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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Goods and services tax collections for May 2022 came in at Rs 1.41 lakh crore.
  - It is 16% lower than the mop-up in April.
- ❖ India plans to reduce power generation from at least 81 coal-fired utilities over the next four years.
- ❖ Tata Motors signed a tripartite MoU with Ford India and the government of Gujarat for takeover of Ford's passenger vehicle manufacturing facility at Sanand.
- ❖ With the signing of MOU, Hungary became member of International Solar Alliance.
- ❖ 'Yoga for Humanity' has been chosen as the theme of the eighth International Day of Yoga to be organised in India and across the globe on June 21.
- ❖ Bollywood singer Krishnakumar Kunnath, popularly known as KK, passed away at Kolkata recently.
- ❖ Canada passed a new legislation that would implement "some of the harshest gun control measures" in decades, including a "freeze" on the country's handgun purchases and sales.
- ❖ Viswanathan Anand defeated China's Wang in Norway Chess Tournament and retained on top of the standings.

## NATIONAL

### Jal Jeevan Mission coverage

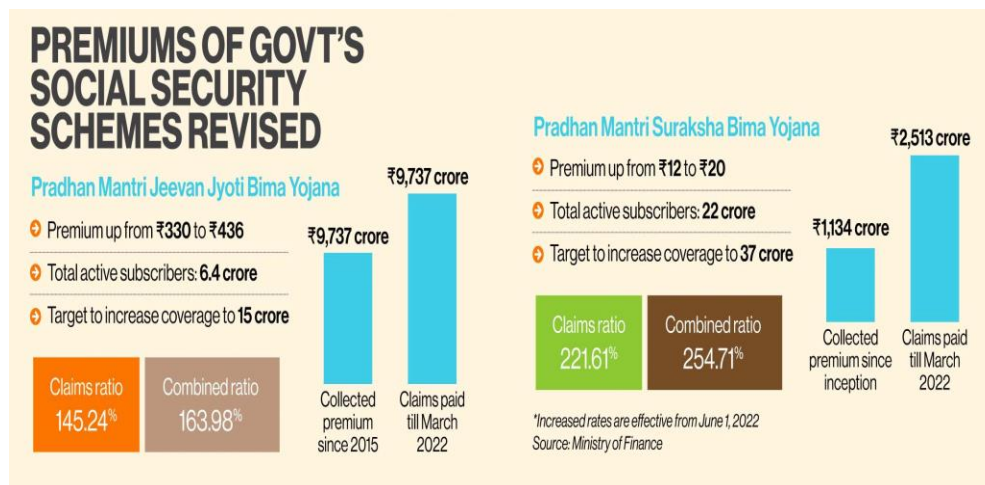


- ❖ Jal Jeevan Mission has achieved the milestone of 50 per cent of rural households having access to tap water connections.
- ❖ The 'Har Ghar Jal' programme is implemented by Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ❖ Goa, Telangana, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Puducherry and Haryana have already achieved 100 per cent household connections.
- ❖ Punjab, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Bihar have coverage of more than 90 per cent.

### National Education Ministers' Conference

- ❖ Gujarat hosted the two-day National Education Ministers' Conference.
- ❖ The meeting will be attended by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, as well as other union ministers and state and union territory education ministers.
- ❖ Deliberations on how to boost the country's education ecosystem took place during this conference.

### Premium revision of insurance schemes



- ❖ The government has revised the premium rates of its two flagship social security schemes, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PMJJBY and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, PMSBY.
- ❖ Premium rates for PMJJBY have revised to 436 from the earlier premium of 330 rupees per annum.

- ❖ For the PMSBY, the revised premium will be 20 rupees instead of the existing 12 rupees per annum.
- ❖ This is the first revision in the premium rates since the inception of both schemes in 2015.

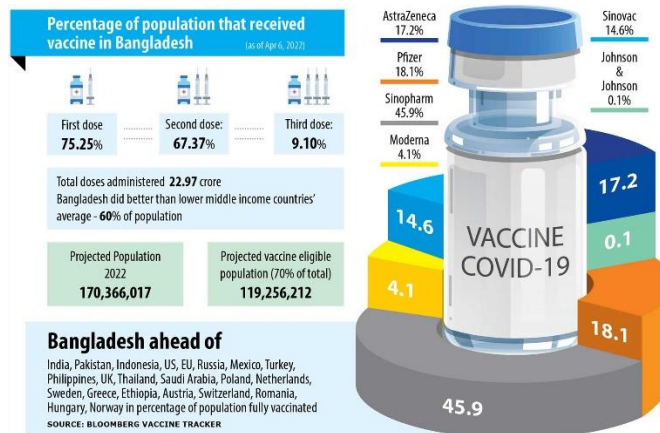
## INTERNATIONAL

### First Arab free trade deal



- ❖ Israel has inked its first free trade agreement with an Arab country, with the United Arab Emirates.
- ❖ It provides customs exemption on 96% of trade between the countries: food, agriculture, cosmetics, medical equipment, medication, and more.

### Top recipient of Covid vaccines



- ❖ More than 11.7 crore individuals, or almost 69 percent of Bangladesh's population, have received two doses of the vaccine.
- ❖ COVAX is responsible for more than 62 percent of the doses delivered to Bangladesh.
- ❖ The COVAX facility, is a worldwide effort co-led by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation, Gavi, and the World Health Organization.

