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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Minister of State for Education, Annpurna Devi, presented the National Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Awards 2022.
 - The Award was presented to 49 teachers across India.
- ❖ The Global Mobile Economy Report was showcased at the “Mobile World Congress (MWC)” in Barcelona, Spain.
 - The Global Mobile Economy Report shows that the total number of 5G connections globally is likely to reach 1 billion in 2022.
- ❖ The Swiss Air Lines, the subsidiary of Lufthansa, plans to become the world’s first airline to use solar fuel.
 - Lufthansa and Swiss have started the strategic cooperation with the manufacturer Synhelion for market launch.
- ❖ The ‘Stree Manoraksha Project’ has been launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) in collaboration with NIMHANS Bengaluru.
 - This was launched with the aim to improve women’s mental health across India.

TAMIL NADU

Naan Mudhalvan scheme



- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the ‘Naan Mudhalvan’ scheme.

- ❖ It aims to equip about 10 lakh youth across the State annually with skills that will help them realize their talents for the benefit of the country.
- ❖ The scheme aims to identify, train and offer career and academic guidance to talented students in government-run and State-aided educational institutions.

NATIONAL

National Conclave on Social Enterprises for Garbage Free Cities

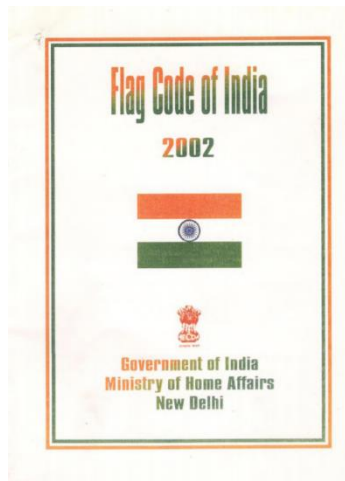
- ❖ A National conclave on Social Enterprises for Garbage-Free Cities: Encouraging Women Entrepreneurs in Waste management in Raipur is being organized.
- ❖ It is organized by the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 in collaboration with the Chhattisgarh government.
- ❖ The theme song “Swachhata Jaari Hai” will also be launched.



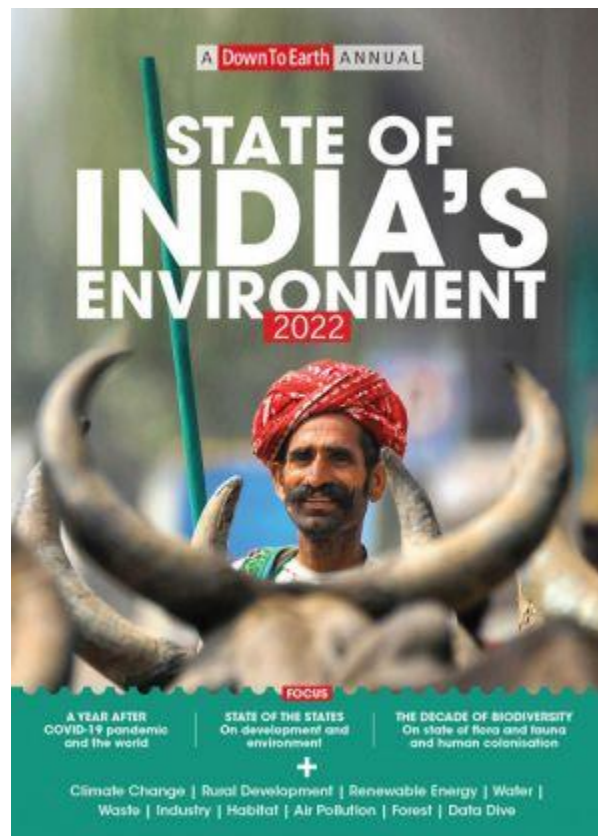
Polyester National Flags

- ❖ The Indian government has allowed the import and manufacture of national flags which are machine-made of polyester.
- ❖ The 2002 Flag Code of India has been amended for this purpose.
- ❖ Earlier rules permitted only those flags which were made by only “hand-spun and weaved wool, cotton, or silk khadi bunting.
- ❖ While machine-made flag imports were banned in 2019.

