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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's first Liquefied Compressed Natural Gas (LCNG) station established near Manthangal village in Ranipet district.
- ❖ The three day "Digital India Conference of State IT Ministers" held in New Delhi.
- ❖ Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched the Special Swachhta Campaign 2.0, with a focus on Swachhata including disposal of scrap and reducing Pendency.
- ❖ The United Nations declared that 2022 is the International Year of Glass.

NATIONAL

“Matdata Junction” awareness program



- ❖ The Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar launched a yearlong Voter Awareness Program 'Matdata Junction'.
- ❖ The Matdata Junction is a 52-episode radio series produced by the election commission of India, in collaboration with All India Radio.
- ❖ The Matdata Junction aims to connect with the voters across the country with the help of radio.

Green Technology incubation facility

- ❖ India's first Green Technology incubation facility was opened at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

- ❖ The Department of Science and Technology is supporting a three-year initiative known as Inclusive TBI (i-TBI).
- ❖ Saad Parvez is the CEO of this first Green Technology incubation facility.



Cheetah Introduction Project Monitoring





- ❖ The Center has established a 9-member Task Force to oversee the introduction of cheetahs in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park and other suitably specified places.
- ❖ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) would support the Cheetah Task Force's operations.
- ❖ The Task Force will be active for two years.
- ❖ The task force members will be interacting with Cheetah Mitras and local communities to raise awareness about their conservation in particular and an area in general.

Sarthak initiative

- ❖ 'Sarthak' is a community-based initiative for the mental well-being of the elderly.
- ❖ Through this initiative, training will be imparted to nurses, healthcare workers and volunteers on geriatric mental health.
- ❖ The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS) has collaborated with HelpAge India to train 10,000 mental health workers.

INTERNATIONAL

Defense self-reliance

ARMS EXPORTS & IMPORTS; MILITARY SPENDING IN INDO-PACIFIC REGION

Country	Exporter rank*	Importer rank*	Largest supplier**	Military Spending 2021***	Spending rank****
Australia	3	2	US (69%)	31,754	5
China	1	3	Russia (77%)	293,352	1
India	4	1	Russia (54%)	76,598	2
Indonesia	5	8	US (23%)	8,259	9
Japan	14	6	US (97%)	54,124	3
South Korea	2	4	US (58%)	50,227	4
Malaysia	NA	16	Spain (32%)	3,830	13
Pakistan	13	5	China (72%)	11,305	8
Singapore	7	9	France (43%)	11,115	7
Taiwan	12	15	US (100%)	12,958	6
Thailand	15	10	South Korea (25%)	6,605	10
Vietnam	11	7	Russia (66%)	5,500*****	NA

*Regional rank, 2016-20. Regional ranking is based on 44 jurisdictions in Asia and Oceania as defined in SIPRI databases. **Share of total arms imports. ***Current US\$ mn. ****Regional rank, 2021. *****In 2018 NA: Not applicable.
Sources: SIPRI Arms Transfers Database, March 2022; SIPRI Military Expenditure Database, April 2022

- ❖ India stands at fourth position among 12 countries of the Indo-Pacific in self-reliant defence production.



- ❖ This study was conducted by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).
- ❖ It assessed self-reliance in arms production.
- ❖ China dominated the list leaving others behind by a long margin.
- ❖ After China, Japan and South Korea, India is ranked fourth.
- ❖ Taiwan, Australia and Singapore rank fifth, sixth and seventh.
- ❖ Pakistan is ranked eighth, followed by Indonesia (rank 9), Malaysia (rank 10) and Thailand (rank 11).

ECONOMY

World's top sugar producer



- ❖ The world's top producer, user, and second-largest exporter of sugar is now India.
- ❖ More than 5,000 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of sugarcane were produced in the country.
- ❖ Around 3,574 LMT of sugarcane was crushed by sugar mills to produce about 394 LMT of sugar.
- ❖ 35 LMT sugar was diverted to ethanol production.
- ❖ And 359 LMT sugar was produced by sugar mills.

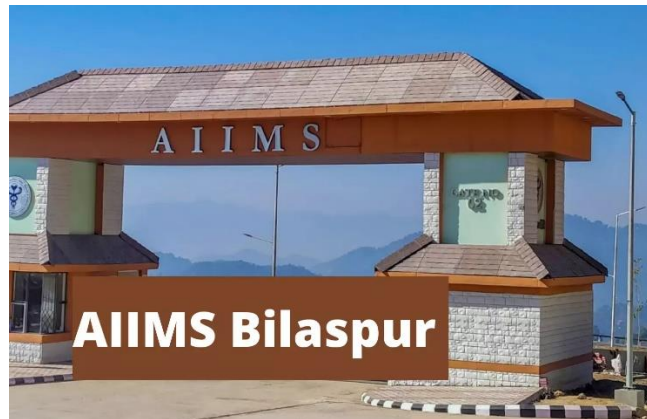
- ❖ India also recorded its highest exports of about 109.8 LMT with no financial assistance.
- ❖ Ethanol growth as a biofuel in the last five years has led to “better financial positions of sugar mills”.

