Science & Deep Tech **NEW!**
- ▶ Sports

