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Important News: State

Delhi Winter Action Plan

Why in News:

- The Delhi government has unveiled a winter action plan to combat air pollution.



Key Points:

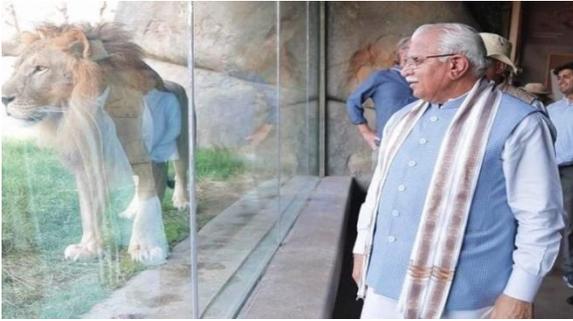
- The national capital's air quality will be improved through the 15-point Delhi Winter Action Plan.
- The strategy entails working with IIT Kanpur to carry out a study on the volume of pollution and its source over a specific time period.
- In accordance with this plan, farmers who choose to spray the bio decomposer on the crop stem as opposed to burning the crop debris receive it free of charge.
- Under the Delhi Winter Action Plan, vehicles having a Pollution Control (PUC) certificate will be assessed for diesel vehicles older than 10 years and petrol vehicles older than 15 years.
- In accordance with this program, volunteers who have registered as Paryavaran Mitras will be involved in promoting environmental conservation.
- The Delhi Winter Action Plan calls for the creation of alternate routes for heavily travelled roads in order to reduce car pollution.
- Along with the entire prohibition of firecracker exploding, the plan also forbids the production, storage, distribution, and sale of firecrackers.
- The Delhi government has selected 13 areas as pollution hotspots, and these areas will be actively watched as well as given special attention.

Source: Indian Express

World's largest safari park to be developed in Gurugram

Why in News:

- The world's largest safari park will be set up in an area of about 10,000 acres falling in the Aravalli Mountain range of Gurugram and Nuh districts of Haryana.



key points:

- Currently the largest curated safari park outside Africa is in Sharjah, which opened in February 2022 with an area of about two thousand acres.
- The project will be the largest such project in the world, the proposed plan will include a large serpentarium, aviary/bird park, four zones for Big Cats, a large area for herbivores, an area for exotic animals and birds.
- After the implementation of Jungle Safari scheme, tourism will get a big boost in NCR and employment opportunities will be created for the local people.
- The Jungle Safari Project of Haryana will be a joint project of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and Government of Haryana.
- The Aravalli Mountain range is a cultural heritage site, home to many species of birds, wild animals, butterflies, etc.
- According to a survey conducted a few years back, the Aravalli Mountain range is home to 180 species of birds, mammals, 15 species of mammals, wildlife, 29 species of reptiles and 57 species of water living creatures and butterflies.

Source: Times of India

Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra top foreign tourists in 2021

Why in News:

- Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra are the most popular states for foreign tourists as per the India Report released by the Indian Tourism Statistics 2022.



key points:



- According to the report released by Indian Tourism Statistics 2022, the number of foreign tourists in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu stood at 1.26 million and 1.23 million respectively in the year 2021-2022.
- A 280-page report titled 'India' has been released by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on the occasion of World Tourism Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- According to government data, India had 677.63 million domestic tourists in the year 2021- 2022, an increase of 11.05% from 610.22 million in the year 2020.
- The total number of foreign visitors for the year 2021-22 was 3,18,673, a decrease of 23.4% from 4,15,859 in the year 2020-21.
- According to the report, the two states with the highest number of domestic tourists are Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh with 140.65 million and 86.12 million respectively.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: India

"Matdata Junction"

Why in News:

- The radio series "Matdata Junction" has been launched by the Chief Election Commissioner of India, Rajiv Kumar.



key points:

- Matdata Junction is a one-year voter awareness program jointly launched by the Election Commission of India (ECI) and All India Radio (AIR).
- Matdata Junction Radio Series consisting of 52 episodes is produced by ECI in association with All India Radio.
- Matdata Junction aims to remove the apathy of the urban population towards voting and create awareness about the importance of elections in safeguarding democracy.
- Matdata Junction will run for 15 minutes and will be broadcast on All India Radio Network every Friday during the 7 pm to 9 pm slot.
- Matdata Junction will be broadcast in 23 languages including Hindi, English and other regional languages.

