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## NATIONAL

### India's first micro category drone

- ❖ India's first micro category drone type certification was received by Asteria Aerospace Limited.
- ❖ This is certified for its indigenously designed A200 drone.
- ❖ Asteria's A200 drone has been developed for surveying and mapping applications in GIS, agriculture, construction, mining and other industries.
- ❖ Drones with an all-up-weight of 250 gm to two kg fall under the micro category of drones



### SC status for Dalit converts

**'COMPLEX, CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION'**

<p>➤ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, states <b>SC status can only be accorded to Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists</b></p> <p>➤ While BJP has been opposed to giving SC status to Dalit converts to Islam and Christianity, forming a panel suggests the <b>party is exercising caution against any legal pitfall</b></p> <p>➤ Calling it 'a seminal &amp; historically complex sociological and</p>	<p>Constitutional question given its sensitivity and potential impact', govt's gazette notification says change in definition of SCs can only be done on the basis of a detailed study</p> <p>➤ <b>Panel to also study changes Dalits go through on converting to other religions in terms of their customs, traditions, social and other status, as well as discrimination and deprivation</b></p>
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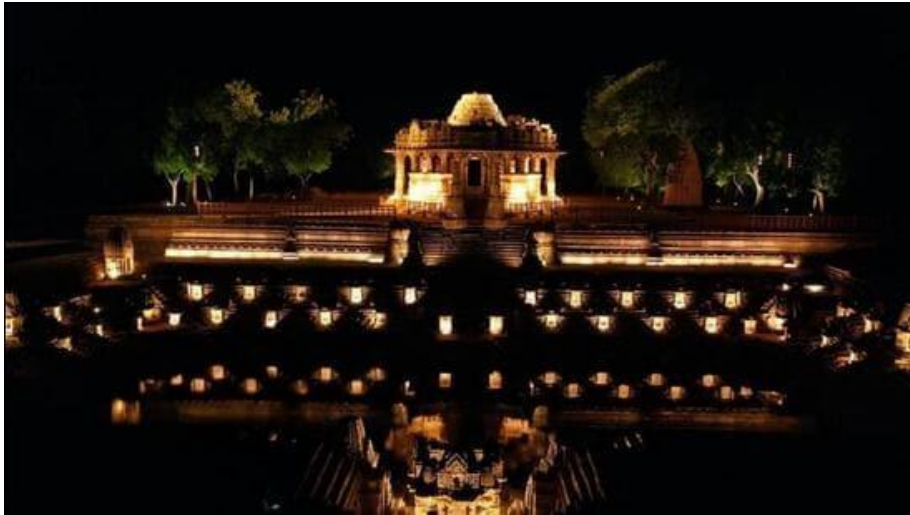
Ex-CJI KG Balakrishnan will head the 3-member panel

- ❖ The centre has appointed a three-member commission, headed by former Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan.

- ❖ It aims to consider the possibility of granting SC status to “new persons who have historically belonged to the Scheduled Castes” but have converted to religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism.
- ❖ The commission will examine the matter in line with the Presidential Orders issued from time to time under article 341 of the Constitution.
- ❖ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, stipulates that no person professing a religion different from Hinduism, Sikhism or Buddhism can be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste.
- ❖ The original order under which only Hindus were classified was later amended to include Sikhs and Buddhists.

### **First solar-powered village**

- ❖ Modhera in Gujarat’s Mehsana district declared as India’s first 24×7 solar-powered village.
- ❖ Modhera is the country’s first round-the-clock solar-powered village
- ❖ It involved developing a ground-mounted solar power plant and more than 1,300 rooftop solar systems on residential and government buildings.



## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Burkina Faso Military Coup**

- ❖ The West African country of Burkina Faso has been shaken by its second military coup in eight months.
- ❖ Captain Ibrahim Traoré is now positioned at the head of Burkina Faso.

- ❖ He seized the power from Lieutenant-Colonel Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba.
- ❖ Burkina is struggling with a seven-year-old jihadist campaign.



