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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ USA President Joe Biden nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court.
 - She is now the first Black woman elected to serve on the Supreme Court.
- ❖ Ukraine has submitted its application against Russia to the International Court of Justice.
- ❖ An amount of ₹18,000 crores has been returned to banks from Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi, and Mehul Choksi.

NATIONAL

IATA Pay Platform



- ❖ Global banking group Standard Chartered has partnered with the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
- ❖ This is to launch a payment platform for the airline industry in India.
- ❖ IATA Pay will be a new payment option that enables participating airlines to offer instant payment options such as UPI Scan and Pay and UPI Collect (Request to Pay).

Nishan

- ❖ Chief of Army Staff General MM Naravane has presented Presidential Colours to four parachute battalions at Parachute Regiment Training Centre in Bengaluru.

- ❖ The award of President's Colours or the 'Nishan' is one of the highest honors bestowed upon a military unit in recognition of its exceptional service to the nation, both during the war and in peace.

Sustainable Cities program



- ❖ World Economic Forum (WEF) and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- ❖ This is to collaborate on a jointly designed 'Sustainable Cities India program'.
- ❖ The program aims to create an enabling environment for cities to generate decarbonization solutions across the energy, transport, and built environment sectors.

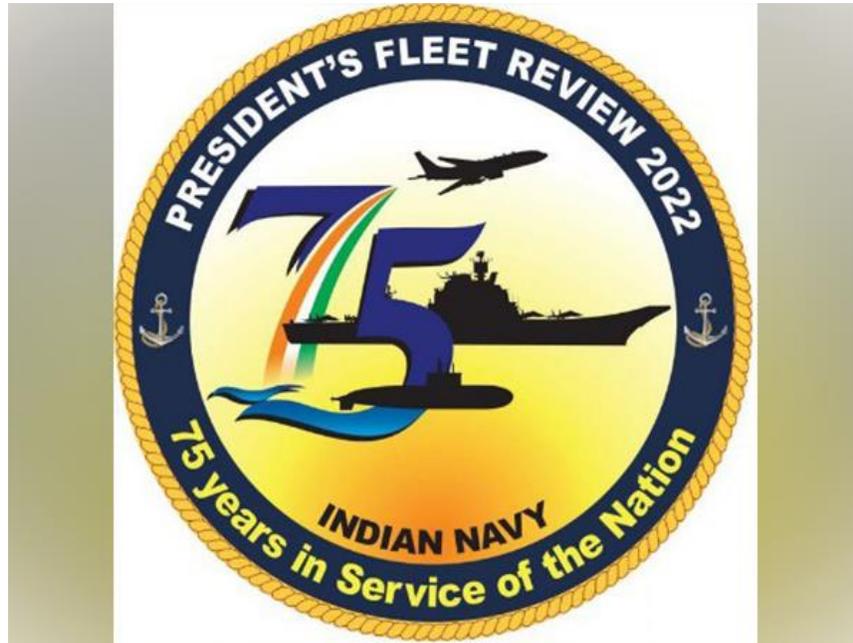
Polio National Immunization Day



- ❖ The Polio National Immunization Day (NID) 2022 was organized across the country on Sunday, 27th February 2022.
- ❖ India conducts one nationwide NID and two Sub-National Immunization Day (SNIDs) for polio every year.

- ❖ This is to maintain population immunity against wild poliovirus and to sustain its polio-free status.
- ❖ During the Polio NID, Over 15 crore children are covered across all 36 States and UTs in 735 districts.

President's Fleet Review 2022



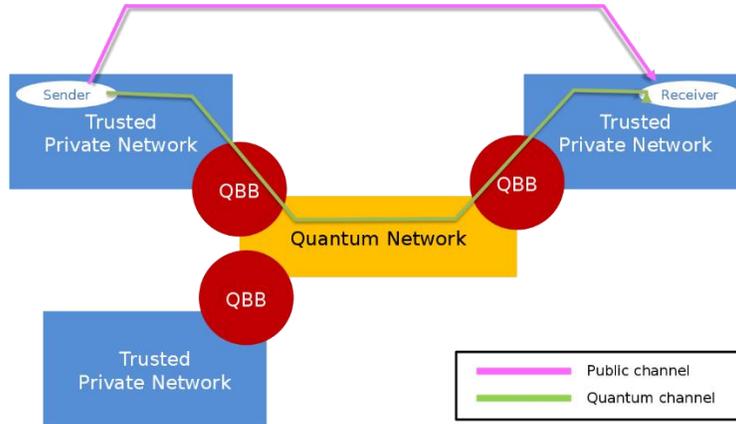
- ❖ The Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam hosted the President's Fleet Review 2022.
- ❖ The fleet review is a long-standing tradition followed by navies all across the world.
- ❖ It is an assembly of ships at a pre-designated place for the purpose of displaying loyalty and allegiance to the sovereign and the state.
- ❖ The 12th Fleet Review holds a special significance as it was conducted on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of India's Independence being celebrated as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' across the country.
- ❖ The President's Yacht is an indigenously built Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel,
- ❖ INS Sumitra will lead the Presidential Column.

