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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The foundation stone for the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre in Hyderabad was laid by Chief Justice of India N.V.Ramana.
 - IAMC-Hyderabad is India's first arbitration center for alternative dispute resolution.
- ❖ The Supreme Court upheld the central government's decision on One Rank, One Pension (OROP) for defense forces.
 - It said that it does not find any constitutional infirmity in the manner in which it is being implemented.
- ❖ Smriti Irani launched the new motto of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights on its 17th Foundation Day (March 01, 2022).
 - The new motto encourages us to protect the future i.e. our children, because in their welfare lies the foundation of a strong Nation.
- ❖ Indian Hotels Company Ltd (IHCL) has partnered with UNESCO to help preserve and promote the cultural heritage of India.

TAMIL NADU

Tamilnadu budget – highlights

Fiscal prudence | Budget presented by Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan on Friday tried to balance fiscal prudence with growth and welfare-related expenditure

REVENUE DEFICIT DOWN:
₹7,000 crore decline in revenue deficit in the revised estimate (RE) for 2021-22 compared to 2020-21. Decline seen for the first time after 7 years


FISCAL DEFICIT DOWN: 3.8% of gross State

domestic product is the fiscal deficit (FD) of Tamil Nadu as per RE for 2021-22, which is a decline of 0.8 percentage points compared to 2020-21

EMPOWERING WOMEN:
₹1,000 to be credited per month to girl students during their undergraduate, diploma and industrial training courses, provided they studied Class 6 to 12 in government schools. Six lakh students to benefit each year

BOOSTING GROWTH: 51% rise in allocation of budget for industries and MSME sector. Allocation of ₹4,179 crore in 2022-23 compared to the RE of ₹2,764 crore in 2021-22

FOCUS ON EDUCATION:
₹4,885 crore increase in allocation for education compared to previous year. School education gets the highest allocation of ₹36,896 crore



- ❖ Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan presented the General Budget for 2022-23 in the House on March 18, 2022.
- ❖ This is the second Budget of the DMK government.
- ❖ It was presented as an e-budget.
- ❖ A separate organization will be set up for Climate Change and green initiatives.

- ❖ The Government announces 'Project Nilgiri Tahr' to protect & conserve the 'State Animal' of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ All girl students in Tamil Nadu who studied from classes 6 to 12 in Government schools will be paid Rs.1,000/- per month directly into their bank account till the uninterrupted completion of their undergraduate degree, diploma, and ITI courses.
- ❖ A Mobile information centers would be launched for migrant workers.
- ❖ New museums will be built this year in Villupuram and Ramanathapuram districts.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu will launch the 'Perasiriyar Anbazhagan School Development Scheme' to modernize the government schools.
- ❖ The State Startup Hub Centre with all facilities will be established by the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation at Nandambakkam, Chennai.

Mina Swaminathan

- ❖ Mina Swaminathan, a childcare expert, died due to the old age.
- ❖ She was at 89.
- ❖ She is the wife of agricultural scientist M S Swaminathan.



