

# Weekly Current Affairs 1st Week March 2022



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### Important News: State

#### Demand for Rajya Sabha Seat to Chandigarh



- The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation approved a proposal to amend Article 80 of the Constitution so that its councillors could send a representative to the Rajya Sabha.

#### **Private Member Bill — the Constitution (Amendment Bill, 2021) and Amendment of Article 80:**

- The Private Member Bill is a bill introduced by a Member of Parliament (MP), who is not a minister. MPs sitting in the Opposition mostly bring Private Member Bills in the house.
- Article 80 of the Constitution of India deals with the composition of the council of states also called the Upper House.

#### **Note:**

- The union territories of Puducherry, Jammu and Kashmir and the National Capital Territory of Delhi have representation in the Rajya Sabha, while Ladakh, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli — Daman and Diu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep are unrepresented in the upper house.

**Source: Indian Express**

#### Ujjain enters Guinness Book for Mahashivratri



- In Madhya Pradesh, Ujjain entered the **Guinness Book of World Records** for lighting more than 11 lakh earthen lamps simultaneously on the occasion of Mahashivratri.

- The people of Ujjain have set a new record by lighting more than 11 lakh 71 thousand lamps simultaneously breaking the record of 9 lakh 41 thousand lamps lit in Ayodhya last November.
  - Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the 'Shiv Jyoti Arpanam' festival at Ramghat of Kshipra River.
  - Ujjain is home to Mahakaleshwar, one of the 12 jyotirlingas associated with Shiva.
- Source: ET**

## Important News: India

### Establishment of Area Office & Innovation Centre at New Delhi



#### Why in News

- Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Communications and Houlin Zhao, Secretary General of **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** signed the **Host Country Agreement (HCA)** for the establishment of an Area Office & Innovation Centre of ITU in New Delhi.

#### Key Points

- The agreement was signed in a virtual ceremony during the World Telecommunications Standardisation Assembly-20 (WTSA-20) being held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- WTSA is a four-yearly global conference of ITU dedicated to standardisation of the Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs).
- India has proposed to host the next WTSA to be held in 2024.

#### Area Office & Innovation Centre of ITU in New Delhi:

- The Area Office and Innovation Centre of ITU at New Delhi is expected to serve South Asian countries namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and India.
- The Host Country Agreement provides the legal and financial framework for establishment and operations of the Area Office.

**Note:** India has been taking concrete steps towards development of telecom standards. The 5Gi standards developed within India have now been recognised by ITU as one of the three technologies for 5G.

#### About International Telecommunication Union (ITU):

- ITU is the United Nations specialised agency for information and communication technologies.
- ITU currently has a membership of 193 countries and over 900 private-sector entities and academic institutions.

**Source: PIB**

### 'StreeManoraksha Project'

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has recently launched the 'StreeManoraksha Project' in collaboration with the National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences (NIMHANS).

### About 'StreeManoraksha Project'

- The project aims to improve the mental health of women in India.
- The project would focus on building on capacity building of OSC (One-Stop Center) functionaries.

**Source: AIR**

### MyGov launches “Sabka Vikas MahaQuiz”



- In order to build awareness amongst citizens about good governance, MyGov has launched the “**Sabka Vikas MahaQuiz**” series, on 1st March, 2022.
- This is a year-long project and consists of 14 episodes.
- “Sabka Vikas MahaQuiz series” aims to sensitise the participants about the various government schemes and initiatives.
- This includes yojanas that resulted in the unprecedented number of houses built (PM Awas Yojana), water connections given (Jal Jeevan Mission), bank accounts (Jan Dhan), direct benefit transfer to farmers (PM KISAN) or free gas connections (Ujjwala) and many more life changing interventions for the poor.
- The first quiz is on Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY). PM-GKAY is a pro-poor package intended to reduce the challenges encountered by the poor as a result of disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Source: PIB**



## Relief and Rehabilitation of Migrants and Repatriates



- The Centre Government has approved the proposal for continuation of the seven existing sub schemes under the Umbrella Scheme “**Relief and Rehabilitation of Migrants and Repatriates**” for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 with a total outlay of Rs.1,452 crore.
- The approval will ensure that assistance under the Umbrella Scheme, continues to reach beneficiaries through the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.
- The scheme enables migrants and repatriates, who have suffered on account of displacement, to earn a reasonable income and to facilitate their inclusion in mainstream economic activities.

