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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tata Motors Marcopolo was a Joint Venture between Tata Motors (India) and Marcopolo, its Brazilian partners.
- ❖ Indian Railways have set up 'Meghdoot' machines at Dadar, Thane and other stations of the Mumbai Division.
 - The unique 'Meghdoot' machines use innovative technology to convert water vapour in the air into potable water.
- ❖ The 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit 2022 was officially opened by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Tata steel company and the Punjabi government have agreed to establish a 0.75 million tonne per year long products steel facility.
 - Tata Steel is to build the greenfield facility at Kadiana Khurd in Ludhiana's Hitech Valley.

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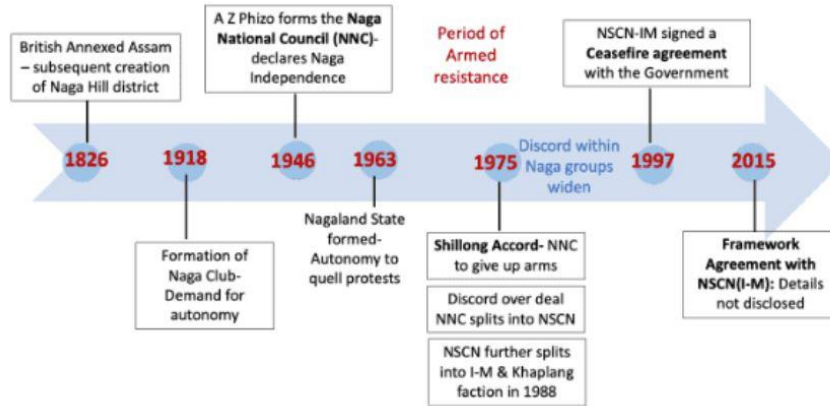
Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) report



- ❖ The Railways Ministry tops the list of government agencies that ignored the CVC's recommendations against corrupt officers and employees.
- ❖ Along with Railways, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Bank of India, and Delhi Jal Board each had four cases.

- ❖ Mahanadi Coalfields Limited protected three of its workers in such situations.

25 Years of Indo-Naga Peace Talks



- ❖ On August 1, 2022, the NSCN (I-M) observed the 25th anniversary of the “Indo-Naga” ceasefire.
- ❖ The NSCN-IM signed a ceasefire agreement with the Government of India on July 25, 1997.
- ❖ Nagas are living across the region between India and Myanmar.

Maruti in India



- ❖ Maruti Suzuki has completed 40 years in India.
- ❖ Maruti Udyog Limited was established in India in the year 1981.
- ❖ It was a public sector company.
- ❖ In 1982, Japanese automaker Suzuki started a joint venture with Maruti.

- ❖ It is the country's largest carmaker.
- ❖ On this occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the company's electric vehicle battery manufacturing plant at Hansalpur in Gujarat and the passenger vehicle plant at Kharkhoda, Haryana.

INTERNATIONAL

Vostok Military Exercise 2022



- ❖ Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army arrived in Russia to participate in the multilateral tactical and command exercise Vostok 2022.
- ❖ In this exercise more than 50 thousand soldiers from India, China, Laos, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Syria and former Soviet countries will participate.
- ❖ Vladivostok is located in the far east of Russia on the Sea of Japan.

UN Human Right Report on China's Xinjiang region

- ❖ United Nations Human Rights Body has released a report alleging abuses carried out by the Chinese Government in Xinjiang Province.
- ❖ It says that "detention of Uyghurs and other Muslim ethnic groups in Xinjiang constitutes "crimes against humanity".
- ❖ Michelle Bachelet was the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights when the report was released.

❖ But China denied any of the charges levelled against it in the report.