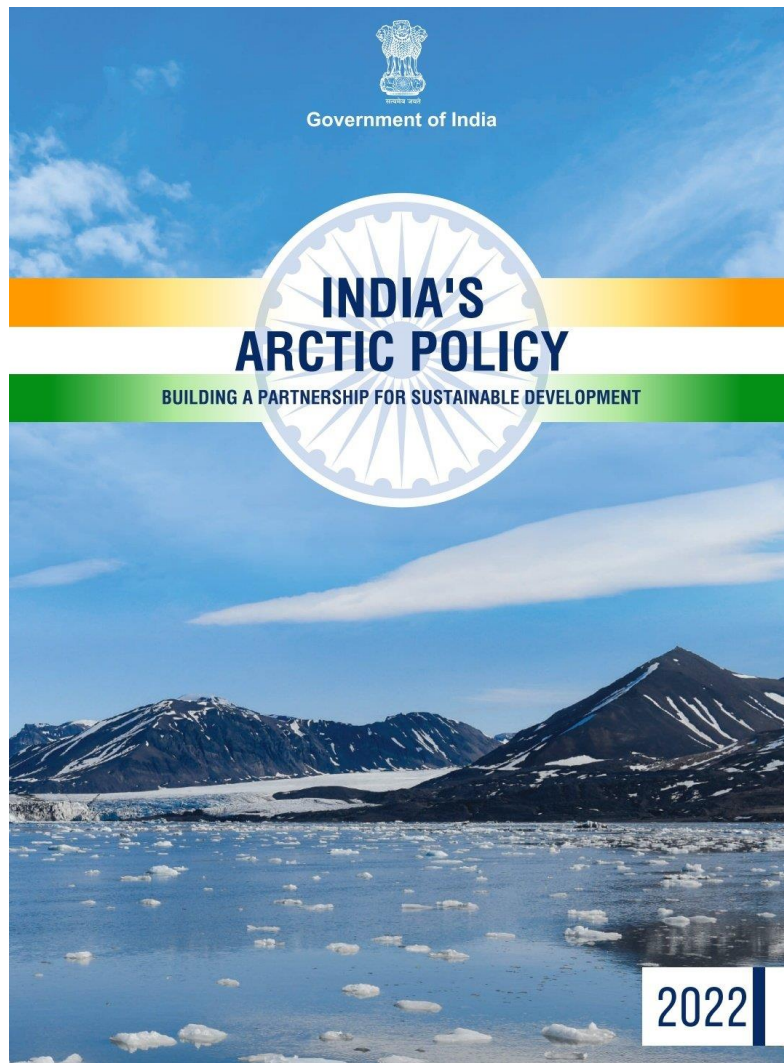
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Arctic policy

- ❖ The Centre released its Arctic policy titled 'India and the Arctic: building a partnership for sustainable development'.



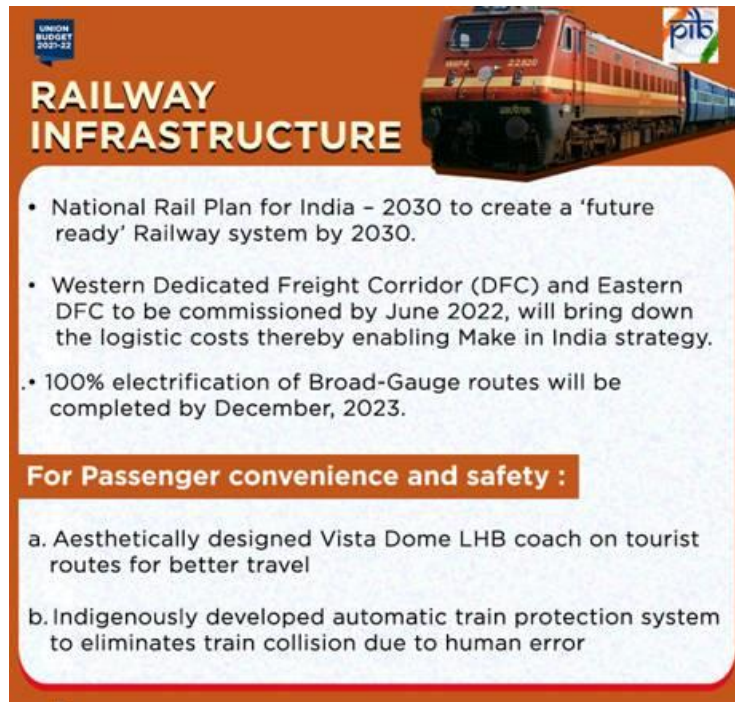
- ❖ It aims to strengthen national capabilities and competencies in science and exploration, climate and environmental protection, use of mineral wealth, and maritime and economic cooperation with the Arctic region.
- ❖ The focus of the policy is also to increase India's participation in the Arctic Council and improve understanding of the complex governance structures in the region.
- ❖ India is among the 13 nations that are observers in the Arctic Council.



National Rail Plan - 2030

- ❖ The Indian Railways have prepared a National Rail Plan (NRP) for India - 2030.
- ❖ The Plan is to create a 'future ready' Railway system by 2030.

- ❖ The NRP is aimed to formulate strategies based on both operational capacities and commercial policy initiatives to increase the modal share of the Railways in freight to 45%.



RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

- National Rail Plan for India - 2030 to create a 'future ready' Railway system by 2030.
- Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) and Eastern DFC to be commissioned by June 2022, will bring down the logistic costs thereby enabling Make in India strategy.
- 100% electrification of Broad-Gauge routes will be completed by December, 2023.