**Source: PIB**

## भविष्यो रक्षति रक्षित : New motto of NCPCR

### Why in news

- Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani has recently launched the **भविष्यो रक्षति रक्षित** a new motto of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights on its 17th foundation day.

### About The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)

- It is a statutory body under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005.
- It works under the administrative control of the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India
- It was set up in March 2007 under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005, an Act of Parliament (December 2005).

### Mandate

- The Commission's Mandate is to ensure that all Laws, Policies, Programmes, and Administrative Mechanisms align with the Child Rights perspective as enshrined in the Constitution of India and also the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

### Note:



- The Child is defined as a person in the 0 to 18 years age group under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**Source- AIR**

## Important News: World

### UNGA adopts resolution deploring Russian aggression in Ukraine



#### Why in News

- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** has adopted a resolution deploring the Russian aggression in Ukraine and urged Russia to immediately withdraw all forces from Ukraine.

#### Key Points

- The resolution came up for voting with 141 members voting for and five members voting against it.
- India and 34 other nations abstained from voting.
- The emergency session of the UN General Assembly was called by the Security Council amidst ongoing Russian military operations in Ukraine. It came after the 193-member assembly convened its first emergency session since 1997.

#### Note:

- The UNGA resolution was similar to the one circulated in the 15-nation Security Council recently.
- The UNSC resolution, which received 11 votes in favour and three abstentions, was blocked after permanent member Russia exercised its veto.

**Source: newsonair**

### International Court of Justice (ICJ)

#### Why in news

- Recently, Ukraine filed an application instituting proceedings against the Russian Federation before the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

#### About International Court of Justice (ICJ)

- It is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations (UN).

- It is also known as the World Court.
- It was established in June 1945 by the Charter of the United Nations and began work in April 1946.
- The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands).
- Of the six principal organs of the United Nations, it is the only one not located in New York (United States of America).
- **Its official working languages are English and French.**

### Composition:

- It consists of a panel of 15 judges elected by the UN General Assembly and Security Council for nine-year terms.
- The Court may not include more than one national of the same State.
- Moreover, the Court as a whole must represent the main forms of civilization and the principal legal systems of the world.
- These organs vote simultaneously but separately.
- To ensure a measure of continuity, one-third of the Court is elected every three years.
- **Judges are eligible for re-election.**

### Role and Responsibilities:

- The Court settles legal disputes submitted to it by States, following international law.
- It also gives advisory opinions on legal questions referred by authorised UN organs and specialized agencies. Judgments in disputes between States are binding.
- The Court decides disputes between countries, based on the voluntary participation of the States concerned.
- If a State agrees to participate in a proceeding, it is obligated to comply with the Court's decision.

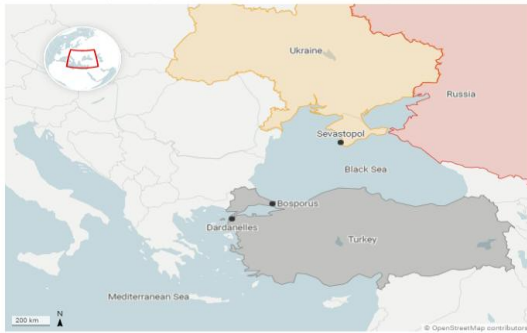
### Source- Indian Express

## Montreux Convention Regarding the Regime of the Straits

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#### A 1936 agreement controls access to the Black Sea

Russia has a major navy base at Sevastopol, on the Crimean Peninsula. But for ships to move to and from the Mediterranean – and beyond – they have to pass through two straits controlled by Turkey under the Montreux Convention.



### Why in news

- Turkey has recently announced its decision to implement **the Montreux Convention Regarding the Regime of the Straits**.

### Significance

- The provision of the Montreux Convention helps to ban Russian war vessels from entering **the Black Sea through the Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits**.

