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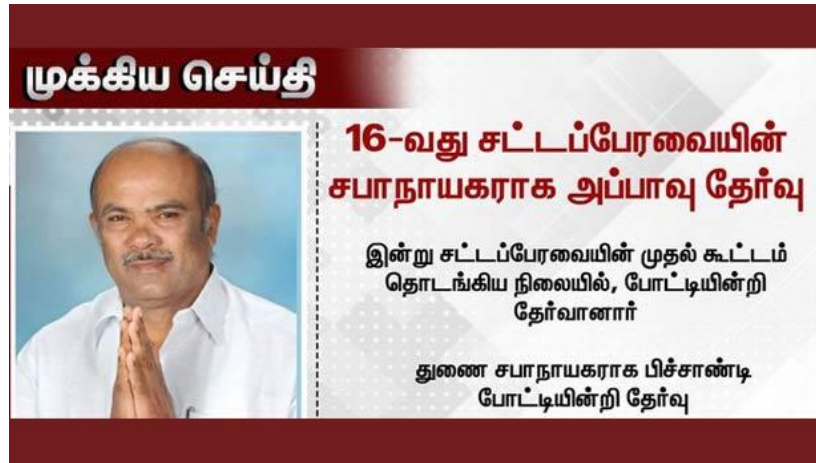
TNPSC BITS

- ❖ World Migratory Bird Day 2021 is observed globally on 8 May.
 - The aim of the day is to raise awareness of migratory birds and the importance of international cooperation to conserve them.
- ❖ Victory Day is celebrated in Russia to mark the surrender of Germans in the second world war.
 - On May 9, 2021 Russia marked the 76th anniversary of victory in World War II.
- ❖ Mount Sinabung in Indonesia has recently erupted.
 - The volcano has been active since 2010 when it erupted after nearly 400 years of inactivity.

TAMIL NADU

16th Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly

- ❖ The 16th Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has been summoned to meet for its first session on May 11th.
- ❖ The 234 newly elected Members of the legislative Assembly will be sworn in by the Pro Tem Speaker K.Pichandi.
- ❖ DMK's senior member Appavu has been selected for the Speaker post.
- ❖ K.Pichandi from DMK is selected for the Deputy Speaker's post.



NATIONAL

Area of summer crops increased

- ❖ The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare recently announced that the area of summer crops has sharply increased by 21.58% as compared to 2020.
- ❖ The increase has almost doubled.
- ❖ Summer crops are also called Zaid crops.
- ❖ They are grown between March and June.
- ❖ The area under summer crops has increased to 12.75 hectares in 2021.
- ❖ It was 6.45 hectares in 2020.

	Current year 2021	Last Year 2020	% diff over 2020
Rice	39.43	34.13	15.52
Pulses	17.75	10.49	69.22
Moong	14.42	8.29	74.03
Urad	2.94	1.95	50.95
Coarse Cereals	12.11	11.62	4.22
Bajra	3.42	3.46	-1.01
Maize	7.81	7.19	8.60
Oilseeds	10.74	9.58	12.05
Groundnut	5.87	5.23	12.33
Sesamum	4.25	3.80	11.71
Total	88.88	65.00	36.58



Women soldiers in Indian Army's military police

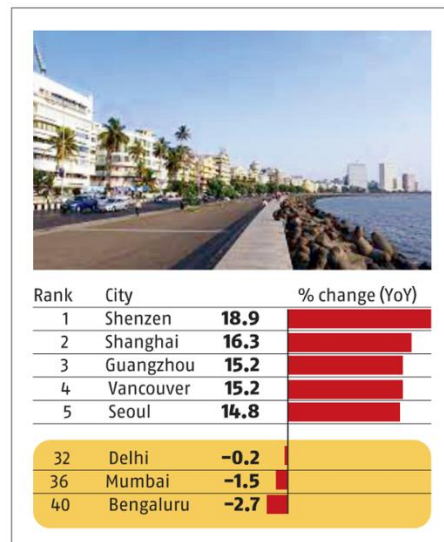


- ❖ The first batch of 83 women soldiers was inducted into the Indian Army's military police by the Corps of Military Police Centre and School (CMP C&S) at the Dronacharya Parade Ground in Bengaluru.

- ❖ This is the first time that women have been inducted in the non-officer category.
- ❖ These women soldiers will perform duties similar to what is done by the male military police personnel.

INTERNATIONAL

Global Prime Residential Index



- ❖ London-based property consultant Knight Frank has ranked New Delhi and Mumbai in 32nd and 36th positions respectively in the Global Prime Residential Index.
- ❖ This Index is a valuation-based index tracking movement in prime residential prices in local currency across 45 plus cities worldwide.
- ❖ Bengaluru moved down by four places in Q1 2021 and is ranked 40.
- ❖ Three Chinese cities – Shenzhen, Shanghai and Guangzhou lead the index this quarter.
- ❖ New York was the weakest-performing global city during the period.

