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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ International Whale Shark Day is observed on August 30.
 - There are just about 400 of them left in the world, making them one of the most endangered species.
- ❖ The International Day for People of African Descent is celebrated on 31 August globally.
 - The day was first celebrated in 2021, halfway through the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024).
- ❖ Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot has inaugurated a month-long Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games in Jodhpur.
- ❖ Dr Ashutosh Raravikar of RBI has authored a new book titled “Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 years of Independence”.

NATIONAL






INS Vikrant



- ❖ India will formally commission its first home-built aircraft carrier at Kochi's Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- ❖ It was built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, a Public Sector Shipyard under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.
- ❖ The largest ship ever constructed in India's maritime history is the INS Vikrant.
- ❖ The Indigenous Aircraft Carrier bears the name of its esteemed predecessor, India's first aircraft carrier, which had an important role to play in the war of 1971.
- ❖ The INS Vikrant however will not have its own fleet of fighter jets on deck.

- ❖ It will rely on a few Russian-designed aircraft borrowed from India's only other carrier, the INS Vikramaditya.

New Naval ensign

1947– 1950	
1950– 2001	
2001– 2004	
2004– 2014	
2014– present	

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will reveal a new ensign of the Indian Navy (New Naval ensign), at the aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.
- ❖ The Indian Navy will receive a New Naval ensign on September 2 without the Saint George's cross that has been on its flag since the British placed it during the pre-independence era.
- ❖ The cross sign was removed from the flag between 2001 and 2004 while Atal Bihari Vajpayee was in office.
- ❖ But it was reinstated once the UPA led by Manmohan Singh took back power.

SAREX-2022

- ❖ It was carried out by the Indian Coast Guard in Chennai.
- ❖ It is the 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise.

- ❖ It is carried out under the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB).
- ❖ Along with other foreign participants, the chief of the Indian Coast Guard, VS Pathania, assessed the exercise "SAREX-2022".
- ❖ The subject of the biennial exercise this year is "Capacity Building Towards Marine Passenger Safety".



Clear Skies for Tomorrow



- ❖ It is a sustainable effort led by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- ❖ IndiGo, the largest airline in the nation, has joined this initiative as a signatory.
- ❖ It aims to support aviation's overall net-zero pathway by 2050.

Vajra Prahar 2022

- ❖ The 13th edition of the India-US joint special forces exercise Vajra Prahar 2022 concluded at Himachal Pradesh's Bakloh.
- ❖ This annual exercise is hosted alternatively between India and the United States.

- ❖ The 12th edition was conducted in Washington, the USA in October 2021.



INTERNATIONAL

Parliamentary Association Conference



**65th Commonwealth
Parliamentary Conference**
Halifax, Canada • August 20-26, 2022

- ❖ The Member of Parliament from the Jhansi-Lalitpur parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh, Anurag Sharma has been elected as the International Treasurer of the Parliamentary Association Conference (CPA) at the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Halifax, Canada.
- ❖ The election of Sharma made him the second Indian office-bearer in the world's largest and oldest International Parliamentary Association.
- ❖ The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) was founded in 1911.



- ❖ It links parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from over 180 national, state, provincial and territorial parliaments and legislatures from 55 countries of the Commonwealth through its network.

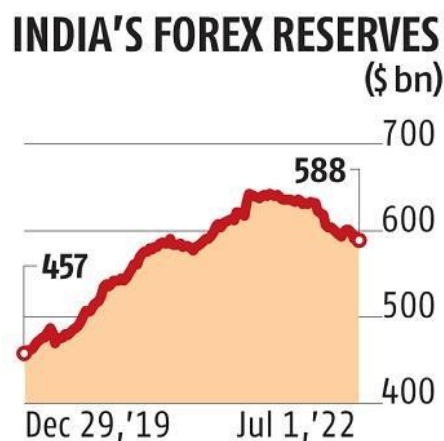
10th largest life insurer



- ❖ India overtakes China and UK to become world's 10th largest life insurer
- ❖ Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has emerged as the third strongest and tenth most valuable insurance brand globally.
- ❖ Italy's Poste Italiane is the strongest insurance brand
- ❖ It is followed by LIC of India.
- ❖ Ping An Insurance of China is ranking as the most valuable brand