For Passenger convenience and safety :

- a. Aesthetically designed Vista Dome LHB coach on tourist routes for better travel
- b. Indigenously developed automatic train protection system to eliminates train collision due to human error

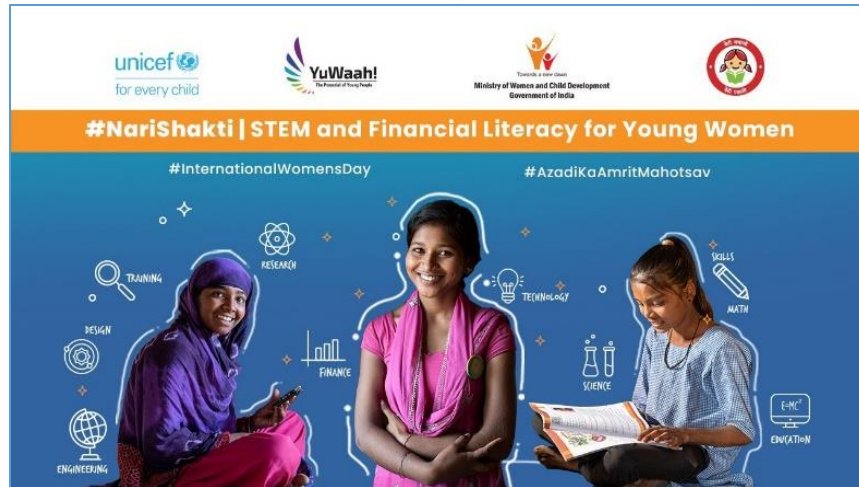
Russian oil import

- ❖ The Indian Oil Corporation has bought as much as 3 million barrels of crude oil from Russia.
- ❖ Russia had offered a steep discount to prevailing international rates.
- ❖ Taking advantage of a Russian offer to sell its crude oil cheap and bear the cost of insurance and transportation, India may import 15 million barrels of crude oil.

NariShakti Varta on STEM and Financial Literacy for young women

- ❖ The UNICEF YuWaah facilitated the NaariShakti conversation, on 'STEM and Financial Literacy for Young Women'.
- ❖ STEM refers to "Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics".
- ❖ The event was part of the Ministry of Women and Child Development's 'Iconic Week' celebrating International Women's Day under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- ❖ The participants discussed how to nurture young women to pursue careers in STEM-related fields.

- ❖ According to the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), 2018-19, around 43% of STEM graduates in India are women.
- ❖ This is the highest in the world.
- ❖ But their share in STEM jobs in India is a mere 14%.



25 Years of TRAI Act



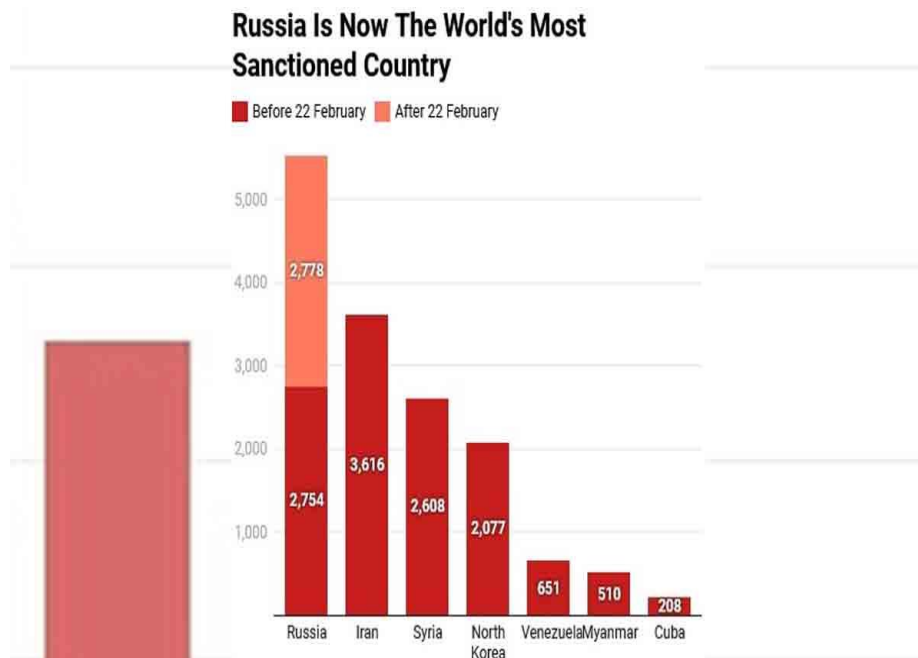
- ❖ The Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated a seminar on “25 Years of TRAI Act: The Way Forward for Stakeholders (Telecom, Broadcasting, IT, AERA and Aadhaar)”.
- ❖ The seminar was organized by Telecom Disputes Settlement & Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT).



