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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held in Goa.
- ❖ Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has bagged the national award from Pension Fund regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) for significant enrolment under Atal Pension Yojana.
- ❖ India ended their campaign at the 15th Asian Airgun Championships in South Korea with 25 gold medals.

NATIONAL

53 hours Challenge



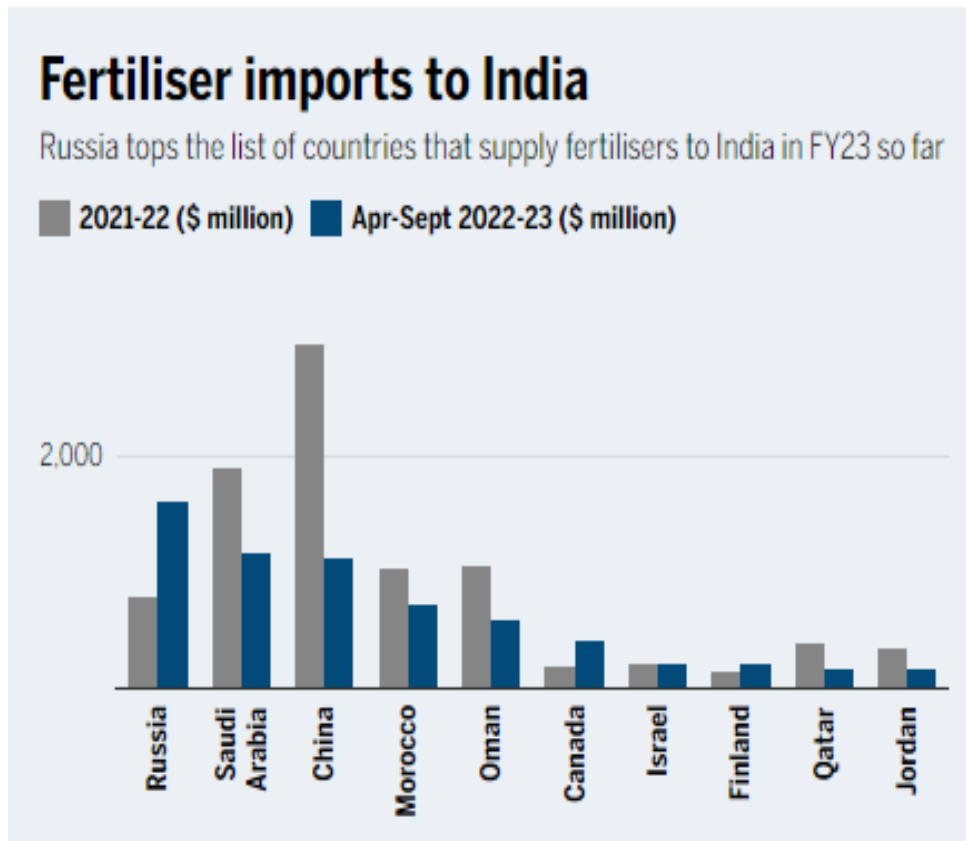
- ❖ Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated '53 Hours Challenge' for '75 Creative Minds Tomorrow'.
- ❖ This is the second edition of 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow.

- ❖ Dear Diary, a film by Team Purple, was the winning film of the 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow programme's 53-Hour Challenge.

ECONOMY

Top fertilizer supplier to India

- ❖ Russia for the first time became the biggest fertilizer supplier to India in the first half of the 2022-23.
- ❖ India's fertilizer imports from Russia surged 371% to a record 2.15 million tonnes in the first six months of the fiscal year.
- ❖ India's imports during the period spiked 765% to \$1.6 billion.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

200th Consecutive Successful Launch

- ❖ RH200, the versatile sounding rocket of ISRO, has registered its 200th consecutive successful launch from the shores of Thumba.

- ❖ The successful flight of RH200 took off from the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS).
- ❖ The Rohini Sounding Rocket (RSR) series have been the forerunners for ISRO's heavier and more complex launch vehicles.



ENVIRONMENT

Top CDP's climate action list

The 2022 Cities A List	
City	Region
City of Mumbai	South Asia
Dipolog City	Southeast Asia
Iskandar Regional Development Authority	Southeast Asia

- ❖ Mumbai has become the first Indian city to be added to the A-list in the 5th Annual Cities Report published by CDP.
- ❖ Mumbai was able to attain despite the challenging global economic situation.
- ❖ The city has recently released its first-ever Climate Action Plan in 2022, 'Towards a Climate Resilient Mumbai'.
- ❖ It outlines the aims to reach net-zero carbon neutrality by 2050
- ❖ 122 cities across the globe have been named as leaders in environmental action and transparency in 2022 by CDP.
- ❖ For the first time, this includes cities from several countries in the Global South, including Mumbai.

