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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The 53rd Raising Day ceremony of the Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) was organized on March 06, 2022, in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
 - CISF is one of six paramilitary forces in India and functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs with headquarters located at New Delhi.

NATIONAL

Pune Metro Rail Project



- ❖ The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has inaugurated Pune Metro Rail Project.
- ❖ Pune Metro is the first metro project in the country to have Aluminum body coaches.
- ❖ These are indigenously manufactured under the Make in India policy.
- ❖ PM Modi also unveiled the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at the premises of the Pune Municipal Corporation.

SLINEX 2022

- ❖ The ninth edition of the Indian and Sri Lankan Navy bilateral maritime exercise SLINEX (Sri Lanka–India Naval Exercise) was held at Visakhapatnam.

- ❖ The exercise is conducted in two phases.
- ❖ The Harbour Phase took place at Visakhapatnam and the Sea Phase will take place in the Bay of Bengal.
- ❖ In October 2020, the previous edition of SLINEX was conducted in Trincomalee.



HANSA-NG

- ❖ 'HANSA-NG', successfully completed the sea-level trials at Puducherry.
- ❖ It is India's first indigenously developed Flying Trainer.
- ❖ HANSA-NG was flown from Bengaluru to Puducherry covering a distance of 140 nautical miles in 1.5 hours at a cruising speed of 155 km/hr.
- ❖ The aircraft has been designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), under the aegis of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).



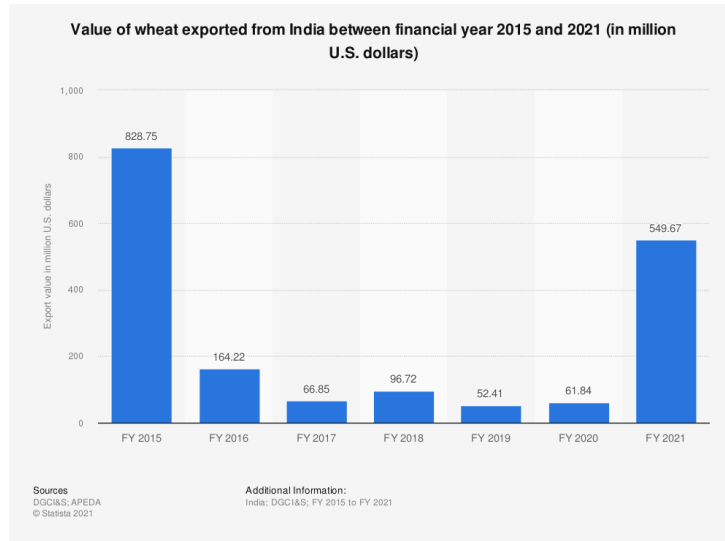
Floating storage and regasification unit

- ❖ H-Jaigarh Energy's Terminal in Maharashtra has received India's first floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU).

- ❖ On April 12, 2021, the FSRU Hoegh Giant arrived at Jaigarh Terminal in Maharashtra after sailing from Keppel Shipyard in Singapore.
- ❖ This will be India's first FSRU-based LNG receiving terminal.



Wheat Export



- ❖ This financial year, India is set to export around 7 million tonnes of wheat.
- ❖ This would be one of the highest exports of wheat by India.
- ❖ India is the world's second-biggest producer of wheat, accounting for 13.53% of global production.
- ❖ But it only accounts for 1% of global wheat exports.
- ❖ Annually India produces around 108 million tonnes of wheat.

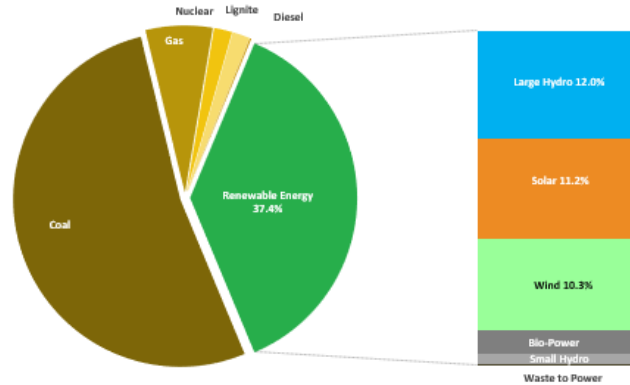
- ❖ China is the World's largest producer of Wheat.