- ❖ This is to commemorate the 25 years-long journey of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act.
- ❖ The objective of the seminar is to enhance awareness regarding the regulatory mechanisms, including dispute resolution, amongst stakeholders in Telecom, Broadcasting, IT, Airport Infrastructure, and Aadhaar Sectors.

INTERNATIONAL

Most sanctioned country



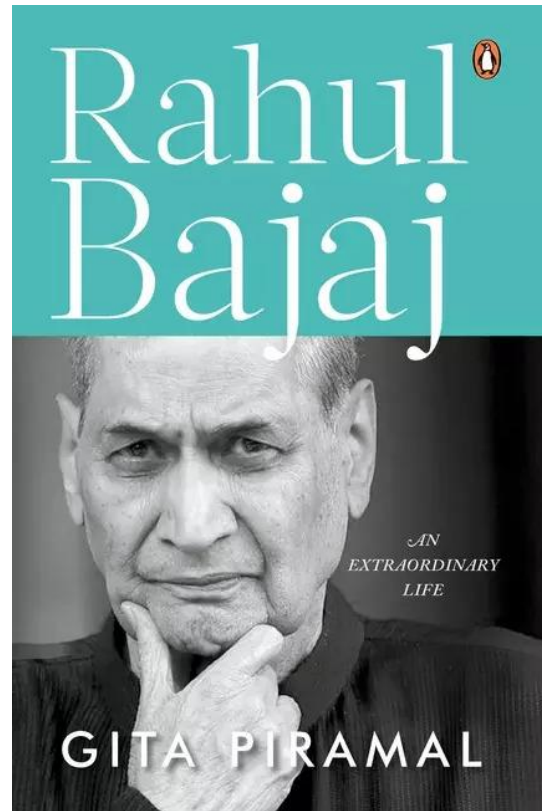
- ❖ Russia has become the most sanctioned country in the world, due to its invasion of Ukraine.
- ❖ Russia has now surpassed countries like Iran and North Korea in terms of a number of sanctions.
- ❖ Before this, Iran was the most sanctioned country.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Biography of Rahul Bajaj

- ❖ The first authorized biography of the late iconic industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj group Rahul Bajaj will be released recently.
- ❖ It is being published by Penguin Random House.

- ❖ Titled "Rahul Bajaj: An Extraordinary Life", it is written by the noted business historian Gita Piramal.



SPORTS

R Ashwin - Test wickets



- ❖ Ashwin bagged his 440th Test wicket in the pink-ball Test match against Sri Lanka in Bengaluru.
- ❖ Ashwin removed Dhananjaya de Silva for his 440th Test wicket.
- ❖ Ashwin now become the 8th highest wicket-taker in the history of red-ball cricket.

- ❖ He surpassed South African pacer Dale Steyn's tally of 439 Test wickets.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Sleep Day 2022 - March 18

- ❖ It is observed on the Friday before before the March equinox.
- ❖ It is to highlight the importance of quality sleep.
- ❖ This year, it falls on March 18.
- ❖ It is organized by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society.
- ❖ 'Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World' is the theme for this year.



Global Recycling Day - March 18



- ❖ The day is observed to help recognize, and celebrate, the importance recycling plays in securing the future of our planet.

- ❖ This year, the event's focus will be on the “recycling fraternity”.

The Ordnance Factories' Day March - 18th

- ❖ The production of India's oldest Ordnance Factory was started on the 18th of March, 1802.
- ❖ The factory is at Cossipore of Kolkata.
- ❖ The OFB is referred to as the “Fourth Arm of Defence” and the “Force Behind the Armed Forces” of India.
- ❖ The Indian Ordnance Factories supply products to all three Indian Armed Forces. ie the Indian Army, Indian Navy, and the Indian Air force.

