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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The chairman of Tata Sons, N Chandrasekaran has been appointed as the chairman of Air India.
 - In February 2022, N Chandrasekaran was reappointed as chairman of Tata Sons for a second term of five years.
- ❖ Indian Shuttler Lakshya Sen has settled for silver in the men's singles final at the German Open 2022.
 - He lost to Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand.
- ❖ The Karnataka High Court dismissed various petitions challenging a ban on hijab in educational institutions.
 - The High Court, in its judgment also stated that wearing the hijab is not an essential religious practice of Islam.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin announced that a mega book park would be established in the state.
 - The government will identify land for the same and extend necessary support to create the park.
- ❖ Chennai will host the 44th Chess Olympiad in July this year.
 - The International Chess Federation (FIDE) Council had decided to shift the venue of the event out of Moscow.
- ❖ Rashtriya Indian Military College, for the first time in its history of 100-years, will induct girls cadets from July 2022.
 - Five girl cadets are set to join the college in 2022.

TAMIL NADU

Ice cream factory

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister opened a new ice cream factory at Aavin Dairy in Madurai.
- ❖ On behalf of the National Dairy Board, he opened a new ice cream plant with a production capacity of 30,000 liters.
- ❖ The plant here is the second for Aavin in Tamil Nadu after Chennai.



NATIONAL

GI-tagged Kashmiri carpet



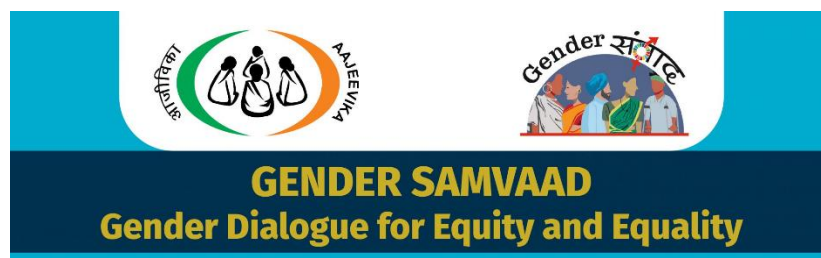
- ❖ The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has launched quick response (QR) code for its GI-tagged Kashmiri carpet.
- ❖ This is to preserve the authenticity and genuineness of the hand-knotted carpets.
- ❖ Since the QR code label cannot be copied or misused, it will discourage the counterfeit production of carpets.
- ❖ Meanwhile, the first-ever consignment of GI-tagged hand-knotted carpets was exported to Germany from New Delhi this March.

LivQuik



- ❖ LivQuik, a prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuer, announced that it has achieved full interoperability for its Prepaid Payment Instruments, as mandated by the Reserve Bank of India.
- ❖ According to the firm, it is also the first PPI issuer to achieve full interoperability
- ❖ LivQuik is a Mumbai-based Fintech startup.

Gender Samwaad



- ❖ Over 3000 State Mission employees and members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from 34 states logged in to attend the third edition of 'Gender Samwaad,'.
- ❖ It was organized by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development.
- ❖ It's a national virtual effort to raise awareness about the mission's activities around the country via the perspective of gender.

- ❖ Promotion of food and nutrition security through women's collectives was the focus for this edition.
- ❖ The event was held as part of the Amrit Mahotsava's Iconic Week commemoration theme of 'Naye Bharat ki Naari.'

Fortune India - The Next 500 list 2022 – RailTel



- ❖ RailTel Corporation of India Limited is owned by the Indian Railways has ranked 124th in the 8th Edition Fortune India The Next 500 (2022 edition) of top midsize companies operating in India.
- ❖ It is the only Telecom Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) of the Government of India (GoI) on the list.
- ❖ Apart from RailTel, IRCTC is the only Railway PSU featuring in the list, at the rank of 309.

