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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Geological Survey Training Institute of India (GSITI), Hyderabad has been accredited as “Athi Uttam” by the National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET).
- ❖ Prime Minister has collaborated with Falguni Shah, a Grammy Award winner Indian-American singer, for a special song to promote the benefits of millet and its potential to alleviate world hunger.

NATIONAL

Anjadip & Sanshodhak warships

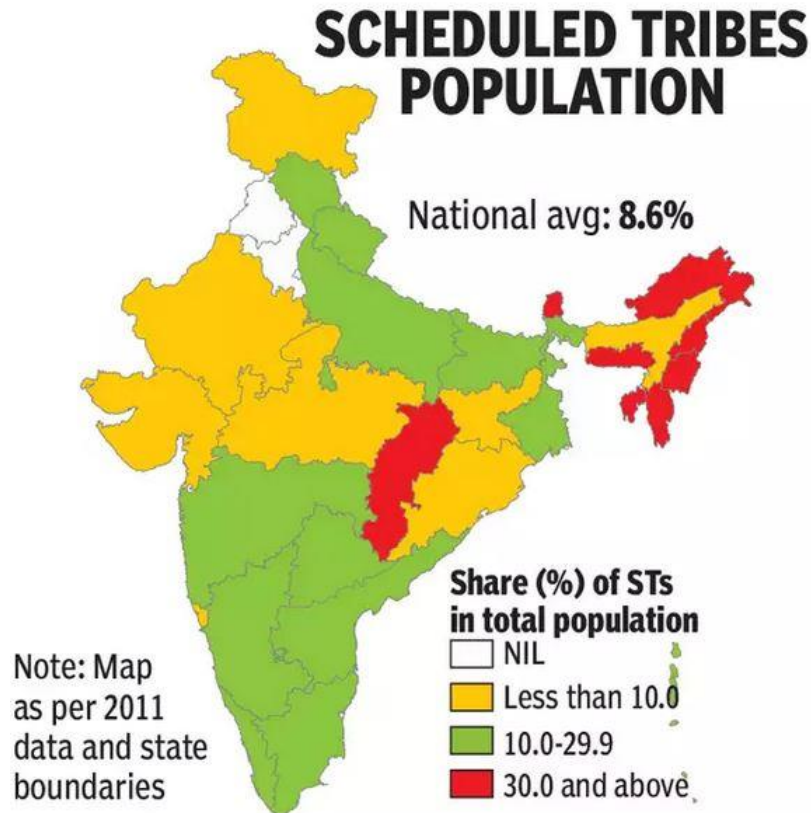
- ❖ Two warships of different classes were launched into the water.
- ❖ Anjadip is the 3rd Anti-Submarine Shallow Water Craft (ASWSWC).
- ❖ Sanshodhak is the 4th Survey Vessel Large (SVL).
- ❖ Anjadip is named after an island close to India’s western coast that is now part of the Indian Naval base INS Kadamba, Karwar in karnataka.
- ❖ Anjadip offered strong resistance in 1961 when India took back Goa from the Portuguese.



New Human Development Index for tribals

- ❖ The Union government will develop a human development index (HDI) of 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) communities across India.

- ❖ About 28 lakh people of the PVTGs living in over 22,000 villages across the country.
- ❖ This will be a part of the three-year Rs 15,000 crore PVTG Mission, which was proposed in the 2023-24 budget.



ECONOMY

Highest exports of seafood

- ❖ India's seafood exports, both in terms of volume and value, achieved an all-time high in 2022-23.
- ❖ It shipped 1.7 million tonnes of seafood worth Rs 63,969.14 crore (\$8.09 billion) during the financial year.
- ❖ It was growing 26.73 per cent in quantity terms and 4.31 per cent in value terms over 2021-22.
- ❖ Frozen shrimp, retained its position as the most significant item.
- ❖ Frozen fish is the second largest exported item.
- ❖ The US, China, and the European Union are key markets for Indian seafood.

- ❖ South East Asia is the fourth largest market.



