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Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner



- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu presented the Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard.
- ❖ The President's Bodyguard (PBG) is the oldest regiment in the Indian Army, having been raised as the Governor-General's Bodyguard in 1773.
- ❖ The regiment was raised in Banaras (Varanasi) by the then Governor-General, Warren Hastings.
- ❖ On January 27, 1950, the regiment was renamed the President's Bodyguard.
- ❖ This distinction was conferred on the President's Bodyguard in 1923 by the then Viceroy, Lord Reading, on the occasion of the Bodyguard completing 150 years of service.
- ❖ Each succeeding Viceroy, thereafter, presented the Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the Bodyguard.
- ❖ Dr Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India, presented the Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard on May 14, 1957.

INTERNATIONAL

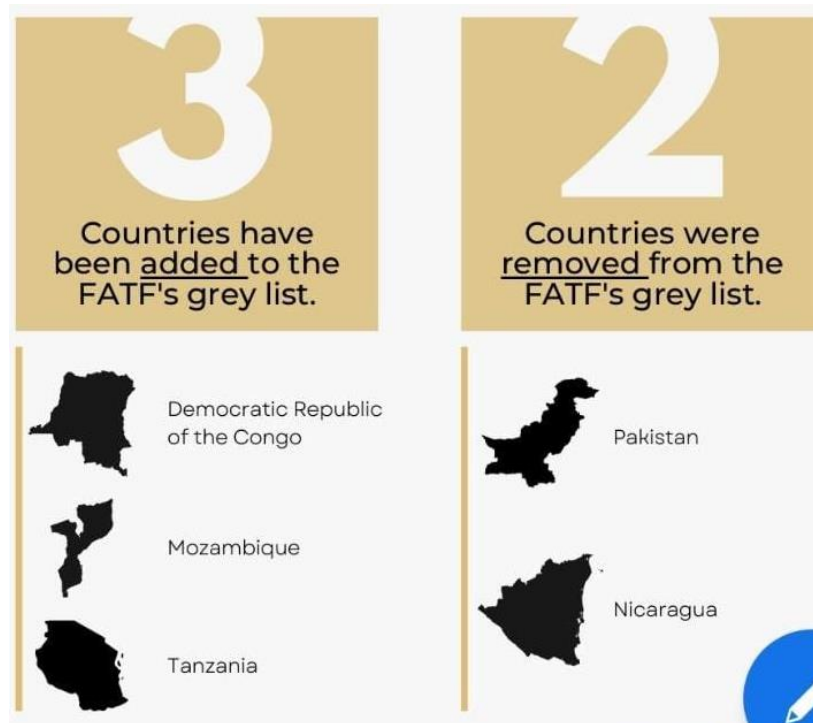
G20 Religion Forum

- ❖ The G20 Interfaith Forum (IF20) will be held in the United Arab Emirates rather than Indonesia.

- ❖ It was founded to bring together religious leaders, faith-based organizations, and cultural organizations from all sectors to advance humanitarian values and understanding worldwide.
- ❖ This will focus on “Engaging Faith Communities: G20 Agendas and Beyond”.



FATF Grey List



- ❖ The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has removed Pakistan from the list of countries under “increased monitoring” (Grey List).

- ❖ Pakistan has been removed from the list after four years.
- ❖ It was first put on the list in 2008, removed in 2009, added again in 2018.
- ❖ FATF is the international watchdog on terror financing and money laundering.
- ❖ It also aims to counter the financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- ❖ It was set up in 1989 out of a G-7 meeting of developed nations in Paris.
- ❖ India joined with 'observer' status in 2006 and became a full member of FATF in 2010.

UNSC's Counter-Terror Meet



- ❖ The two-day United Nations Security Council's (UNSC) meeting on counter-terrorism held in India.
- ❖ It focused on dealing with use of internet, new payment mechanism and drones by terrorists.
- ❖ The overarching theme of the meeting would be 'countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes.'

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Sampurnanand telescope

- ❖ Sampurnanand telescope marks its golden jubilee year in 2022.
- ❖ It was installed and commissioned in 1972.
- ❖ 104-cm or one-metre-class optical telescope in Uttarakhand was built which is the oldest to be operational in independent India.

- ❖ It had contributed to the discovery of two rings around Saturn, one of which was newly identified then.
- ❖ It had also helped in the detection of rings around Uranus and the ring of Neptune was discovered independently using this facility.
- ❖ It is located on the Manora peak (1,951 metres above mean sea level) to the southwest of Nainital.
- ❖ Three identical telescopes were installed each at Kavalur in Karnataka, at the Osmania University in Hyderabad, and in Nainital around the same time.
- ❖ But it is only the Sampurnanand telescope that continues to operate and produce science even today.



