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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Industry body COAI named Pramod K Mittal, President of Reliance Jio Infocomm, as the new Chairperson of the association for 2022-23.
- ❖ Radha Iyengar Plumb, an Indian-American, was nominated to the position of Deputy Under Secretary of Défense for Acquisition and Sustainment of USA.
- ❖ India hosted a Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting (SAIFMM) in order to commemorate 30 years of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations.
- ❖ The Central bankers around the world are enacting most dramatic tightening of monetary policy since the 1980s.
 - It is risking recessions and upsetting financial markets as they try to deal with an unexpected spike in inflation.

NATIONAL

10% quota for Agniveers

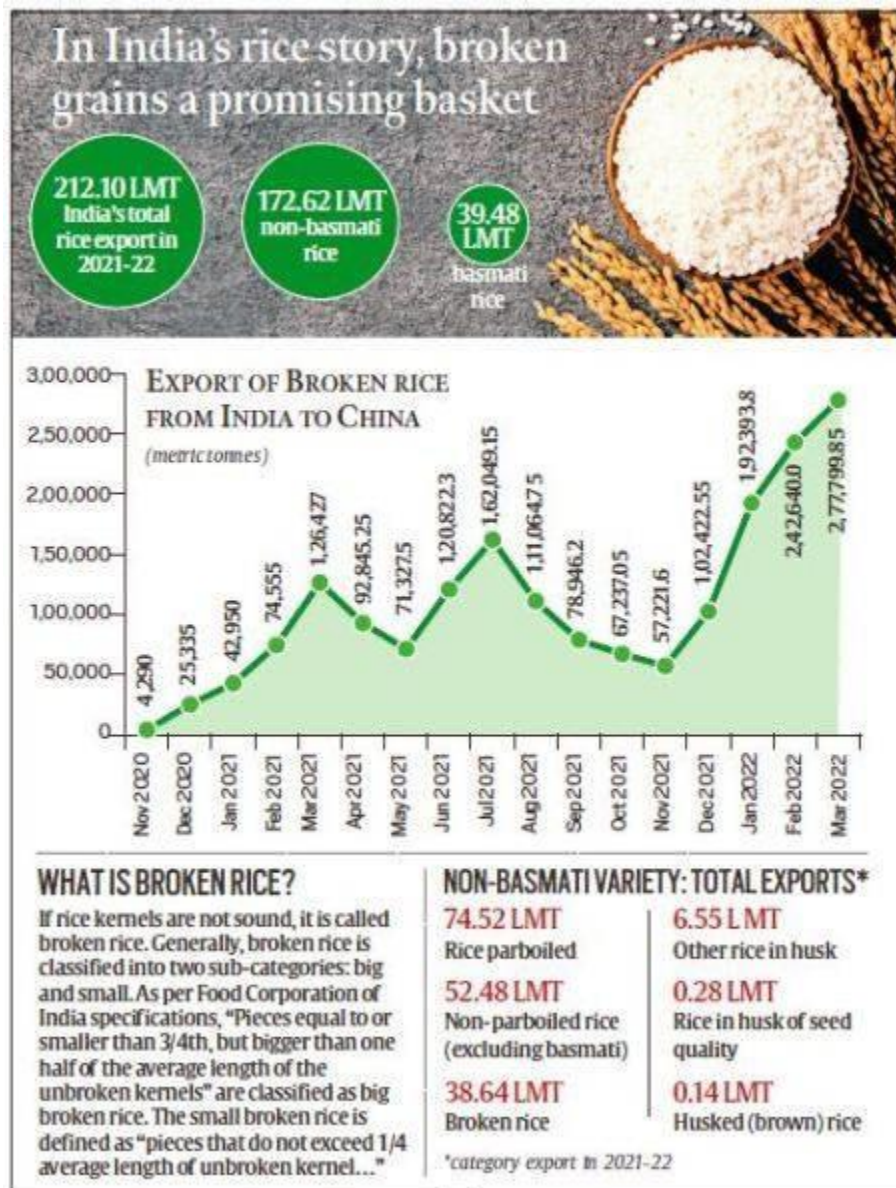


- ❖ The Centre announced a 10% reservation for Agni veers in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Assam Rifles recruitment.
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs also decided to grant a three-year age relaxation to Agni veers in the CAPFs and Assam Rifles who are between the ages of 17.5 and 21.
- ❖ The initial class of recruits will be given a five-year extension on the maximum age limit.

- ❖ The central government increased the upper age limit for the scheme from 21 to 23 years in a one-time waiver.

INTERNATIONAL

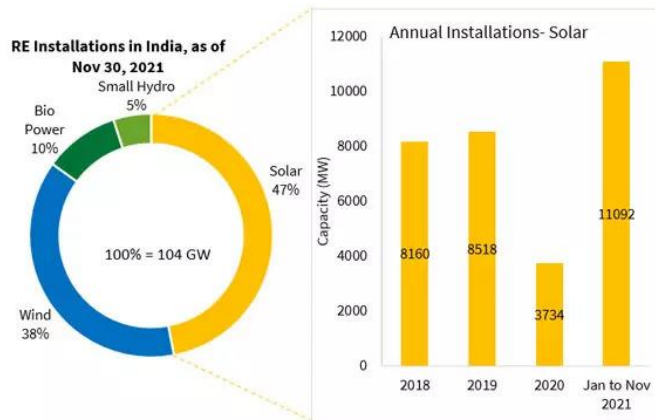
Importer of Indian Broken Rice



- ❖ China has emerged as the largest importer or buyer of broken rice from India.
- ❖ China takes over the largest importer of broken rice in India, which were the African countries.