- The episodes covered under Matdata Junction will be themed, such as Voter Registration, EVMs, Informed and Ethical Voting, Value of Vote, Inclusive and Accessible Elections, Stories of Election Officers, Model Code of Conduct, IT Applications etc.
- Matdata Junction has also included Citizen Corner which enables citizens to ask questions and give suggestions to improve the election process to make it more participatory and inclusive.
- The theme of the first episode of Matdata Junction is "Matdata Junction" and will air on 7 October this year.
- Matdata Junction program will also be broadcast on Twitter, News on AIR App and YouTube.

Source: PIB

YUVA 2.0

Why in News:

- Yuva 2.0 - Pradhan Mantri Yojana has been started by the government with the aim of mentoring young writers.



key points:

- Yuva 2.0 is an author mentorship program to train young and budding writers (below 30 years of age) to promote reading, writing and book culture in the country and project India and Indian writing globally.
- Yuva 2.0 has been launched by the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education and its implementing agency is the National Book Trust of India.
- The theme of Yuva 2.0 is 'Democracy (Institutions, Events, People, Constitutional Values - Past, Present, Future)'.
- Under the Yuva 2.0 scheme, a total of 75 writers will be selected through an all-India competition.
- Young writers selected under the scheme will be trained by eminent writers/mentors.
- The books prepared under the Yuva 2.0 scheme will be published by the National Book Trust of India and will also be translated into other Indian languages to ensure exchange of culture and literature, leading to 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha'. India will get a boost.
- Yuva 2.0 scheme will also provide a window for aspiring youth to express themselves and present a comprehensive view of Indian democratic values on domestic and international platforms.

Source: The Hindu

CBI launched Operation 'GARUDA' to dismantle drug networks

Why in News:

- A multi-stage 'Operation Garuda' has been launched by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).



key points:

- Operation Garuda will be instrumental in disrupting, degrading and destroying networks with international relations through rapid exchange of criminal intelligence on drug trafficking and coordinated law enforcement action in international courts through Interpol.
- Operation Garuda is a global operation that was launched in close coordination with Interpol and Narcotics Control Bureau.
- Operation Garuda was launched to combat smuggling of illicit drugs and psychotropic substances, with a special focus on the Indian Ocean region.
- Under Operation Garuda, many arrests, searches and seizures have been made in many states of India so far.
- During this special operation, 6600 suspects have been investigated and 127 new cases have been registered as well as 175 people including six fugitive criminals have been arrested.

Source: Times of India

herSTART initiative

Why in News:

- herSTART is launched by the President of India Draupadi Murmu.



key points:

- herSTART is an initiative implemented by Gujarat University Startup and Entrepreneurship Council (GUSEC).

- herSTART is a joint initiative supported by the State Government of Gujarat, the Central Government and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).
- herSTART initiative by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has also been recognized as a key driving initiative of the Gujarat Startup Ecosystem in the States Startup Ranking Framework Report for the year 2022.
- herSTART initiative aims to help women-led startups grow, this initiative will help connect women-led startups with private and government platforms.
- herSTART initiative provides free online resources and training modules for aspiring women entrepreneurs to showcase their success stories along with a digital community and digital publication.
- herSTART includes the incubator as well as the herSTART accelerator.
- About 200 mature-level women-led startups have been accelerated under herSTART platform and more than 150 startups are also being scaled up.
- Presently, there are 450 startup projects implemented in Gujarat University, out of which 125 are being led by women.
- During the launch event, 10 women-led startups and entrepreneurs supported by Gujarat University and its STARTs were also felicitated by President Murmu.

