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1. North Korea successfully tests fire most powerful Hwasong-12 ballistic missile



- North Korea successfully tested its Hwasong-12 intermediate-range ballistic missile from the Jagang Province area.
- This was the first nuclear-capable missile testing undertaken by the country since 2017.
- The Hwasong-12 has an estimated range of 4,500 km. North Korea's series of missile test-fires, including intermediate-range ballistic missiles, pose a direct and serious threat to us and a grave challenge to international peace and stability.
- The string of launches in 2022 comes at a delicate time in the region, with Kim's sole major ally China set to host the Winter Olympics next month and South Korea gearing up for a presidential election in March.

2. World Wetlands Day observed on 02 February



- World Wetlands Day is observed every year on February 2 all over the world. 2022 marks 51 years of the Convention on Wetlands.
- The international theme for World Wetlands Day 2022 is 'Wetlands Action for People and Nature'. The day aims to raise awareness about the crucial role played by wetlands for people and our planet.
- The day is celebrated to mark the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on February 2, 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea. World Wetlands Day was first celebrated in 1997.

3. Prime Minister Modi launches Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation on the occasion of the 92nd birth anniversary of the Indian classical vocalist.
- Prime Minister Modi said that the World is entitled to benefit from Indian music like they have from Yoga.
- Durga Jasraj and Pandit Shaarang Dev keep alive the glorious legacy of the maestro.
- Yoga and Indian music has the capacity to stir the depth of the human mind and the world is entitled to be benefited from it.

4. Samsung Surpasses Intel as World's top semiconductor company in 2021



- South Korean electronics manufacturing giant, Samsung Electronics surpassed U.S chipmaker Intel to become the world's leading chipmaker by revenue in 2021, according to a report released by research firm Counterpoint Technology Market Research.
- While Intel posted relatively flattish results, Samsung took the lead with a strong DRAM and NAND flash market performance

in 2021. Samsung also saw solid momentum in logic chips this year.

- **Samsung Electronics Headquarters:** Suwon-si, South Korea
- **Samsung Electronics Founder:** Lee Byung-chul
- **Samsung Electronics Founded:** 13 January 1969
- **Samsung Electronics CEO:** Kim Hyun Suk, Kim Ki Nam & Koh Dong-Jin

5. **Gandhi Mandiram, Smrithi Vanam built at Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh**

- Social activists have built a temple for Mahatma Gandhi and freedom fighters' Smrithi Vanam at the Municipal Park in Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh to inculcate patriotism among the youth by remembering the sacrifices of freedom fighters.
- Statues of freedom fighters and social activists were erected in the park with the help of donors.
- **Capitals:** Visakhapatnam (executive capital), Kurnool (judicial capital), Amaravati (legislative capital)
- **Governor of Andhra Pradesh Governor:** Biswabhusan Harichandan
- **Andhra Pradesh Chief minister:** Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

6. Punjab Chief Electoral Officer unveiled its mascot named 'Shera'



- Chief Electoral Officer's office of Punjab unveiled its election mascot, "Shera" (Lion). It aims to increase voter awareness, participation and promote ethical voting in the Punjab Assembly polls that is scheduled on 20 February 2022.
- The mascot "Shera", depicting a lion.
- It represents the rich cultural heritage of Punjab. It is promoted under the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) project of the Election Commission of India (ECI). SVEEP project was started in 2009, as the flagship program of the ECI for voter education.

7. India's first geological park will be built in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

- The first geological park of India will be built in Lamheta, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh.
- Approval for the park was given by the Geological Survey of India, under the ministry of mining.
- Park will be constructed with an investment of Rs 35 crores, over five-acre land. The geological park will be built in Lamheta,

because this place is among significant places in the world, from the geological point of view.

- In 1928, William Henry Sleeman had discovered a Dinosaur fossil from this area.

8. World Interfaith Harmony Week: 1-7 February



- World Interfaith Harmony Week is an annual event observed during the first week of February (1-7 February), after General Assembly designation in 2010.
- World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW), was conceived to promote cultural peace and nonviolence.
- The World Interfaith Harmony Week is based on the pioneering work of The Common Word initiative.

9. Magnus Carlsen Beats Fabiano Caruana in Tata Steel Chess 2022



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- Grand Master Magnus Carlsen, the World Champion, won with a round to spare in Wijk Aan Zee (Netherlands).
- The world champion defeated GM Fabiano Caruana to take a one-point lead in the Tata Steel Chess Tournament in 2022.
- It was his eighth victory, a remarkable feat. The Tata Steel Challengers were won by Erigaisi Arjun (India).
- As a result, he has qualified for the Tata Steel Masters next year. The Tata Steel Chess Tournament will be held from 13 January to 29, 2023, for the 85th time.
- He will score a forfeit win tomorrow against GM Daniil Dubov, who cannot return to the tournament despite a negative PCR test today.
- Carlsen had already won more tournaments in Wijk aan Zee than anybody else in the tournament's storied history.
- GM Viswanathan Anand is second with five titles, followed by GMs Max Euwe, Levon Aronian, Viktor Korchnoi, and Lajos Portisch, all of whom have won four times.

- It takes something unique for a world champion to win here eight times. The following number to aim for is 10, which now appears to be within reach.

10. Senior Citizens Draft Policy by Tamil Nadu



- The Tamil Nadu government has produced a draft policy for old folks.
- The government intends to collaborate with academic institutions, field specialists, and civil society organizations under the policy.
- The policy was developed following Article 41 of the Constitution. The policy would focus on social security systems, health and nutrition, income security, safety, livelihood, housing and environment, education, disaster management, and research and documentation.
- Its goal is to establish a Senior Citizens Welfare Directorate. The policy also mentions livelihood training, establishing aged self-help groups, and senior citizen capacity building.
- It will also address the security concerns of the elderly. It is to establish banking aid programs and a victim rescue center system.

- The state's life expectancy has improved, and the state's abandonment problem is becoming worse. This is mainly owing to the state's enhanced healthcare system.
- According to the report "Elderly in India, 2021," produced by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, senior persons account for 13.6 percent of the population of Tamil Nadu.
- After Kerala, Tamil Nadu has the second-highest senior persons in India. In addition, by 2031, the senior citizen population is expected to rise to 18.2 percent.
- Tamil Nadu thinks that senior citizens should be allowed to lead. It is critical to make intergenerational knowledge transfer easier.
- This allows young people to benefit from the wisdom of their elders.