- ❖ During the pandemic, China took the lead as the largest importer of broken rice in India.
- ❖ 7.7 percent has been imported to China which is 16.34 lakh metric tonnes.
- ❖ India's total export is 212.10 Lakh metric tonnes in the year 2021-2022.

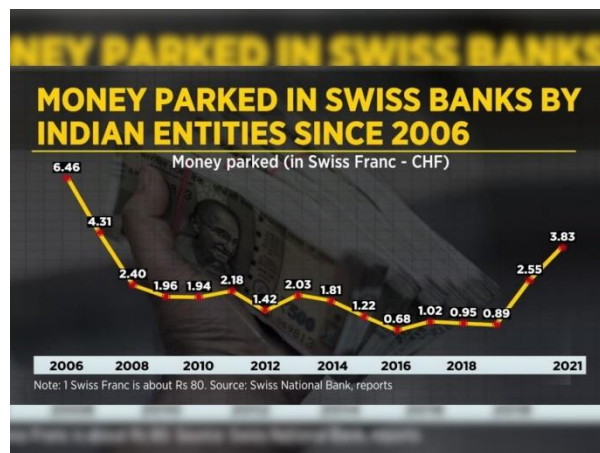
Total Renewable Power Addition in 2021



- ❖ India added around 15.4 gigawatts (GW) of renewable power capacity in 2021.
- ❖ India is the third highest after China (136 GW) and the United States (43 GW).
- ❖ China is the global leader in cumulative renewable energy capacity at the end of 2021.
- ❖ It is followed by the United States (398 GW), Brazil (160 GW), India (158 GW) and Germany (139 GW).

ECONOMY

Indian Funds in Swiss Banks



- ❖ Funds parked by Indian individuals and firms in Swiss banks, jumped to 2.55 billion Swiss francs (over Rs 20,700 crore) in 2020.
- ❖ It is including through India-based branches and other financial institutions.
- ❖ The increase in aggregate funds of Indian clients with Swiss banks, from 899 million Swiss francs (Rs 6,625 crore) at the end of 2019.
- ❖ This reverses a two-year declining trend and has taken the figure to the highest level in 13 years.

Payments Vision 2025

- ❖ The RBI released its vision on architecture of digital finance, in a document for payments systems.
- ❖ It aims to provide a safe and affordable e-payment options to every user.
- ❖ The document includes
 - Regulations for BigTechs and fintechs in payments
 - Guidelines on payments along with “Buy Now Pay Later” (BNPL) services
 - Introducing central bank digital currency (CBDC)
 - Linking credit cards as well as credit components of banking products with the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

WTO on global trade deals



- ❖ 12th Ministerial Conference of WTO approved a series of trade agreements including commitments on fish, a partial waiver of intellectual property (IP) rights for COVID-19 vaccines, and pledges on health and food security.
- ❖ It prohibited certain forms of fisheries subsidies that contribute to overcapacity and overfishing.
- ❖ And it eliminates subsidies that contribute to Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU-fishing).

- ❖ It allowed the developing countries to produce and export Covid vaccines.

Japan at NATO summit



- ❖ Japanese Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida, will attend this month's NATO summit in Madrid, Spain.
- ❖ He becomes the country's first leader to join the top meeting of the transatlantic alliance.
- ❖ Sweden and Finland, which have applied to join NATO, are sending delegations to the summit.
- ❖ South Korea's new President Yoon Suk-yeol will also be the first leader from his country to attend.

ENVIRONMENT

World's biggest plant



- ❖ The world's largest living plant has been identified in the shallow waters off the coast of Western Australia.

- ❖ The sprawling seagrass is a marine flowering plant known as *Posidonia australis*.
- ❖ It is believed to have spread from a single seed over at least 4,500 years.
- ❖ It is expanded for more than 112 miles (180 kilometres)
- ❖ It is present in Shark Bay, a wilderness area protected as a World Heritage site.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Head of Press Council of India

- ❖ The Retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai became the first women chairperson of the Press Council of India.
- ❖ She had recently headed the Delimitation Commission on Jammu and Kashmir which was set up to redraw the Assembly constituencies of the Union Territory.

Press Council of India

- ❖ PCI was established under the PCI Act of 1978.
- ❖ It Consists of a chairman and 28 other members.
- ❖ The PCI only overviews the functioning of print media.
- ❖ It does not have the power to review the functioning of the electronic media like radio, television and internet media.



Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians

- ❖ The Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians has been started in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt to address climate change.



- ❖ The two-day conference is being jointly organized by the House of Representatives and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- ❖ Nagaland's first woman elected as Member of Parliament to Rajya Sabha, S. Phangon Konyak is representing India at the Conference.
- ❖ She will be sharing her thoughts on the 'Young MPs for Climate Actions'.



MISCELLANEOUS

Global Skills Report 2022



- ❖ Coursera's latest Global Skills Report (GSR) 2022 has released recently.
- ❖ India's overall skills proficiency has slipped four places to be ranked at the 68th position globally.
- ❖ In Asia, India stands at the 19th position.



- ❖ India's technology proficiency levels from 38% to 46%, with the country strengthening its position by six spots.
- ❖ Proficiency in data science has dipped from 38% in 2021 to 26% in 2022,
- ❖ Thus, it is leading to a 12-rank drop.
- ❖ West Bengal leads the Indian states in terms of skills proficiency.
- ❖ West Bengal is ranked one state across the three domains.