Source: The Hindu

Actor Pankaj Tripathi declared 'National Icon' by Election Commission of India

Why in News:

- Actor Pankaj Tripathi has been declared as the 'National Icon' of the ECI by the Election Commission of India (ECI) with an aim to create awareness among voters.



key points:

- Pankaj Tripathi has been chosen as the National Icon by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajeev Kumar keeping in mind the wide appeal across the country and his commitment.
- Earlier, one of Pankaj Tripathi's most acclaimed roles involved the electoral process in the 2017 film Newton, for which he was also awarded the National Award.
- Pankaj Tripathi played the role of a CRPF officer in the film Newton, who was assigned the task of conducting elections in a conflict-ridden area in the jungles of Chhattisgarh.
- National Award winner Pankaj Tripathi has been active in the film industry for almost two decades.
- Some of the critically acclaimed films of Pankaj Tripathi include Omkara, Dharma and Aakrosh, along with this, he has also acted in various web series and other top content.

Source: Economic Times

Important News: World

Kazakhstan changes capital's name from Nur-Sultan back to Astana

Why in News:

- Kazakhstan's capital Nur Sultan has been renamed Astana by the President of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.



key points:

- In the latest step by Kazakhstan's president to break with his predecessor's legacy, a law has been signed to limit the presidential terms and return the Central Asian country's capital's old name.
- The capital of Kazakhstan was renamed as Nur-Sultan in March 2019 in honor of the outgoing President Nursultan Nazarbayev.
- Astana or Nur Sultan is the second largest city in the country, being the capital of Kazakhstan.
- The city of Astana is surrounded on all sides by Akmola Province, but administratively it has the status of a separate federal city.
- Astana was also known as Akmola's during the Soviet Union until 1961, and then Tselinograd until 1990.
- After the independence of Kazakhstan, Astana was known as Akmola until 1998.

Source: Indian Express

Ministerial dialogue of USISCEP

Why in News:

- This year, from October 7 to October 11, the US-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership's (USISCEP) Ministerial Dialogue will take place in the US.



Key Points:

- Hardeep Singh Puri, a Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas as well as Housing and Urban Affairs, and Jennifer Granholm, the US Secretary of Energy, will co-chair the ministerial discussions.
- At the Leaders' Summit on Climate Change in April 2021, US President Joe Biden and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi jointly introduced the US-India Climate and Clean Energy Agenda Partnership 2030 Partnership, which served as the foundation for the revised USISCEP.
- The Responsible Oil and Gas Pillar, the Electricity and Energy Efficiency Pillar, the Renewable Energy Pillar, the Sustainable Development Pillar, and the Emerging Fuel and Technology Pillar are the five pillars on which USISCEP focuses.
- The alliance expands on the long-running US-India Energy Dialogue, which has as its main goals promoting innovation and ensuring energy security.
- The end use and processes for electrification and decarbonization are also emphasized in the recently amended USISCEP.
- It aspires to advance cutting-edge green energy technology, offer green energy options for hard-to-decarbonize regions, and offer technological solutions.
- The Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP) and the Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue are the two Partnership tracks that are the focus of the US-India Agenda 2030.
- The US-India Agenda 2030 also places a strong emphasis on boosting financial resource mobilization, as well as displaying and advancing breakthrough technologies required for the decarbonization of sectors including power, real estate, transportation, and others.

Source: The Hindu

Historic MoU Signed to launch India's debit card in Oman

Why in News:

- A landmark MoU has been signed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the Central Financial Institution of Oman to launch the RuPay Debit Card in Oman.



Key points:

- This proposal comes after India and Oman agreed to expand Indian digital payments ecosystem to the Gulf region.
- On October 3-4, 2022, the Sultanate of Oman was officially visited by Union Minister V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State (MOS), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) which was his second visit to Oman after his visit in the year 2020.
- The MoU will act as a platform to facilitate seamless digital remittances for Indian RuPay cards and the UPI platform in Oman, benefiting Indian workers and professionals.
- According to the Indian Embassy in Oman, there are about 624,000 Indians in Oman, of whom about 4,83,901 are employees and professionals as of May 2021.
- India and Oman have the longest-standing strategic relationship in the Gulf region, with Oman supporting the deployment of the Indian Navy as a close defense and strategic partner in the western Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf.

