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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said the allotment of houses by the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board will henceforth be made in the name of woman heads of the family.
 - Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board was formerly the Slum Clearance Board.
- ❖ The University of Madras announced an award in the name of Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar to be presented to deserving girl students of the university.
- ❖ The Hindu Group has been named the 'Publisher of the Year' for the second consecutive year at the WAN-IFRA South Asian Digital Media Awards 2021.
 - The World Association of News Publishers is the global organization of the world's press.
- ❖ Andy Murray said that he would donate his prize money from tennis tournaments for the rest of the year to UNICEF's Ukraine appeal.

TAMIL NADU

Entry of domesticated cattle into forest areas

- ❖ The Madras High Court has directed the Forest Department not to allow any domesticated cattle to venture into the forest areas across Tamil Nadu for grazing.
- ❖ The verdict aimed at reserving the forests only for wild animals and preventing multiple threats faced by them owing to the entry of domestic cattle.

NATIONAL

5 state Election results



- ❖ Votes were counted in five states namely Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa, and Manipur.
- ❖ Except for Punjab, the BJP has been in power in all the other states.
- ❖ In Punjab, Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP won the election.
- ❖ Yogi Adityanath became the first chief minister to retain power in Uttar Pradesh since the 1985 assembly elections.

WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine



The infographic features a central title 'WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine' with a subtitle 'First and only global outpost Centre (office) for traditional medicine across the globe to be established in Jamnagar, Gujarat'. A magnifying glass highlights a bowl of traditional medicine. To the right, there is a vertical banner for 'CABINET DECISIONS 09-03-2022' and a small image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his hands in a prayer gesture. Logos for PIB and the 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav are also present.

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Benefits:

- > To position AYUSH systems across the globe
- > To provide leadership on global health matters pertaining to traditional medicine
- > To ensure quality, safety and efficacy, accessibility and rational use of traditional medicine
- > To develop norms in relevant technical areas
- > To develop specific capacity building and training programmes

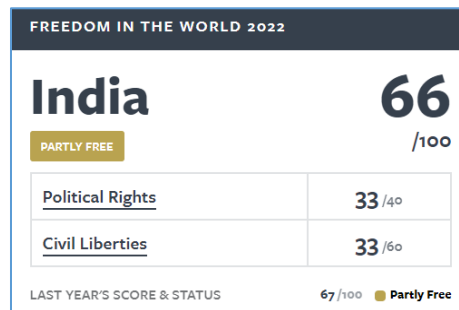
CABINET DECISIONS 09-03-2022

- ❖ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the establishment of a World Health Organization Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) at Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- ❖ The WHO GCTM is to be established under the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy).
- ❖ This will be the first and only global outpost centre (office) for traditional medicines.

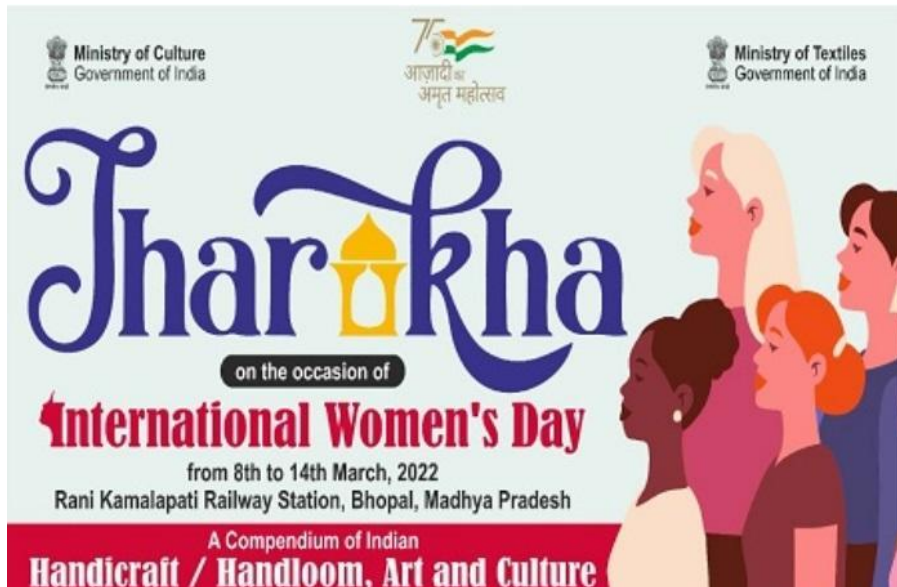
Freedom of the World 2022 report

- ❖ For the second consecutive year, India has been termed as 'partly free' country in terms of democracy and free society.