### About the Montreux Convention 1936

- The Montreux Convention Regarding the Regime of the Straits, often known simply as the Montreux Convention.
- It is an international agreement governing the Bosphorus and Dardanelles Straits in Turkey.
- It has signed on 20 July 1936 at the Montreux Palace in Switzerland and went into effect on 9 November 1936.

### Source- Indian Express

### Operation Ganga



### Why in news





- Recently, IndiGo, SpiceJet, Air India Express has joined '**Operation Ganga**' to bring back Indian nationals who have been able to flee Ukraine.

### About Operation Ganga

- It is the initiative launched by the government of India to bring back Indians stranded in Ukraine.
- Under this, India has already successfully brought back more than **1,000 of its nationals from the country**.
- It has also set up 24×7 control centres to assist in the evacuation of Indians through the border crossing points with Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Slovak Republic.
- A Twitter handle, '**OpGanga Helpline**', has also been dedicated to the mission, where all information regarding the evacuation process and advisories of embassies are shared to keep everyone up-to-date.

### Other Major Operation of India

#### Kuwait Airlift 1990

- In this operation nearly 2 lakh Indians were left stranded in Kuwait soon after one lakh Iraqi soldiers had marched into the country, leaving the general public helpless with no way out.
- Air India registered itself in the Guinness World Records for executing the largest-ever air evacuation mission

#### Operation Safe Homecoming 2011

- The Indian government launched Operation Safe Homecoming to rescue over 15,000 Indian nationals stranded in Libya, which was in the midst of a civil war.
- The operation was conducted through air and sea, bringing back all the citizens safe.

#### Operation Raahat 2015

- Operation Raahat was an operation of the Indian Armed Forces to evacuate Indian citizens and foreign nationals from Yemen during the 2015 military intervention by Saudi Arabia and its allies in that country during the Yemeni Crisis.

#### Samudra Maitri 2018

- It was a massive humanitarian operation to provide assistance to earthquake and tsunami victims in Indonesia

#### Vande Bharat Mission 2020

- In this mission over 60 lakh, Indian students and citizens were left stranded in foreign countries when the Covid-19 pandemic hit the world, leading to the shutdown of all international travel services.

## Operation Vanilla 2020

- It was the operation launched by the Indian Navy to assist the population of Madagascar affected by Cyclone Diane.

## International Atomic Energy Agency

### Why in news

- The **International Atomic Energy Agency** has recently decided to hold an emergency meeting regarding the war situation in Ukraine.



- It is because the country has four nuclear power plants that are operational and various waste facilities including Chernobyl.

### About International Atomic Energy Agency

- It is an important **United Nations agency** working in the field of nuclear cooperation which was established in 1957.
- The Agency was set up as the world's “**Atoms for Peace**” organization within the United Nations family.
- It aims to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy while prohibiting its use for military purposes, such as nuclear weapons.
- Its headquarter is located in Vienna, Austria.**

### About Chernobyl disaster

- The Chernobyl disaster was a nuclear accident that occurred on 26 April 1986 at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine.
- The explosions occurred in the reactor, the core of which experienced a meltdown, and radioactive material was released into the atmosphere.

## Important News: Economy

### India and Japan renew Bilateral Swap Arrangement





- India and Japan renewed their **Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA)** to the extent of \$75 billion.
- The Bank of Japan, acting as an agent for the Minister of Finance Japan, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) signed the amendment and restatement agreement of the BSA.
- **BSA** is a two-way arrangement where both authorities can swap their local currencies in exchange for dollars.
- The BSA was negotiated between India and Japan during the Indian Prime Minister's visit to Japan in 2018.
- Consequently, the swap arrangement was signed to the tune of \$75 billion in October 2020, to bring greater stability to foreign exchange.