Solar Capacity – 2021

India - Cumulative Installed Power Capacity Mix (%)

Renewables (including Large Hydro) comprise ~37% of India's total installed capacity, with solar accounting for ~11%. Among renewables, solar accounts for ~30% of the installed capacity

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Data from CEA, MNRE, Mercom India Solar Project Tracker (Installed Capacity as on 30 June 2021)

Source: Mercom India Research

- ❖ India installed a record 10 gigawatts (GW) of solar capacity in the calendar year 2021, a 212 percent increase year on year (y-o-y).
- ❖ This is according to the report Annual 2021 India Solar Market Update by Mercom India Research.
- ❖ In 2021, rooftop installations increased by 138 percent year on year.
- ❖ As of December 2021, Rajasthan, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh were the top three states in terms of cumulative large-scale solar capacity.

Report on Sundarbans Tigers

- ❖ The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) was entrusted to prepare a report on the increasing cases of man-animal conflict.
- ❖ In this regard, WII released a preliminary report, which is based on the recent tiger census.
- ❖ The density of tigers in the Sunderbans of West Bengal may have reached its carrying capacity.
- ❖ WII informed the West Bengal forest department that the carrying capacity in the hostile terrain is three to five tigers per 100 sq km.
- ❖ But in multiple blocks of Sunderbans, the density is more than that.
- ❖ This high density will force tigers to move out of forests in search of new areas.



- ❖ Recently, around eight tigers have entered villages in Sunderbans and all of them were captured and released into the wild.
- ❖ The WII has advised the Bengal forest department to release the captured tigers in those areas of the forest that have less density of tigers.

INTERNATIONAL

Mobile World Congress 2022



- ❖ The Global System for Mobile Communications Association has organized the 2022 Mobile World Congress.
- ❖ It took place in Barcelona, Spain.
- ❖ The Global Mobile Economy Report expects 5G connections globally to reach 1 billion in 2022 by 5G adoption.
- ❖ An increase in the 5G network connection will increase the global GDP by 5% up to \$5 trillion in 2025.

Pakistan - grey list

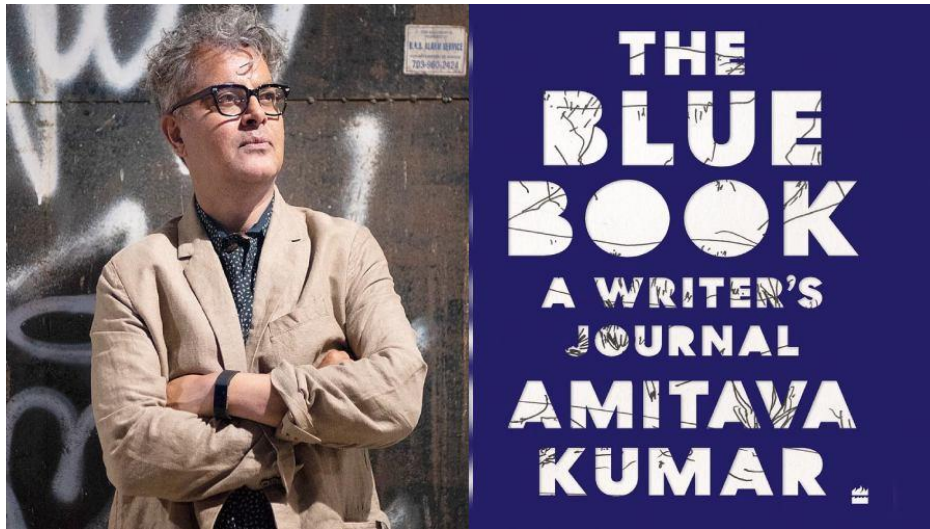


- ❖ Pakistan is likely to remain on the grey list of global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog FATF until June.
- ❖ Pakistan has been on the grey list of the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF) since June 2018.
- ❖ It has been on the grey list for failing to check money laundering, leading to terror financing.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

A book by Journalist Amitava Kumar

- ❖ Indian writer and journalist, Amitava Kumar has come out with a new book titled 'The Blue Book: A Writer's Journal'.
- ❖ The book has been published by HarperCollins India.
- ❖ The Blue Book is the outcome of the diary-keeping by the author during the time of lockdown due to pandemics.