Source: Indian Express

Majestic Hindu temple opens in Dubai

Why in News:



- A grand new Hindu temple has been inaugurated in Dubai's Jebel Ali village.



Key points:

- The Dubai-based temple combines both Indian and Arabic architectural designs and conveys a powerful message of tolerance, peace and harmony.
- The temple in Dubai is commonly known as the 'Worship Village' of the United Arab Emirates.
- The temple was inaugurated by Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, and Ambassador Sanjay Sudhir.
- The UAE's 'Worship Village' now houses nine religious' shrines, including seven churches, the Guru Nanak Darbar Sikh Gurdwara and the new Hindu House of Worship.
- The opening ceremony was attended by over 200 dignitaries, including diplomatic missions, religious leaders of multiple religions, business owners and members of the Indian community.
- The temple is of 70,000 square feet which was announced in the year 2020.
- The temple has elaborate hand carvings, ornate pillars, brass pinnacles, and attractive lattice screens that blend Indian and Arabic architecture.

Source: Times of India

Important News: Economy

HDFC Life launches Insure India Campaign

Why in News:



'Insure India' has been launched by HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited (HDFC Life).



key points:

- The Insure India campaign aims to educate Indians about life insurance and motivate them to secure their future with the Insure India financial product that offers the twin benefits of protection and long-term savings.
- As part of the Insure India campaign, HDFC Life will also launch chat shows, on-ground activities and webinars to engage with consumers directly and indirectly.
- At present, the coverage of insurance in India is around 3 per cent.
- HDFC Life Insurance Limited Company (HDFC Life) is a joint venture between HDFC Limited and abrdn (Mauritius Holdings) 2006 Limited, (a global investment company).
- HDFC Life aims to provide customers with innovative products and superior levels of services through physical and digital routes.
- The insurer has a wide range of products that offer long-term savings along with the twin benefits of protection to the customers depending on their standard of living requirements.

Source: The Hindu

Implementation of Card Tokenization

Why in News:

- According to the Reserve Bank of India, tokenization of card-based payments will be implemented from October 1, 2022.



key points:

- The time limit for card tokenization has been extended twice before.
- Around 35 crore tokens have already been created and in September, around 40 per cent transactions at a total value of Rs 63 crore were done using tokens.
- RBI has directed all merchants to delete customer's debit and credit card details and replace card payments with unique tokens before October 1.
- Card tokenization makes it more secure by masking the code with all sensitive details such as the 16-digit card number, name, expiration date and a unique card number called the token.
- The card tokenization rule will be applicable to all stakeholders except the card issuer and the card network.
- Tokenization is the process of replacing card details with a unique code or token, allowing individuals to make online purchases without exposing sensitive card details.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Defense

Science and Technology

5G launch

Why in News:

- On October 1, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally launched the nation's 5G services, ushering in an era of ultra-high-speed mobile internet.



Key Points:

- After 1G, 2G, 3G, and 4G networks, 5G is the next generation of mobile networks and is a new global wireless standard.
- A new kind of network made possible by 5G is intended to connect almost anything, including machines, objects, and equipment.
- A number of ground-breaking technologies, including 5G, cloud, Internet of Things (IoT), and data analytics, can create opportunities with the expanding start-up community, open up new vistas, and intensify and strengthen digital engagement, according to India's National Digital Communications Policy 2018, which highlights the importance of 5G.
- According to the Prime Minister, India has focused on 4 pillars in four directions at once, which include-
 - Gadget/device cost.
 - digital connectivity.
 - data cost.
 - The concept of "digital first".

Source: The Hindu

5 NASA's SpaceX Crew-5 Launches to the International Space Station

Why in News:

- SpaceX Crew-5 has been launched by NASA to the International Space Station.



key points:

- A SpaceX rocket carrying the next long-term International Space Station crew was entered into orbit from Florida, with a Russian cosmonaut, two Americans and a Japanese cosmonaut in a display of US-Russian teamwork in space despite the tensions of the Ukraine war we're flying together.
- The mission, designated Crew-5, marks the fifth completed ISS crew.
- The mission is notable for involving 38-year-old Anna Kikina, the lone female astronaut on active duty with Roscosmos, making it the first space flight from American soil with Russian in two decades.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is an independent agency of the executive branch of the United States federal government responsible for the civilian space program as well as aeronautics and space research.
- NASA aims to increase human knowledge of space, lead the world in the innovation of space technology, and develop vehicles that can carry both instruments and living organisms into space.