**Source: Business Standard**

### Decline in GST collection in Maharashtra



- The collection of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the state has declined by about Rs 1,300 crore in February as compared to January.
- In February, the state collected a goods and services tax of Rs 19,423 crore. In January, the state had collected Rs 20,704 crore. Compared to January, the collection in February fell by Rs 1,282 crore. At the national level, it declined by 5.6 per cent in February compared to January. This trend continued in Maharashtra as well.
- Comparing the two months of December and January, the collection in February has decreased.
- In the current financial year (2021-22), the state has collected 1 lakh 97 thousand, 687 crores of goods and services tax. Maharashtra is a leading state in collecting goods and services tax in the country.

- One lakh 42 thousand crores were collected in the year 2020-21. The collection increased by 33%.
- Maharashtra has always been a leading state in GST collection in the country. Karnataka collected Rs 9,176 crore, Gujarat Rs 8,873 crore and Tamil Nadu Rs 7,393 crore in February.
- **Source: Loksatta**

## Important News: Defense

### EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022

#### Why in news

- Recently, EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022 will be conducted at Foreign Training Node, Belagavi (Belgaum, Karnataka) from 27 February 2022 to 10 March 2022.



#### About EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022

- It is a joint military exercise between **India and Japan** which is being conducted in India since 2018

#### Significance

- Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN with Japan is crucial and significant in terms of security challenges faced by both nations in the backdrop of the current global situation.
- It will also help to enhance the level of defence cooperation between the Indian Army and Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces.

### MRIYA- World's largest Cargo Aircraft



### Why in news

- Recently, the world's largest cargo aircraft, the Antonov AN-225 or 'Mriya', was destroyed by Russian troops during an attack on an airport near Kyiv.

### About Mriya

- It is a six-engine 84-metre-long behemoth, with its 32-wheel landing gear.
- It had its first flight on December 21, 1988, built mainly for the transportation of the Buran shuttle orbiter and components of the Energiya carrier rocket.
- It played an important role too in the COVID-19 fight, ferrying nearly 100 tonnes of medicines, laboratory kits, medical masks and personal protective equipment in various missions across Europe, Canada and Africa.

## Science and Technology

### GOES-T: NOAA's launched by NASA



- NASA has recently successfully launched weather satellites Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES-T) for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

### About GOES-T



- The Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite, GOES-T, was launched on a United Launch Alliance **Atlas V rocket from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station**.
- GOES-T is positioned in a geostationary orbit 22,300 miles above the earth, **it will be renamed GOES-18**.
- The first two of the GOES-R series were launched in GOES-16 launched in 2016 and GOES-17 launched in 2018.

**Source: NASA.com**

## Environment

### Fifth UN Environment Assembly

#### Why in News

- Recently, the **Fifth UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-5)** concluded in Nairobi with 14 resolutions to strengthen actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).



- The theme for UNEA-5 was “Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”.
- The Assembly will be followed by "UNEP@50", a two-day Special Session of the Assembly marking UNEP's 50th anniversary.

#### Key Points

- The UN Environment Assembly concluded with 14 resolutions to curb pollution, protect and restore nature worldwide.
- The world's ministers for the environment agreed to establish an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee with the mandate to forge an international legally binding agreement to end plastic pollution.
- This was the most significant environmental multilateral deal since the 2015 Paris Agreement.

**Note:**

- Earlier, India had piloted a resolution on addressing single use plastic product pollution in the fourth United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) held in 2019, bringing global focus on the issue.
- India had announced the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2022, which notified the instructions on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for plastic packaging.

#### **About UN Environment Assembly:**

- The Assembly is made up of the 193 UN Member States and convenes every two years to advance global environmental governance.
- It is the governing body of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

**Source: Business Standard**

### **Centre for Science and Environment's State of India's Environment Report, 2022**

- Union Environment Minister has recently released the Centre for Science and Environment's State of India's Environment Report, 2022.
- India has slipped three spots from last year's 117 to rank 120 on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted as a part of the 2030 agenda by 192 United Nations member states in 2015.
- India's rank dropped primarily because of major challenges in 11 SDGs including zero hunger, good health and wellbeing, gender equality and sustainable cities and communities.

#### **State-wise report**

- Jharkhand and Bihar are the least prepared to meet the SDGs by the target year 2030.
- Kerala ranked first, followed by Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh in the second position.
- Goa, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Uttarakhand shared the third position.