UN report on Xinjiang



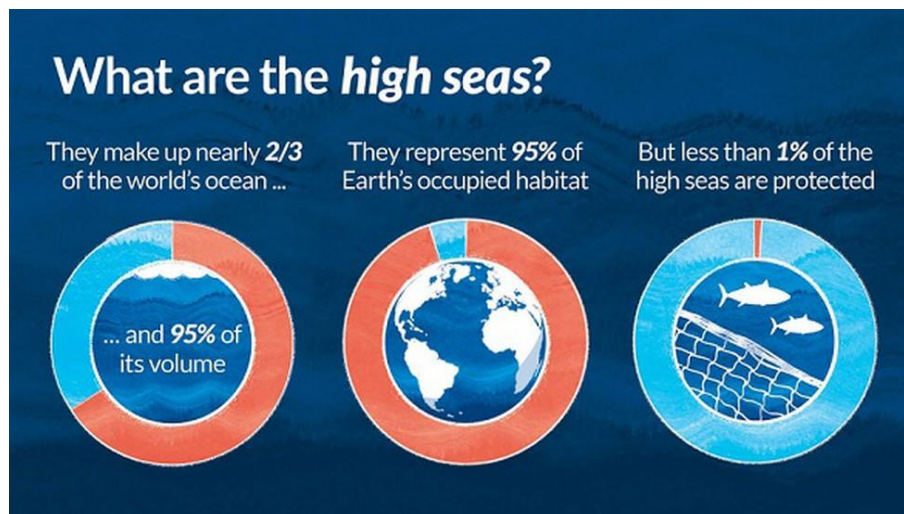
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Long-awaited report on human rights concerns in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

- **“Pattern of large-scale arbitrary detention”**
- **“Credible” allegations of torture and sexual assault** at detention centres
- Accounts of **forced sterilisations and abortions**
- Indications of **forced labour**

UN High Seas Treaty



❖ It is also referred to as the 'Paris Agreement for the Ocean'.



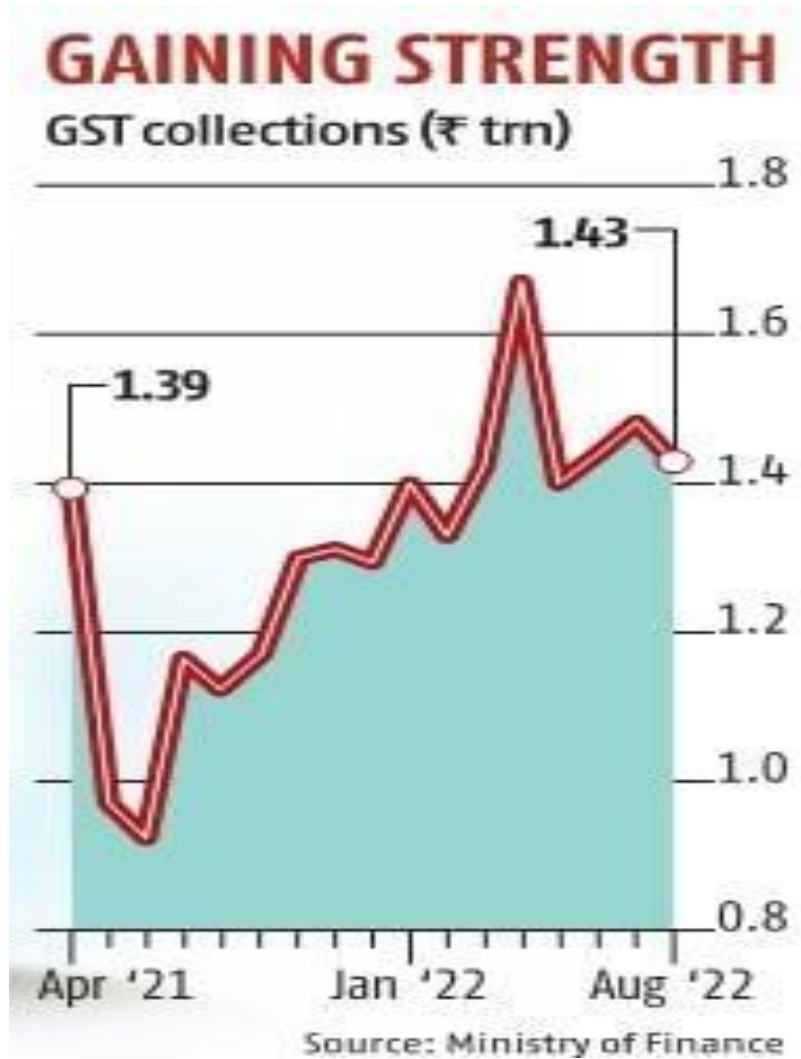
- ❖ It was the treaty to deal with Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction.
- ❖ It aimed to agree on a UN treaty for protecting ocean.
- ❖ It was a negotiation involving 168 countries, including the European Union.
- ❖ But it failed completely at the end of talks.
- ❖ In June, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres had declared an “ocean emergency” at the UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon, Portugal.
- ❖ It concerns the ocean existing beyond the Exclusive Economic Zones.
- ❖ That lie from the coast of a country to about 200 nautical miles or 370 km into the sea, till where it has special rights for exploration.
- ❖ Waters beyond that are known as open seas or high seas.
- ❖ The treaty was to be negotiated under the United Nations Convention on Laws of the Sea (UNCLOS) of 1982
- ❖ UNCLOS governs the rights of countries regarding marine resources.
- ❖ The UNCLOS led to the establishment of territorial sea boundaries 22 km offshore, deciding the region up to which countries could claim full sovereign territorial rights, as well as the 200 nautical miles EEZ limit.
- ❖ It also created the International Seabed Authority and other conflict-resolution mechanisms.
- ❖ But as of now, there is no treaty for conserving the health of vast swathes of the earth’s oceans.
- ❖ Conversely, every country has the right to access open seas.
- ❖ It will be resulting in large-scale drilling and trawling operations for catching fish and other animals for commercial purposes.
- ❖ High Ambition Coalition was formed with the participation of more than 100 countries including India, the US, and the UK.
- ❖ It came about and put the focus on ‘30×30’ goals – protecting 30% of the ocean by 2030.