### **Global Food Security Platform**

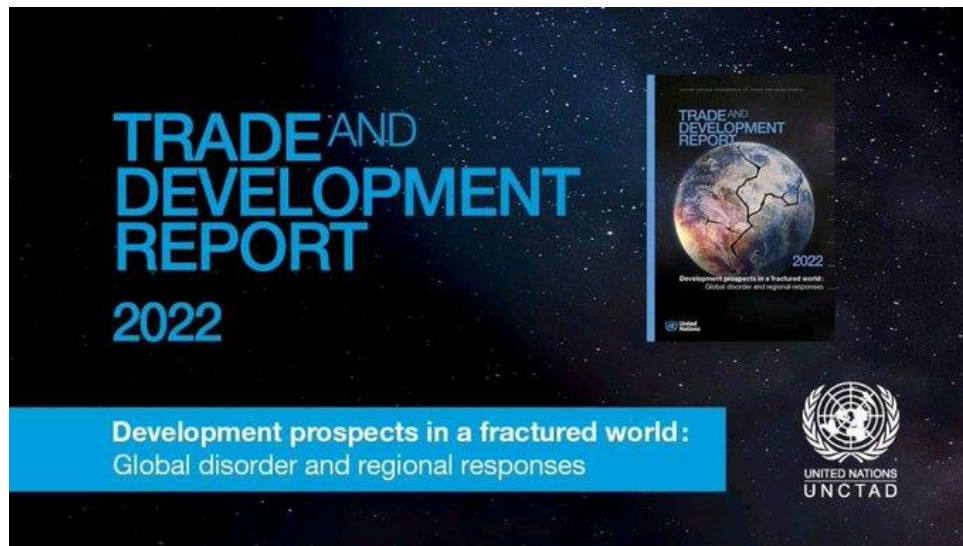
- ❖ International Finance Corporation has launched Global Food Security Platform.
- ❖ It aims to strengthen the private sector's ability to respond to food crisis and boost food production.
- ❖ International Finance Corporation is the World Bank's private sector arm.



### **Trade and Development Report 2022**

- ❖ The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has released its annual Trade and Development Report.

- ❖ It expects the world economy to grow 2.6% in 2022.
- ❖ This is 0.9 percentage points below last year's projected rate.
- ❖ The growth is expected to further decelerate in 2023 to 2.2%.
- ❖ The report expects the Indian economy, the largest in the region, to grow 5.7% in 2022 and 4.7% in 2023.
- ❖ In FY22, the country's GDP grew 8.7%.



## STATES

### Bird Festival at Pahalgam



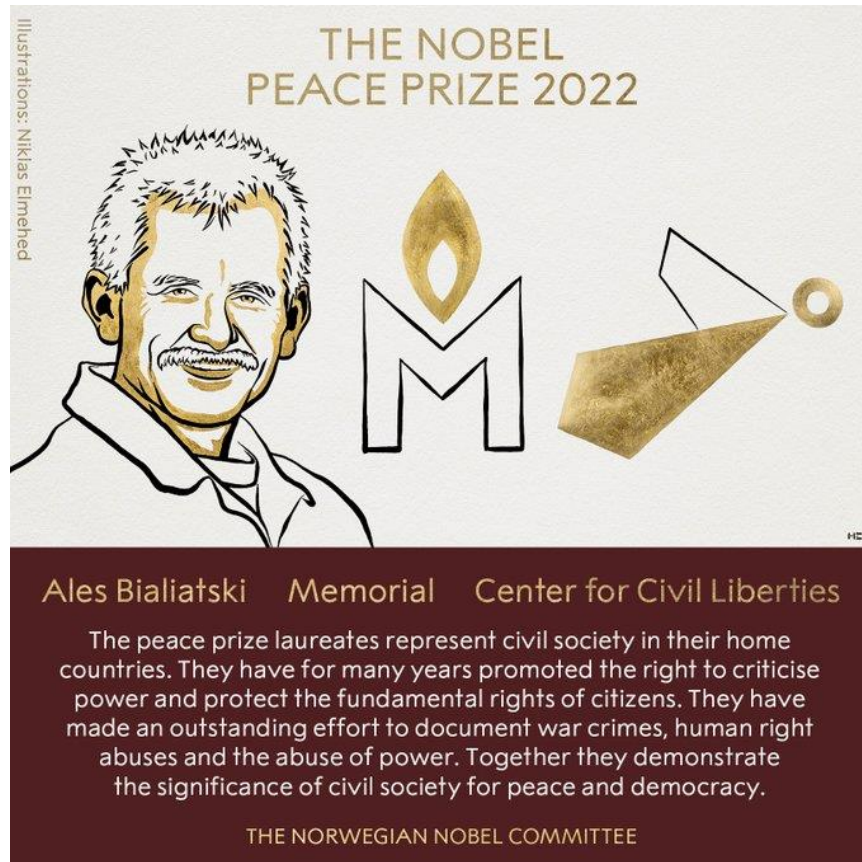
- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir have inaugurated Bird Festival 2022 in Pahalgam.
- ❖ It is a first-of-its-kind bird festival in the Union Territory.

- ❖ The festival will be organized in collaboration with the Department of Tourism and the Sanctuary Foundation.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Nobel Prize for Peace**

- ❖ The Nobel Peace Prize for 2022 has been awarded to the following individual and organizations
  - Human rights advocate Ales Bialiatski from Belarus,
  - The Russian human rights organisation - Memorial, and
  - The Ukrainian human rights organisation Center for Civil Liberties.



### **Nansen Award**

- ❖ Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel recently received the Nansen Refugee Award.
- ❖ While Merkel was the Chancellor in 2015 and 2016, Germany welcomed more than 1.2 million refugees and asylum seekers, especially from Syria.

