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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Governor of Goa officially introduced the Mashaal (torch) to mark the commencement of the 37th National Games.
- ❖ Phase II of the 21st edition of Varuna (Varuna-23), the bilateral exercise between the Indian and French Navies, was successfully conducted in the Arabian Sea.

TAMIL NADU

Women assistant priests at temples

- ❖ S. Krishnaveni, S. Ramya and Ranjitha will become assistant priests at Sri Vaishnava temples in Tamil Nadu, following the Pancharathra agama.
- ❖ They are the first three women to have undergone training as Bhattars in the State.
- ❖ They have studied at the Archakar Training School run by the Sri Ranganathar Temple in Srirangam.



NATIONAL

G20 Satellite Mission

- ❖ India proposed to launch a G-20 Satellite Mission for Environment and Climate Observation.
- ❖ It aims to help the countries of the Global South.

- ❖ The climate and weather data obtained from this will be shared with all the countries, especially the countries of the Global South.
- ❖ India had launched a satellite in 2017 for the benefit of the SAARC countries.
- ❖ It is popularly called SAARC Satellite.
- ❖ It is a part of India's 'neighbourhood first policy'.
- ❖ It aimed at provide crucial information on tele-medicine, tele-education, banking and television broadcasting opportunities to its South Asian neighbours.



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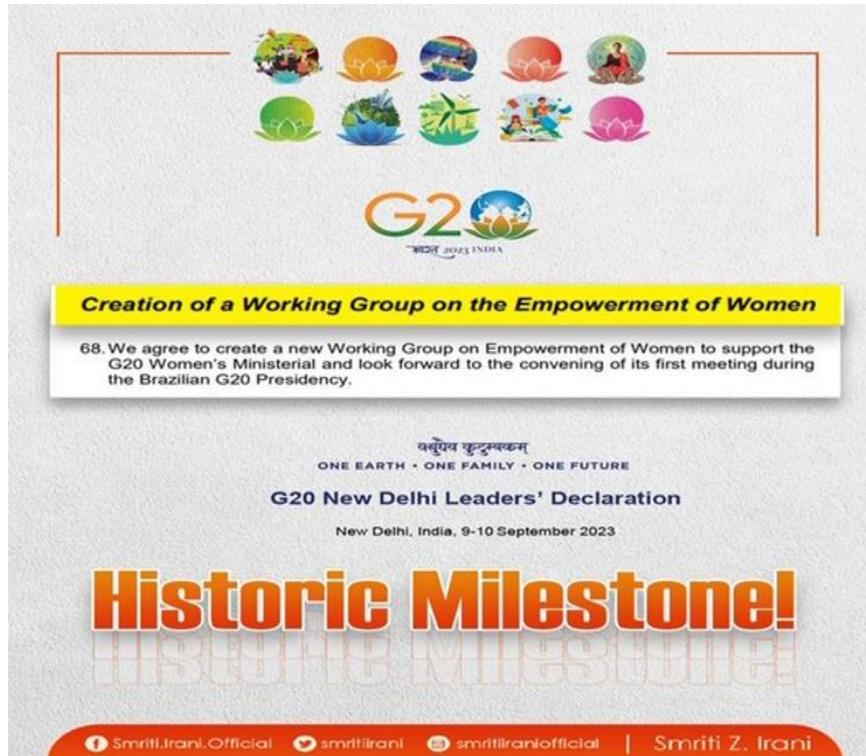
Earthquake in Morocco



- ❖ Morocco was struck by a devastating 6.8 magnitude earthquake.

- ❖ The epicentre was located in the Atlas Mountains region, specifically in Al-Haouz.
- ❖ It was Morocco's deadliest earthquake since Agadir was devastated by a 6.7-magnitude quake in 1960, which killed more than 12,000.
- ❖ Recent quake was also the most powerful to hit Morocco for more than a century.

G20 Working Group on Empowerment of Women

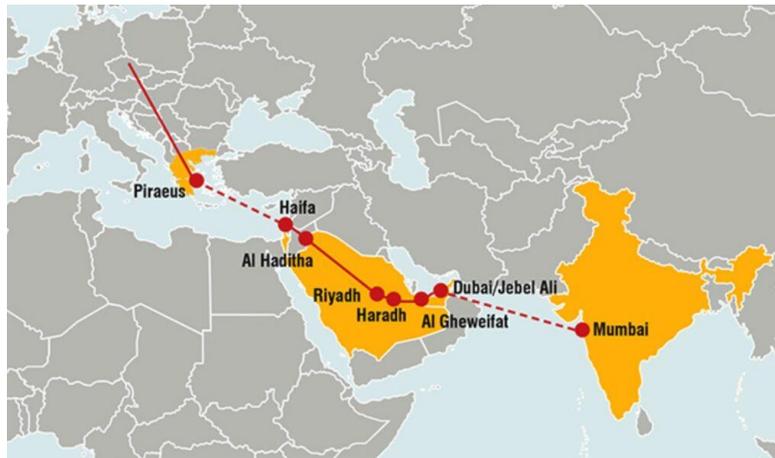


- ❖ Leaders of the G20 agreed to the creation of a working group on the empowerment of women.
- ❖ It aims to support the G20 women's ministerial panel which will convene its first meeting during Brazil's presidency of the bloc.
- ❖ Brazil will officially take over the mantle of the G20 presidency from India on December 1.
- ❖ The next leaders' summit is scheduled to be held at the popular seaside resort city of Rio de Janeiro in November 2024.