Source: Indian Express

Optimus – Tesla's humanoid robot

Why in News:

- Elon Musk, the CEO of Tesla, introduced the most recent version of Optimus, a humanoid robot created by the American corporation with a Texas base.



Key Points:

- During the annual Tesla AI [artificial intelligence] Day presentation, the Optimus prototype was on display.
- Simple jobs like lifting metal bars, transporting boxes, and watering plants have all been accomplished by humanoid robots.
- The goal of Optimus is to use machines to perform human functions.
- The Autopilot driver assistance system seen in Tesla automobiles and the Optimus robot both utilize artificial intelligence software and sensors.
- The five independently moving fingers of the Optimus robot are designed to replicate human anatomy and are capable of precise, adaptive grabbing.
- Due to the AI software that powers Optimus, it also possesses a high level of cognitive ability to comprehend, organize, and navigate the surroundings.
- Tesla is creating a proprietary data center technology called Dojo that will be used to train the Optimus robot.
- A supercomputer called Dojo uses video data gathered from Tesla vehicles to give video training.

Source: Business Standard

Environment

Mastercard to launch 'Carbon Calculator' for Indian consumers

Why in News:

- The carbon calculator features will be launched by Mastercard, a global payments and technology company.



key points:

- The Mastercard Carbon Calculator, which was introduced in 2021 and is now used in more than 25 countries, was created in partnership with the Swedish fintech Dokongy.
- The Carbon Calculator Tracking Tool may be embedded by banking partners on their websites or mobile applications.
- The Carbon Calculator Tracker can calculate a month's worth of carbon footprint data for a number of different spending categories.
- Access to information and statistics about environmental impact is another element of the carbon calculator.
- Consumers can get an overview of the overall effect of carbon footprint across several expenditure categories in a month using Carbon Calculator, a customizable carbon footprint tracker.

Source: Livemint

Schemes

Sarthak scheme

Why in News:

- Sarthak has been implemented jointly by NIMHANS and HelpAge India with an aim to ensure mental well-being of the elderly.



key points:

- Sarthak is a community-based initiative that provides training to nurses, healthcare workers and volunteers on old age mental health.
- National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) and an NGO named HelpAge India collaborated to implement the Sarthak initiative.
- Under the Sarthak initiative, 10,000 mental health workers will also be trained to identify and combat mental health issues faced by older people.
- Under the Sarthak scheme, training will also be provided for non-specialist health workers and community caregivers through customized online modules focusing on specific categories like non-specialist health task force, informal caregivers and institutional caregivers. Will be done.
- According to the NGO HelpAge, more than 20 percent of adults aged 60 and older suffer from mental or neurological disorders such as dementia and depression.
- The Longitudinal Aging Study of India (LASI) report estimates that 14 million senior citizens in India will face mental health issues by the year 2050.
- The Bengaluru-based National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) is India's top center for mental health and neuroscience education.
- NIMHANS functions under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Health and operates autonomously as an Institute of National Importance.

Source: Business Standard

SBI launches 'Gram Seva Program'

Why in News:

- On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, 30 remote villages in aspirational districts of 6 Indian states of Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu (TN) and West Bengal (WB) have been adopted by State Bank of India (SBI).



key points:

- This adoption has been done under the fourth phase of SBI Gram Seva program.
- With this, the Gram Seva program will reach a total of 130 villages, out of which 75 villages are from aspirational districts notified by NITI Aayog (National Institute).
- SBI Gram Seva, a flagship scheme of SBI Foundation, was launched in the year 2017 under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of the Bank.
- The Gram Seva program envisages comprehensive development of villages by proactive interventions in areas such as education, healthcare, livelihood and infrastructure.
- So far, 100 villages in 16 states have been adopted in 3 phases under the Gram Seva Program.

