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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of an international cricket stadium in his parliamentary constituency Varanasi.
- ❖ The Centre organised India's first lighthouse festival in Goa as part of an effort to promote the country's lighthouses as tourist attractions.
- ❖ France's radiation watchdog has banned sales of Apple's iPhone 12 after test results showed the smartphone breached European radiation exposure limits.

## NATIONAL

### National Medical Commission - global recognition

**Global mark of recognition**

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Recognition Status is the indicator to the medical education community, to students and to employers that the quality of medical education in schools or programmes accredited by that agency is to an appropriate and rigorous standard.

 **WORLD FEDERATION FOR  
MEDICAL EDUCATION**

- ❖ The National Medical Commission (NMC), India, has been being awarded the coveted World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) Recognition.
- ❖ This status was given for a tenure of 10 years.
- ❖ This recognition will enable Indian medical graduates to pursue postgraduate training and practice in other countries that require WFME recognition.
- ❖ All the 706 existing medical colleges become WFME accredited and the new medical colleges that will be set up in the coming 10 years will automatically become WFME accredited.

- ❖ The World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) is a global organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of medical education worldwide.

### **All-women panel of 13 Vice-Chairpersons**

- ❖ The Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar constituted an all-women panel of Vice-Chairpersons in Rajya Sabha in view of the Women's reservation Bill.
- ❖ The panel comprises 13 women Rajya Sabha Members only for discussing the Women's reservation Bill which is called as Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam 2023.
- ❖ The panel includes P. T. Usha, Jaya Bachchan, Saroj Pandey, Dola Sen, Sulata Deo and Dr. Fauzia Khan.



### **14<sup>th</sup> edition of Global Skills Summit**



- ❖ The 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Global Skills Summit was held in Delhi.

- ❖ The theme of the event is building skills, empowering youth, and creating a future.
- ❖ The Summit aims to focus on creating a road map for a high-quality industry-led skilling ecosystem in India.

### Trilateral Maritime Exercise



- ❖ INS Sahyadri had participated in the maiden trilateral Maritime Partnership Exercise.
- ❖ This is the maiden trilateral maritime exercise between India-Indonesia-Australia.

- ❖ The trilateral exercise provided an opportunity to strengthen their partnership and improve their collective capability to support a stable, peaceful and secure Indo-Pacific region.
- ❖ INS Sahyadri is the third ship of the indigenously designed and built Project-17 class multirole stealth frigates.

### **SIMBEX 2023**



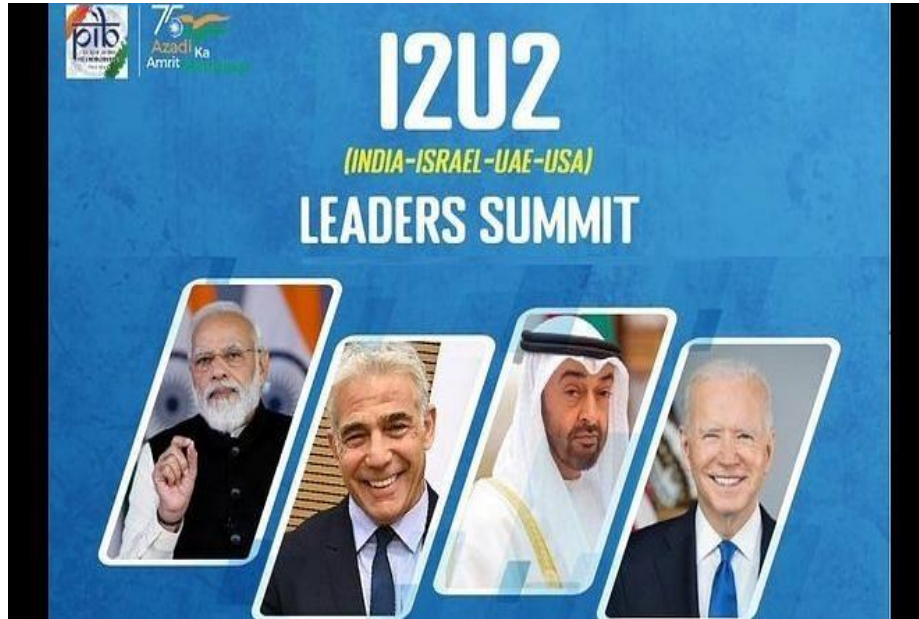
- ❖ The Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy is participating the 30<sup>th</sup> edition of their annual bilateral naval exercise in the southern South China Sea.
- ❖ SIMBEX stands for Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise.
- ❖ This annual bilateral Naval exercise between two country is being conducted since 1994.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **I2U2 Group Joint space venture**

- ❖ India, Israel, the United States and United Arab Emirates (UAE) under the I2U2 group announced a new joint space venture.