- ❖ This is according to the report titled “Freedom in the World 2022 – The Global Expansion of Authoritarian Rule” by Freedom House.
- ❖ Freedom House is a US-based NGO that assesses political rights and civil liberties.
- ❖ India scored 66 out of 100 in 2022.
- ❖ The country had scored 67 in 2021.
- ❖ India was a free country till 2020 when its score was 71.
- ❖ In Internet freedom, India scored 49.
- ❖ In 2022, 85 countries were termed as free, 56 as partly free and 69 as not free.



Jharokha



- ❖ The Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Textiles organized a programme called “Jharokha-Compendium of Indian handicraft/ handloom, art, and culture”.
- ❖ This is to celebrate the traditional Indian handicrafts, handlooms, and art & culture.

- ❖ The first event under this celebration has been organized in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh at Rani Kamalapati Railway Station.
- ❖ Jharokha is a PAN India programme that will be held at 16 locations in 13 states and UTs, as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav .

Motor Vehicle Agreement



- ❖ The Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal (BBIN) Motor Vehicle Agreement (MVA) was signed by all four BBIN countries in 2015 but has not yet been implemented.
- ❖ BBIN MVA will allow the four countries to ply their vehicles in each other's country for transportation of cargo and passengers.
- ❖ Recently India, Bangladesh, and Nepal finalized an MoU to implement the BBIN MVA at a meeting held in New Delhi, India.

International Election Visitors Programme 2022



- ❖ The virtual International Election Visitors Programme (IEVP) 2022 was hosted by the Election Commission of India (ECI) for Election Management Bodies (EMBs) from nearly 32 countries and four international organizations.
- ❖ More than 150 EMB Delegates participating online were given an overview of the recent elections for Legislative Assemblies in Manipur, Goa, Uttarakhand, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh.

National Land Monetization Corporation



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-  Will help generate substantial revenues by **monetizing unused and under-used assets**

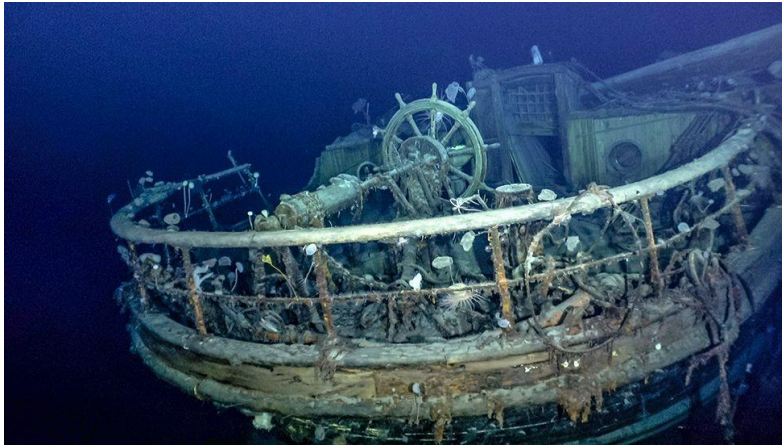
- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the setting up National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) as a wholly-owned Government of India company.
- ❖ NLMC will undertake monetization of surplus land and building assets of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and other Government agencies.
- ❖ At present, CPSEs hold a considerable surplus, unused, and underused non-core assets in the nature of land and buildings.