ENVIRONMENT

NDC synthesis report 2022

- ❖ The 2022 NDC synthesis report was released by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ❖ It is an annual summary of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) and their impact on greenhouse gas emissions.
- ❖ The current NDCs will increase GHG emissions by 10.6 per cent by the end of this decade compared to 2010 levels.
- ❖ This year's report revealed that the emissions will no longer spike after 2030.

- ❖ If the latest NDCs are implemented, 52.4 Gt CO₂e of GHGs will be emitted by 2030.
- ❖ The global emissions must be only 31 Gt CO₂e in 2030 to reach the goals set by the Paris Agreement.

STATES

100 percent household tap connections



The infographic features a central image of a young boy drinking water from a tap. The background is a map of India with Gujarat highlighted. Text on the left reads: 'Jal Jeevan Mission reaches a new milestone!' and 'Gujarat declared 100% Har Ghar Jal state'. At the bottom, it states: 'All 18,187 villages now connected with tap water supply' and 'Covering about 92 lakh rural households'. Logos for 'myGov' and 'Har Ghar Jal' are in the top right. A small vertical text on the right edge reads 'Source: Jal Jeevan Mission Website'.

- ❖ Gujarat has been declared as a 100 percent 'Har Ghar Jal' state.
- ❖ In Gujarat, households in rural areas have access to safe drinking water through taps under the 'Har Ghar Jal' mission.
- ❖ The 'Har Ghar Jal' was launched by Prime Minister in 2019.
- ❖ It aims to make available 55 liters of water per person every day to each rural household through household tap connections by 2024.

1st Net Zero Energy Community

- ❖ Gujarat's Modhera has been declared as India's first 24X7 solar-powered village.
- ❖ It is also a 'net-zero' energy community, meeting 100 per cent of its energy requirements using on-site solar power.

- ❖ At present nearly 1,380 households in the Modhera area have solar rooftop systems.
- ❖ This has been achieved as a result of Project Suryagram (Sun Village).

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

National Intellectual Property Awards



- ❖ The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has been conferred the 'National Intellectual Property Awards 2021 and 2022'.
- ❖ This is awarded for being the top Indian Academic Institution for patents filing, grants and commercialisation.
- ❖ The award is given out by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ❖ The main criteria of evaluation for these awards are Patent Applications, Grants and Commercialization.

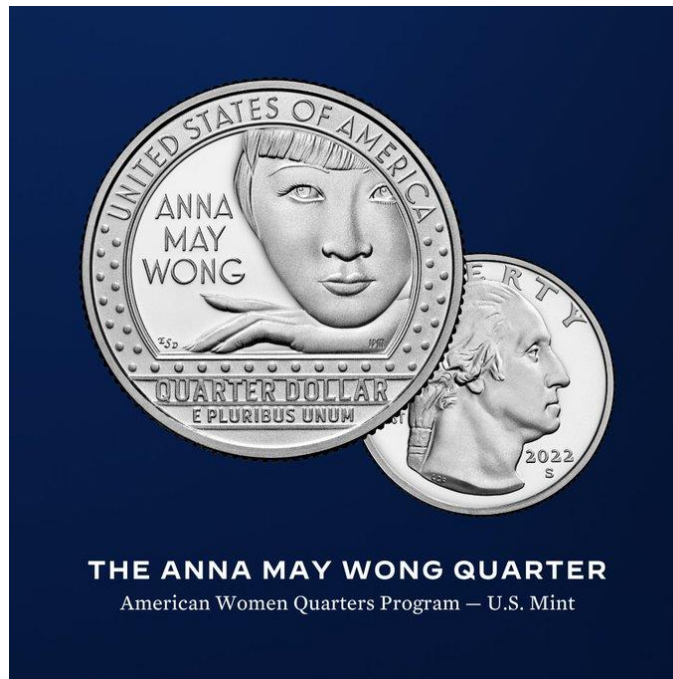
EU's 2022 Sakharov freedom prize

- ❖ The European Parliament has awarded the people of Ukraine its annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to honour their fight against Russia's invasion.
- ❖ The prize, named after the late Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov, has been awarded annually since 1988 by the European Parliament.

- ❖ This was bestowed to individuals and organizations defending human rights and fundamental freedoms.



First Asian American on US currency



- ❖ Late Hollywood actress and fashion icon Anna May Wong (1905-1961) is set to become the first Asian American to feature on US currency.
- ❖ This is the fifth coin in the American Women Quarters (AWQ) Program.
- ❖ She is the film industry's first Chinese-American star.

World's Dirtiest Man

- ❖ Amou Haji, an Iranian man dubbed the "dirtiest man in the world," died recently.

- ❖ He was so-called because he had not washed for almost 70 years.
- ❖ He is believed that staying dirty kept him alive for so long.
- ❖ Owing to his unique record, a short documentary titled 'The Strange Life of Amou Haji' was made in 2013, describing his life.



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