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NATIONAL

Qutub Minar's status



- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) argued that the Qutub Minar is not a place of worship and the existing status of the monument cannot be altered.
- ❖ The ASI, however, said the architectural materials and images of Hindu and Jain deities were reused in the construction of the Qutab complex.
- ❖ As per ASI, it will be contrary to the provisions of the AMASR Act, 1958.
- ❖ The basic principle of protection /conservation is not to allow starting of any new practice in a monument declared and notified as a protected one under the Act.

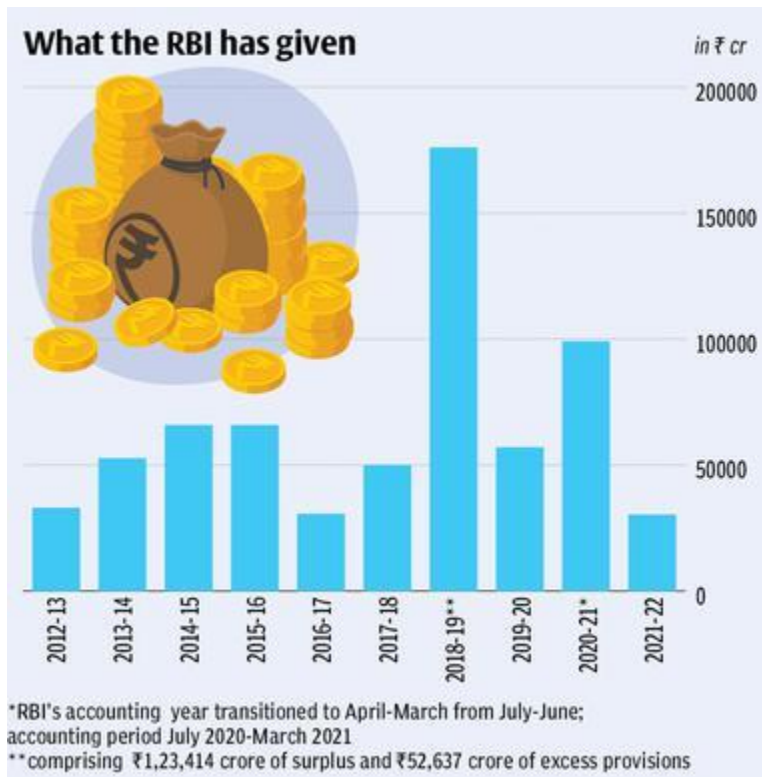
ECONOMY

Import duties on sunflower & soybean oil

- ❖ The Centre allowed duty-free import of 20 lakh metric tonnes each of crude soybean oil and crude sunflower oil for this year as well as 2023-24.

- ❖ Earlier, in October, the government had reduced the basic import duties on edible oils amid runaway prices.
- ❖ The import duty on crude palm oil had been slashed to 2.5%, from 10%.
- ❖ Duty on crude soya and sunflower oils were cut to 2.5%, from 7.5%.

Surplus transfer to the Central



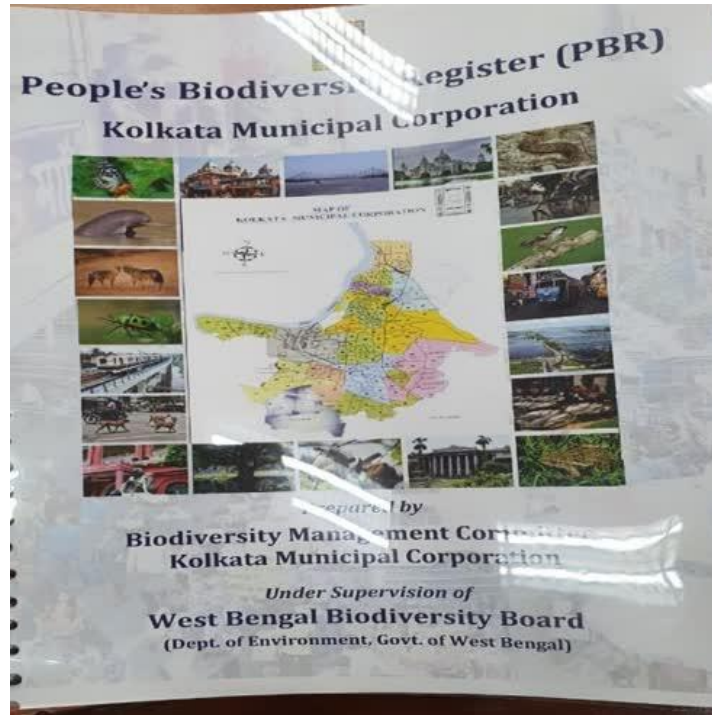
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India has sanctioned a surplus transfer to the Central Government of 30,307 crore rupees for the fiscal year 2021-22.
- ❖ The 596th meeting of the central board of the RBI was held under the Chairmanship of Governor Shaktikanta Das.
- ❖ The board agreed to keep the Contingency Risk Buffer at 5.50 percent after examining the present economic condition, global and domestic issues, and the effect of recent geopolitical developments.

ENVIRONMENT

Biodiversity register

- ❖ Kolkata became the first major metropolitan city in India to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity.

- ❖ This document listed 399 species of plants.
- ❖ These species include 138 trees, 126 Chinese vegetables, 33 medicinal plants and nearly 100 other plants.
- ❖ The report also listed 283 fauna species, including nearly 70 butterflies, 47 fish, 84 birds, and 22 mammals.



