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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Senior Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill has been appointed by United Nations Secretary-General as his Envoy on Technology.
- ❖ Young Indian Grandmaster, R. Praggnanandhaa emerged winner in the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament.
- ❖ Rahul Srivatshav of Telangana has become India's 74th Grandmaster.
- ❖ The Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari presented the Honorary Doctor of Literature on industrialist Ratan Tata.

NATIONAL

Cross-border bus service



India in Bangladesh
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Resumption of   Cross-Border Bus Services!

Bus services b/w   via ICP Agartala-Akhaura & ICP Haridaspur-Benapole resumed with Dhaka-Kolkata-Dhaka bus being flagged off from Dhaka early morning today-a major step forward in enhancing affordable, people-centric connectivity.

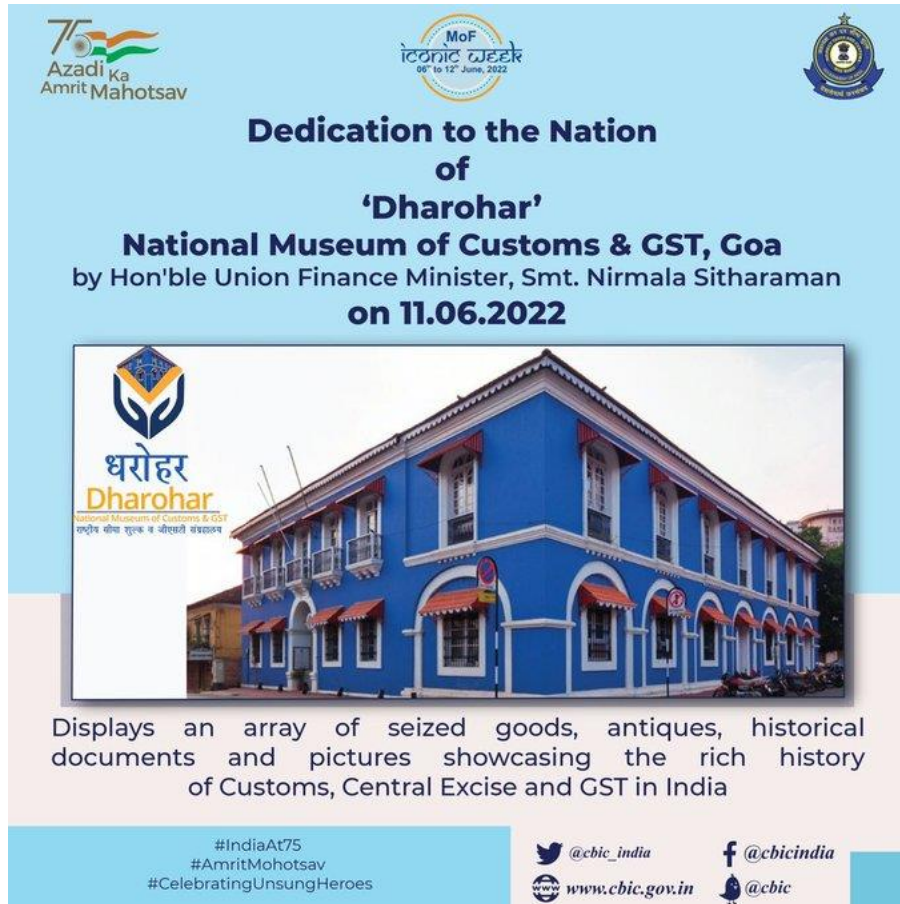


PMO India and 9 others

- ❖ The cross-border bus service between Bangladesh and India resumed after two years.
- ❖ This was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ These Bus services run between

- Agartala-Akhaura & ICP Haridaspur- Benapole.
- Agartala-Dhaka-Kolkata-Agartala

National Museum of Customs and GST



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09th to 12th June, 2022

**Dedication to the Nation
of
'Dharohar'**

National Museum of Customs & GST, Goa
by Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
on 11.06.2022

धरोहर
Dharohar
National Museum of Customs & GST
राष्ट्रीय सीमा शुल्क व जीएसटी संग्रहालय

Displays an array of seized goods, antiques, historical documents and pictures showcasing the rich history of Customs, Central Excise and GST in India

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- ❖ The Union Finance Minister has inaugurated the National Museum of Customs and GST “Dharohar” in Goa.
- ❖ Dharohar is one of its kind museums in the country.
- ❖ It showcases not only the artefacts seized by Indian Customs but also depicts various aspects of work performed by the Customs Department.

INTERNATIONAL

Naval exercises in Baltic Sea

- ❖ U.S. led naval exercise commenced in the Baltic Sea, with 16 nations.
- ❖ It also including two aspiring NATO members, Finland and Sweden.