- ❖ “The National Flag shall be made of hand-spun and hand-woven or machine-made, cotton, polyester, wool, silk khadi bunting” is what the latest revision acknowledged.



State of India's Environment Report 2022



- ❖ The State of India's Environment Report, 2022 of the Centre for Science and Environment was released by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav.

- ❖ According to this report, India's ranking has slipped due to substantial challenges in 11 SDGs such as zero hunger, good health and wellbeing, gender equality, and sustainable cities and communities.
- ❖ India has dropped three places from last year's ranking of 117 to 120.
- ❖ The overall Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) score of India was 66 out of 100.
- ❖ According to the report, the states that are least prepared to meet the SDGs by the target year of 2030 are Jharkhand and Bihar.
- ❖ The report also stated that among the states Kerala topped, with Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh coming in second and third, respectively.
- ❖ According to the report, Chandigarh topped among the Union Territories.

Exercise Vayu Shakti



- ❖ Indian Air Force (IAF) will conduct the Exercise Vayu Shakti that will take place at Pokharan range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the Chief Guest of this event.
- ❖ A total of 148 aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) will participate in this exercise.
- ❖ Rafale aircraft will participate for the first time in this exercise.
- ❖ Exercise Vayu Shakti is organized by Indian Air Force for three years once.
- ❖ The last Vayu Shakti Exercise took place in 2019.

National Innovation Conclave on Low Carbon Technologies

- ❖ The Bureau of Energy Efficiency commemorated its 20th Foundation Day, by organizing the "National Innovation Conclave" on Low Carbon Technologies.
- ❖ The National Innovation Conclave on Low Carbon technologies is a platform to present innovations that are showing the benefits of energy savings and

greenhouse gas emission reduction potential when they are deployed at a large scale in industrial and commercial sectors.

- ❖ The National Innovation Conclave is focussed on challenges in low-carbon innovation such as the need for financing towards commercialization and scale-up.



INTERNATIONAL

New Species of Orchid



- ❖ The Researchers have discovered an astounding new species of orchid in the cloud rainforest of Northern Ecuador.
- ❖ It has been scientifically named *Maxillaria anacatalina-portillae*.
- ❖ This plant is unique with its showy, intense yellow flowers.

ECONOMY

GST Revenues – February



- ❖ The February 2022 collection of GST (Goods and Services Tax) stood at Rs. 1,33,026 crores.
- ❖ This is 18 percent higher than February 2021.
- ❖ For the fifth time, GST collection has crossed the mark of Rs 1.30 lakh crore.
- ❖ Since GST's implementation, GST cess collection, for the first time, crossed the mark of Rs 10,000 crore.

60 million Demat accounts



- ❖ The Central Depository Services (India) announced that it now has more than six crores (i. e. equivalent to 60 million) active Demat accounts.
- ❖ A Demat account is a kind of account that can be used to keep online copies of securities and shares.

Wealth Report 2022



- ❖ India is ranked 3rd in terms of most number of billionaires' population globally in 2021.
- ❖ This is as per Knight Frank's latest edition of The Wealth Report 2022.
- ❖ The number of ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNWIs) in India increased by 11% YoY in 2021 to 145 billionaires.
- ❖ This is the highest percentage growth in the Asia Pacific (APAC) region.
- ❖ UHNWIs are individuals with net assets of US\$ 30m or more (Rs 226 crore).
- ❖ The list has been topped by the United States (748) and China (554) respectively.
- ❖ In India, Bengaluru recorded the highest growth in the number of UHNWIs in 2021.
- ❖ It was followed by Delhi and Mumbai in 2021.

SPORTS

ISSF World Cup

- ❖ Indian shooter, Saurabh Chaudhary has won the gold medal in Men's 10m Air Pistol event at the ongoing 2022 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Cairo, Egypt.

- ❖ In the women's 10m air pistol section, India's Esha Singh lost to Anna Korakaki of Greece to win the silver medal.



Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament



- ❖ Indian boxers Nikhat Zareen (52kg) and Nitu (48kg) have won gold medals at the 73rd Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament, held in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- ❖ Nandini in the 81kg category won a bronze medal.
- ❖ The Indian contingent ended their campaign at the tournament with these three medals.