- ❖ It is aimed at creating a “unique space-based tool” for policymakers, institutions, and entrepreneurs.
- ❖ The I2U2 group of nations are collectively referred to as the West Asian Quad and are all signatories of the Artemis Accords.



### **UNESCO's World Heritage List – Zagorochoria of Greece**

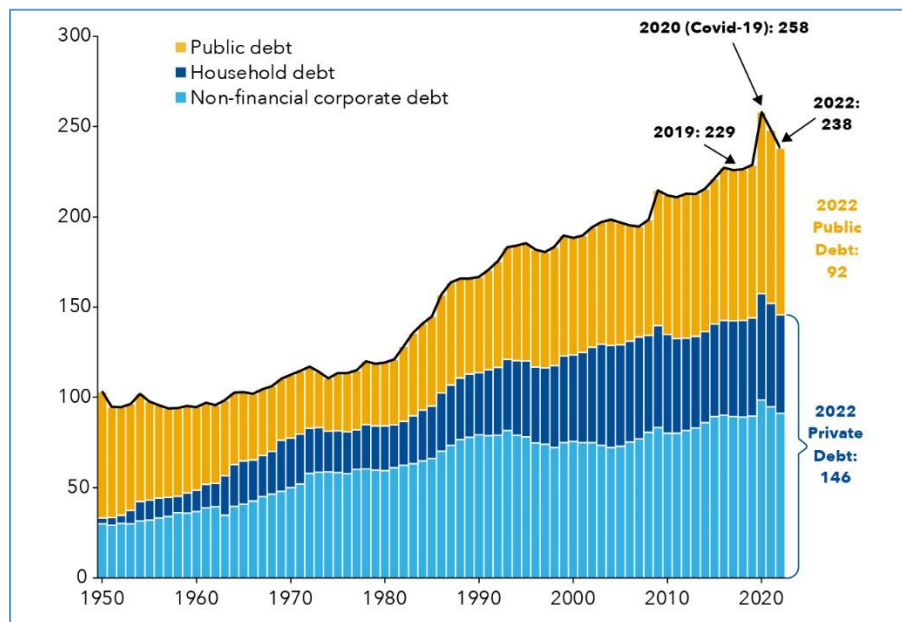


- ❖ The Zagorochoria (or villages of Zagori), has been inducted onto UNESCO's World Heritage List.

- ❖ It is the first time that a cultural area of Greece that comprises an outstanding example of its modern cultural heritage is listed.
- ❖ All Greek listings so far are related to ancient Greece or Byzantium.

### Global Debt as a Share of Economic Output

- ❖ The International Monetary Fund said that the global debt as a share of economic output fell significantly in 2022 for the second year in a row.
- ❖ The world's total debt to-GDP ratio fell last year to 238% from 248% in 2021 and 258% in 2020.
- ❖ However, despite the decline over the past two years, global debt remains well above the 2019 level of 238% of GDP.
- ❖ China has been a major contributor to the increase in global debt in recent years, with its debt burden growing to 272% of GDP in 2022.
- ❖ The United States saw its total debt-to-GDP ratio fall to 274% in 2022 from 284% in 2021.

