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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra earned him the second spot with 83.80 meters throw in the Diamond League finals held in Eugene, USA.
- ❖ Telangana Chief Minister inaugurated the Palamuru–Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme at Narlapur in Nagarkurnool district.
- ❖ The fourth and last meeting of the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) under India's G20 presidency held in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi.
- ❖ The International Coastal Clean-up Day is observed annually worldwide on the third Saturday of September (September 16, 2023) every year.
- ❖ International Talk Like a Pirate Day was observed on September 19 since 1995.

NATIONAL

Vishwakarma scheme

PM Vishwakarma
Central Sector Scheme to support traditional artisans and craftspeople of rural and urban India

Cabinet Decision
16 August 2023

- Financial outlay of **Rs.13,000 crore**
- **Eighteen traditional trades** to be covered in the first instance
- **Artisans and craftspeople** to be provided recognition through PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card
- Credit Support upto **Rs.1 lakh (First Tranche)** and **Rs.2 lakh (Second Tranche)** with a concessional interest rate of 5%.
- Scheme to provide **Skill Upgradation, Toolkit Incentive, Incentive for Digital Transactions** and Marketing Support.

PM Vishwakarma

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16 August 2023

- Eighteen traditional trades will be covered in the first instance under PM Vishwakarma
- Carpenter (Suthar)
- Boat Maker
- Armourer
- Blacksmith (Lohar)
- Hammer and Tool Kit Maker
- Locksmith
- Goldsmith (Sonar)
- Potter (Kumhaar)
- Sculptor (Moortikar, stone carver), Stone breaker
- Cobbler(Charmkar)/Shoemsmith/Footwear artisan
- Mason (Rajmistri)
- Basket/Mat/ Broom Maker/Coir Weaver
- Doll & amp; Toy Maker (Traditional)
- Barber (Naai)
- Garland maker (Malakaar)
- Washerman (Dhobi)
- Tailor (Darzi)
- Fishing Net Maker

- ❖ Prime Minister launched the 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme for the benefit of traditional artisans.
- ❖ Under the scheme, the government will provide up to ₹3 lakhs loan without any (bank) guarantee.
- ❖ It has also been ensured that the interest rate is also very low.
- ❖ The Govt has decided that ₹1 lakh loan will be given in the beginning.

- ❖ Once it is repaid, govt will provide additional ₹2 lakhs loan to the Vishwakarma partners".
- ❖ The scheme will provide support to artisans and craftspeople in rural and urban areas across India.
- ❖ Initially, 18 traditional trades will be covered.
- ❖ The beneficiaries of the scheme will be provided recognition through a PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card, and skill upgradation involving basic and advanced training.

Old parliament Building



- ❖ The proceedings of the Parliament were shifted to the new building recently.
- ❖ Prime Minister announced the new name of the old parliament building which will be called "Sam vidhan Sadan" (Constitution House).
- ❖ The old Parliament Building which was designed by British architects Sir Edwin Lutyens and Herbert Baker and was completed in 1927.
- ❖ The central legislative assembly sat and which was converted as Lok Sabha, was originally designed with a floor area of 3688 square feet and seating arrangement for 148 members.
- ❖ After the first general election in 1951-52 the chamber was remodelled.
- ❖ The floor area was increased to 4804 square feet to provide accommodation to 450 members.
- ❖ The first sitting of elected Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha was on 13th May 1952.

- ❖ After independence the Chamber of Princes was regularly used by the Supreme Court for over ten years, till in 1958.
- ❖ The chamber was then redesigned as the Library Hall.
- ❖ It still bears 102 emblems of the erstwhile Indian States.