- ❖ Recent CDP data shows that 80 percent of cities face climate hazards, from drought to floods.
- ❖ These are expected to be more intense and frequent by 2025 for 25 percent of cities.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Champions of the Earth Award 2022

- ❖ Indian wildlife biologist Dr Purnima Devi Barman is among the honourees of this year's Champions of the Earth award.
- ❖ This is the U.N.'s highest environmental honour.
- ❖ This is conferred for their transformative action to prevent, halt and reverse ecosystem degradation.
- ❖ She had to change perceptions of the bird, known locally as “hargila” in Assamese (meaning “bone swallower”) and mobilised a group of village women to help her.
- ❖ Today the “Hargila Army” consists of over 10,000 women to protect nesting sites, rehabilitate injured storks.



Largest South Asian film market

- ❖ The Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur inaugurated the largest South Asian Film Market - Film Bazaar.
- ❖ It encourages creative and financial collaboration between the South Asian and International Film Communities.

- ❖ It is created and organized by the National Film Development Corporation.
- ❖ It also facilitates the sales of world cinema in the South Asian Region.



Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2021

- ❖ The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the National Adventure Award called “Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award” (TNNAA) for the year 2021.
- ❖ The award is given in four categories viz. Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure, and Life Time Achievement.
- ❖ These Awards are given annually to praise the achievement of persons in the fields of adventure.
- ❖ The award encourages people to develop the spirit of endurance, risk-taking, cooperative teamwork, and quick reflexes.

Category	Name
Land Adventure	Ms. Naina Dhakad
Water Adventure	Shri Shubham Dhananjay Vanmali
Lifetime Achievement	Group Captain Kunwar Bhawani Singh Samyal

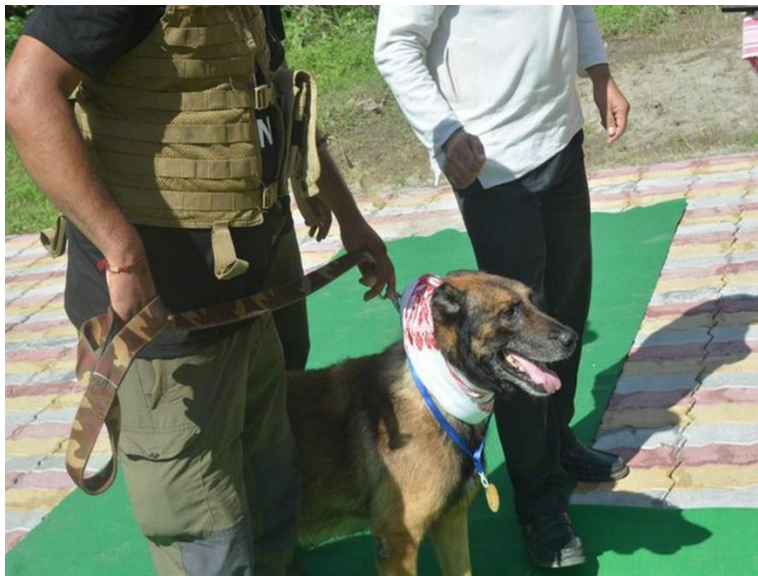
Areez Pirojshaw Khambatta

- ❖ The founding chairman of the popular drink Rasna, Areez Pirojshaw Khambatta has passed away.

- ❖ He created affordable soft drink packs of Rasna in the 1970s as an alternative to soft drink products sold at high costs.
- ❖ He was the former chairman of the World Alliance of Parsi Irani Zarthostis (WAPIZ).



