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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Bangladesh has become the largest recipient of the COVID vaccines donated by the US worldwide via the Covax facility of the WHO.
- ❖ Ilker Ayci has declined the offer of Tata Sons to be the new Air India Chief executive officer.

## TAMIL NADU

### Ungalil Oruvan

- ❖ Rahul Gandhi, leader of Congress, has released the autobiography of DMK president and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin.
- ❖ “Ungalil Oruvan” (One Among You) is the name of that autobiography.
- ❖ The book’s first copy was received by state Water Resources Minister and senior DMK leader Duraimurugan.
- ❖ MK Stalin is the 8th chief minister of Tamil Nadu.

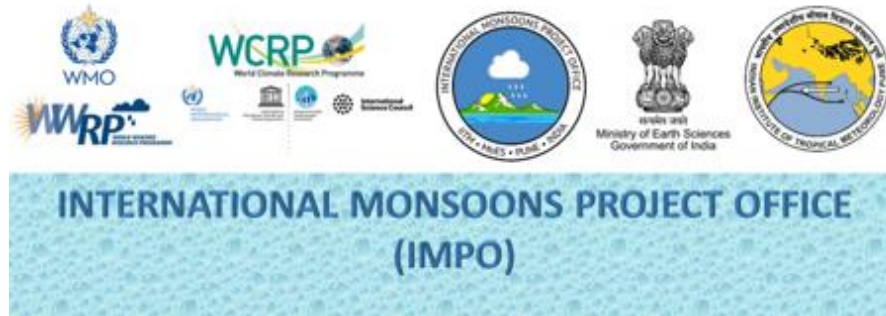


## NATIONAL

### International Monsoons Project Office

- ❖ On the occasion of National Science Day 2022, the government has launched an International Monsoons Project Office.

- ❖ The IMPO was set up to highlight the importance of monsoons for the economy of the nation.
- ❖ It will work under the leadership of the World Climate Research Programme and the World Weather Research Programme.
- ❖ IMPO would identify and foster as well as include connections and activities which will be related to international monsoon research.
- ❖ Initially, for five years, the International Monsoons Project Office (IMPO) will be based at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) in Pune.



### **Bilateral Swap Arrangement**



- ❖ Japan and India have renewed the Bilateral Swap Arrangement.
- ❖ The size of it is up to USD 75 billion.
- ❖ The BSA is a two-way arrangement where both authorities can swap their local currencies in exchange for the US Dollar.

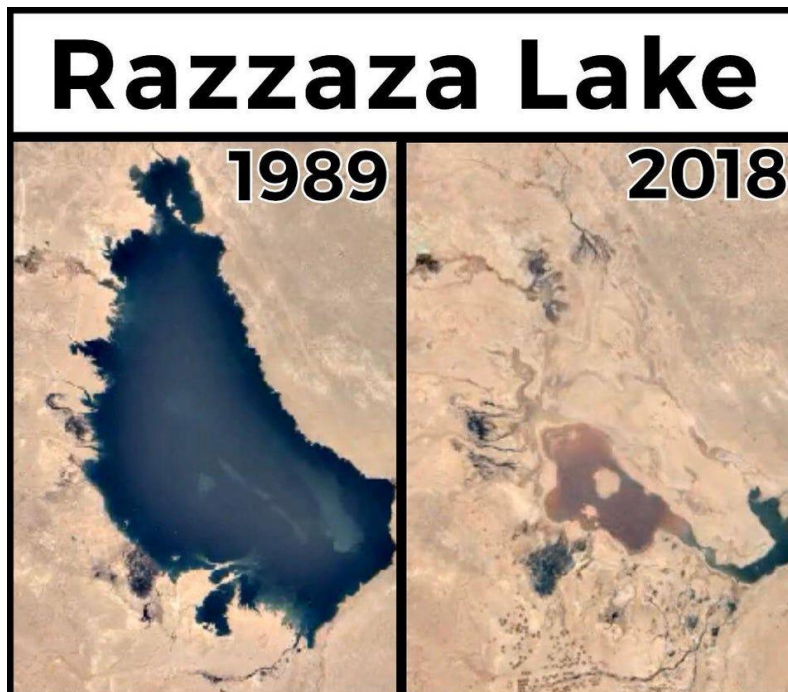
- ❖ The actual Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) was signed between the Bank of Japan and the Reserve Bank of India in 2018.