Source: Indian Express

Awards and Honours

Nansen Award

Why in News:

- Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the Nansen Refugee Award.



key points:



- Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the UNHCR Nansen Prize for providing asylum for refugees while in office.
- Merkel's determination to protect asylum seekers has been recognized by the UNHCR, helping them survive and rebuild after facing war.
- Four regional winners have also been honored this year by the Nansen Prize Committee, including a refugee aid Cocoa Cooperative in Costa Rica in the US, a volunteer refugee firefighters' group in Mauritius in West Africa, the humanitarian organization Meeks Myanmar which is an organization in Asia and the Pacific helps displaced people and includes an Iraqi gynecologist known for providing medical and psychological support.
- The Nansen Prizes will be presented to Merkel and the other winners at a ceremony in Geneva, Switzerland, on October 10, 2022.
- The Nansen Prize is presented each year by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to an individual, group or organization in recognition of their contribution to the aid of refugees, stateless or displaced people.
- The Nansen Prize was created in 1954 in honor of the first United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Arctic explorer and humanitarian Fridtjof Nansen.
- Eleanor Roosevelt was the first person to receive the Nansen Prize.
- UNHCR is a UN agency involved in the protection of refugees and displaced and stateless communities.
- UNHCR is involved in their voluntary repatriation, local integration and resettlement in a foreign country.

Source: Times of India

Indian Women's rights activist Srishti Bakshi wins 'Changemaker' award

Why in News:

- Srishti Bakshi, a women's rights activist from India has been presented with the 'Changemaker' award at the United Nations SDGs (United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) Action Awards held at a ceremony in Bonn, Germany.



key points:



- The award has been conferred with the aim of recognizing Srishti Bakshi's efforts to raise awareness about gender-based violence and inequality.
- Srishti Bakshi, a marketer women's rights activist and founder of the Crossbow Miles movement, embarked on a 3,800-km walk through 12 Indian states from Kanyakumari to Kashmir.
- During her journey, Srishti Bakshi has passed through the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir.
- More than 100 workshops focused on women's safety have been organized by Srishti Bakshi, which aims to shed light on the causes of violence against women and measures to empower women.
- The UN SDG Action Awards ceremony celebrates the people and initiatives that mobilize, inspire and connect people every day, proving that each of us has the power to take transformative action.
- The finalists of the United Nations SDG Action Awards were selected from over 3,000 applications from 150 countries and the winners were announced during a live event on 27 September 2022.

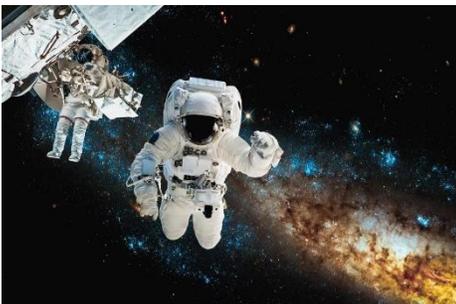
Source: The Hindu

Important Days

World space week 2022

Why in News:

- World Space Week is celebrated every year from 4 to 10 October.



key points:

- World Space Week is observed with the aim of creating awareness about space activities, motivating the next generation to contribute to those activities, and promoting international cooperation in space outreach and education.
- The theme of this year's World Space Week is "Space and Sustainability".
- World Space Week focuses on how sustainability in space relates to how humanity uses space, specifically the orbital region around Earth.
- Of the 169 goals under the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 65 are directly achieved through earth observation satellites and related technologies.
- World Space Week was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 6 December 1999 to celebrate the contribution of space science and technology towards human development.

- The United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) is an office in the United Nations Secretariat that promotes and facilitates the peaceful use of outer space.