ECONOMY

GST collection in August

- ❖ The GST collection remained above the Rs 1.4 trillion mark for the sixth straight month in August.
- ❖ The gross GST revenue collected in August 2022 is Rs 1.43 trillion.

- ❖ In which, CGST is Rs 24,710 crore, SGST is Rs 30,951 crore, IGST is Rs 77,782 crore (including Rs 42,067 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 10,168 crore (including Rs 1,018 crore collected on import of goods).
- ❖ The GST collection was at a record high of Rs 1.67 trillion in April of 2022.



SPORTS

Video Assistant Referee

- ❖ The upcoming Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022 in India will see the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology.
- ❖ This technology is introduced for the first time in the under 17 Women world cup.
- ❖ It will be held in Bhubaneswar (Kalinga Stadium), Margao (JLN Stadium) and Navi Mumbai (DY Patil Stadium) from October 11-30, 2022.



- ❖ The VAR technology supports the decision-making process of the referee in four game-changing situations: goals and offences leading up to a goal, penalty decisions and offences leading up to a penalty, direct red card incidents, and mistaken identity.



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IMPORTANT DAYS

World Coconut Day – Sep 02



- ❖ The theme for this year is “Growing Coconut for a Better Future and Life”.
- ❖ The first world coconut day was celebrated on September 2, 2009, by the Asia Pacific Coconut Community (APCC).
- ❖ The coconut tree is a member of the palm tree family and the only living species of the genus Cocos.
- ❖ Coconut is a member of the drupe family and is mostly found in tropical countries



- ❖ In India, this day is celebrated with the support of the Coconut Development Board (CDB), across the states such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Goa, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha etc.
- ❖ The Coconut Development Board (CDB) is a statutory body established under the Ministry of Agriculture.
- ❖ Its headquarters is at Kochi in Kerala.
- ❖ The three countries that produce the most coconuts worldwide are India, Indonesia, and the Philippines.
- ❖ Indonesia (1st), India (2nd), Philippines (3rd), Brazil (4th) and Sri Lanka (5th) are the top exporters of coconuts.