STATES

Drone in healthcare

- ❖ Redcliffe Labs, a unit of Redcliffe Lifetech in the U.S., has come up with its first commercial drone flight in the country's healthcare sector.
- ❖ The company has recently opened its commercial drone corridor between Uttarkashi and Dehradun.
- ❖ Thus, Uttarakhand becomes the 1st Indian state to roll out drone in healthcare.

4th edition of Shirui Lily Festival

- ❖ In Manipur, the 4th Edition of State-Level Shirui Lily Festival 2022 has begun.
- ❖ This annual festival is organised by the Department of Tourism, Government of Manipur.

- ❖ This four-day-long festival aims to create and raise awareness of the Shirui Lily flower.
- ❖ It is also the State Flower of Manipur.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Amazon Smbhav Entrepreneurship Challenge 2022



- ❖ Subhash Ola has won the 1st prize for the Amazon Smbhav Entrepreneurship Challenge 2022.
- ❖ His enterprise “Geniusenergy Critical Innovation Private Limited” has won the Start-up of the Year award.

- ❖ It serves business in a variety of industries for their energy needs, helps them reduce cost, and at the same time protects the environment.

Director-General of WHO

- ❖ The World Health Organization has again re-appointed Mr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as Director-General of WHO for the second term.
- ❖ His re-election was confirmed during the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ❖ He was the sole candidate.
- ❖ Dr Tedros was first elected in 2017.
- ❖ Before joining the WHO, he was served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and as Minister of Health in Ethiopia.



SPORTS

World record in Australian Swimming Championships



- ❖ Olympic gold medalist Ariarne Titmus has broken the women's 400-meter freestyle world record at the Australian swimming championships.
- ❖ Titmus clocked 3 minutes 56.40 seconds in final in Adelaide.
- ❖ The previous benchmark of 3:56.46 set by her American rival Katie Ledecky at the 2016 Olympics.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day to End Obstetric Fistula – May 23



- ❖ It is a condition that affects many girls and women during childbirth in developing countries.
- ❖ In 2003, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and its partners launched the global Campaign to End Fistula.
- ❖ The day was officially recognised in 2012.
- ❖ The Obstetric fistula is a devastating childbirth injury, and a neglected public health and human rights issue.

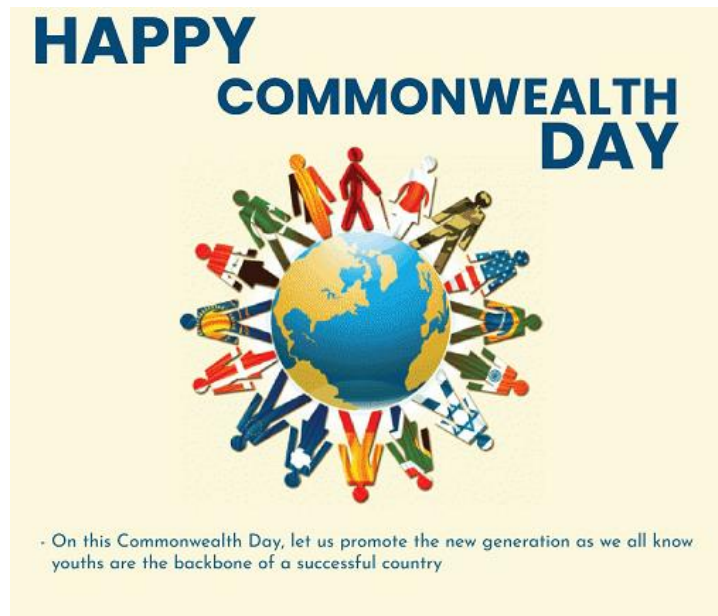
World Turtle Day – May 23

- ❖ The day is celebrated to raise awareness among people to protect turtles and tortoises and their disappearing habitats around the world.
- ❖ Tortoises and turtles play an important role in the ecological design of Earth.
- ❖ These reptiles are known to survive and thrive across a range of diverse habitats around the globe.

- ❖ This year's theme for World Turtle Day is "Shellebrate".
- ❖ The theme asks "everyone to Love and Save Turtles".



Commonwealth Day – May 24



- ❖ Previously known as Empire-day, Commonwealth Day is celebrated by the collection of 54 commonwealth countries every year.
- ❖ It is marked on the second Monday of May in most of these countries.
- ❖ But in India and a few more, it is observed on May 24.
- ❖ These 54 countries unite together for various common goals.

- ❖ The theme 2022 is 'Delivering a Common Future'.

World Schizophrenia Day – May 24

- ❖ It aims to increase awareness about the disorder and educate people about the challenges faced by the patients.
- ❖ May 24 was declared as World Schizophrenia Day to honour Dr. Phillippe Pinel of France.
- ❖ He emerged as one of the significant personalities to give treatment and human care for mentally unwell people.
- ❖ Schizophrenia is a serious mental disorder characterized by distortions in thinking, perception, emotions, language, sense of self, and behaviour.



MISCELLANEOUS

World Air Power Index 2022

- ❖ World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) has released the World Air Powers Ranking of 2022.
- ❖ The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed at the third position on the World Air Power Index in terms of the total fighting strength of the various air services of different nations of the world.
- ❖ This report has placed the Indian Air Force (IAF) above the Chinese Aviation based armed forces (PLAAF), Japan Air Self-Preservation Power (JASDF), Israeli Aviation based armed forces, and French Air and Space Power.

❖ United States Air Force has been placed at the top and followed by Russia.

