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- To commemorate 75th years of progressive India 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', **Ministry of Education (MoE), AICTE and Ministry of Commerce & Industry (DPIIT)** are jointly organising first-ever **Startup India Innovation Week (National Innovation Week)** from 10th – 16th Jan 2022.
- A 2 days long e- Symposium on ‘Building Innovation Ecosystem in Educational Institutions’ will be held on 11th and 12th January 2022 by the Ministry of Education.
- Startups are the key reason behind India’s meteoric rise in **Global Innovation Index from 76 in 2014 to 46 in 2021.**
- This Innovation week will highlight various initiatives undertaken by these agencies to spread awareness to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in India.
- 75 innovative technologies selected from various programs such as National Innovation Contest, Smart India Hackathon, YUKTI2.0 and Toycathon conducted by the Ministry of Education will participate in e-exhibition and demonstrate their innovations.

Source: PIB

SC to set up high-level committee to inquire into security lapses during PM Modi's visit to Punjab



- The **Supreme Court** will constitute a high-level committee headed by retired Supreme Court judge to investigate lapses in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security in Punjab.

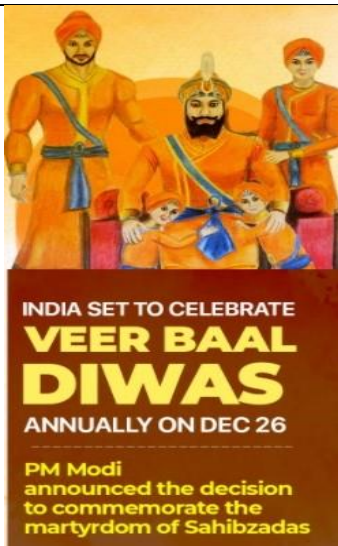
- A three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice NV Ramana and Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli was hearing the plea filed by an organisation, Lawyers Voice.
- The committee will also include DGP Chandigarh, Inspector General of National Investigation Agency (NIA), Registrar General of Punjab and Haryana High Court and Additional DGP Punjab.

Note:

- Recently, the Union Home Ministry has constituted a committee to enquire into the serious lapses in the security arrangements during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab.
- The three-member committee will be led by Sudhir Kumar Saxena, Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat and will comprise Balbir Singh, Joint Director, IB and S. Suresh, IG, SPG.

Source: Indian Express

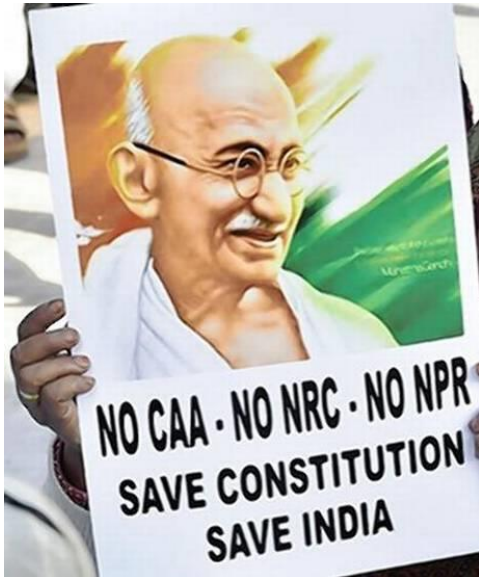
PM Modi announces 26th December as 'Veer Baal Diwas'



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the auspicious occasion of the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh has announced that starting this year, **26th December** shall be observed as '**Veer Baal Diwas**'.
- The Government of India has decided to commemorate 26th December as "Veer Baal Diwas" in the honour of the supreme sacrifice made by Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh, the younger sons of the 10th Sikh Guru Govind Singh, for their supreme and unparalleled sacrifice on 26th December, 1705 at the tender age of 9 and 6 years respectively to defend the dignity and honour of Sikhism.

Source: PIB

Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA)



- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) did not notify the **Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA)** rules, the third extended deadline after the Act was passed.
- January 9, 2022 was the last day of an extension sought from the two parliamentary committees in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha to frame the rules.
- Without rules, the CAA cannot be implemented.
- Earlier, it had sought time till April 9, 2021 and then July 9, 2021 from the committees to notify the rules which are to be published in the Gazette of India.
- On November 30 last, Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai informed the Lok Sabha: “The persons covered under the CAA may apply for citizenship after the rules are notified under the CAA.”

About CAA:

- The CAA was passed by Parliament on December 11, 2019 and the Act was notified on December 12.
- In January 2020, the Ministry notified that the Act will come into force from January 10, 2020.
- The CAA provides citizenship on the basis of religion to six undocumented non-Muslim communities (Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians) from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh who entered India on or before December 31, 2014.

Source: The Hindu

Former RBI Governor Urjit Patel appointed vice-president of AIIB



- Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor **Urjit Patel** has been appointed as a vice-president of the **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**.
- Urjit Patel will succeed outgoing Vice President D J Pandian.
- Urjit Patel is currently the chairman of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy.
- He had taken over as the 24th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) succeeding Raghuram Rajan in September 2016 and was with RBI till December 2018.
- India has emerged as AIIB's biggest beneficiary by obtaining \$6.8 billion funding for 29 projects.

Facts about Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB):

- It is a multilateral development bank that aims to improve economic and social outcomes in Asia.
- **Headquarters:** Beijing, China
- **Membership:** 104 Members
- **Formation:** 16 January 2016

Source: newsonair

Bharath Subramaniyam becomes India's 73rd Chess Grandmaster



- 14-year-old **Bharath Subramaniyam** has become the 73rd **Chess Grandmaster (GM)** of India.
- The Chennai-based teenager **Bharath Subramaniyam** completed his final GM Norm and crossed the requisite 2500 rating at Vergani Cup Open in Italy.

Note: To achieve the Grandmaster (GM) title, a player has to secure three GM norms and cross the live rating of 2,500 Elo points.

Source: HT

Myanmar court sentences Aung San Suu Kyi to 4 more years in prison



- Former State Counsellor of Myanmar **Aung San Suu Kyi** was sentenced to four more years in prison.
- Aung San Suu Kyi was handed over the punishment in a case related to possession of unlicensed Walkie-talkie.
- The court handed over a sentence of 2 years for breaching the export import law for possessing the handheld walkie-talkie and one year for having a set of signal jammers. The two sentences will run concurrently.
- Earlier, she had received a four year jail sentence for inciting people against the military government and breaching the coronavirus rules. The sentence was later reduced by two years.
- Aung San Suu Kyi has been slapped with close to a dozen cases since the army seized power last February, If found guilty of all the charges, she could be sentenced to more than 100 years in prison.
- **Aung San Suu Kyi** is a Burmese politician, diplomat, author, and a 1991 Nobel Peace Prize laureate who served as State Counsellor of Myanmar and Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2016 to 2021.

Source: newsonair