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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs will organise a National Conference on Cyber Safety and National Security (Cyber Apradh Se Azadi, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav).
- ❖ The Prime Minister inaugurated the Centre for Brain Research and lay the foundation stone for Bagchi Parthasarathy Multi-speciality Hospital at Indian Institute of science, Bengaluru.
- ❖ The Prime Minister of India inaugurated a new campus of Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE) University in Bengaluru.
- ❖ Shabaash Mithu is a film based on the life of former Test and ODI captain of the India women's national cricket team Mithali Raj.
- ❖ Shanan Dhaka has secured the first rank in the examination for admission to the country's first women's National Defence Academy (NDA) batch.
- ❖ Ruchira Kamboj has been appointed as the next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations.
- ❖ Former Australia cricketer, Lisa Sthalekar has become the first female president of the Federation of International Cricketers' Association.

INTERNATIONAL

Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate



- ❖ The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav represented India in this meet.
- ❖ It was hosted by U.S. President Joseph Biden, and the meeting was held virtually.
- ❖ The MEF meeting was aimed at galvanising actions that are to strengthen energy security and tackle the climate crisis thereby building momentum for COP27 of Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt in 2022.

- ❖ The meeting was attended by twenty-three major economies across the world and the Secretary General of United Nations.

8th Round of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Meeting



- ❖ India hosted the 8th round of meetings with the heads of the border services of the competent authorities of the member states of the SCO in New Delhi.
- ❖ Including India, the meeting was attended by the other 7 members and the Executive Committee of the SCO-RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure).
- ❖ The plan for preparation and organisation of this year's Joint Border Operation "Friendship Border - 2022" was reviewed and approved.
- ❖ China's joint border operation proposal, "Solidarity - 2023" was also approved.

ECONOMY

Selling price of bank notes

- ❖ Selling price of bank notes in the denomination of ₹20, ₹50, ₹100 and ₹200 has gone up in FY22.
- ❖ However, for notes in the denomination of ₹500, the prices have remained unchanged.
- ❖ The overall cost of printing currency in FY22 was the second highest, after an all-time high of 2016-17.

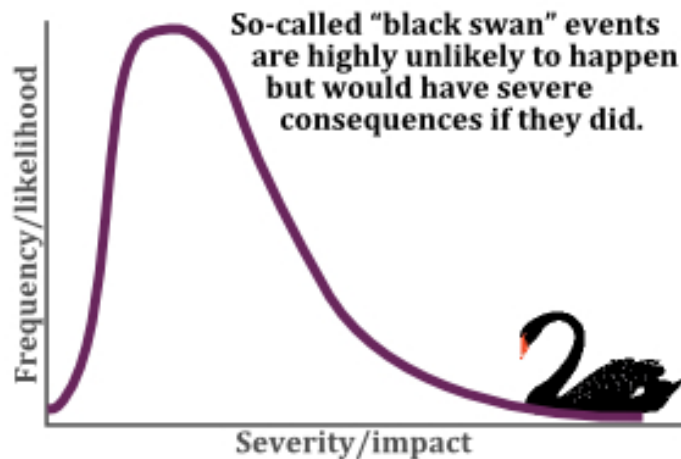
- ❖ Selling price for 1,000 pieces of ₹50 recorded a maximum increase of around 23 per cent in FY22 over FY21.
- ❖ ₹20 registered the lowest increase of a little over 1 per cent.

Selling price of bank notes (in ₹/1,000 pieces)					
Denomiantion	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
₹10	700	750	760	990	960
₹20	850	NA	770	940	950
₹50	830	820	910	920	1,130
₹100	1,500	1,340	1,380	1,640	1,770
₹200	2,240	2,150	2,130	2,220	2,370
₹500	2,390	2,130	2,150	2,290	2,290
₹2,000	4,180	3,530	NA	NA	NA

Source: BRBNML

Black swan event

The Black Swan



- ❖ A black swan is an uncommon, unforeseen event.
- ❖ It shocks people and has a major effect on society and the entire world.
- ❖ Nassim Nicholas Taleb, a finance professor, initially proposed the black swan hypothesis in 2001.
- ❖ These events are believed to have three distinctive qualities: they are incredibly rare, unforeseeable, and unexpected.

- ❖ According to RBI assessment, India might experience capital outflows of up to Rs 7,80,000 crore in the event of a significant global risk scenario or "black swan" occurrence.

Global Gold Recycling



- ❖ India has become the fourth largest gold recycler worldwide.
- ❖ In 2021, it has recycled 75 tonnes of gold.
- ❖ This report released by World Gold Council (WGC).
- ❖ China was ranked first in global gold recycling 168 tonnes of gold in 2021.
- ❖ It is followed by Italy at second position (80 tonnes) and US at third position (78 tonnes).

