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TAMIL NADU

Raja Raja Chola's birth anniversary

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government issued a statement saying Raja Raja Chola's birth anniversary, on November 3, would be celebrated as a government event from this year onwards.
- ❖ Also, the Raja Raja Chola's memorial will be renovated and embellished soon.
- ❖ Raja Raja Chola was a famous emperor from the Chola dynasty.
- ❖ Born as Arunmozhi Varman, this Chola emperor reigned from 985 CE to 1014 CE.
- ❖ His birth anniversary is already celebrated as Sadhaya Vizha by several organisations in Thanjavur district.



NATIONAL

Advance Estimates of area and production of horticultural crops for the year 2021-22

- ❖ The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, has released the 3rd Advance Estimates of the area and production of various horticultural crops for the year 2021-22.



- ❖ According to this estimate, a record 342.33 million tonnes are estimated to be produced in an area of 28.08 million hectares.
- ❖ Production of fruits is estimated to be 107.24 million tonnes as against 102.48 million tonnes in 2020-21.
- ❖ Production of vegetables is estimated to be 204.84 million tonnes as against 200.45 million tonnes in 2020-21.
- ❖ Onion Production is estimated to be 31.27 million Tonnes as against 26.64 million Tonnes in the year 2020-21.
- ❖ Potatoes Production is estimated to be 53.39 million tonnes as against 56.17 million tonnes in 2020-21.
- ❖ Tomato production is estimated to be 20.33 million tonnes as against 21.18 million tonnes in 2020-21.

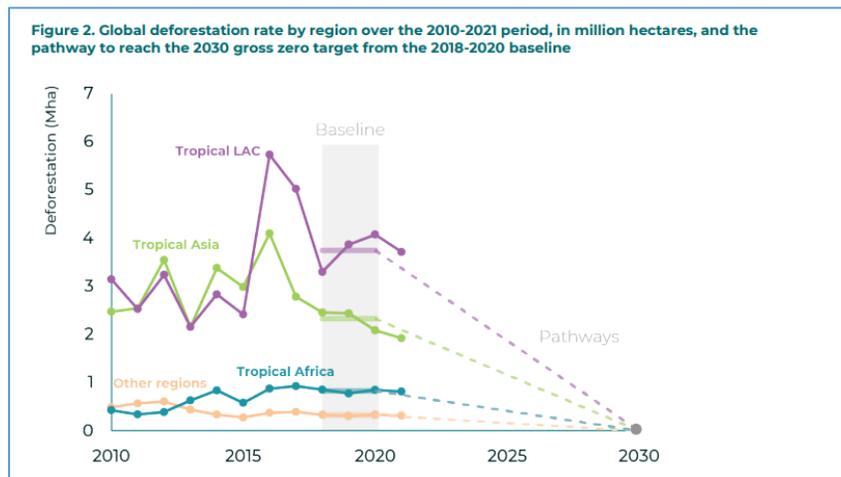
Total Horticulture	2020-21 (Final)	2021-22 (Second Advance Estimate)	2021-22 (3rd Advance Estimate)
Area (in million hectares)	27.48	27.74	28.08
Production (in Million Tonnes)	334.60	341.63	342.33

ENVIRONMENT

2022 Forest Declaration Assessment

- ❖ Deforestation rates worldwide declined only modestly in 2021 by 6.3 % compared to the 2018-20 baseline.
- ❖ Some 145 countries affirmed their commitment to halt and reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030 at COP 26.
- ❖ But not a Single Global Indicator is on Track' to Reverse Deforestation by 2030.
- ❖ To be on course to halt deforestation completely by 2030, a 10% annual reduction is needed.
- ❖ While afforestation and restoration efforts have been commendable, more forest area is being lost than gained.
- ❖ Global forest loss decreased in 2021, but the crucial climate goal of stopping deforestation by 2030 would still be missed.

- ❖ Brazil was the world's largest contributor to deforestation in 2021.
- ❖ Global tree cover increased by 130.9 million hectares over the past two decades.
- ❖ Three-quarters of the global gain was concentrated in 13 countries.
- ❖ The most significant improvements were observed in Russia (28.4 %), Canada, the United States, Brazil, and China.
- ❖ China showed the largest net gain in tree cover - 2.1 million hectares (Mha).
- ❖ India also marked a gain of 0.87 Mha in tree cover.
- ❖ Gabon reduced deforestation by 28% in 2021 compared to 2018-20.
- ❖ Forest funding must increase by up to 200 times to meet 2030 goals.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Activist Ela Bhatt

- ❖ Renowned women's rights activist Ela Bhatt, the founder of SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association) passed away in Ahmedabad.
- ❖ SEWA is one of the biggest women's cooperatives and national trade unions registered in 1972.
- ❖ SEWA had founded a bank in 1974 to give small loans to women, charted newer territory.
- ❖ Apart from its units in 18 Indian states, self-employed women in South Asia, South Africa and Latin America have also set up SEWA units.
- ❖ SEWA also runs a café Kamala, named after Kamala Chaudhary, IIM-A's first faculty member.
- ❖ Bhatt was also nominated to Rajya Sabha, was a member of the Planning Commission, and was advisor to organisations like the World Bank.

- ❖ In 2007, she joined the Elders, a group of world leaders founded by Nelson Mandela to promote human rights and peace.
- ❖ Bhatt also served as Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith; a university founded by Mahatma Gandhi in Ahmedabad.
- ❖ She was a recipient of the Padma Bhushan, Ramon Magsaysay Award and Indira Gandhi International Prize for Peace among many other awards.



IMPORTANT DAYS

7th India water week – 01 to 05 November

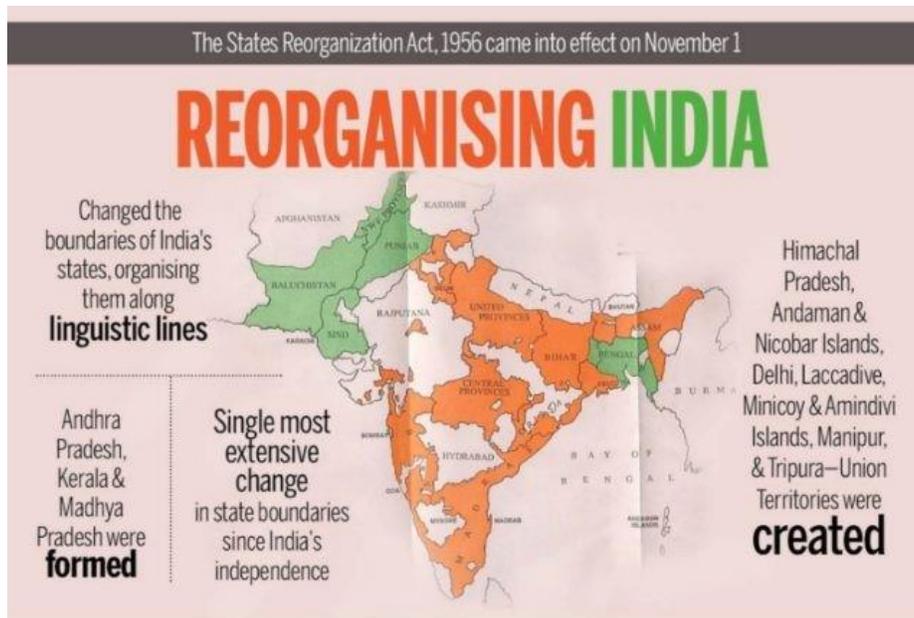


- ❖ The President of India, inaugurated the 7th India Water Week at the India Expo Centre in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

- ❖ Theme of the observation is “Water Security For Sustainable Development And Equity”.

State formation day – 01 November

- ❖ In India, seven states and two union territories are celebrating Foundation Day on November 1, 2022.
- ❖ They are, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Karnataka, Punjab & Madhya Pradesh, Lakshadweep & Puducherry.
- ❖ Earlier, Tamil Nadu also used to celebrate its foundation day on November 1.
- ❖ Now the Formation Day in Tamilnadu will be celebrated on July 18.
- ❖ In Karnataka, this day is celebrated as “Rajyotsav”.



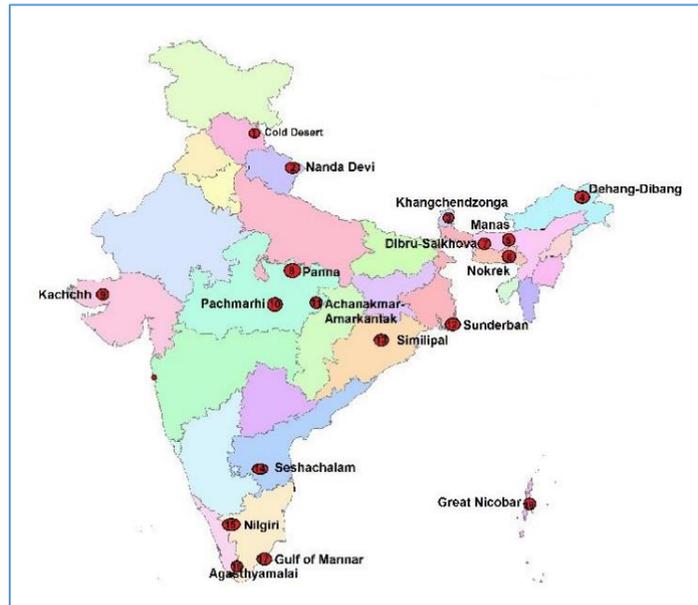
International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists – 02 November

- ❖ The day came into existence when the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed a resolution in December 2013.
- ❖ The day draws attention to impunity, i.e., culprits going unpunished, to crimes against journalists.
- ❖ The date was chosen to commemorate the assassination of two journalists in Mali on November 2, 2013.
- ❖ According to UNESCO's observatory of killed journalists, between 2006 and 2020, over 1,200 journalists were killed for doing their job.

- ❖ In 90% of these cases, the killers went unpunished.



International Day for Biosphere Reserves - 03 November



- ❖ November 03, 2022, was observed as the first International Day for Biosphere Reserves.
- ❖ It was proclaimed by the UNESCO General Conference in its 41st session in 2021.
- ❖ This is also marking the end of the two years celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme.
- ❖ The MAB programme is an intergovernmental scientific programme launched in 1971 by UNESCO.

- ❖ It aims to establish a scientific basis for enhancing the relationship between people and their environments.
- ❖ The World Network of Biosphere Reserves currently counts 738 sites in 134 countries all over the world, including 22 transboundary sites.
- ❖ 12 of the 18 biosphere reserves in India have become part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.
- ❖ Sri Lanka has 04 and Maldives has 03 biospheres.