- ❖ The Nansen Award committee also honoured four regional winners.
- ❖ These include
  - A refugee support cacao cooperative in Costa Rica in the Americas,
  - a volunteer refugee firefighting group in Mauritia in West Africa,
  - Humanitarian organization Meikse Myanmar that helps internally displaced people in Asia and the Pacific and
  - An Iraqi gynaecologist known for providing medical and psychological aid to Yazidi girls and women in North Africa and Middle East.
- ❖ The Nansen Award is conferred every year by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.



## SPORTS

### **Mallakhamb competition**

- ❖ Mallakhamb is an Indian indigenous sport that is a part of the 36th National Games.

- ❖ It is one of the five new games which is added to the 36th National Games this year.
- ❖ The sport made its debut at the Khelo India University Games.



### **Irani Trophy 2022**

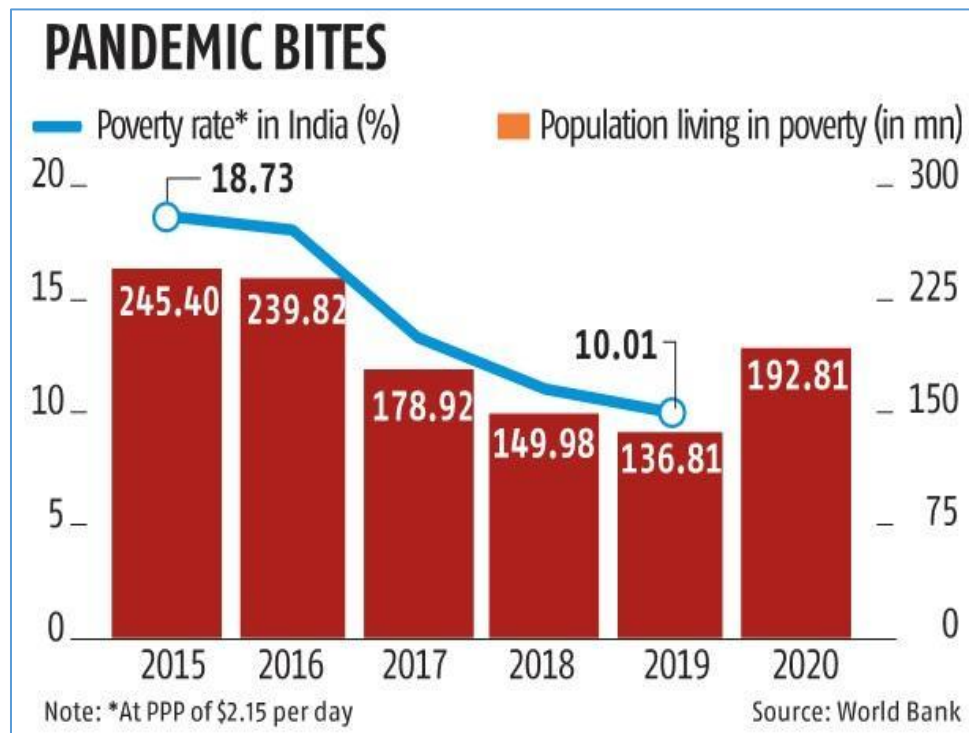


- ❖ The Rest of India's side won the Irani Cup title after beating the Ranji Trophy Champion of 2019-2020 Saurashtra.
- ❖ Irani Trophy is also known as Mastercard Irani Trophy.

- ❖ It is a test match format cricket tournament in India.
- ❖ It is played annually between the incumbent Ranji Trophy winners and the Rest of the India Cricket Team.
- ❖ It is organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2022: Correcting Course”



- ❖ The World Bank released a report titled “Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2022: Correcting Course”.
- ❖ Global poverty reduction has been slowing down since 2015.
- ❖ By 2015, the global extreme-poverty rate had been cut by more than half.
- ❖ In 2020 alone, the number of people living below the extreme poverty line rose by over 70 million.
- ❖ This is the largest one-year increase since global poverty monitoring began in 1990.
- ❖ Given current trends, 574 million people (nearly 7% of the world’s population) will still be living on less than USD 2.15 a day in 2030, with most in Africa.
- ❖ Extreme poverty in India was 12.3% points lower in 2019 compared with 2011.



- ❖ Poverty headcount rate declined from 22.5% in 2011 to 10.2% in 2019.
- ❖ Poverty reduction was higher in rural areas compared with urban India as rural poverty declined from 26.3% in 2011 to 11.6% in 2019.
- ❖ In urban areas the decline was from 14.2% to 6.3% in the corresponding period.

### **Durga Puja pandal**

- ❖ 136 feet tall Durga Puja pandal situated in Lucknow's Janaki Puram is all set to enter the Guinness Book of World Records as the tallest ever.
- ❖ The pandal is a replica of Vrindavan's Chandrodaya temple as is as high as a 14-storey building.
- ❖ Before this, the title of the world's tallest pandal was held by Kolkata, whose height was 125 feet.

