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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Indian-American public health expert Dr. Ashish Jha will take over as President Joe Biden's Covid-19 Response Coordinator.
- ❖ N Biren Singh of BJP was sworn in as the chief minister of Manipur for the second consecutive term.
- ❖ Karnataka Bank has bagged the “Best MSME Bank of the year – Winner” award among private sector Banks.
  - The award was given at the 8th MSMEs Excellence Awards Ceremony and Summit 2022 instituted by ASSOCHAM at New Delhi.
- ❖ The 14th India-Japan Annual Summit was held in New Delhi.
  - Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida participated in the summit.

## TAMIL NADU

### Multi-specialty hospital

FACILITY UPDATE			
<b>1,000</b> beds	Built up space <b>5.5 lakh</b> sqft	<b>OTHER FACILITIES</b>	
Size: six-storeys		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Separate block for operation theaters and ICUs</li> <li>■ Green building with solar reflective tiles on terrace</li> <li>■ Rainwater harvesting system</li> <li>■ Sewage treatment plant</li> <li>■ Car parking in the basement</li> <li>■ CCTV cameras</li> <li>■ Differently-abled friendly with handrails and signage in braille</li> </ul>	
Departments <b>13</b>	Land area <b>4.89</b> acre	Elevators <b>10</b>	
Estimated cost <b>Rs 230 crore</b>			

- ❖ Chief Minister MK Stalin laid the foundation stone for a multi-specialty hospital in Guindy.

- ❖ A Foundation stone laying ceremony for the construction of a 1,000-bed multi-specialty hospital building at the King Institute premises in Chennai was held.

### **Green Fellowship programme**

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has launched a Green Fellowship programme.
- ❖ This is to actively involve youth in initiatives for climate change adaptation and mitigation activities.
- ❖ They will monitor and evaluate the outcomes, communicate the impact of policies and deliver better services.
- ❖ There will be a total of 40 green fellows, one per district and two at the State level.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Surajkund International Crafts Mela**



- ❖ The Governor of Haryana, Bandaru Dattatraya, and Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar formally inaugurated the 35th edition of the world-famous Surajkund International Crafts Mela at Surajkund in Faridabad district of Haryana.
- ❖ In 2022, the 'Theme State' is Jammu & Kashmir and Uzbekistan is the partner nation.

- ❖ The Mela provides an opportunity for artisans from all over India to showcase their talent and the richness and diversity of the handicrafts, handlooms, and cultural heritage of India.

### **LAMITIYE-2022**

- ❖ The Indian Army and the Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF) are holding the 9th Joint Military Exercise LAMITIYE-2022 at the Seychelles Defence Academy (SDA) in Seychelles.
- ❖ This exercise will see the participation of an Infantry Platoon strength from both the Indian Army and the Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF), as well as Company Headquarters.
- ❖ The goal of the exercise is to share experiences gained during various operations against hostile forces in a semi-urban environment and enhance the capability to conduct joint operations.
- ❖ The contingent of the Indian Army comprises troops from the 2/3 GORKHA RIFLES group (PIRKANTHI Battalion).



### **National e-Vidhan Application program**



- ❖ The northeastern state of Nagaland created history by becoming the first State Assembly in the entire country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) program to become completely paperless.

- ❖ NeVA is a Unicode compliant software having provision for easy access to various documents like List of Questions, List of Business, Reports etc. bilingually viz. English and any regional language.
- ❖ This application is spearheading the principle of ‘One Nation- One Application’.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Cold Response 2022



- ❖ The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has organized the massive military drill ‘Cold Response 2022’ in Norway.
- ❖ The exercise is held in Norway every second year, for NATO Allies and partners.
- ❖ Cold Response is a long-planned and defensive exercise where Norway and its allies exercise in defending Norway against external threats.

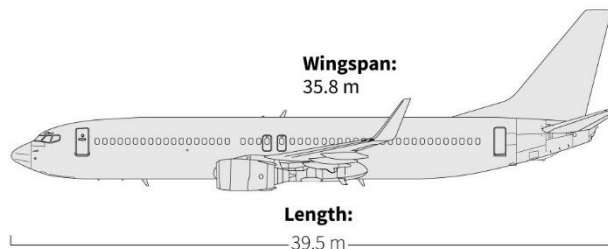
### Boeing 737-800 crash

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A China Eastern Airlines Boeing 737-800 with 132 people on board crashed near Wuzhou in China on March 21

**Seats:** 162 - 189 passengers



- ❖ A China Eastern flight MU573 carrying 132 passengers has crashed into a mountain in China's Guangxi region.
- ❖ The plane had taken off from Kunming and was headed towards Guangzhou.
- ❖ The plane crash has caused a massive fire on the mountain.

