

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCTOBER 22, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **Geographical Identification Tag (GI Tag)**
- ✓ Three more products from Tamil Nadu have got the coveted Geographical Identification tag (GI tag), taking the state to the top spot with 58 GI-tagged items in the country.



- ✓ 'Matti' banana native of Kanyakumari, Jaderi Namakatti from Tiruvannamalai that adorns the foreheads of deities and Vaishnavites and Chedibutta cotton sarees from Tirunelveli have got the GI tags.
- ✓ The state government authorities and traders opined that in the wake of GI tag certification, the selling price of these 3 products will increase and the livelihood of the manufacturers, weavers and farmers who produce them will also increase.
- ✓ Separate legal protection is available for these products and they will get global approval to sell these products in various countries.

NATIONAL

- **Project Udbhav**

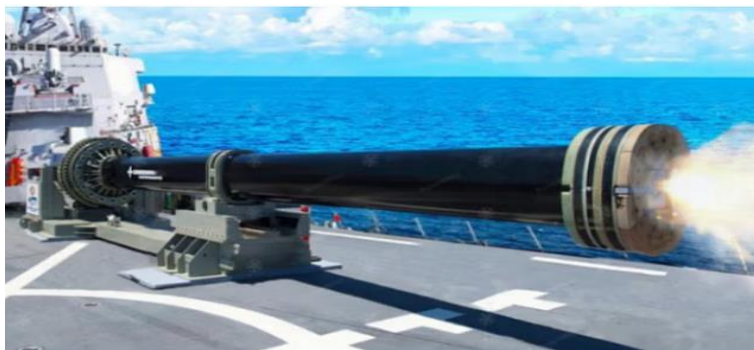
- ✓ Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched 'Project UDBHAV', during the inauguration of the Indian Military Heritage Festival, in presence of General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari.



- ✓ Project UDBHAV, a collaboration between the Indian Army and the USI, is an endeavour to revisit the roots of India's ancient military thoughts.
- ✓ 'Udbhav', which translates to 'origin' or 'genesis', acknowledges the vintage scriptures and writings of our Nation, that span centuries in the past and contain profound knowledge that can benefit modern military strategies.
- ✓ The two-day festival aims to celebrate India's rich military culture and heritage, through conversations, art, dance, drama, storytelling, and exhibitions.

INTERNATIONAL

- **First Country To Fire An Electromagnetic Railgun**
- ✓ Japan successfully tested a maritime **electromagnetic railgun** from an offshore platform on October 17, marking a significant milestone in cooperation with the **Acquisition Technology & Logistics Agency (ATLA)** and the **Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF)**.



- ✓ This is the first time a country has fired a railgun from an offshore platform, which represents a significant breakthrough in defence technology.

- ✓ With the ability to fire projectiles at extremely high speeds, railguns provide a means of defending against aerial threats at sea, such as **hypersonic missiles**.
- ✓ Japan's quest for this technology is indicative of its dedication to technological advancement and strengthening its defence capacities.