### **Indo-Belgian diplomatic ties**

- ❖ A special logo was unveiled to commemorate 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Belgium.
- ❖ Belgium was among the first European countries to set up a bilateral relationship with India.
- ❖ The logo is a peacock.
- ❖ National flags of both the national, have also been symbolized on either side of the peacock.
- ❖ India is the second-largest importer of and fifth-largest exporter of Belgian products.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Razzaza Lake**



- ❖ Razzaza Lake is a man-made lake is located between Iraq's governorates of Anbar and Karbala
- ❖ It is also known as Lake Milh.

- ❖ It's the second largest lake in Iraq.
- ❖ Razzaza was constructed as a measure to control floods in the Euphrates and to be used as a huge reservoir for irrigation purposes.
- ❖ Razzaza Lake is currently seeing a significant decline in water levels.
- ❖ It has been hit by pollution and high levels of salinity.

### **IOC response to Russia's invasion**

- ❖ The International Olympic Committee has stripped Russian President Vladimir Putin of the Olympic Order award in response to the invasion of Ukraine.
- ❖ International Olympic Committee urged sports federations and organizers to exclude Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials from international events.

### **Mriya**



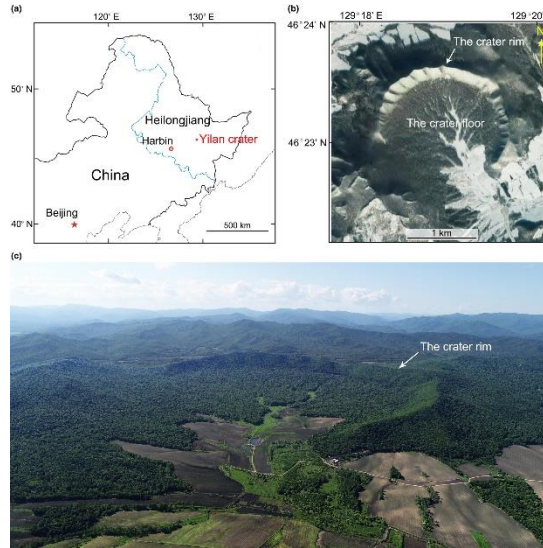
- ❖ Russia destroyed the largest plane in the world called “Ukraine’s Antonov-225 cargo plane”.
- ❖ The plane was destroyed outside Kyiv.
- ❖ According to weapons manufacturer Ukroboronprom, restoring “AN-225 Mriya” would cost over USD 3 billion and could take over five years.
- ❖ It was destroyed on February 27.
- ❖ It has been named Mriya, which means “dream” in Ukrainian.

### **Yilan Crater**

- ❖ A team of geologists has discovered a crater named “Yilan Crater”.
- ❖ It was discovered in the northwest of Yilan in Heilongjiang Province of China.

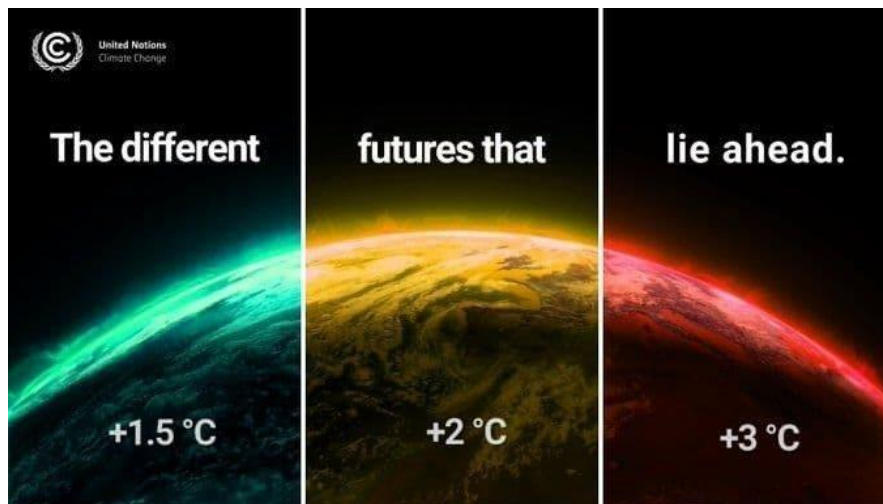


- ❖ It is the largest crater on Earth under 100,000 years old.
- ❖ Carbon-14 dating sediments suggest that this crater was formed between 46,000 and 53,000 years ago.
- ❖ Prior to 2020, only one impact crater “Xiuyan Crater” was discovered in Liaoning province.