First Loss Default Guarantee

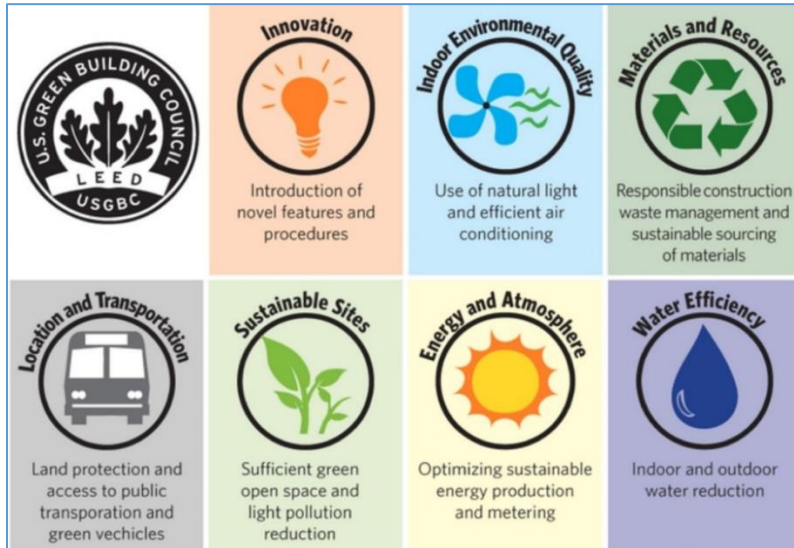


- ❖ RBI has granted its approval for First Loss Default Guarantee (FLDG) framework.
- ❖ FLDG scheme allows Indian fintechs to partner with banks and NBFCs.
- ❖ This decision is seen as a big positive for data-tech NBFCs and fintechs.
- ❖ Further, the move will strengthen the digital lending ecosystem.

- ❖ It is an arrangement between Regulated Entities (REs) and Lending Service Providers (LSPs) or between two REs involving default loss guarantee (DLG), commonly known as FLDG.

ENVIRONMENT

LEED net zero certifications



- ❖ India has emerged as a top country with LEED Zero green building projects.
- ❖ Out of 150 LEED Zero certified projects, India has 45% or 73 such projects.
- ❖ Haryana and Tamil Nadu leading the race in certifications.
- ❖ The United States and China have the second and third most LEED Zero certifications, with 47 (30%) and 15 (10%) certifications respectively.
- ❖ LEED Zero recognises projects that have reached net zero or net positive status in the categories of carbon, energy, water, or waste.
- ❖ The LEED Zero projects include office spaces, hospitality facilities, retail malls, industrial manufacturing projects and data centres.
- ❖ Nearly one-third of all carbon emissions in India come from the building and construction sector.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Community Spirit Index

- ❖ Community Spirit Index was published by Preply.

- ❖ It is ranking the 53 cities of different countries.
- ❖ Community spirit is about making people in a community feel like they belong and are connected to each other.
- ❖ Toronto and Sydney are named the world's top friendliest cities.
- ❖ Accra in Ghana is ranked as the least friendly city in the world for non-native.
- ❖ Marrakech in Morocco ranks at 2 as the second least friendly city in the world.
- ❖ It is followed by Mumbai, Kuala Lumpur, Rio de Janeiro, and Delhi.

Rank	Country City	Annual search demand for 'how to make friends'
1	São Paulo Brazil	23,160
2	New York United States	22,800
3	Paris France	16,680
4	Istanbul Turkey	16,680
5	London United Kingdom	12,000
6	Mexico City Mexico	7,440
7	Rio de Janeiro Brazil	7,320
8	Toronto Canada	7,080
9	Sydney Australia	7,080
10	Melbourne Australia	7,080

Forbes' Global 2000 List

- ❖ Forbes released the 2023 ranking of the world's top 2,000 companies.
- ❖ Reliance Industries Ltd climbed eight spots to the 45th rank.
- ❖ It is the highest for an Indian company on Forbes' latest Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide.
- ❖ State Bank of India climbed to the 77th spot from 105th in the 2022 ranking.
- ❖ HDFC Bank is at 128th position (153 in 2022) and ICICI Bank is at 163 (204 in 2022).
- ❖ NTPC Ltd achieves 433rd rank in the list.
- ❖ Other Indian firms: ONGC at 226, HDFC at 232, LIC at 363, Axis Bank (423) and NTPC (433).
- ❖ JPMorgan, America's biggest bank with \$3.7 trillion in assets, is at the top of the list for the first time since 2011.

- ❖ Adani Enterprises at 1062, Adani Power at 1488, and Adani Ports & Special Economic Zones at 1598.

