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Important News: International

NATO announced its annual nuclear exercise "Steadfast Noon"

Why in News:

- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), also known as the North Atlantic Alliance, has announced the launch of its annual nuclear exercise code "Steadfast Noon".



key points:

- The Steadfast Noon nuclear exercise will be conducted in Southern Europe this year in which aircraft and personnel from 14 NATO countries will participate.
- The Steadfast Noon involved training flights with dual-capacity fighter jets as well as conventional jets supported by surveillance and refueling aircraft.
- The goal of the Steadfast Noon exercise is to ensure that NATO's nuclear deterrents are safe, secure and effective.
- No live weapons are used in the Steadfast Nun exercise.
- Like previous years, this year also the Steadfast Noon exercise will be attended by a US Air Force B-52 long-range bomber.
- In order to offer collective security against the Soviet Union, the United States, Canada, and many Western European nations signed the North Atlantic Treaty in April 1949, creating the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
- The headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) are in Brussels, Belgium.
- Despite having 30 members today, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was founded by Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: National

Public Affairs Index 2022

Why in News:



- Public Affairs Index 2022 has been released by the Bangalore-based think tank Public Affairs Center (PAC).



key points:

- Haryana has been placed at the top position this year in the category of big states in the Public Affairs Index-2022.
- According to the Public Affairs Index-2022, the state of Haryana has emerged at the forefront of social, economic and political justice disciplines.
- In the Public Affairs Index-2022, Sikkim has retained its position as the best governed small state in India this year as well.
- Economic justice in the Public Affairs Index-2022 has been prepared on the basis of indicators such as labor productivity, assurance of standard of living of wage workers, public expenditure on development, coverage of social safety net and employment opportunities.
- Public Affairs Index-2022 based on indicators such as functional devolution of political justice to rural and urban local bodies, commitment to independent financial devolution to local bodies, incidence of crime proficiency of the police in gathering evidence related to the case and prevention for the undertrial population.
- Similarly, in the Public Affairs Index-2022, social justice is measured in terms of learning outcomes for school-goers, safe drinking water and sanitation coverage, early childhood development outcomes, logistics and ease of doing business, and regularity and reliability of electricity supply.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: State

Amit Shah inaugurates 'Gatha Swaraj Ki' gallery in Scindia Museum, Gwalior

Why in News:

- A gallery-cum-exhibition depicting the history of prominent Maratha commanders has been inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the sprawling Jai Vilas Mahal of Scindia, the then ruler of Gwalior.



key points:

- The foundation for the terminal building and expansion of Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Airport has also been laid by Amit Shah during the event.
- The gallery-cum-exhibition will showcase the history of the main Maratha rulers including the Scindias, Gaekwads, Holkars, Newalkars, Bhosales and Pawars.
- The word "Swaraj" was first used by Sakharam Ganesh Devaskar in the year 1902 in a Bengali book on the life of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj- "Shivajir Importance".
- The term "Swaraj" was also used by Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Mahatma Gandhi, Veer Savarkar, Bharatiya Jana Sangh and the Indian National Congress.
- Jai Vilas Palace was built in the year 1874 by Jajirao Scindia, the ruler of the erstwhile princely state of Gwalior during the British period.
- Large part of the palace is presently known as "Jivajirao Scindia Museum".

Source: Business Standard

Telangana's Hyderabad honored with AIPH 'World Green City Award 2022'

Why in News:

- Hyderabad in Telangana has been conferred with the prestigious World Green City Award 2022.



key points:

- Hyderabad has won the World Green City Award 2022 by beating cities like Paris, Bogota, Mexico City, Montreal and Fortaleza in all the six categories.

- Hyderabad has been conferred with the International Association of Horticulture Producers (AIPH) Award in 2022.
- The winners of the World Green City Award 2022 have been announced at the IUCN Leaders Forum held in Jeju, South Korea.
- The World Green City Award 2022 has six categories which include Living Green for Biodiversity, Living Green for Climate Change, Living Green for Health and Wellbeing, Living Green for Water, Living Green for Social Cohesion and Economic Reform. and Living Green for inclusive growth.
- Hyderabad presented the award in "Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth" during AIPH event.
- The "Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth" category focuses on creating systems and solutions that allow all city residents to recover and grow from economic crisis.
- The Outer Ring Road (ORR) located in Hyderabad is called the Jawaharlal Nehru Outer Ring Road.
- The Outer Ring Road located in Hyderabad is a 158 km long 8-lane Ring Road Expressway covering Hyderabad completely.
- The Outer Ring Road project was implemented by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited (HGCL).

Source: Times of India

Goa to host 9th World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo

Why in News:

- The 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo will be held in Panaji, Goa from 8 to 11 December 2022.



key points:

- The aim of the 9th World Ayurveda Congress is to move forward in a transformational way to bring Ayurveda into a global focus.
- The theme of the 9th World Ayurveda Congress this year is 'Ayurveda for One Health'.
- The 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo will be a four-day event supported by both the central and state governments.
- The 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo event will be attended by over 4,500 delegates.

- The 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo program will begin with seven plenary sessions, 16 themes for oral presentation, a range of related events and a public outreach program.
- Ayurveda is a traditional, natural, and integrative medical method from ancient India.
- Ayurveda is a Sanskrit term that translates as "knowledge of life."
- As one of the top methods for curing illnesses and living a healthy lifestyle, ayurveda holds a prominent place in the traditional medical system.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Science & Tech

InventTiv, an all-IIT R&D showcase launched by Education Minister

Why in News:

- InvenTiv, the first all-IIT R&D showcase, has been officially inaugurated by the Union Minister for Education and Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan, at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.



key points:

- Under the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" programme, a R&D fair has been organized at Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi to celebrate the 75th anniversary of India's independence.
- Held at Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, InvenTiv was attended by over 300 industry representatives.
- The InvenTiv program covers 75 projects including 6 showcase projects on various topics.
- The InvenTiv initiative supports the vision of Make in India, Digital India and Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- Along with students, alumni of IITs of the world, faculty from various CFTIs, and scientists from DRDO, ISRO, CSIR and ICAR, the two-day event (InvenTiv) will be hosted by representatives of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Federation of Indian Industries (FII).

Source: Indian Express

Important News: Sports

Aayan Khan, the youngest player in men's T20 World Cup 2022

Why in News:



- UAE's Aayan Khan, 16-year-old all-rounder, has become the youngest player to feature in the men's T20 World Cup.



key points:

- Aayan Khan has been selected in the UAE XI for the first match of the T20 World Cup against the Netherlands at the Simmonds Stadium in Geelong.
- Aayan was dismissed for five runs in seven balls against the Netherlands and he also took a wicket for 15 runs in three overs in the same match.
- Pakistan pacer Mohammad Amir's record has been broken by Ayan, his first T20 World Cup was played by left-arm pacer Mohammad Amir at the age of 17 years and 55 days.
- Stefan Myberg of Netherlands, 38 years old, is the oldest player in the 2022 T20 World Cup.
- Ryan Campbell of Hong Kong participated in the 2016 World Cup at the age of 44.
- This is the eighth edition of the T20 World Cup 2022, which will be organized in seven cities of Australia.
- A total of 45 matches of the T20 World Cup 2022 will be played in Adelaide, Brisbane, