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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Prime Minister inaugurated the silver jubilee edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS 22) virtually.
- ❖ GeoSmart India 2022 Summit was inaugurated in Hyderabad.
- ❖ Manika Batra creates history by becoming the first ever Indian female paddler to win a medal at Asian Cup Table Tennis tournament.

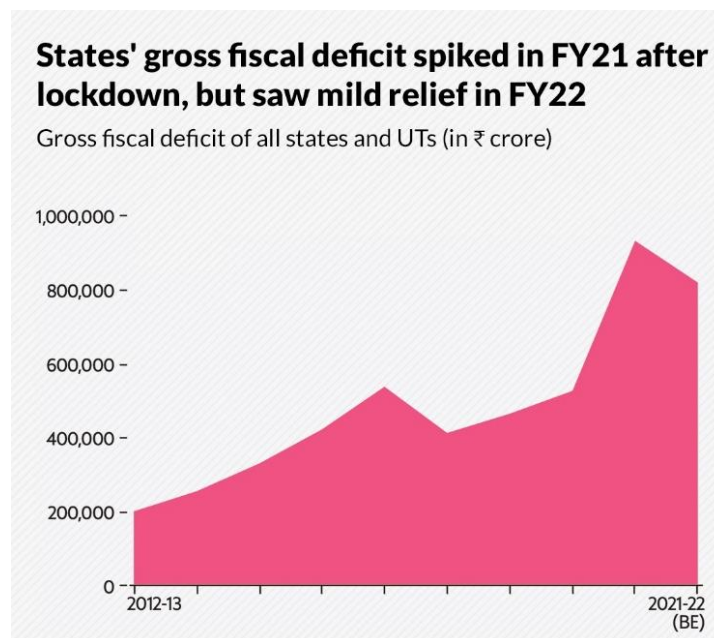
TAMIL NADU

Director General of Audit

- ❖ Tamil Nadu was the first State to create the role of Director General of Audit.
- ❖ It has hired an officer from the Indian Audit and Accounts Service on deputation for this.
- ❖ The officer's responsibility will be to strengthen and streamline the functioning of internal audit departments, so that they perform their functions professionally.

NATIONAL

Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021-22



- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India released the seventh edition of its statistical publication titled “Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021-22”.
- ❖ It provides comprehensive data about the regional economies of India.
- ❖ Two new sections have been included in the recent edition – health and environment.
- ❖ The macroeconomic outlook is positive in the current fiscal.
- ❖ However, India is still impacted by global headwinds.
- ❖ Karnataka has the highest total installed capacity of grid-interactive renewable power among all states in March 2021.
- ❖ It had total installed capacity of 15,463 megawatts (MW).
- ❖ It is followed by Tamil Nadu (15,225 MW), Gujarat (13,153 MW) and Maharashtra (10,267 MW).

INTERNATIONAL

Ivory Trade - India's vote



- ❖ India for the first time abstained from a vote seeking the commercial sale of African elephant tusks.
- ❖ It strengthens suspicions of a quid pro quo deal with Namibia for facilitating the transfer of eight cheetahs.
- ❖ Zimbabwe introduced a proposal to allow the commercial sale of elephant tusks that were stockpiled by the governments of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.
- ❖ CITES is a multilateral treaty to protect endangered plants and animals from the threats of international trade.

- ❖ CITES protects more than 38,000 species against over-exploitation by either banning trade completely or placing strict restrictions.

ENVIRONMENT

Loss and damage fund

- ❖ COP27 at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt have resulted in a landmark decision to create the first-ever 'Loss and Damage Fund'.
- ❖ It aims to compensate developing nations for harm caused by climate extremes.
- ❖ But there was little progress on other key issues, such as India's call for "phasing down" all fossil fuels.



Black-Naped Pheasant-Pigeon



- ❖ Black-Naped Pheasant-Pigeon was rediscovered after 140 years.
- ❖ It was first and last seen in 1882.

- ❖ In September 2022, they found the species at the western slope of Mount Kilkerran – the highest peak of Fergusson Island.
- ❖ This is only the second time in history that the species has been spotted.
- ❖ It is a large, terrestrial pigeon having black and orange feathers and red eyes.
- ❖ The species is endemic to Fergusson Island in Papua New Guinea.
- ❖ It split from the species *Otidiphaps nobilis*, which diverged from all other species some 26.1 million years ago.
- ❖ In July 2021, though the species' population is undetermined, it was listed as a critically endangered.
- ❖ Its estimated population is 50 to 249 birds.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Network Readiness Index 2022



- ❖ The Network Readiness Index 2022 was released by Portulans institute, a US-based non-profit organization.
- ❖ The report assesses a network-based preparedness scenario based on their performance in four different pillars of 131 economies – technology, people, governance and impact.
- ❖ US is the top performer in this index, Singapore and Sweden are in second and third place respectively.
- ❖ Singapore is the country making the most progress in this index.
- ❖ It has moved from 7th position to second place, pushing Denmark (6th) and Finland(7th).
- ❖ The top performing country in Asia Pacific is Singapore, followed by South Korea and Japan.

- ❖ India (61st rank) ranks third among 36 lower-middle-income countries after Ukraine and Indonesia.

STATES

Manipur Sangai festival

- ❖ Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurated the 'Manipur Sangai Festival 2022' at the Sangai Ethnic Park.
- ❖ The 10-day-long festival will be held in 13 venues across six districts in the north eastern state till November 30.
- ❖ The festival is celebrated as the 'Festival of Oneness'.
- ❖ It aims to encourage a sense of belongingness, and pride in ownership of the land among the people.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Gandhi Mandela award



- ❖ The 14th Dalai Lama was conferred the Gandhi Mandela Award 2022 at Thekchen Choeling in Dharamshala.
- ❖ The Tibetan spiritual leader received the peace prize from the New Delhi-based Gandhi Mandela Foundation.
- ❖ The Tibetan spiritual leader is the recipient of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize.

Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar

- ❖ Tamil writer and novelist Imayam aka V Annamalai has been selected for the Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar.
- ❖ His novels Koveru Kazhudaigal and Pethavan, have been translated into English and several other languages.
- ❖ The award is instituted in memory of late Kannada writer Kuvempu.



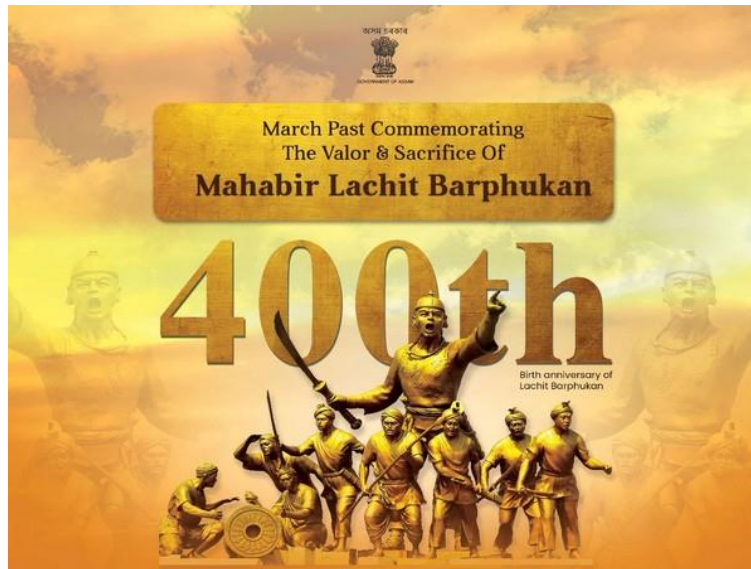
Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2021

- ❖ The former Vice-President Hamid Ansari presented the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development of 2021 to Pratham, an NGO functioning in the field of education.
- ❖ The award is in recognition of Pratham's work in ensuring quality education for children of the country, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Pratham also used digital technology to deliver education so that the children could learn during the school closure amid the pandemic.
- ❖ The foundation's Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), serves as a model to assess education outcomes and learning deficiencies across 14 countries in three continents.

- ❖ The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development is given to people whose work have exemplified Indira's ideals and causes.



400th Birth Anniversary of Lachit Barphukan



- ❖ The 3-day long celebrations of the 400th birth anniversary of Ahom commander Lachit Barphukan began in New Delhi.
- ❖ The exhibition also held on the life and achievement of the Ahom dynasty and Lachit Barphukan among others.
- ❖ He was an excellent military leader who knew the Brahmaputra valley's geography and the nearby hills like the back of his hand.
- ❖ He was also given administrative, judicial, and military duties as one of the five Borphukans of the Ahom kingdom by king Charadhwaj Singha.



- ❖ He is remembered for his foresight and outstanding leadership in the 1671 Battle of Saraighat.

