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**WHEAT EXPORTS ( THE HINDU )****COVERED IN GS : 3 ( ECONOMICS )****NEWS**

Egypt, one of the world's biggest importers of wheat which has been importing the grain from Russia and Ukraine, has agreed to source wheat from India, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal said.

**ABOUT**

- ❖ The Egyptian delegation's visit to India follows several trade talks and meetings with the various wheat importing countries,
- ❖ which are exploring possibilities of sourcing grain from alternate sources as supplies have been disrupted because of the Russia and Ukraine conflict.

Egypt imported 6.1 million tonnes (mt) of wheat in 2021 and India was then not part of the list of accredited countries that could export wheat to Egypt.



- ❖ More than 80% of Egypt's wheat imports estimated to be close to \$2 billion in 2021 were from Russia and Ukraine.
- ❖ Growth in wheat exports is driven mostly by the demand from countries such as Bangladesh, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Oman and Malaysia. However, India is also making efforts to boost wheat exports to other countries including Yemen, Afghanistan and Indonesia.

**e-DAR portal ( THE HINDU )****COVERED IN GS : 3 ( ECONOMICS )****NEWS**

A web portal designed by the government in consultation with insurance companies will provide instant information on road accidents with a few clicks and help accelerate accident compensation claims, bringing relief to victims' families.

**About:**

- ❖ The Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has developed the portal named 'e-DAR' (e-Detailed Accident Report).
- ❖ Digitalised Detailed Accident Reports (DAR) will be uploaded on the portal for easy access.
- ❖ The web portal will be linked to the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD).
- ❖ From iRAD, applications to more than 90% of the datasets would be pushed directly to the e-DAR.



- ❖ Stakeholders like the police, road authorities, hospitals, etc., are required to enter very minimal information for the e-DAR forms. Thus, e-DAR would be an extension and e-version of iRAD.

## HANUMANJI4DHAM PROJECT ( PIB )

**COVERED IN GS : 1 ( CULTURE )**

### NEWS :

On the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will unveil a 108 ft statue of Hanuman ji in Morbi, Gujarat on 16 April, 2022.

### About:

- ❖ This statue is the second of the 4 statues being set up in the four directions across the country, as part of #Hanumanji4dham project.
- ❖ It has been set up in the west, at the Ashram of Param Pujya Bapu Keshvanand ji in Morbi.
- ❖ The first statue of the series was set up in the north in Shimla in 2010.
- ❖ Work on the statue in the south at Rameswaram has been started.



- ❖ Moskva is a guided missile cruiser of the Russian Navy named after the city of Moscow. It has a displacement of 12,490 tons. It is the flagship of the Black Sea Fleet of the Russian Navy and carries a crew of around 500 personnel.

## OIL BONDS ( THE INDIAN )

**COVERED IN GS : 3 ( ECONOMICS )**

### NEWS :

On the issue of rising retail prices of petroleum products, Union Finance Minister claimed that the current government cannot bring down taxes (and, as a consequence, prices) because it has to pay for the oil bonds issued by the Congress-led UPA government.

### About:

- ❖ An oil bond is an IOU, or a promissory note issued by the government to the oil marketing companies (OMCs), in lieu of cash that the government would have given them so that these companies don't charge the public the full price of fuel.
- ❖ An oil bond says the government will pay the oil marketing company the sum of, say, Rs 1,000 crore in 10 years.



- ❖ And to compensate the OMC for not having this money straightaway, the government will pay it, say, 8% (or Rs 80 crore) each year until the bond matures.
- ❖ Thus, by issuing such oil bonds, the government of the day is able to protect/ subsidise the consumers without either ruining the profitability of the OMC or running a huge budget deficit itself.

## RESERVATION FOR WOMEN IN THE URBAN LOCAL BODIES (ULB) ( THE IE )

COVERED IN GS : 2 ( POLITY )

### NEWS :

The Nagaland government informed the Supreme Court that it was ready to implement a 33 per cent reservation for women in the Urban Local Bodies (ULB) polls. If implemented, ULB elections, a contentious subject in Nagaland, will be held in the state after more than a decade.



### About:

- ❖ The civic body elections were first held in the state in 2004, in accordance with the Nagaland Municipal Act of 2001.
- ❖ In 2006, the Nagaland Municipal Act of 2001 was amended to include a 33 per cent reservation for women in line with the 1992 Constitutional amendment

- ❖ Since then, there has been widespread opposition to the amendment, as many Naga groups contend that the reservations are in contravention with Naga customary laws as enshrined in Article 371(A) of the Constitution — which accords the state special status and protects its traditional way of life.

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- ❖ In February 2017, as the Nagaland government tried holding the elections as per a Supreme Court directive (to hold elections with 33 per cent reservation for women), the state was convulsed by violent protests that led to ouster of the then chief minister T R Zeliang.

**BLACK SEA ( THE INDIAN EXPRESS )****COVERED IN GS : 3 ( INTERNATIONAL )****NEWS**

The sinking of the warship Moskva, the 600-foot, 12,500-tonne flagship of the Russian Black Sea Fleet — whether due to a Ukrainian missile strike or, as Russia claims, a fire on board — is a serious setback for Russia.

**About:**

- ❖ Black Sea is bound by Ukraine to the north and northwest, Russia and Georgia to the east, Turkey to the south, and Bulgaria and Romania to the west.
- ❖ It links to the Sea of Marmara through the Bosphorus and then to the Aegean through the Dardanelles.
- ❖ Black sea has traditionally been Russia's warm water gateway to Europe.



- ❖ For Russia, the Black Sea is both a stepping stone to the Mediterranean as well as a strategic buffer between NATO and itself.
- ❖ Domination of the Black Sea region is a geostrategic imperative for Moscow, both to project Russian power in the Mediterranean and to secure the economic gateway to key markets in southern Europe.

**P.T.O.**

- ❖ Although Crimea became part of Ukraine after the USSR collapsed, the Russian Navy continued to have its base in Sevastopol, the major port on the Crimean peninsula, as part of an agreement between the two countries. In 2014, Russia annexed Crimea.