Operation Sajag

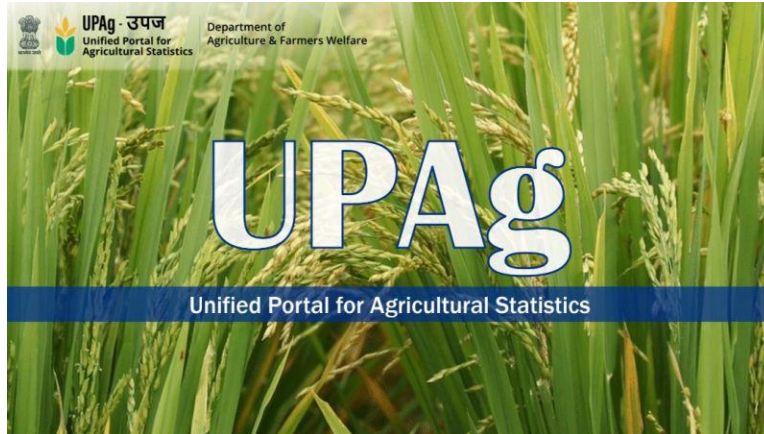
- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard recently conducted 'Operation Sajag'.
- ❖ It is a coastal security drill conducted by the Indian Coast Guard along the west coast.
- ❖ The drill facilitates revalidation of the coastal security mechanism and brings awareness among the fishermen at sea.
- ❖ During the drill, extensive checking and verification of documents and crew passes of all fishing boats, barges and craft at sea was undertaken.



UPAg Portal

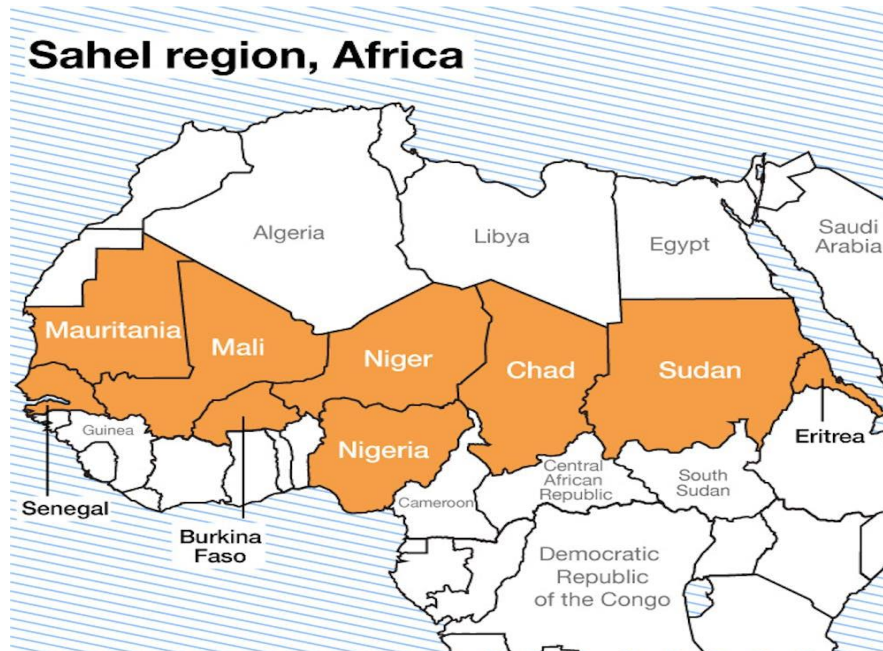
- ❖ Union govt launched the Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics (UPAg Portal- www.upag.gov.in).
- ❖ This is intended to serve as a public resource, streamlining access to credible, granular, and objective data while reducing search costs and inefficiencies for users.
- ❖ The UPAg Portal's core function is to generate crop estimates and integrate with other agriculture-related statistical systems.

- ❖ It aims to combat challenges like non-standardized and unverified data, ultimately supporting data-driven decision-making in India's agriculture sector.



INTERNATIONAL

Liptako-Gourma Charter



- ❖ The military leaders of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger signed a mutual defence pact.
- ❖ The Liptako-Gourma Charter establishes the Alliance of Sahel States (AES).
- ❖ It aims is to "establish an architecture of collective defence and mutual assistance for the benefit of our populations.