Indian Embassy in Ukraine

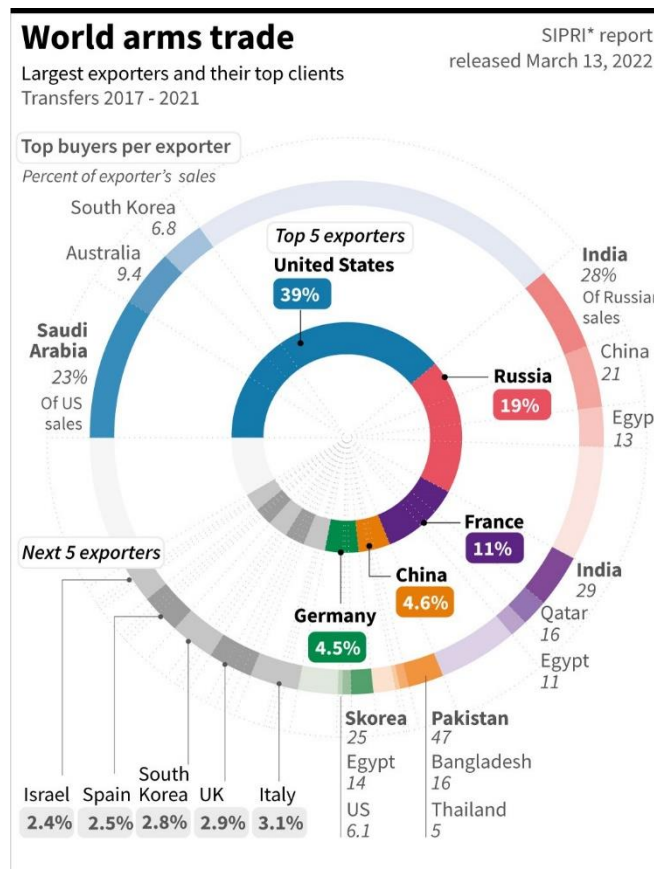


- ❖ India has decided to temporarily relocate its embassy in Ukraine to Poland.

- ❖ This is done in view of the rapidly deteriorating security situation in the war-torn country.
- ❖ The decision comes amid increasing Russian attacks on the Ukrainian capital Kyiv and several other prominent cities.

INTERNATIONAL

SIPRI Report



- ❖ The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has released its latest report on Trends in International Arms Transfer, 2021.
- ❖ As per the report, India and Saudi Arabia emerged as the largest importers of arms between 2017-21.
- ❖ Both two countries accounted for 11% of all global arms sales.
- ❖ The report placed India at the top of the list.
- ❖ Russia (46%), France (27%), and the USA (12%) were the top three largest exporters of arms to India during the period.



- ❖ The USA, with a 39% share, retained its standing as the world's largest arms exporters during 2017-21.
- ❖ India was the 23rd largest exporter during 2017-21, with a share of just 0.2% of the global exports.

ECONOMY

Interest rate on PF deposits

Financial Year	EPF Interest Rate (%)
2013-14	8.75
2014-15	8.75
2015-16	8.80
2016-17	8.65
2017-18	8.55
2018-19	8.05
2019-20	8.50

- ❖ The retirement fund body, Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has slashed the interest rate on provident fund deposits to 8.10% for 2021-22.
- ❖ This rate is 0.4% lower than the previous year.
- ❖ The interest rate on PF deposits was 8.5% in 2020-21 and 2019-20.
- ❖ This is the lowest in more than four decades.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Prabha Narasimhan

- ❖ Prabha Narasimhan has been appointed as the CEO and MD of Colgate-Palmolive (India) Limited.

- ❖ She succeeded Ram Raghavan.
- ❖ Colgate-Palmolive (India) provides oral care products under the 'Colgate' brand.
- ❖ It also provides personal care products under the 'Palmolive' brand name.



Prabha Narasimhan,
CEO, Colgate-Palmolive



BAFTA Awards 2022

Category	Winners
Best Film	The Power of the Dog
Best Director	Jane Campion, The Power of the Dog
Best Actress in Leading Role	Joanna Scanlan, After Love
Best Actor in Leading Role	Will Smith, King Richard
Best Supporting Actress	Ariana DeBose, West Side Story
Best Supporting Actor	Troy Kotsur, CODA
EE Rising Star Award	Lashana Lynch
Outstanding British Film	Belfast
Outstanding Debut By A British Writer, Director, Or Producer	The Harder They Fall
Best Film Not In The English Language	Drive My Car
Best Documentary	Summer of Soul (Or, When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised)
Best Animated Film	Encanto
Best Short Animation	Do Not Feed the Pigeons, Vladimir Krasilnikov, Jordi Morera and Antonin Niclass
Best Short Film	The Black Cop, Cherish Oleka
Original Screenplay	Licorice Pizza, Paul Thomas Anderson
Adapted Screenplay	CODA, Sian Heder
Original Score	Dune, Hans Zimmer
Casting	West Side Story, Cindy Tolan

- ❖ The 75th edition of the British Academy Film Awards, also known as the BAFTA Award, was held at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

- ❖ The awards honor the best national and foreign films of 2021.
- ❖ The ceremony was hosted by actress and comedian Rebel Wilson.
- ❖ The film that received maximum nominations was Dune, with 11 nominations.
- ❖ The film that received the maximum number of awards was Dune as well with 5 awards.

IMPORTANT DAYS

The World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development - March 04

- ❖ The day offers an opportunity to highlight engineers and engineering's achievements in our modern world.
- ❖ It also aims to improve public understanding of how engineering and technology are central to modern life and sustainable development.



World Contact Day - March 15



- ❖ The day brings all alien life enthusiasts together to attempt to contact extraterrestrial beings.
- ❖ It was initiated by The International Flying Saucer Bureau (I.F.S.B.) in 1952 by Albert K. Bender.

National Vaccination Day - March 16



- ❖ It is observed to convey the importance of vaccination to the entire nation.
- ❖ It is also known as National Immunisation Day.
- ❖ The day was first observed in the year 1995.
- ❖ It was in 1995 that India started the Pulse Polio Programme and the first dose of Oral Polio Vaccine was given.
- ❖ The theme for this year is “Vaccines Work for all”.