Dog on anti-poacher duty



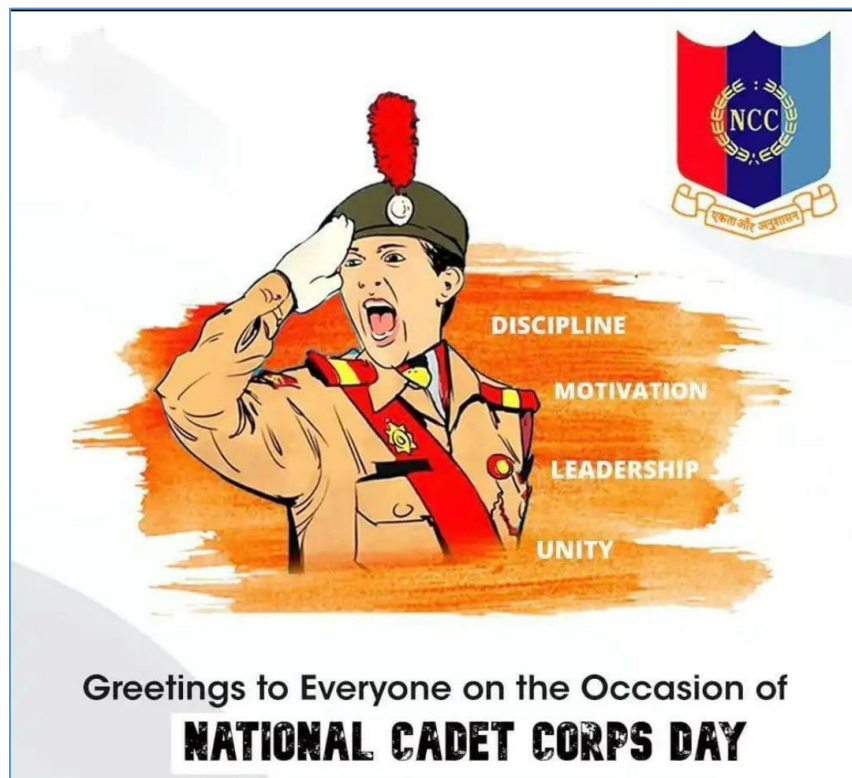
- ❖ Zorba, India's first dog to be deployed for tracking down poachers, has died recently.
- ❖ The 12-year-old male Belgian Malinois was a member of 'K9', the nation's first dog squad to fight wildlife crime.
- ❖ Zorba was the first dog of the squad and he was credited with helping law enforcement authorities nab over 60 poachers.

- ❖ The K9 squad was comprising six Belgian Malinois dogs and their handlers.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Cadet Corps Day - November 27

- ❖ The National Cadet Corps (NCC) celebrated its 74th Raising Day.
- ❖ This is the world's largest uniform youth organization.
- ❖ The NCC cadets also are known as the country's second line of defence.
- ❖ They have contributed immensely to various relief operations across the country.
- ❖ NCC was formed in the year 1948 under The National Cadet Corps Act 1948.

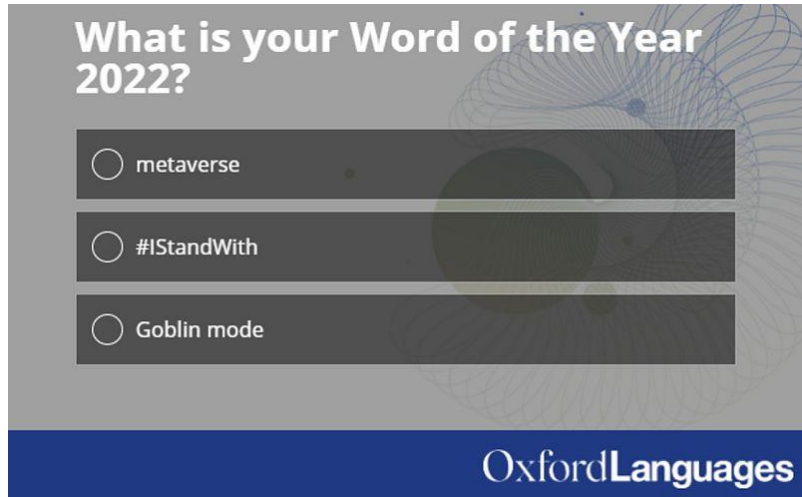


MISCELLANEOUS

Oxford Word of the Year 2022

- ❖ This year, for the first time in Oxford Dictionary's history, the Word of the Year 2022 will be chosen by public vote.
- ❖ A team of lexicographers have zeroed-down on three words, from a longlist, for this year's Word of the Year.

- ❖ They are Metaverse, IStandWith and Goblin mode.



Global Intellectual Property Filings

- ❖ The WIPO's World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) report showed that innovators around the world filed 3.4 million patent applications in 2021.
- ❖ This is 3.6 per cent high from the previous year with offices in Asia receiving 67.6 per cent of all applications worldwide.
- ❖ The filings in 2021 driven largely by increases from Asian countries of India, China, and South Korea.
- ❖ Strong growth in local patent filings in India (+5.5 percent), China (+5.5 percent) and the Republic of Korea (+2.5 per cent).
- ❖ Local patenting activity in the U.S. (-1.2 per cent), Japan (-1.7 per cent) and Germany (-3.9 per cent) declined in 2021.

IP Right applications	2020	2021	Growth (%), 2020-2021
Patents	3,281,900	3,401,100	3.6
Trademarks *	17,193,800	18,145,100	5.5
Industrial designs *	1,387,800	1,515,200	9.2
Plant variety	22,620	25,340	12.0