ECONOMY

Forex Reserve of India



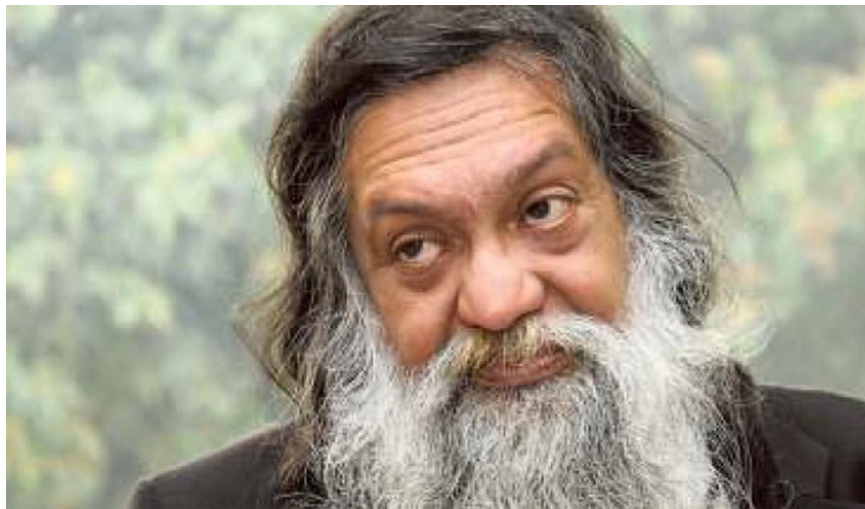
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- ❖ It will serve as the headquarters of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).
- ❖ Once completed, it will be larger than the Taj Mahal and St. Paul's Cathedral in the Vatican.
- ❖ It will purportedly replace Cambodia's 400-acre-large Angkor Wat temple complex as the largest religious monument.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Abhijit Sen

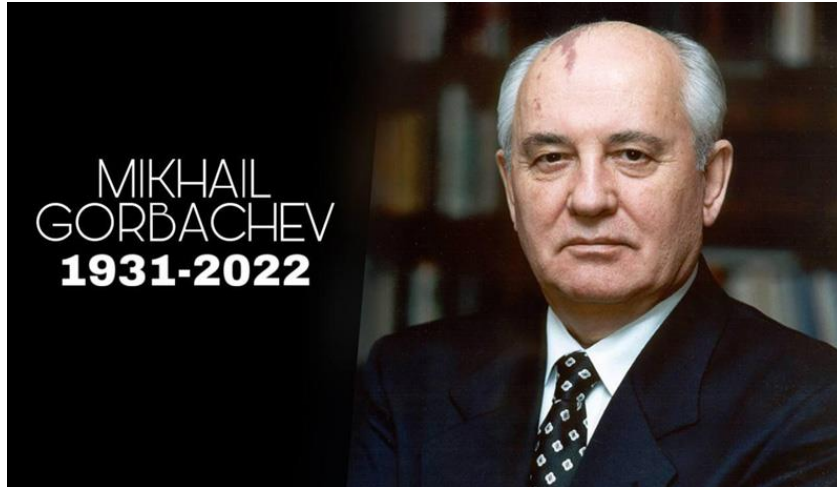


ABHIJIT SEN: 1950-2022

- ❖ Renowned economist and former Planning Commission member, Abhijit Sen has passed away at 72.
- ❖ He was a member of the Planning Commission from 2004 to 2014, during the tenure of PM Manmohan Singh.

- ❖ He advocated the universal PDS of grains to protect consumers in vulnerable sections of society.

Mikhail Gorbachev



- ❖ He was a Soviet Leader who Ended Cold War dies At 91.
- ❖ He was the last soviet leader and in power between 1985 and 1991 in the USSR.
- ❖ He helped bring US-Soviet relations out of a deep freeze.
- ❖ He was the last surviving Cold War leader.
- ❖ He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.

Miss Diva Universe 2022



- ❖ 23-year-old Divita Rai from Karnataka won the prestigious title of Miss Diva Universe 2022.

- ❖ Pragnya Ayyagari of Telangana was declared Miss Diva Supranational 2022.

James Anderson



- ❖ England's James Anderson has become the first-ever fast bowler to complete 950 wickets in international cricket.
- ❖ He broke the record of Australia's Glenn McGrath (949 wickets).
- ❖ The most successful bowlers in international cricket are Sri Lankan spin wizard, Muttiah Muralitharan (1,347 wickets), late Aussie spin great Shane Warne (1,001 wickets) and Indian spin great Anil Kumble (956 wickets).

