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1. Coastal Security Conference (CoSC)

Why in news – CoSC under the aegis of Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) inaugurated at Chennai.

Key Points –

- Theme - “Collaborative Efforts for Coastal Security”.
- Coast Guards from 4 member countries viz. India, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Mauritius participated.
- Bangladesh, an observer of CSC, also participates in the Conference.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Abu Dhabi Space Debate

Why in news – Dr. Jitendra Singh led the official Indian delegation to “Abu Dhabi Space Debate”.

Key Points –

- It is the only global forum in which regulators, governments, agencies, private sectors and academics unite constructively.
- Nayif-1 – UAE’s first ever nanosatellite launched by ISRO onboard PSLV.

ECONOMY

1. Indian banks' foreign biz

Why in news – RBI has put in place a framework to allow overseas subsidiaries and branches of Indian banks and financial institutions.

Key Points –

- Aim - to undertake activities not specifically permitted in the Indian domestic market.
- It applies to International Financial Services Centres in India, including Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. STEM superstars

Why in news – 3 Indian-origin women scientists selected as Australia's STEM superstars.

Key Points –

- They are Neelima Kadiyala, Ana Baburamani, and Indrani Mukherjee.
- STEM superstars - To smash society's gender assumptions about scientists and increase the public visibility of females.

2. UNESCO heritage list

Why in news – Baguette (staple French bread) was inscribed into the UNESCO’s list of intangible cultural heritage (ICH).

Key Points –

- UNESCO recognized the “Artisanal know-how and culture of baguette bread” as a world cultural heritage.
- The baguette is a long and thin loaf made of flour, water, salt and yeast, and is consumed as a staple in France.
- In 2022, India nominated Garba (traditional dance) for inscription on UNESCO’s ICH list.
- India has 14 intangible cultural heritage elements on the prestigious UNESCO Representative List of ICH of Humanity. (Latest - Durga Puja in Kolkata).

3. New York Film Critics Circle awards 2022

Why in news – Filmmaker SS Rajamouli won the Best Director Award for RRR at the New York Film Critics Circle.

Key Points –

- RRR emerged as one of the most successful films in India and earned more than Rs 1200 crore at the worldwide box office.
- However, it was not selected as India’s official entry for Oscars 2023.

4. Banker’s Bank of the Year Award

Why in news – Canara Bank won the ‘Banker’s Bank of the Year Award 2022’ for India segment.

Key Points –

- It won the award at the Global Banking Summit held in London.
- Canara Bank has been adjudged as the Best Bank in India for 2022.
- Canara Bank (Bengaluru, 1906) is an Indian public sector bank under the control and

ownership of Minister of Finance, Government of India.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. 'Millets-Smart Nutritive Food' conclave

Why in news – The conclave held in New Delhi on Dec 05, 2022.

Key Points –

- Chief Guest - Piyush Goyal.
- Organized by – M/o Commerce and Industry through Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).
- Objective - promoting the export of millets.
- It is a pre-launch event of the 'International Year of Millets – 2023' (IYoM-2023).

India and millets –

- India accounts for around 41% of global millet production (12.49 MMT).
- Top millet producing states - Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.
- Share of export of millets is nearly 1% of the total millet production.
- Millet varieties - Bajra, Ragi, Canary, Jawar and Buckwheat.

RANKS & INDICES

1. Global Aviation Safety Ranking

Why in news – The global aviation safety ranking by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) was released.

Key Points –

- India's rank - 48th (Score - 85.49%). (2018 - 102nd)
- Top 3 – Singapore (1st), UAE (2nd) and South Korea (3rd).
- China - 49th.

- DGCA chief - Arun Kumar.

2. Global Water Resources Report 2021

Why in news – World Meteorological Organization has released its first annual State of Global Water Resources Report.

Key Points –

- It focuses on three major areas –
 - A. Streamflow
 - B. Terrestrial water storage (TWS)
 - C. The cryosphere
- 3.6 billion people have inadequate access to water at least one month per year.

About WMO (23rd March 1950) –

- Intergovernmental organization (193 members).
- Specialized agency of the United Nations for meteorology (weather and climate), operational hydrology and related geophysical sciences.
- Hq - Geneva, Switzerland.

3. Early Warning Project

Why in news – It identifies countries at the risk of mass violence.

Key Points –

- India's rank - 8th. (2021-2022 report - 2nd).
- **Top 3** - Pakistan (1st), Yemen (2nd) and Myanmar (3rd).
- The project is a joint initiative of the Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide and the Dickey Center for International Understanding.

BRAND AMBASSADORS

1. Virat Kohli

Why in news – Indian tech brand "Noise" has appointed Virat Kohli as its new brand ambassador for its smartwatches.





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- Google CEO Sundar Pichai has been conferred with which Padma Award for 2022 in the category of Business and Industry by the Government of India - **Padma Bhushan Award.**
- To which country the World Bank has approved \$250 million in environmental management assistance - **Bangladesh.**
- In which city was the Swar Dhrohar Parv 2022 organized - **New Delhi.**
- In which city of the state of Uttar Pradesh, the first Structural Audit Policy has been implemented - **Noida City.**
- Which is the most expensive city in the world according to the list released by The Economist Intelligence Unit's "Global Cost of Living Survey" - **New York.**
- Who has conferred the National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2021 and 2022 - **President Droupadi Murmu.**



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