Source: Indian Express

World teachers' day 2022

Why in News:

- Teacher's Day is a worldwide event and World Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5 October every year by the United Nations (UN).



key points:

- In India, Teachers' Day is celebrated on 5 September in honor of the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, while World Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5 October.
- Every year World Teachers Day is celebrated with a different theme, this year the theme of World Teachers Day 2022 is "The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers".
- The first World Teachers' Day was established by UNESCO on 5 October 1994 to focus on teacher engagement and development, as well as to highlight the challenges and goals of teachers in education.
- 5 October 1966 marks the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the ILO/UNESCO recommendation.
- On World Teacher's Day, the contribution of teachers to education is recognized, and their value as well as their role in growing students and society.
- The goal of Teacher's Day is to honor teachers, remove some of the difficulties affecting their profession and encourage talented young minds to take up a career in teaching.

Source: Livemint

NPS Day

Why in News:



- A campaign has been started by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', under which 1 October 2021 will be celebrated as National Pension System Day (NPS Day).



key points:

- NPS Day has been promoted by PFRDA on its social media platforms with the hashtag #npsdiwas.
- Government aims to promote pension and retirement planning through NPS Day for an assured 'free' retirement.
- The objective of NPS Day is to spread awareness about the pension scheme among the public.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority is the regulatory body under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India for overall supervision and regulation of pensions in India.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act was passed on 19 September 2013 and was notified on 1 February 2014.

Source: PIB

International Day of Older Persons celebrates on 1st October

Why in News:

- October 1 is observed as the International Day of Older Persons in the world.



key points:

- The day was started by the United Nations General Assembly with the aim of honoring the contribution of older persons and looking into the problems faced by them.
- The theme of the United Nations International Day of Older Persons for the year 2022 is "The Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World".

- The theme will be celebrated by the NGO Committees on Aging in New York, Geneva and Vienna.
- International Day of Older Persons aims to highlight the resilience of older women to the face of environmental, social, economic and lifelong inequalities, and to raise awareness of the importance of improving data collection across the world, based on age and gender.
- On 14 December 1990, 1 October was designated by the United Nations General Assembly as the International Day of Older Persons.
- This was preceded by initiatives such as the Vienna International Plan of Action on Aging, which was adopted by the World Assembly on Aging in 1982 and also ratified by the United Nations General Assembly later that year.
- In 1991, the United Nations Principles for Older Persons was adopted by the General Assembly.

Source: Indian Express

68th National Wildlife Week observed on 02 to 08 October 2022

Why in News:

- The 68th National Wildlife Week will be celebrated across India from 2 to 8 October 2022.



key points:

- The main objective of the National Wildlife Week campaign is to promote the conservation and protection of animal life.
- National Wildlife Week aims to make people aware of animal life and encourage them to save large numbers of animals by not killing them for their food or other purposes.
- The National Wildlife Week aims to raise awareness about the conservation and protection of wildlife and to establish additional services for the protection of wildlife.
- Wildlife Week was established in the year 1952 by the Wildlife Board of India to raise awareness about the long-term objectives of wildlife conservation across India.
- Wildlife Day was first celebrated in the year 1955, but later in the year 1957 it was renamed as Wildlife Week.
- Wildlife Week was started with the aim of sensitizing the public about the important measures to protect the life of wildlife.
- A Wildlife Council of India has been formed by the Government of India to protect wildlife, which is committed to raising awareness about the conservation of wildlife.

Source: Indian Express

World Habitat Day 2022

Why in News:

- World Habitat Day is celebrated on the first Monday of the month of October, this year World Habitat Day is celebrated on 3rd October.



key points:

- World Habitat Day 2022 will be celebrated globally on 3rd October in Balikesir, Turkey.
- World Habitat Day is celebrated to provide decent living conditions to every person.
- The theme of World Habitat Day 2022 is Mind the Gap. Leave No One and No Place Behind.
- The purpose of celebrating World Habitat Day is to make the world a place where the coming generations feel proud to live.
- In the year 1985, a resolution was passed by the United Nations General Assembly to celebrate World Habitat Day.
- The first World Habitat Day was organized by Nairobi, Kenya in the year 1986.
- Every person on this planet has a basic right to shelter, World Habitat Day is celebrated to make people aware that every person on this earth deserves a decent home.
- Inequality in cities has increased and human settlement is a problem that has led to what has been cited by the United Nations as the Triple C: Coronavirus (COVID-19), Climate and Crisis.