#### **Among the Union Territories**

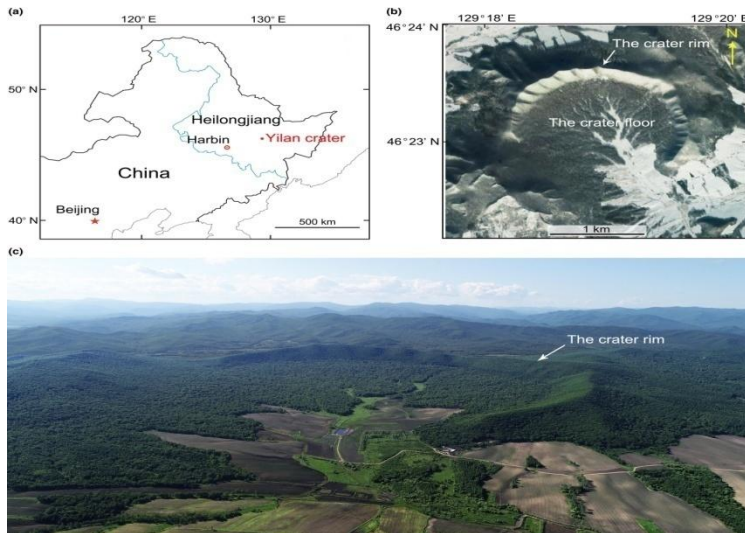
- **Chandigarh was ranked first, followed by Delhi.**
- Lakshadweep and Puducherry in the second place and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the third,

**Source: Economics Times**

### **Yilan crater**

#### **Why in news**

- Recently a team of geologists have discovered a crater named "Yilan Crater", in the northwest of Yilan in Heilongjiang Province of China.



### About the Yilan crater

- It is slightly larger than Xiuyan which spans about 1.85 kilometres, making it the largest crater on Earth under 100,000 years old.
- Carbon-14 dating of charcoal and organic lake sediments suggests the crater formed between 46,000 and 53,000 years ago.

**Source- Science Tech Daily**

### International Monsoons Project Office

#### Why in news

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh has launched the International Monsoons Project Office (IMPO) through a high-level virtual event on the occasion of National Science Day 2022.

#### About International Monsoons Project Office

- The International Monsoons Project Office (IMPO) will be hosted at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, an institution under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt of India.

#### Significance

- It reiterates the importance of monsoons for the national economy.
- It would encompass activities and connections related to international monsoon research that would be identified and fostered under the leadership of **the World Climate Research Programme** and **the World Weather Research Programme**.

- Setting up the IMPO in India would mean expanding an integrated scientific approach to solve the seasonal variability of monsoons, enhancing the prediction skill of monsoons and cyclones, strengthening monsoon research for better support operations and services.
- It also helps in promoting knowledge sharing and capacity building in areas of monsoon research crucial for agriculture, water resources and disaster management, hydropower and climate-sensitive socio-economic sectors.

## Schemes

### Field assessment of Swachh Survekshan 2022 launched



- The field assessment for the seventh consecutive edition of world's largest urban cleanliness survey, **Swachh Survekshan (SS)**, was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**.
- MoHUA kicked off the SS 2022 survey with around 3,000 assessors of the Assessment Agency - Ipsos Research Pvt. Ltd., ready to go on the field to assess the performance of cities.
- The scope of the survey has been expanded to now cover 100% wards for sampling, as compared to 40% in previous years.

#### About Swachh Survekshan (SS):

- SS was introduced by MoHUA in 2016 as a competitive framework to encourage cities to improve the status of urban sanitation while encouraging large scale citizen participation.
- The journey that started in 2016 with only 73 cities with million plus population, has grown manifold, with 434 cities in 2017, 4,203 cities in 2018, 4,237 cities in 2019, 4,242 cities in SS 2020 and 4,320 cities in SS 2021, including 62 Cantonment Boards.

**Source: PIB**

### Minimum Assured Return Scheme (MARS),

#### Why in news

- Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) have preparing to launch a guaranteed return scheme, Minimum Assured Return Scheme (MARS).