### **Montreux Convention**



- ❖ Turkey activated the Montreux Convention in response to Russia's War over Ukraine.
- ❖ The declaration that the situation in Ukraine had become a war, authorizes Turkey to activate the Montreux Convention and ban Russian war vessels from entering the Black Sea through the Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits.
- ❖ Montreux Convention is an international agreement that was signed by Australia, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Japan, Romania, Yugoslavia, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, and Turkey.
- ❖ It has been in effect since November 1936.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Kilonova**

- ❖ The afterglow from an epic cosmic event known as “Kilonova” might have been spotted by astronomers.
- ❖ Kilonovas occur when two hyper-dense neutron stars collide, which are the remnants of stars that died in supernova explosions.




- ❖ An afterglow in X-rays from the event, is dubbed GW170817.



## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS




### Women Transforming India Awards



**75** STRONG ROOTS FOR  
TOMORROW'S INDIA

NITI Aayog and  
Women Entrepreneurship Platform  
cordially invite you to the fifth edition of  
**WOMEN TRANSFORMING  
INDIA AWARDS - 2021**

 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 |  07:00 pm - 09:00 pm  
 Join us at: <https://tinyurl.com/WTIAwards>

- ❖ NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) organized the fifth edition of the Women Transforming India Awards (WTI) on March 21, 2022.
- ❖ The WTI Awards 2021 were conferred upon 75 women achievers to celebrate their contribution towards a 'Sashakt Aur Samarth Bharat'

- ❖ The WTI Awards are an initiative to highlight the commendable and ground-breaking endeavors of India's women leaders and change-makers.

## SPORTS

### Sports Icon award

- ❖ Former India cricketer Suresh Raina has been awarded the prestigious 'Sports Icon' award at the Maldives Sports Awards 2022.
- ❖ The Maldives government felicitated Raina for his various achievements throughout his career.



### Sportstar Aces 2022

**Lovlina Borgohain** (Sportswoman of the Year, Individual Sports),  
**Avani Lekhara** (Parathlete of the Year, Female),  
**Pramod Bhagat** (Special Recognition award),  
**Savita** (Sportswoman of the Year, Team Sports), and **Rupinder Pal Singh** (Sportsman of the Year, Team Sports).  
**Arif Khan** wins Special Recognition Award at Sportstar Aces 2022.  
Former Indian hockey team captain **Ajit Pal Singh** was conferred the 'Lifetime Achievement award'.  
Ajit was part of two Olympic bronze-winning teams, including one at the 1972 Munich Games.

- ❖ Tokyo Olympic gold medallist, Neeraj Chopra claimed the coveted 'Sportstar of the Year (Male)' award at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards.
- ❖ Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, who claimed the silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics, received the 'Sportstar of the Year (Female)' award.
- ❖ The Aces Awards celebrate the spirit of excellence in sport and hope to inspire our athletes and sportspersons to continue to strive to break new records and reach new pinnacles of glory.

- ❖ It is given by the Sportstar magazine from the Hindu Group.

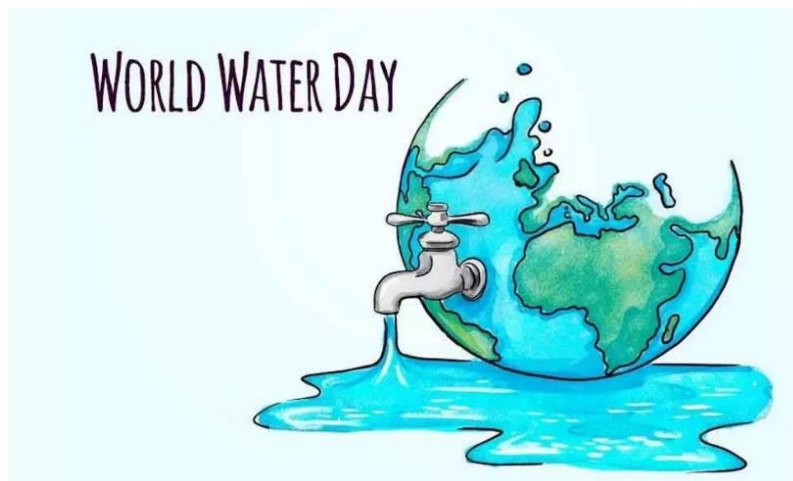
## Road to 1000



- ❖ The Sportstar and The Hindu group released a coffee-table book, 'Road to 1000'.
- ❖ It was released at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards at The Taj Mahal Palace hotel.
- ❖ The book is a 520-page, special collection with 1000 pictures to commemorate Indian cricket's journey.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Water Day - March 22



- ❖ The day aims to highlight the importance of freshwater.
- ❖ It is used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.



- ❖ The World Water Day theme 2022 is “Groundwater, Making the Invisible Visible”.

### **Bihar Diwas - March 22**



- ❖ People of Bihar celebrate Bihar Diwas to mark the formation of the state.
- ❖ Bihar was carved out of Bengal in the year 1912 by the British government.
- ❖ This year, Bihar is celebrating the 110th Bihar Diwas.
- ❖ This year Bihar Diwas theme is 'Jal, Jeevan, Hariyali'.