Source: Jansatta

Sports

36th National Games

Why in News:

- The 36th National Games were inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.



key points:

- The 2022 National Games of India will be held from 29 September to 12 October this year.
- 36th National Games also known as Gujarat 2022, 36th National Games will be organized in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar.
- Sports like Athletics, Field Hockey, Football, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Skateboarding, Kabaddi, Malkhambha etc have been included in the 36th National Sports Event, in which teams from 28 states and 8 union territories will participate.
- The 36th National Games this year will see its debut by the new Union Territories of Ladakh and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
- The last edition of the National Games was held in Kerala in the year 2015.
- The National Games of India were organized as the Indian Olympic Games in the early years.
- Since the 9th edition of the 1924 Indian Olympic Games in Lahore, these games have been held every two years in major cities of India.
- In the year 1940, the Indian Olympic Games were organized as the National Games, involving competition between players from different parts of the country.
- Athletes are selected by the Indian Olympic Association to represent India at the Olympic Games, Asian Games and other international sporting events.

Source: Livemint

PR Sreejesh, Savita Punia voted FIH Men's and Women's Goalkeeper of the Year

Why in News:

- PR Sreejesh and Savita Punia have been named FIH Men's and Women's Goalkeepers of the Year for the second year in a row.



key points:

- Savita is the third athlete to win the Goalkeeper of the Year (Female) for three consecutive years since the inception of the award in 2014.
- Young Indian forward Mumtaz Khan and France's Timothy Clement have been named the FIH Rising Stars of the Year 2021-22 in the women's and men's categories respectively, announced by the International Hockey Federation.
- The best performance on the international hockey scene was also given by Mumtaz in the FIH Junior Women's World Cup 2022.
- Mumtaz has been ranked third in the list of top scorers.
- The International Hockey Federation was founded on 7 January 1924 in Paris, France and the headquarters of the International Hockey Federation are located in Lausanne, Switzerland and its founder is Paul Leute.
- The motto of the International Hockey Federation is "Fairplay Friendship Forever".
- The current President of International Hockey Federation is Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, and its CEO is Thierry Weil.

Source: News on Air

Reports and Indexes

UNCTAD annual trade and development report

Why in News:

- UNCTAD has released its Annual Business and Development Report 2022.



key points:

- The United Nations report shows the world economy is expected to grow at 2.6% in 2022, down 0.9 percentage points from the previous year's projected rate.
- According to UNCTAD annual trade and development report, the Russia-Ukraine war as well as rapidly rising interest rates and fiscal shortfalls in advanced economies have already turned the global recession into a global economic slowdown.

- According to the UNCTAD Annual Trade and Development Report, this could make the situation worse than the financial crisis of 2008 and the COVID-19 induced shocks of 2020.
- According to UNCTAD Annual Trade and Development Report, the Indian economy, which is the largest in the sector, will grow by 5.7% in the year 2022 and 4.7% in the year 2023.
- The Geneva-based UN body has been releasing this report since 1981 to provide an analysis of major current economic trends and policy issues of global concern.
- It provides recommendations to boost the global economy so as to improve people's lives and secure the future of the planet.

Source: The Hindu

New Appointments

ISRO scientist Anil Kumar elected Vice President of IAF

Why in News:

- Anil Kumar, a distinguished researcher of the Indian Space Research Organization, has been named the vice-chairman of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF).



Key Points:

- Currently, Dr. Anil Kumar is the ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network Associate Director (ISTRAC).
- In 1951, the International Astronautical Federation was founded.
- The IAF has 433 members in 72 countries, making it one of the top organizations in the world for space advocacy.
- The IAF organizes the International Astronautical Federation Congress (IAC), an annual space event with around 6000 participants.
- A technical program on developments in research and exploration, operations and applications, technology, infrastructure, and space and society are part of the International Astronautical Federation Congress. There are also networking events and speeches.

- Dr. Vikram Sarabhai replaced INCOSPAR with ISRO on August 5, 1969, in order to enhance technological growth.

Source: Business Standard

Important Personality

Miscellaneous

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