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

GSAT-24

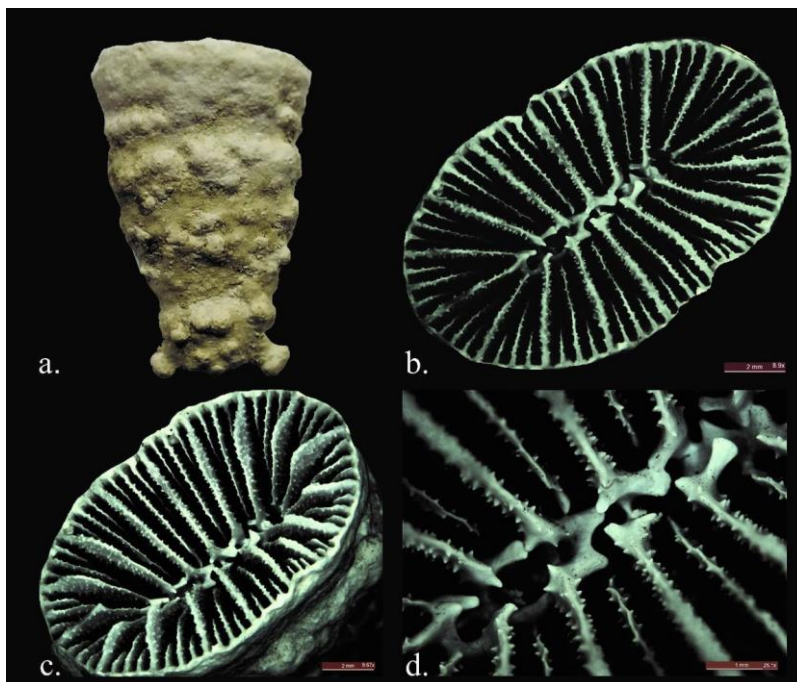
- ❖ The NewSpace India Limited launched GSAT-24.
- ❖ It is followed by the space reforms leasing the entire satellite's capacity to Direct-to-Home (DTH) service provider Tata Play.
- ❖ This was the company's first "demand-driven" communication satellite mission.
- ❖ The satellite was developed by the Indian Space Research Organization for NSIL.

- ❖ It was successfully launched into geostationary orbit from Kourou in French Guiana by the Ariane 5 rocket (South America).



ENVIRONMENT

Four new corals



- ❖ Four species of corals for the first time from Indian waters.
- ❖ These new species of azooxanthellate corals were found from the waters off the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

- ❖ These are a group of corals that do not contain zooxanthellae.
- ❖ They derive nourishment not from the sun but from capturing different forms of planktons.

STATES

Steps to stabilize debt levels

- ❖ Based on the debt-GSDP ratio in 2020-21, Ten states having the highest debt burden.
- ❖ Five states namely, Bihar, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, and West Bengal figure among the most stressed states fiscally.
- ❖ Punjab's debt-GSDP ratio is projected to exceed 45 per cent in 2026-27.
- ❖ Rajasthan, Kerala and West Bengal are projected to exceed the debt-GSDP ratio of 35 per cent by 2026-27.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Women's Prize for Fiction



- ❖ This prestigious literary prize was awarded to author Ruth Ozeki for her novel "The Book of Form and Emptiness."

- ❖ Now in its 27th year, the Women's Prize for Fiction is given to a female English-language writer from anywhere in the world whose voice rings true.

SPORTS

Under-17 Asian Championship



- ❖ Indian women's Wrestling team has won Under-17 Asian Championship title with at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- ❖ India lifted the title with eight golds, one silver and one bronze.
- ❖ Japan had to be content with the runners-up trophy and Mongolia finished third place.

20th Folk Fair



- ❖ The Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda inaugurated the 20th Folk Fair (National tribal/folk song & dance festival) and 13th Krishi Fair 2022 at Saradhabali in Puri, Odisha.

- ❖ The two fairs which aimed at preserving tribal culture and promoting innovation in agriculture respectively.
- ❖ The Krishi Fair is a platform for all organisations and companies with innovations, products, solutions and services related to agriculture.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rare early mosque

- ❖ Israeli archaeologists unveiled a rare ancient mosque in the country's south.
- ❖ The remains of the mosque are believed to be more than 1,200 years old.
- ❖ The mosque located in the Negev desert contains “a square room and a wall facing the direction of Mecca”.
- ❖ It is also with a half-circle niche in that wall pointing to the south.