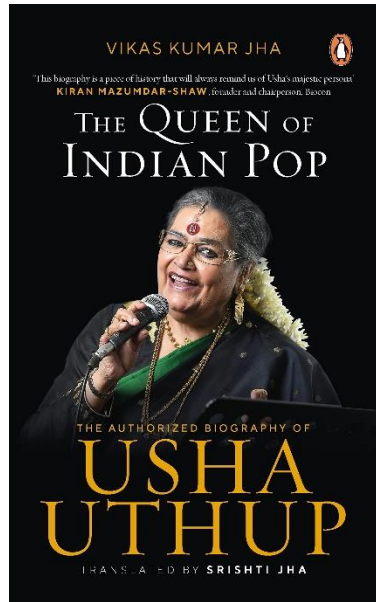


Biography Usha Uthup

- ❖ The biography of pop icon Usha Uthup titled "The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup" was released.
- ❖ The book was originally written in Hindi titled "Ullas Ki Naav" by author Vikas Kumar Jha.
- ❖ "The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup" is the English translation of the book.
- ❖ It was translated by the writer's daughter Srishti Jha.



❖ The book is published by Penguin Random House India.



SPORTS

Mithali Raj

MITHALI RAJ BECOMES THE FIRST WOMAN AND ONLY THE 2ND INDIAN AFTER SACHIN TENDULKAR TO TO PLAY IN 6 DIFFERENT WORLD CUPS

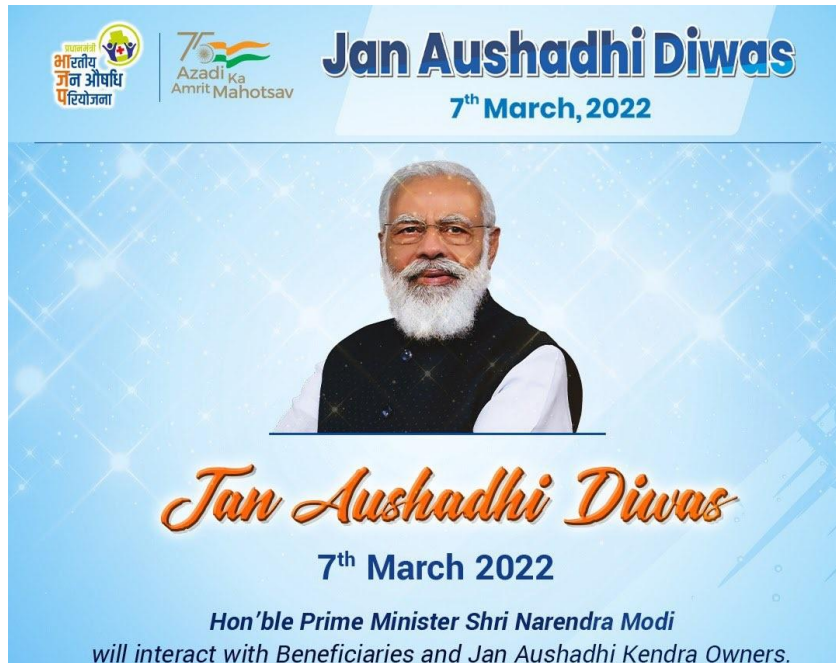


SACHIN TENDULKAR WON HIS FIRST WORLD CUP IN HIS 6TH ATTEMPT

- ❖ The Indian women cricket captain, Mithali Raj has become the first woman to appear in six World Cups.
- ❖ She is the only third cricketer overall to play six world cup after Sachin Tendulkar and Javed Miandad.
- ❖ She has played in the ICC women's cricket world cup events in 2000, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017, and now in 2022.
- ❖ The ICC women's cricket world cup 2022 is being held in New Zealand.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Jan Aushadhi Diwas - March 07



- ❖ It is celebrated by the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India.
- ❖ The day is observed to spread awareness about the usages of generic medicines and the benefits of Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana.
- ❖ The theme for this year is “Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi”.
- ❖ The first Jan Aushadhi Diwas was celebrated on the 7th of March 2019.

International Women's Day - March 08

- ❖ The day recognizes the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.

- ❖ The event celebrates women’s achievements and raises awareness about women’s equality and lobbies for accelerated gender parity.
- ❖ The theme of 2022 International Women’s Day is “gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow”.
- ❖ International Women’s Day was observed for the first time in 1911.