## ENVIRONMENT

### UN Report on Climate Change

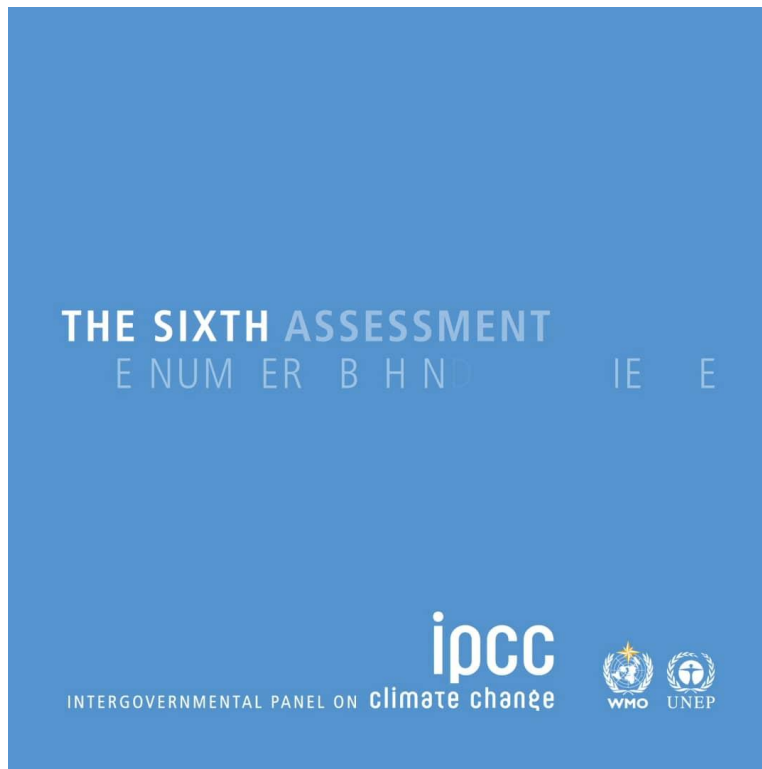


- ❖ The United Nations climate science panel, in a major report, warned that climate change is upon us and humanity is not prepared for it.
- ❖ The report noted that over half of the world’s population was already exposed to increasingly hazardous climate impacts and called for massive action.



- ❖ The report stated that by 2040, climate change is expected to make the world hungrier, sicker, far more hazardous, and poorer with an increase in hazards.
- ❖ Also, if human-caused global warming is not limited, the Earth will degrade in 127 ways.
- ❖ It is now regularly hit by deadly fires, heat, drought, and floods some of which will be irreversible.

## **IPCC Assessment Report**



- ❖ Even if greenhouse gas emissions are decreased, several disasters caused by climate change are likely to happen in the next two decades.
- ❖ This is according to a report compiled by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).
- ❖ India will be severely impacted if emissions are not reduced, according to the second installment of the IPCC report.
- ❖ The report claims that sea-level rise will endanger Mumbai, while storms will threaten Kolkata.
- ❖ Rice production in India can decrease by 10 to 30 percent, while maize production could decrease by 25 to 70 percent, assuming a temperature increase of 1 to 4 degrees Celsius.

- ❖ The river basins of Indus, Amu Darya, Sabarmati, Ganges could face severe water scarcity issues due to climate change.

## STATES

### Lachit Borphukan

- ❖ The Chief Minister of Assam had announced many projects in connection with the 400th birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan.
- ❖ Lachit Borphukan was the commander of the Ahom forces and an icon of Assamese nationalism.
- ❖ In 1669, Aurangzeb dispatched the Rajput Raja Ram Singh I to recapture the territories won back by the Ahoms in previous battles.
- ❖ So, the Battle of Alaboi was fought in the Alaboi Hills in North Guwahati between the Ahoms and Mughals.
- ❖ Lachit Borphukan, after suffering a massive defeat at Alaboi, decimated the Mughals within just two years in 1671 (Battle of Saraighat).
- ❖ Lachit won the Battle of Saraighat (Naval battle) on the River Brahmaputra.
- ❖ The Ahom Kingdom was founded by Chaolung Sukapha, who was a 13th-century ruler.



## SPORTS

### Para Archery World Championships

- ❖ Para-archer, Pooja Jatyan became the first Indian to win a silver in an individual section of the Para World Championships in Dubai, UAE.
- ❖ She lost to Italy's Patrilli Vincenza in the final.
- ❖ India has won 2 Silver medals for the first time in the Para Archery World Championship.



- ❖ The compound mixed pair of Shyam Sundar Swamyand Jyoti Baliyan had earlier opened India's account by winning a silver medal.