STATES

Pahari in Jammu & Kashmir

- ❖ Pahari Community in Jammu and Kashmir will get a Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.
- ❖ The abolition of Articles 370 and 35A in August 2019 paved the way for providing reservations to deprived sections of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The ST quota in J&K carries 7% in government jobs and educational institutions.
- ❖ The Gujjars and Bakerwals community were getting ST benefits since 1991.
- ❖ The Paharis were given a 4 percent quota in the OBC category from January 2020.
- ❖ The Centre formed the Justice Sharma Commission in March 2020

Bilaspur AIIMS



- ❖ Prime Minister inaugurated the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Himachal Pradesh's Bilaspur.
- ❖ It has been established under the Central sector scheme Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.

Bharat Rashtra Samithi

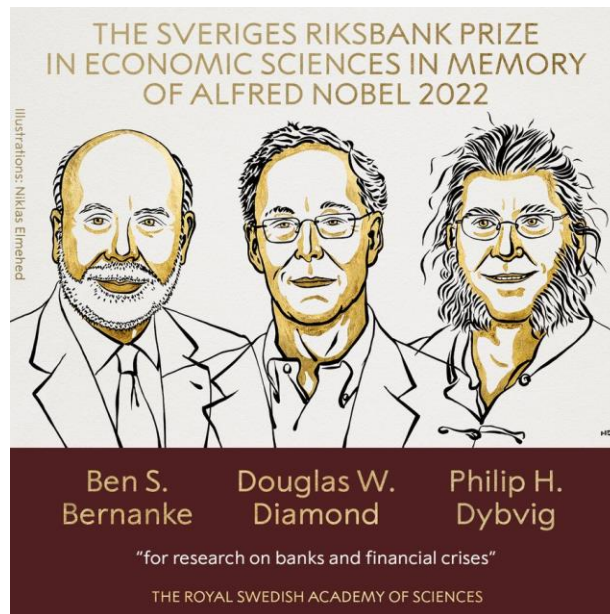
- ❖ Telangana Rashtra Samithi passed a resolution changing the name to Bharat Rashtra Samithi.

- ❖ TRS was formed 21 years ago to seek separate statehood for Telangana.
- ❖ In 2014, they achieved this goal.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Nobel Prize Economy



- ❖ Ben S. Bernanke, Douglas W. Diamond and Philip H. Dybvig won the 2022 Nobel Prize in Economics for research on banks and financial crises.
- ❖ Modern banking research clarifies why we have banks, how to make them less vulnerable in crises and how bank collapses exacerbate financial crises.
- ❖ The foundations of this research were laid by Ben Bernanke, Douglas Diamond, and Philip Dybvig in the early 1980s.

- ❖ Their analyses have been of great practical importance in regulating financial markets and dealing with financial crises.

Subbu Arumugam

- ❖ Kavignar Subbu Arumugam, who popularised villupaattu, a folk art of southern districts, across Tamil Nadu passed away recently.
- ❖ Villupaatu is performed in the temples of folk deities such as Sudalai Madan, Esakki Amman, and Mutharamman during kodai — festival during summer.
- ❖ Subbu Arumugam modernised the singing methods, the texts and introduced stories with social themes.
- ❖ References to villupaatu can be found in minor literary works such as Mukkudapallu and Viralividu Thoothu.



Mulayam Singh Yadav



- ❖ Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav passed away recently.

- ❖ He was elected an MLA 10 times and an MP seven times.
- ❖ He also served as the defence minister, and thrice as the UP CM.

SPORTS

FIH Goalkeepers of Year



- ❖ Savita Punia, the captain of the Indian women's hockey team, received the FIH goalkeeper of the year title in women's category.
- ❖ Veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh received the FIH goalkeeper of the year title in the men's category.
- ❖ The third individual to receive the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year title twice is Sreejesh.
- ❖ Sreejesh also reached 250 international appearances during the course of the season.
- ❖ He was also becoming only the eighth Indian and goalie to accomplish the accomplishment.
- ❖ Savita is now just the third athlete since the award's introduction in 2014 to have won Goalkeeper of the Year (women) in back-to-back years.

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