India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor

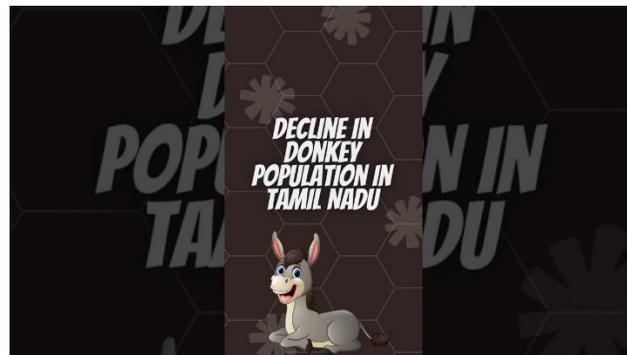
- ❖ India, the US, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, France, Germany, Italy and the European Union literally signing the MoU to establish the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEE-EC).

- ❖ This will connect Asia and Europe by promoting economic integration.
- ❖ It aims to create connectivity through rail and shipping networks, energy cables, and data links.
- ❖ It seeks to boost trade, clean energy, and economic growth while providing an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).
- ❖ The Middle East corridor consists of two separate corridors.
- ❖ The East Corridor will link the Indian port of Mundra on the west coast to Fujairah port.
- ❖ Then by using the railroad via Saudi Arabia and Jordan transport goods through standardized containers to the Israeli port of Haifa.
- ❖ The west corridor will be from Haifa, from where the Indian goods will reach various ports like Marseille in France and other ports in Italy and Greece.



ENVIRONMENT

Declining Donkey population



- ❖ As per a 2012 census, there were 9,183 donkeys in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ But their population came down to 1,428 in 2019.



- ❖ The donkeys in Tamil Nadu are dark grey in colour with the mark of a cross on their back.
- ❖ Now, the owners cross-breed them with donkeys from other States and this may result in the extinction of the local species
- ❖ The dung of donkeys is placed in septic tanks, as it has a high level of microorganisms, and prevents tanks from overflowing.
- ❖ Across the world, beauty products with donkey milk as an ingredient are popular, and quite expensive.

UK - UN Climate Fund



**GREEN
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- ❖ Britain will commit to provide 2 billion USD to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to help developing countries cope with climate change.
- ❖ The pledge would be the biggest single funding commitment the UK has made to date to help the world tackle climate change.
- ❖ The Green Climate Fund (GFC) - the world's largest such fund - was set up under United Nations' climate change negotiations.
- ❖ It will used to channel money needed by poor states to meet their targets to reduce carbon emissions, develop cleaner energy sources and adjust to a warming world.
- ❖ Already, Britain has committed to spend 11.6 billion pounds (14.46 billion USD) on international climate finance between 2021 and 2026.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar prize

- ❖ Rajnish Kumar, professor at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) has won the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar prize for science and technology.



- ❖ The prize recognises persons for their outstanding contributions to human knowledge and progress.
- ❖ He was recognised for his contributions to the fundamental understanding of nucleation and growth of clathrate hydrates, CO₂ sequestration in solid hydrates, and methane recovery from marine gas hydrates.
- ❖ He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry [FRSC] in the United Kingdom.
- ❖ The annual award is instituted by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research since 1985.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World EV Day 2023 - September 09

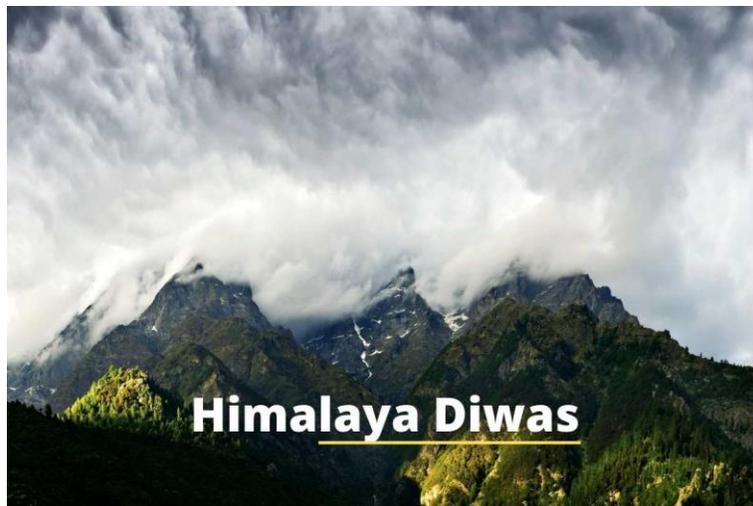
- ❖ This day aims to mark the celebration of e-mobility.
- ❖ The first World EV day was observed in 2020.
- ❖ This day celebrates electric vehicles of all shapes and sizes, as well as raising awareness of just how rewarding and easy making the switch really is.
- ❖ Presently, India has around 2.9 million electric vehicles and this number is increasing day-by-day.
- ❖ In year 2022-23, EV penetration rate touched around 5.3 per cent of the total.

- ❖ It is a jump of almost 6 times from 2020-21 level.



Himalaya Diwas 2023 - September 09

- ❖ This day aims to preserve the Himalayan ecosystem and region.
- ❖ In 2015, it was officially declared by the then Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.
- ❖ The Himalayas play an important role in saving and maintaining nature and protecting the country from adverse weather conditions.
- ❖ The Himalayan range is also responsible for bringing rain to the country.



International Day for South-South Cooperation 2023 - September 12

- ❖ This day highlights the importance of cooperation among people and countries in the global South.
- ❖ The day also aims at spreading awareness on the social, economic, and political developments made in the Southern region.

- ❖ The theme for this year is “Solidarity, Equity and Partnership: Unlocking South-South Cooperation to Achieve the SDGs”.