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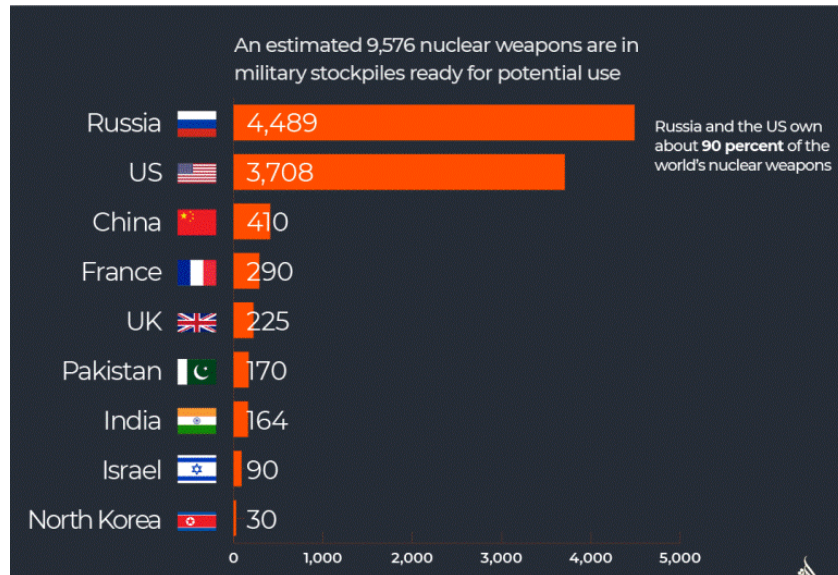
RANK ^	NAME	COUNTRY	SALES	PROFIT	ASSETS	MARKET VALUE
45.	Reliance Industries	India	\$109.43 B	\$8.3 B	\$208.5 B	\$189.19 B
77.	State Bank of India	India	\$56.54 B	\$5.99 B	\$695.2 B	\$62.88 B
128.	HDFC Bank	India	\$25.47 B	\$5.72 B	\$307.9 B	\$110.88 B
163.	ICICI Bank	India	\$23.17 B	\$4.24 B	\$238.31 B	\$79.15 B
226.	Oil & Natural Gas	India	\$86.06 B	\$5.38 B	\$77.27 B	\$24.65 B
232.	HDFC	India	\$19.04 B	\$3.26 B	\$132.82 B	\$60.58 B

SIPRI's Findings on Nuclear Arsenal

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Global nuclear weapons stockpile growing

Nine countries held roughly **12,512 warheads** as of early 2023, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. China has added the largest number of stockpiles to its arsenal since last year, with around 60 new warheads.



- ❖ The size of China's nuclear arsenal increased from 350 warheads in January 2022 to 410 in January 2023.
- ❖ According to SIPRI estimates, the nuclear arsenals of India grew from 160 in 2022 to 164 in 2023 and that of Pakistan from 165 to 170.

- ❖ The nine nuclear-armed states are: the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) and Israel.

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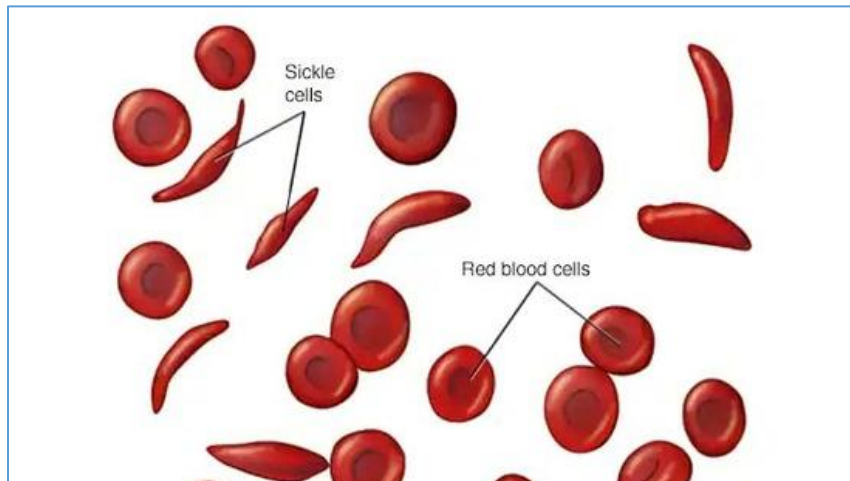
Kari Ishad mango



- ❖ The Kari Ishad mango has bagged the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ❖ It is prominently grown in Ankola taluk of Uttara Kannada, Karnataka.
- ❖ The fruit is famous because of its sweet taste and pulp.
- ❖ The Ishad mango has two variants — Kari Ishad, and Bili Ishad.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Sickle Cell Awareness Day 2023 - June 19



- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about sickle cell disease (SCD) and its impact on individuals, families and communities worldwide.

- ❖ Sickle cell disease is a genetic blood disorder characterised by abnormal red blood cells.
- ❖ Cells will take on a crescent or sickle shape and these irregularly shaped cells.
- ❖ It can cause blockages in blood vessels, leading to a variety of health complications.

World Sauntering Day 2023 - June 19

- ❖ This day serves as a reminder to take a break and rediscover the beauty in each day.
- ❖ It encourages the people around the world to slow down their pace and enjoy a leisurely stroll.
- ❖ This day was founded by WT Rabe in 1979 during his employment at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island in Michigan, USA.
- ❖ The theme this year is "Rediscover the Joy of Simplicity."



National Reading Day 2023 - June 19

- ❖ This day aims to remind people about the value of reading books even in an era dominated by the internet.
- ❖ The day marks the death anniversary of PN Panicker, who is famously known as the 'Father of the Library Movement' in Kerala.
- ❖ He founded Sanadana Dharma Library which was the centre of the library movement in Kerala.
- ❖ The Father of Reading passed away on June 19, 1995.

- ❖ on his death anniversary, the Ministry of Education in Kerala also observes a reading week known as Vayana Varam from June 19 to 25 every year.