- ❖ The Liptako-Gourma region — where the Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger borders meet — has been ravaged by jihadism in recent years.
- ❖ This alliance will be a combination of military and economic efforts between the three countries.
- ❖ A jihadist insurgency that erupted in northern Mali in 2012 spread to Niger and Burkina Faso in 2015.
- ❖ All three countries have undergone coups since 2020.
- ❖ The Sahel is the ecoclimatic and biogeographic realm of transition in Africa between the Sahara to the north and the Sudanian savanna to the south.

ECONOMY

OTG Ring

- ❖ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has introduced a contactless payment wearable ring known as the ‘OTG Ring’.
- ❖ This device has been developed in collaboration with the Indian fintech startup LivQuik.
- ❖ It is tailored for National Common Mobility Card (NCCM) customers.



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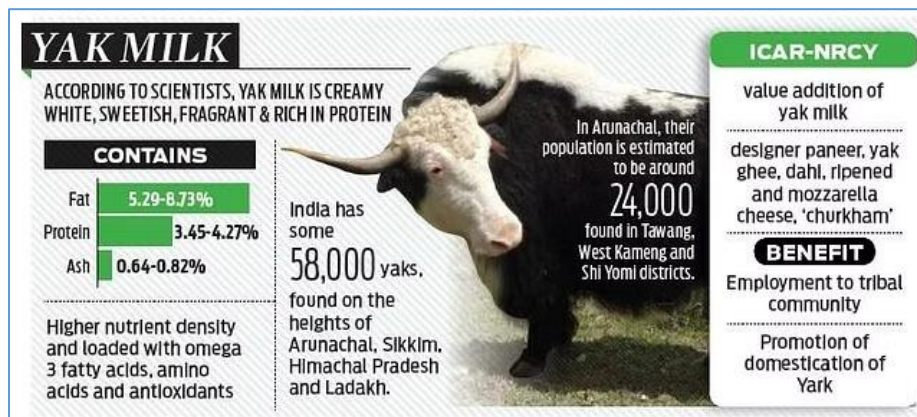
GI Tag for Atreyapuram pootharekulu

- ❖ The ‘Atreyapuram Pootharekulu’, a sweet made of rice and jaggery, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

- ❖ It mandates that the production of the sweet be confined only to the Atreyapuram village.
- ❖ This village located on the banks of the Godavari in Konaseema district of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The MTU-3626 variety Rice is the main ingredient.
- ❖ This variety is locally known as 'Bondalu'.
- ❖ It is extensively grown in the Konaseema region and consumed in Kerala.



Nyukmadung Dairy



- ❖ The National Research Centre on Yak (NRCY) has launched a “milk parlour,” named Nyukmadung Dairy, at the centre’s yak farm in Nyukmadung.
- ❖ It is located in West Kameng district in Arunachal Pradesh
- ❖ Yak milk is creamy white, thick, sweetish, fragrant and rich in protein, fat, lactose and minerals and total solids than cow milk.
- ❖ It contains 15.63-19.63 percent total solids with 5.29-8.73 percent fat, 3.45-4.27 percent protein and 0.64-0.82 percent ash.

- ❖ The Nyukmadung Dairy, situated about 2,800 metres above sea level.
- ❖ It aims to popularise a range of products from the milk of the animal that's referred to as the 'ship of the Himalayas'.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Print Asia Awards

- ❖ The Hindu Group's Chennai plant won silver at the Best in Print Asia Awards Indian Printers Summit in Kochi.
- ❖ The awards were presented in two categories –
 - Newspapers with a circulation of less than 100,000 copies and
 - Newspapers with a circulation of more than 100,000 copies.
- ❖ The Hindu Group won the award under 2nd category.



MISCELLANEOUS

London's India Club

- ❖ London's India Club is set to close down permanently on September 17 after decades of operations.
- ❖ It was a rest stop for Indians in the United Kingdom during the independence movement.
- ❖ It was started in 1951 by the India League, a British organisation.



- ❖ This organisation started out as an advocate for Indian independence and self-rule (swaraj) and included members of the elite in British society.



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