Quantum Key Distribution link

- ❖ A joint team of scientists from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, for the first

time in the country successfully demonstrated the Quantum Key Distribution link between Prayagraj and Vindhyachal in Uttar Pradesh.

- ❖ The distance is more than 100 kilometers.



Matsya 6000



- ❖ Matsya 6000 will be ready for its launch in 2024 for the Samudrayaan Mission.
- ❖ It is capable of taking 3 humans to a depth of 6,000 meters.
- ❖ MATSYA 6000 is an undersea submersible vehicle designed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- ❖ It is developed by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) under the aegis of Deep Ocean Mission (DOM).

- ❖ Mission Samudrayaan aims to send humans for deep-sea exploration.

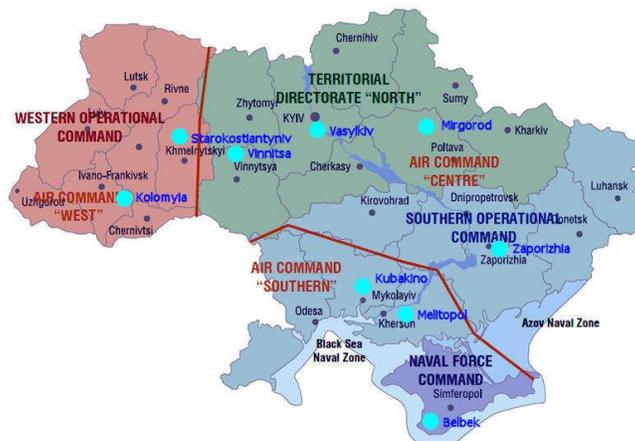
Bhasha Certificate Selfie Campaign



- ❖ The Bhasha Certificate Selfie campaign has been launched by the Ministry of Education.
- ❖ This was done with the aim of promoting multilingualism and encouraging cultural diversity so as to foster the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat spirit.
- ❖ This initiative aims to promote the Bhasha Sangam mobile app which has been developed by MyGov India and the Ministry of Education.

INTERNATIONAL

Ukraine's Airbases



- ❖ The air and missile strikes from the Russian side have destroyed over 90 military ground facilities belonging to Ukraine.

- ❖ This includes close to 14 airfields, command posts, radar stations, and the S-300 air defense systems.
- ❖ Key airfields like the Lutsk military airfield, the Ivano-Frankivsk airbase, the Melitopol airbase, the Mykolaiv airbase, the Gostomel airport, and the Chernihiv airbase were targeted heavily, resulting in major damages.

Minsk Agreements



- ❖ Minsk Agreements were signed in 2014 and 2015 in the Belarusian capital Minsk.

MINSK I

- ❖ Ukraine and the Russian-backed separatists agreed on a 12-point ceasefire deal in the Belarusian capital in 2014.
- ❖ Its provisions included prisoner exchanges, deliveries of humanitarian aid, and the withdrawal of heavy weapons.
- ❖ The agreement quickly broke down, with violations by both sides.

MINSK II

- ❖ Representatives of Russia and Ukraine, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the leaders of two pro-Russian separatist regions signed a 13-point agreement in 2015.

- ❖ The leaders of France, Germany, Russia, and Ukraine, gathered in Minsk at the same time issued a declaration of support for the deal.
- ❖ A major blockage has been Russia's insistence that it is not a party to the conflict and therefore is not bound by its terms.

Khaibar-buster Missile

- ❖ Iran unveiled a new missile called "Khaibar Buster Missile".
- ❖ It is capable of hitting nearby US bases and Israel.
- ❖ It has a range of 900 miles.
- ❖ The missile runs on solid fuel.
- ❖ It can defeat missile shield systems.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Fossil of Sea Dragon



- ❖ United Kingdom researchers have found colossal 180-million-year-old fossilized remains of an Ichthyosaur.
- ❖ It is popularly known as a 'sea dragon'.
- ❖ The researchers show one of the most significant discoveries in the region as the fossil is the biggest and most complete skeleton of its kind found in the United Kingdom.

STATES

Byanjana Dwadashi



- ❖ It is a Vaishnavite festival that commemorates an episode featuring Krishna in the Mahabharata.
- ❖ It is a 500-year-old festival in Odisha.
- ❖ It is a festival with at least 701 dishes being prepared.

Upper Bhadra project



- ❖ Chief Minister of Karnataka Basavaraj Bommai announced that the high-powered committee of central government gave national project status to “Upper Bhadra Project”.
- ❖ This is the first project from the state to get this status.
- ❖ It will speed up the ambitious irrigation project and help in transforming central Karnataka from being water-scarce to a water-rich state.

SPORTS

Fastest ODI fifty



- ❖ Richa Ghosh of West Bengal recorded the fastest fifty by an Indian batter in women's ODI cricket.
- ❖ She achieved this feat against New Zealand.
- ❖ But the New Zealand team won the match.