INTERNATIONAL

Endurance ship

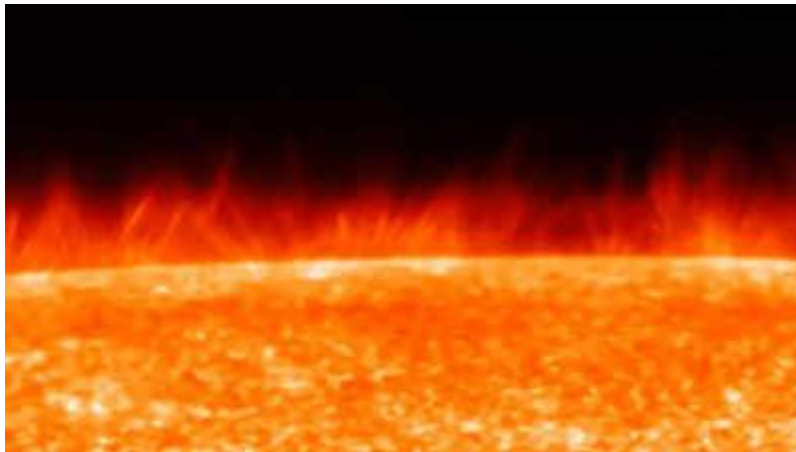
- ❖ The Scientists have found and filmed one of the greatest ever undiscovered ship wrecks 107 years after it sank.

- ❖ The Endurance, the lost vessel of Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, was found at the weekend at the bottom of the Weddell Sea.
- ❖ The ship was crushed by sea-ice and sank in 1915.
- ❖ The project to find the lost ship was mounted by the Falklands Maritime Heritage Trust (FMHT), using a South African icebreaker, Agulhas II.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Plasma



- ❖ The Scientists have unraveled the science behind the jets of plasma.
- ❖ Plasma is the fourth state of matter consisting of electrically charged particles that occur just about everywhere in the sun's chromosphere.
- ❖ The jets, or spicules, appear as thin grass-like plasma structures that constantly shoot up from the surface and are then brought down by gravity.
- ❖ The amount of energy and momentum that these spicules can carry is of fundamental interest in solar and plasma astrophysics.

- ❖ The scientists recently elaborated that the plasma right below the visible solar surface (photosphere) is perpetually in a state of convection, much like boiling water in a vessel heated at the bottom.

STATES

Old pension scheme

- ❖ Chhattisgarh has become the second state, after Rajasthan, to reintroduce the old pension scheme for government employees that provides an assured pension after retirement.
- ❖ The scheme was scrapped by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government from April 1, 2004, and was replaced with a market-driven pension scheme.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Climate Force Antarctica Expedition

- ❖ Aarushi Verma has been selected to represent India at the 2041 Climate Force Antarctica Expedition.
- ❖ She is a national-level shooter and an environmentalist hailing from Delhi.
- ❖ She will be fully supported and sponsored by The Hans Foundation.



SPORTS

Ravindra Jadeja

- ❖ India's Ravindra Jadeja climbed to the top spot in the ICC Test rankings for all-rounders.
- ❖ This is after his match-winning performance against Sri Lanka in the opening Test in Mohali.



- ❖ His unbeaten 175 lifted him up to 17 places from 54th to 37th.
- ❖ He added nine wickets in this match.

<p>2 Times Ravindra Jadeja has taken 25 wickets or more in a Test series: 26 at 25.84 in the five-Test series against England in India in 2016-17 and 25 at 18.56 in the four-Test series against Australia in 2016-17.</p>	<p>1 Just one allrounder has a higher batting average and has taken more wickets at a lower average in a 30-Test span than Ravindra Jadeja, who has 1436 runs at 49.51 and 112 wkts at 25.24 from his last 30 Tests. Imran Khan scored 1585 runs (ave 52.83) and claimed 114 wickets at 23.37 in 30 consecutive Tests.</p>
<p>1 Jadeja is the only allrounder to have scored 750-plus runs and taken 40 wickets or more in the World Test Championships between 2019 and 2022, his tally being 885 runs at 46.57 and 49 wickets at 26.61 in 17 matches.</p>	