- ❖ BALTOPS, an annual naval exercise that began in 1972, is not performed in response to any specific danger.

Ex Khaan Quest 2022



- ❖ A Multinational Peacekeeping exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2022” commenced in Mongolia.
- ❖ It is featuring participation from military contingents from 16 countries.
- ❖ Khaan Quest 2022 is a multinational peacekeeping operations exercise conducted in Mongolia.

Legalisation of cannabis



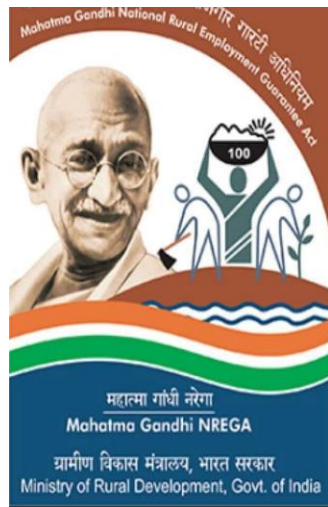
- ❖ Thailand became the first country in Asia to decriminalise cannabis.
- ❖ However, tough penalties will still apply to those who use the drug to get high.
- ❖ Thailand will promote cannabis policies for medical purposes.

Non-permanent members for UNSC



- ❖ Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, and Switzerland were elected to the United Nations Security Council as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024 term.
- ❖ India's two-year period as a non-permanent member of the UNSC will finish in December 2022.
- ❖ It also simultaneously holding the Presidency of the powerful UN body.

MGNREGA ombudsman



Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

- ❖ N J Ojha has been appointed as ombudsman for a two-year term under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.
- ❖ He has the power to receive complaints from MGNREGA workers.

- ❖ He will consider such complaints, pass awards within 30 days from the date of receipt of complaints.
- ❖ And he issues direction for conducting spot investigation.
- ❖ He, may initiate proceedings 'suo motu' if there are any grievance including on issues related to delayed payment of wages or non-payment of unemployment allowance.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Cancer Drug Trial – Dostarlimab

Cancer drug leads to 100% remission in new trial

Dostarlimab
It is type of cancer drug known as "immune checkpoint inhibitor", used in trial on patients with mismatch repair-deficient stage II or III rectal "adenocarcinoma".



Dostarlimab antibody
Dostarlimab is an anti-PD-1 monoclonal antibody ("PD" stands for "programmed death")

6 months
Period of treatment with dostarlimab. Single-agent dostarlimab was administered every 3 weeks for 6 months in patients stage II or III rectal "adenocarcinoma".

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Number of patients with rectal cancer involved in the trial

100%
Percentage of patients who went into full remission following trial.

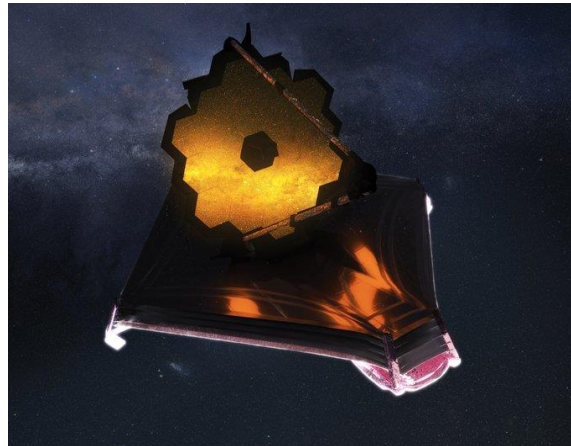
*Remission: A decrease in or disappearance of signs and symptoms of cancer.
Sources: Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre | New England Journal of Medicine

- ❖ A trial of a drug for cancer treatment has shown 100% success in removing the tumours and preventing recurrence in patients.
- ❖ A trial was held in Manhattan, USA.
- ❖ The medication aimed to unmask cancer cells, allowing the body's immune system to identify and destroy them naturally.

- ❖ Such drugs, known as 'checkpoint inhibitors.

Micrometeoroid hit new telescope

- ❖ James Webb Space Telescope was hit by a micrometeoroid in space.
- ❖ It is the NASA's next-generation telescope.
- ❖ It has been designed to look much further into the universe and see stars and galaxies that had been formed when the Big Bang occurred.



STATES

Cancer research Centre

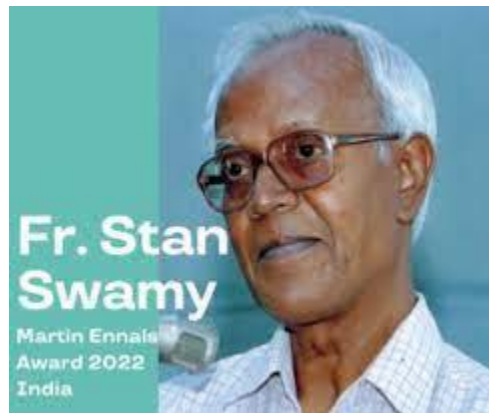


- ❖ Kerala Chief Minister inaugurated a cancer diagnostics and research centre at Kochi.

