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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Union Minister Bharati Pravin Pawar has inaugurated India's first Biosafety level-3 containment mobile laboratory in Nashik, Maharashtra.
 - The mobile laboratory will help to investigate newly emerging and re-emerging viral infections, by specially trained scientists from ICMR.
- ❖ Kerala is set to become the first state in the country to introduce carbon-neutral farming methods.

TAMIL NADU

First woman dubashi

- ❖ Rajalakshmi joined the Legislative Assembly as an assistant in 1990.
- ❖ Rajalakshmi is set to retire next May.
- ❖ She has been now appointed as dubashi.
- ❖ This is the first time a woman has been appointed to the post in the Tamil Nadu assembly.



NATIONAL

WINGS INDIA 2022

- ❖ It is being organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and FICCI at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad.
- ❖ This is Asia's largest event focusing on general, commercial, and business aviation.

- ❖ This event also focuses on investments, new business acquisitions, regional connectivity, and policy formation.
- ❖ WINGS India 2022 will also look to provide a boost to the country's aviation sector.
- ❖ 'India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry' is the theme for this year's event.



EX-DUSTLIK



- ❖ It is a joint training exercise that is conducted between the armies of India and Uzbekistan.
- ❖ The 3rd edition of this exercise is being conducted at Yangiariq, Uzbekistan.
- ❖ Ex-DUSTLIK's last edition was conducted in March 2021 in Ranikhet, Uttarakhand.
- ❖ To take part in this exercise, the Indian contingent is being represented by a platoon strength of Grenadiers Regiment.
- ❖ The Grenadiers battalion is one of the Indian Army's highly decorated battalions.



- ❖ This battalion has a distinction of participating in most Pre and Post-Independence Operations of the Indian army.

Exercise Suraksha Kavach 2

- ❖ A joint exercise between the Indian Army's Agnibaaz Division and the Maharashtra Police named Exercise Suraksha Kavach 2 was organized at Lullanagar, Pune.
- ❖ India Army's Counter-Terrorism Task Force, Maharashtra Police's Anti-Terrorism Squad along with Dog Squads, Quick Reaction Teams, and Bomb Disposal Teams of the army, as well as the police, took part in this exercise.
- ❖ The exercise was conducted with the aim of coordinating the procedures and drills undertaken by the Police and the Army to counter any terrorist attacks in Pune.

BRICS Vaccine R&D Centre

- ❖ The BRICS Vaccine Research and Development Centre has been launched by Union Health Minister, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.
- ❖ This newly launched vaccine R&D center will be looking to share experiences and collaborate among countries for mutual benefits.
- ❖ China's Minister of Science and Technology, Wang Zhigang chaired the launch ceremony.
- ❖ India meets 65-70% of WHO's vaccine requirements as well as supplies vaccines to more than 150 countries.
- ❖ India will offer its vaccine manufacturing industry to develop vaccines for the BRICS nations as well as the rest of the world.

Global House Price Index Q4 2021

- ❖ India has improved its rank by five spots to be placed at 51st position in the 'Global House Price Index Q4 2021'.
- ❖ The report was released by property consultant Knight Frank.
- ❖ India was placed at 56th position in Q4 of 2020.
- ❖ India witnessed a 2.1 percent annual appreciation in housing price rates during the October-December quarter of 2021 against Q4 of 2020.
- ❖ Turkey saw the highest annual price growth rate by 59.6 percent in Q4 2021.

- ❖ Malaysia, Malta, and Morocco markets recorded a decline in housing prices by 0.7 percent, 3.1 percent, and 6.3 percent, respectively, in the year 2021.

Rank	Country/Territory	Nominal Price Growth
1	Turkey	59.6%
2	New Zealand	22.6%
3	Czech Republic	22.1%
4	Slovakia	22.1%
5	Australia	21.8%
6	Netherlands	20.3%
7	United States	18.8%
8	South Korea	18.4%
9	Jersey	18.4%
10	Estonia	17.3%
51	India	2.1%
52	Indonesia	1.5%
53	Cyprus	1.2%
54	Malaysia	-0.7%
55	Malta	-3.1%
56	Morocco	-6.3%

Source: Knight Frank Research

2021 World Air Quality Report



IQAir's 2021 World Air Quality Report

- ❖ In 2021, air pollution continued to reach unhealthy levels according to a report on World Air Quality.
- ❖ It was prepared by "IQAir" a swiss organization.
- ❖ Also, for the fourth year running, New Delhi remained to be the most polluted capital city in the world.
- ❖ 35 Indian cities have been listed by the index under the worst air quality tag for 2021.
- ❖ Bhiwadi, Rajasthan topped this list and was followed Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

- ❖ According to this report, not a single country from around the globe managed to meet the air quality standard of WHO in 2021.

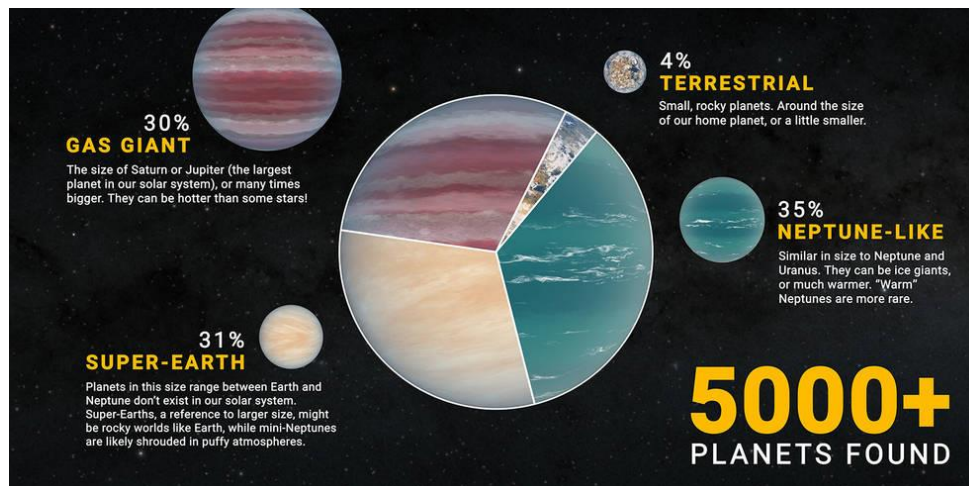
Step-Up to End TB-World TB Day Summit



- ❖ The “Step-Up to End TB-World TB Day Summit” was inaugurated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, the Union Health Minister.
- ❖ This summit was organized on the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day.
- ❖ This summit will highlight India’s National TB Elimination Programme’s success and learnings.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

5000 Exoplanets





- ❖ 65 new planets have been discovered by NASA outside the Earth's solar system.
- ❖ This new discovery takes the total number of exoplanets that have been discovered to over 5000.
- ❖ Some of these discovered planets are Earth-like.
- ❖ These 65 newly discovered planets will be studied to look for the presence of microbes, water, gases on the planet's surface, or even life.

STATES

Haryana Anti-Conversion Bill

- ❖ The Assembly of Haryana has passed the "Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religious Bill, 2022."
- ❖ This bill looks to prevent the conversion of a person's religion through force, fraudulent methods, allurement, or under the guise of marriage.
- ❖ There is no central law in this regard.
- ❖ Similar bills have also been passed in Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ It is also proposal under the states of Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Ashleigh Barty



- ❖ World tennis No.1 Ashleigh Barty of Australia announced her retirement at the age of 25.
- ❖ She has won three Grand Slam singles titles - the French Open in 2019, Wimbledon in 2021, and the Australian Open in 2022.