#### About Minimum Assured Return Scheme

- This will be the first scheme from the pension regulator that will offer a guaranteed return to investors.

### **What kind of returns will the scheme offer?**

- The actual returns will depend on the market conditions.
- Any shortfall will be made good by the sponsor, and the surplus will be credited to the subscribers' accounts.
- The floating guarantee depends on the development of the 1-year interest rate until retirement.
- The current 1-year interest rate is assigned to each annual contribution made and is valid until retirement so that, at each point of time, there is a different minimum return.

**Source : Indian Express**

### **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurates 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme for students**

#### **Why in news**

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has recently inaugurated the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme.

#### **About 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme**

- The scheme aims to identify, train and offer career and academic guidance to talented students in government-run and State-aided educational institutions.
- It also aims to offer spoken English lessons to enable students to face interview panels successfully.
- The scheme will offer training capsules in coding and robotics to keep pace with technological advancements.

**Source : The Hindu**

### **PM Gati-Shakti National Master Plan**



A Giant Stride in India's \$5 Trillion Economy Goal

## Gati Shakti National Master Plan

Multimodal Connectivity Infrastructure to various Economic Zones

Targets upto 2024-25 for Ministry of Shipping

-  Increase in Cargo capacity at the Ports to 1,759 MMTPA from 1,282 MMTPA in 2020
-  Cargo movement on all National Waterways will be 95 million MT from 74 million MT in 2020
-  Cargo movement on Ganga to be increased from 9 to 29 million MT



### Why in news

- Recently, the Prime Minister of India urged State governments as well as the private sector to adopt the Gati Shakti portal to plan infrastructure projects and develop special economic zones.

### About Gati Shakti Master Plan

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced it on India's 75th Independence Day.
- It will incorporate the infrastructure schemes of various Ministries and State Governments like Bharatmala, Sagarmala, inland waterways, dry/land ports, UDAN etc.
- Economic Zones like textile clusters, pharmaceutical clusters, defence corridors, electronic parks, industrial corridors, fishing clusters, Agri zones will be covered to improve connectivity & make Indian businesses more competitive.
- It will also leverage technology extensively including spatial planning tools with ISRO imagery developed by BiSAG-N (Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics).
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**Source- The Hindu**

## Awards and Honours

### Swadesh Darshan Awards



### Why in News

- In order to acknowledge the efforts undertaken by the State Governments, Union Territory Administrations and various implementation agencies, the Ministry of Tourism has constituted **Swadesh Darshan Awards** in different categories.

### Key Points

- The awards will highlight best practices including achievement of planned objectives, innovative approach, adoption of sustainability principals in planning, design and operations, efficient project monitoring, ability to attract private investments in peripheral development and efforts undertaken to ensure optimal operations and maintenance etc.

### Note:

- The Ministry of Tourism under its flagship scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan' has sanctioned 76 projects in 31 States / Union Territories of India for more than Rs.5500 Crore.
- As part of this scheme, tourism related infrastructure has been developed at more than 500 tourist destinations.

### About Swadesh Darshan Scheme:

- Swadesh Darshan Scheme is a Central Sector scheme launched in 2014-15 by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Government of India for the integrated development of theme-based tourist circuits.

**Source: PIB**

## Boltzmann Medal

### Why in news

- Recently the prestigious Boltzmann Medal for 2022 has been awarded to Prof Deepak Dhar from the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune for his contribution in the field of 'Statistical Physics'



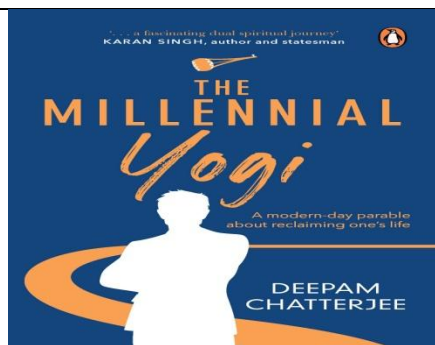
- He became the first Indian to be awarded, Boltzmann Medal.
- He shared the award with American scientist John Hopfield.