- ❖ It is slated to be the country's first oncology laboratory for comprehensive cancer diagnostic services.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Martin Ennals Award 2022



- ❖ The Indian social activist Father Stan Swamy was posthumously honoured with the Martin Ennals Award.
- ❖ The award presented by the Martin Ennals Foundation based in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ❖ It is regarded as the Nobel Prize for human rights defenders.
- ❖ Father Swamy was a Jesuit priest and activist.
- ❖ He founded several organisations to promote Adivasi rights in Jharkhand.
- ❖ He was arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for his alleged ties to the Bhima Koregaon violence of 2018.
- ❖ Other winners
 - Pham Doan Trang – Leading journalist
 - Dr. Daouda Diallo - Pharmacist
 - Abdul-Hadi Al-Khawaja

2nd longest reigning monarch

- ❖ Britain's Queen Elizabeth II become the world's second-longest reigning monarch in history, after France's Louis XIV.
- ❖ Now she has overtaken Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who reigned for around 70 years.

- ❖ Louis XIV of France remains the longest-reigning monarch, with a 72-year and 110-day reign from 1643 until 1715.



SPORTS

3 Consecutive ODI Centuries



- ❖ Pakistan skipper Babar Azam create a record with his century against West Indies.
- ❖ Thus, he becoming the first batter to score three consecutive hundreds on two separate occasions in ODIs.

- ❖ This is the second time that Babar has scored three consecutive centuries in ODIs.
- ❖ His earlier three centuries came against West Indies in 2016, when he made 120, 123, and 117 in back-to-back innings.

MISCELLANEOUS

Abnormal' dinosaur egg

- ❖ Recently a unique set of fossilised dinosaur eggs, with one egg nesting within the other discovered.
- ❖ It was found in the Dinosaur Fossil National Park, Dhar District of Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Eggs-within-eggs are rare phenomena.
- ❖ They are so far known to occur only in birds and have never known in reptiles.
- ❖ Fossils of these animals have been found in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh as well as Meghalaya.



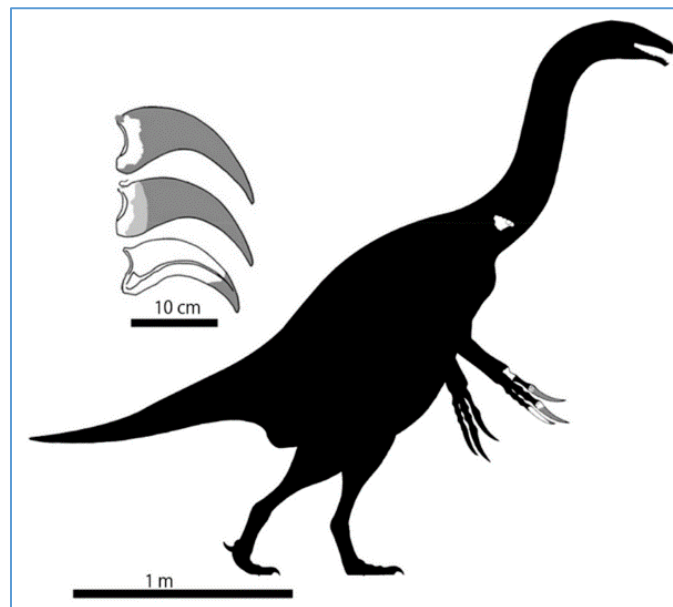
Energy Progress Report 2022

- ❖ The 2022 edition of 'Tracking SDG 7: The Energy Progress Report' released recently.
- ❖ It monitors global efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 7) of ensuring affordable modern energy supply for everyone by 2030.
- ❖ The study was produced by UN entities and partners, known as the SDG 7 custodian agencies.
- ❖ Globally, 733 million people lack access to electricity.
- ❖ 2.4 billion still cook using fuels that are harmful to their health and the environment

- ❖ Africans remain the least electrified in the world, with 568 million without access to electricity.



Paralitherizinosaurus japonicus



- ❖ A new study has revealed that the above-named species roamed around the shores of Asia between 66 million and 145 million years ago
- ❖ It is a bipedal dinosaur.
- ❖ It was identified from the fossilised remains unearthed on Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan.
- ❖ The fossil is the first to be found in Asia in marine sediments.



- ❖ The dinosaur belonged to a group known as Therizinosaurus – bipedal and primarily herbivorous three-toed dinosaurs.
- ❖ The most remarkable aspect of this species is that it had sword-like claws.