ECONOMY

Special Long Term Repo Operation

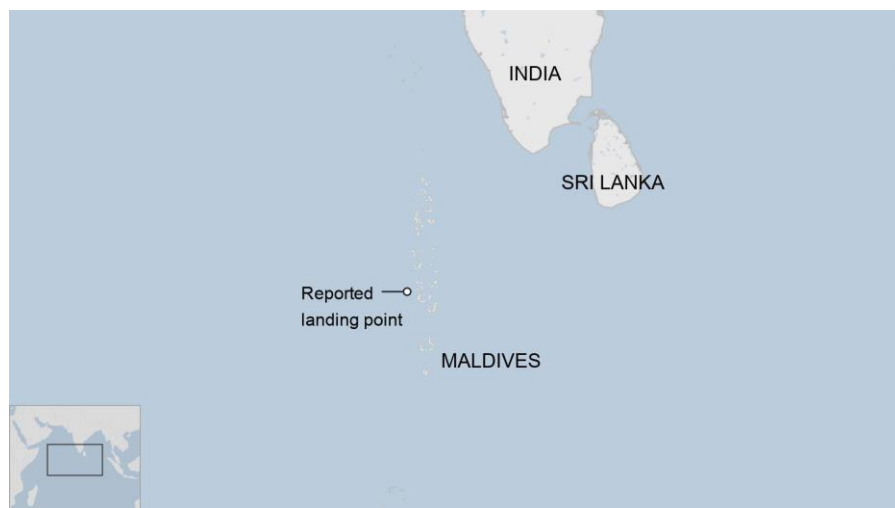
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India recently announced that it is to conduct the first Special Long Term Repo Operation (SLTRO) of Rs 10,000 crores for Small Finance Banks.

- ❖ The RBI will conduct the SLTRO for each month starting from May 2021.
- ❖ This is to continue till October 2021.
- ❖ The SLTRO will be valid for three years.
- ❖ All the Small Finance Banks shall participate in the SLTRO.
- ❖ However, these banks should make sure that the amount borrowed from RBI should be lent only to specified segments such as unorganised sectors and small business units.
- ❖ Reserve Bank of India launched this as one of the measure to protect the small and medium enterprises in the country.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Chinese Rocket falls into Indian Ocean

- ❖ On April 28, 2021, China launched the Long March 5B rocket.
- ❖ The rocket carried the Tianhe core module of China space station.
- ❖ The Tianhe core module weighed 22.5 tonnes, one of the heaviest space modules.
- ❖ The first stage began to decay due to atmospheric drag.
- ❖ The rocket fell in the Indian Ocean near the Maldives.



DOGE-1 Mission to the Moon

- ❖ SpaceX is to launch DOGE-1, a satellite that is completely funded with crypto currency.
- ❖ It is the first ever commercial payload to be paid with Dogecoin.

- ❖ The satellite weighs 40 kilograms.
- ❖ The satellite is to be launched in 2022.
- ❖ DOGE-1 is to be launched in Falcon 9.

Dogecoin

- ❖ It is basically a crypto currency.
- ❖ It was released in 2013.
- ❖ It was created by IBM engineers.



ENVIRONMENT

Conflict and Conservation report

- ❖ The International Union for Conservation of Nature recently released a report called the “Nature in a Globalised World: Conflict and Conservation”.
- ❖ The report focuses on complex relationships between nature and armed conflict.
- ❖ The major threats posed by conflicts in the world are disruption of conservation efforts, direct killing of wildlife, degradation of ecosystems.
- ❖ The armed conflicts are prevalent in major biodiverse regions in the world.
- ❖ For instance, India-Pakistan and India-China border conflicts are being fought in the Himalayan Biodiversity hotspots.
- ❖ Military Exercises and Civil unrest pose a risk to two hundred threatened species.

- ❖ This includes the iconic species such as the Critically Endangered Eastern Gorilla.
- ❖ Countries are more prone to wars if less land is available for agriculture or if the agricultural productivity of the land was low.
- ❖ The wars were also frequent when increased number of droughts occurs.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Anupam Kher - Best Actor award

- ❖ Anupam Kher won the Best Actor award for his performance in the short film Happy Birthday at the New York City International Film Festival.
- ❖ The film has been directed by Prasad Kadam.
- ❖ It produced by FNP Media.
- ❖ The film also won the Best Short Film award at the festival.

SPORTS

Arzan Nagwaswalla

- ❖ Arzan Nagwaswalla has been picked as a reserve player in the Indian Test squad named for the World Test Championship final against New Zealand in Southampton.
- ❖ He is a 23-year-old left-arm seamer from Gujarat.
- ❖ Arzan Rohinton Nagwaswalla is hailing from a Parsi community in a village near the Maharashtra border.
- ❖ He becomes the first Parsi cricketer to break into the national team since 1975.





IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Argania - May 10

- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed this day in 2021.
- ❖ The resolution, submitted by Morocco, was co-sponsored by 113 member states of the United Nations and adopted by consensus.
- ❖ The argan tree (*Argania Spinosa*) is a native species of the sub-Saharan region of Morocco, in the southwest of the country, which grows in arid and semiarid areas.
- ❖ The argan tree is typically a multipurpose tree that supports income generation, increases resilience and improves climate adaptation.
- ❖ It plays a very important role in achieving the three dimensions of sustainable development at the local level (economic, social and environmental).