### About the Boltzmann Medal

- The Boltzmann Medal (or Boltzmann Award) is a prize awarded to physicists that obtain new results concerning statistical mechanics.
- It is named after the celebrated physicist Ludwig Boltzmann.
- The Boltzmann Medal is **awarded once every three years** by the Commission on Statistical Physics of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), during the STATPHYS conference.

## Books and Authors

### ‘The Millennial Yogi’



- Recently, the former army captain **Deepam Chatterjee**, who had to quit the force due to a debilitating spinal injury, has come out with a book that mixes mysticism and music to take readers on a journey of awakening named “The Millennial Yogi”.
- The book talks about Jayshankar Prasad, or Jay, who has had a shady-yet-mercurial rise in his journey as an entrepreneur but has little idea as to what is around the corner.

## Important Days

### March 4, National Safety Day



#### Why in News

- **National Safety Day** is observed on March 4 every year.

#### Key Points

- The **theme** of National Safety Day 2022 is 'Nurture Young Minds-Develop Safety Culture'.

#### History:

- National Safety Day was first observed on the foundation day of the National Safety Council in 1972.
- The National Safety Council (NSC) of India was set up by the Ministry of Labour and Employment on 4 March 1966.
- The vision and mission of the Council is the successful running of the safety, health and environment (SHE) campaign.

**Source: India Today**

### World Wildlife Day



- World Wildlife Day is celebrated on 3rd March every year.
- The **theme** of World Wildlife Day 2022 is "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration".

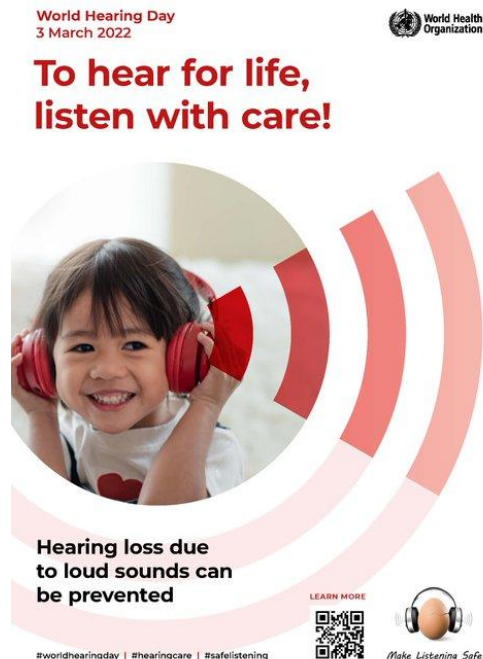
#### History:

- On 20 December 2013, the Sixty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly decided to proclaim 3 March as World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild fauna and flora.

- The date is the day of the adoption of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973, which plays an important role in ensuring that international trade does not threaten the species' survival.
- According to data from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species, over 8,400 species of wild fauna and flora are critically endangered, while close to 30,000 more are understood to be endangered or vulnerable.

**Source: un.org**

## World Hearing Day



- World Hearing Day is observed on March 3 every year.
- The **theme** of World Hearing Day 2022 is “To hear for life, listen with care.”
- The campaign is held every year by the Office of Prevention of Blindness and Deafness of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- The campaign's objectives are to share information and promote actions towards the prevention of hearing loss and improved hearing care.
- The first event was held in 2007. Before 2016 it was known as International Ear Care Day.

**Note:** Across the world, 360 million people suffer from disabling hearing loss.

**Source: who.int**

## Sports

### Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)

#### Why in news



- Recently FIFA and UEFA decided to indefinitely suspend all Russian teams, whether national representative teams or club teams, from participation in all competitions run by the two football bodies.



### About FIFA

- **It is the highest global governing body of football (also known as soccer to distinguish it from American football), the world's most popular game.**
- FIFA is also the international governing body for futsal (a kind of mini football played indoors on a hard court between two teams of five players each) and beach soccer (five-a-side played on a beach).
- FIFA is responsible for organising and promoting football's major international tournaments, most importantly the football **World Cup, which began in 1930, and the Women's World Cup which began in 1991.**

### FIFA presidents

- **Gianni Infantino, a Swiss-Italian football administrator,** has been president of FIFA since 2016.

