

1. Prime Minister to inaugurate 'Chauri Chaura' Centenary Celebrations on 4th February



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Chauri Chaura Centenary Celebrations at Chauri Chaura, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, on 4th February 2021.
- The day marks 100 years of the 'Chauri Chaura' incident, a landmark event in the country's fight for independence.
- Prime Minister will also release a postal stamp dedicated to the Chauri Chaura centenary during the event.
- **About Chauri Chaura incident:** It took place on 4 February 1922 at Chauri Chaura in the Gorakhpur district of the United Province (modern Uttar Pradesh) in British India, when a large group of protesters participating in the Non-cooperation movement, clashed with police who opened fire.

2. Pattachitra Artform



- Bhagyashree Sahu belonging to Odisha's Rourkela found mention in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 73rd "Mann ki Baat" for her artwork to promote cloth-based scroll paintings "Pattachitra".
- **About Pattachitra:** It is a general term for traditional, cloth-based scroll painting, based in the eastern Indian states of Odisha and West Bengal.
- **Geographical Indication (GI) of Pattachitra:** Geographical indication of Patachitra is registered under to different state of India as the style and motif of Odisha and West Bengal Patachitra are so different. The Patachitra of Odisha is registered as Orissa Patachitra. The Patachitra of West Bengal is registered as Bengal Patachitra.

3. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President, inaugurated the tribal festival 'Aadi Mahotsav' at Dilli Haat in New Delhi



- The Festival ‘Aadi Mahotsav’ at Dilli Haat, New Delhi is being held from February 01-15, 2021.
- The theme of the festival is “A Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Crafts, Culture and Commerce”, which represents the basic ethos of tribal life.
- **Note:** The **Aadi Mahotsav** is an annual event that was started in 2017. The festival is being organized by TRIFED (Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India), under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

4. Asia’s biggest Aero show ‘Aero India 2021’ begins at Bengaluru in Karnataka



- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the three-day (03-05 February 2021) mega event that is taking place for the first time in a hybrid mode due to Covid Pandemic. The 13th edition of Aero India show will see participants in both physical and virtual mode.
- India will host **Indian Ocean Region Defence Ministers’ Conclave** on February 04, 2021 during Aero India 2021.
- **Note:** Bengaluru has hosted all 13 editions of the show.
- Aero India is a biennial air show and aviation exhibition.
- It is organised by the Defence Exhibition Organisation, Ministry of Defence. The first edition of the air show was held in 1996.

5. Uttarakhand sets up first arboretum for Shivalik range



- A first of its kind arboretum conserving over 210 species of trees found in the Shivalik range of Himalayas was inaugurated in Uttarakhand's Nainital district.
- The arboretum was inaugurated by Ajay Singh Rawat, a noted environmentalist from Uttarakhand.
- The Shivalik Arboretum has over 210 tree and shrub species, making it one of the biggest arboretum in the state. Some of the trees preserved include Kafal, Buransh, Tejpat and Sanjeevani.
- **Note: Shivalik range or Outer Himalayas** spreads across states and union territories like Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and seven states in the country's northeast.

6. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates HAL's second LCA production line



- The Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on February 2, 2021, inaugurated the second Light Combat Aircraft- LCA production line of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- The Cabinet Committee of Security chaired by PM Modi on January 13, 2021, had given its approval to the massive deal for indigenous defence procurement. The deal is worth Rs. 48,000 crores for the purchase of 83 LCA Tejas Mark 1A fighter jets.
- **Facts about HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited):** Public Sector Undertaking (Aerospace and Defence)
Founded: 1940 (As Hindustan Aircraft), 1964 (Renamed Hindustan Aeronautics)
Headquarters: Bangalore, Karnataka
Chairman & MD: R Madhavan

7. RBI cancels license of Kolhapur's Shivam Sahakari Bank



- According to the RBI, the licence of Maharashtra-based Shivam Sahakari Bank has been cancelled as it does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.
- Consequently, the bank ceases to carry on banking business, with effect from the close of business on January 29, 2021.
- With the cancellation of licence and commencement of liquidation proceedings, the process of paying the depositors of Shivam Sahakari Bank as per the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) Act, 1961 will be set in motion.
- **Note:** Recently, RBI cancelled the licence of Vasantdada Nagari Sahakari Bank Ltd., Osmanabad, Maharashtra.

8. A.R. Rahman presented 'Alert Being Icon Award'



- Oscar Award-winning music director A.R. Rahman and social activist from Saidapet Hari Krishnan were among the 14 people who were presented the **4th edition of the Alert Being Awards 2020 by the NGO ALERT.**
- The equivalent award for organisations was given to Biocon Foundation founded by Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw.
- **Note:** This year, a special category, Alert Being Covid Warriors, was added, and 30 Covid warriors received the Alert Being Covid Frontline Warrior Award for their contribution amid the pandemic.

9. Dalai Lama's new book 'The Little Book of Encouragement'



- Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama shares quotes and words of wisdom to deal with the new realities of the panic-stricken world along with how to combat rising extremism, polarity and climate change besides his views on Tibet in his new book.
- "The Little Book of Encouragement", which has 130 quotes, is edited by Renuka Singh and published by Penguin Random House.
- **Note: Dalai Lama** is a title given by the Tibetan people to the foremost spiritual leader of the Gelug or "Yellow Hat" school of Tibetan Buddhism, the newest of the classical schools of Tibetan Buddhism. The 14th and current Dalai Lama is Tenzin Gyatso, who lives as a refugee in India.

10. February 4, World Cancer Day



- World Cancer Day is an international day marked on February 4 to raise awareness of cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment.
- The theme for World Cancer Day 2021 is 'I Am and I Will.'
- **Note:** World Cancer Day was originated at the first World Summit against Cancer in 2000. It was held in Paris and was founded by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).
- Recent studies estimate about one out of six people worldwide died from cancer that's more than HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria combined.
- **According to the World Health Organization, India** contributes to nearly 60% of head and neck cancer patients worldwide and this number is expected to double by 2030.