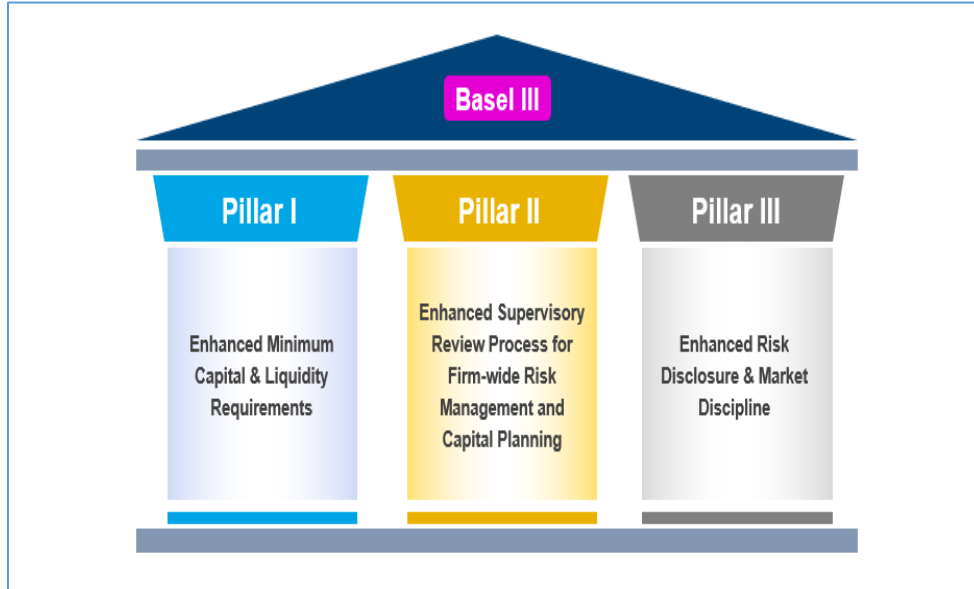


## ECONOMY

### Basel-III capital framework

- ❖ The RBI has introduced norms on the Basel III capital framework to All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs).

- ❖ This will include fund raising, exposure guidelines, and norms on classification and valuation of investment portfolios.
- ❖ It will come into effect from April 2024.
- ❖ Basel-III standards mainly seek to raise the quality and level of capital to ensure that financial entities are better able to absorb losses.



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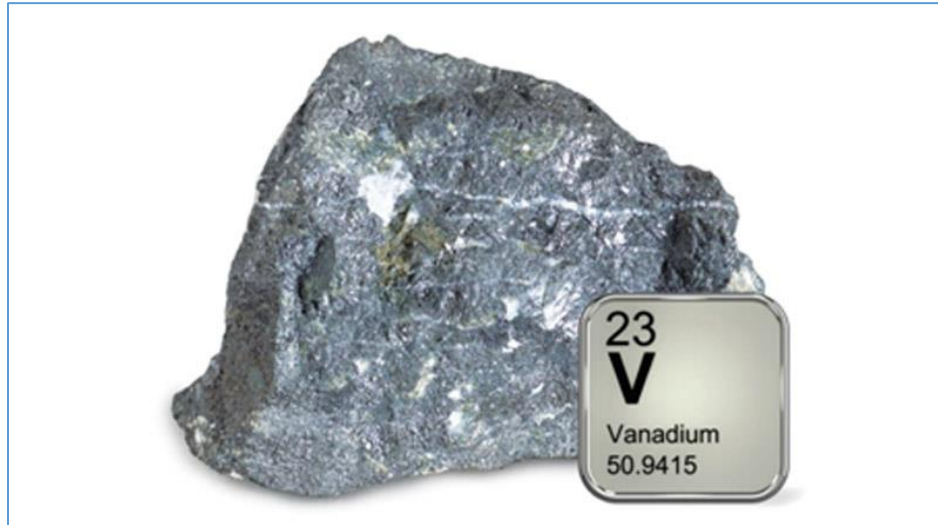
### Best Tourism Village of India - Biswanath Ghat



- ❖ Biswanath Ghat in Assam has been selected as the Best Tourism Village of India 2023 by the Ministry of Tourism.
- ❖ It is located on the banks of the Brahmaputra River.

- ❖ Biswanath Ghat is also popularly known as 'Gupta Kashi' and is named after the ancient Biswanath Mandir.

### **Discovery of Vanadium**



- ❖ The Rare element Vanadium discovered in the from Gulf of Khambhat, Gujarat.
- ❖ This maybe the first report on the presence of Vanadium in the offshore sediments in India.
- ❖ Titanomagnetite is the primary source of the element and 88% of the world's Vanadium is extracted from it.
- ❖ Vanadium can be used to strengthen steel and titanium and Vanadium redox batteries for energy storage.
- ❖ When mixed with titanium and aluminium, it is also used in jet engine parts and electrical components due to its durability against corrosion and high temperatures.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Norman Borlaug Field Award 2023**

- ❖ Odia scientist Swati Nayak will receive the Borlaug Field Award 2023.
- ❖ This is given for her innovative approach to engaging farmers in demand-driven rice seed systems, from testing and deployment to access and adoption of climate-resilient and nutritious rice varieties.
- ❖ The World Food Prize Foundation is describing her as an "outstanding young scientist."



- ❖ This award holds a special place in recognizing young scientists' contributions to agriculture, food security, and the eradication of hunger.



## SPORTS

### Top ranked cricket Team



- ❖ India became the number 1 ranked team in all three formats i.e., Tests, ODIs and T20Is.
- ❖ India displaced Pakistan from the top of the ODI rankings.



- ❖ Already India leading the Test and T20 chart, India now reigns supreme across all formats.
- ❖ This is only the second time in men's cricketing history that a side has achieved the No.1 ranking across the formats.
- ❖ Prior to this, only South Africa had achieved the feat back in August 2012.