Source : Indian Express

## Reports and Indexes

### Wealth Report 2022

Billionaires	2021	2020-21
US	748	15%
Chinese mainland	554	32%
India	145	24%
Germany	136	14%
Russia	121	20%

Source: Knight Frank Wealth Sizing Model

### Why in News

- According to Knight Frank's latest edition of the **Wealth Report 2022 (16<sup>th</sup> edition)**, at 145 billionaires, India has the third-highest billionaire population globally, after the US and China.

### Key Points

- The number of Ultra-High Net Worth Individuals (UHNWIs) globally increased by 9.3% in 2021.
- Over the next five years, Knight Frank forecasts that the global UHNWIs population will grow by a further 28%.
- In India, the number of Ultra-High Net Worth Individuals (UHNWIs) with net assets of \$30 million (Rs 226 crore) or more, increased 11% in 2021. This is the highest percentage growth in Asia Pacific.
- Mumbai leads with the highest number of UHNWIs at 1,596, followed by Hyderabad at 467, Pune at 360, Bengaluru at 352, Kolkata at 257, Delhi at 210, Chennai at 160 and Ahmedabad at 121.

**Note:** The **Wealth Report** is Knight Frank's flagship annual publication, offering a unique perspective on global wealth, prime property and investment.

**Source:** TOI

## New Appointments

### Madhabi Puri Buch appointed first woman chairperson of SEBI



- Former banker Madhabi Puri Buch has been appointed as the new chairperson of **the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**.
- She is the first woman chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- She is also the first person from the private sector working at the regulator, has been appointed for a three-year term.
- She replaces bureaucrat **Ajay Tyagi** whose tenure as SEBI chairman ends recently.

## Manu Kumar Srivastava elected as Maharashtra Chief Secretary



- Manu Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the chief secretary of the state. Manu Kumar Srivastava is a 1986 batch IAS officer. According to the seniority of the service, Srivastava has been appointed as the chief secretary. Former chief secretary Debashish Chakraborty recently retired.
- Manu Kumar Srivastava is currently the additional chief secretary of the home department. Srivastava is fond of singing. They also take time out of their busy daily schedules for their hobbies. They have a huge fan base because of their melodious voice. They also have a YouTube channel. Through that, they are listening to their various songs to the audience.
- Manu Kumar Srivastava was selected in the Indian Police Service at 22. The state government appointed Chakraborty as chief secretary on November 30, 2021. The state's current chief secretary, Debashish Chakraborty, was supposed to give him an extension of six months, but the central government denied permission. Srivastava's name was being discussed for the post of chief secretary at that time.
- Manu Kumar Srivastava, the new secretary of state, is known for singing. Manu Kumar Srivastava (Home), Sujata Sounik (Service), Manoj Sounik (Finance) and Nitin Karir (Revenue) were the four candidates for the post. Finally, the name of Manukumar Srivastava was sealed.
- Source: ABP MAZA

## Sanjay Pandey appointed as Mumbai Police Commissioner



- Sanjay Pandey has been appointed as the Police Commissioner of Mumbai. At the same time, Hemant Nagrale has been appointed as the managing director of Maharashtra State Security Corporation.

- Hemant Nagrale, who was currently Mumbai police commissioner before Sanjay Pandey, was the state's director-general of police. Nagrale took over as Mumbai Police Commissioner after Parambir Singh had to step down as Mumbai Police Commissioner. After that, Pandey was appointed as the Director-General of Maharashtra.

### **Sanjay Pandey's career in the police service**

- Education in IT Computer from IIT Kanpur
- IPS officers in the 1986 batch
- He first started working in Pune as Assistant Commissioner of Police.
- In 1995, as DCP of the Narcotics Department, he cracked down on drug rackets in the city.
- 1997, while in the Economic Offenses Wing, the Abhuday Bank scandal leather was investigated, and corruption was exposed.
- While in the SPG in 1999, he was deployed under the protection of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- On April 9, Sanjay Pandey was given the additional charge of the Director General of Maharashtra Police.
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