### **Bitcoin as legal tender**



- ❖ The Central African Republic became the second country in the world to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender.
- ❖ It is also the first African country to adopt Bitcoin as an official currency.
- ❖ The Central African Franc is the official currency of 6 countries including the Central African Republic.
- ❖ El Salvador is the first country which adopted Bitcoin as an official currency

## **ECONOMY**

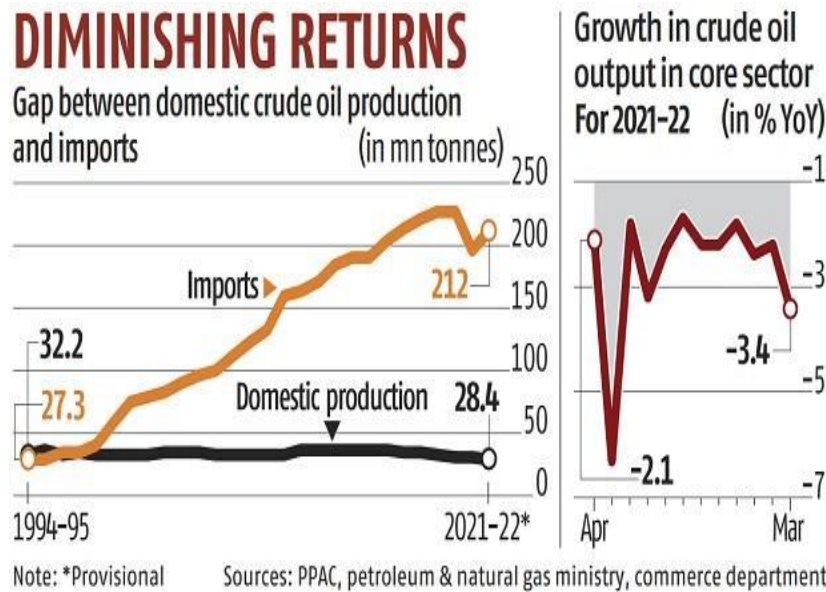
### **100 unicorns**

- ❖ India's startup ecosystem as he highlighted that the country has reached a landmark figure of 100 unicorns.
- ❖ Unicorns are privately held, venture-capital-backed start-ups that have reached a value of \$1 billion.
- ❖ American venture capitalist Aileen Lee is credited with coining the term in 2013.

- ❖ From 17 Unicorns in 2018 the number went up to 38 in 2020 and it's 71 and counting in 2021.



### Domestic crude oil production – India

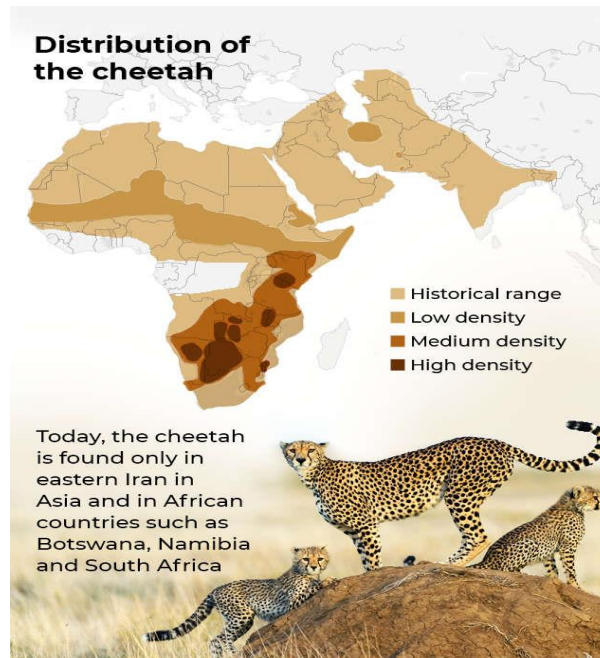


- ❖ Domestic crude oil production has been in decline since the financial year 2014-15.
- ❖ It dropped down to just 28.4 million tonnes (MT) in FY22.
- ❖ It is the lowest since FY94.

- ❖ The production in 2021-22 represented a decline of 11.8 per cent from 32.2 MT in FY95.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Cheetahs from South Africa



- ❖ India finalises deals for cheetahs from South Africa and Namibia.
- ❖ This would initiate India's ambitious plan of transcontinental relocation of cheetahs.
- ❖ To begin with, there will be 12 cheetahs from South Africa and eight from Namibia.
- ❖ India will keep those cheetahs in the wild at Kuno Palpur in Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh.

## STATES

### First rural tribal technical training programme

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh launched the country's first rural tribal technical training in Bhopal.
- ❖ It is established under the 'Parliamentary Complex Project' for tribal youth.

- ❖ In the 'Parliamentary Complex Project', technical training will be imparted to rural tribal youth.
- ❖ This training programme has been first started in Madhya Pradesh as an pilot basis.

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

### **Philatelist Hemachandra Rao**

- ❖ Philatelist, D. Hemachandra Rao passed away recently.
- ❖ He is known as “Lighthouse man”.
- ❖ He was an authority on Buckingham Canal.
- ❖ He turned his house into Maritime Heritage Museum.
- ❖ He was keen to be a part of Madras Day events and did some special covers for the day.



### **Best project award**



- ❖ An initiative by the Meghalaya government received the best project award in the category of “the role of governments in the promotion of ICTs for development”.
- ❖ The initiative was named Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture.
- ❖ This was awarded at the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society Forum 2022.
- ❖ Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture (MeghEA) is the only project from India to win the winner award this year.

### **Agreement for conserve soil**



- ❖ Gujarat’s Climate Change Department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to join the worldwide ‘Save Soil’ initiative.
- ❖ Sadhguru, the Founder Isha Outreach, and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Ahmedabad.

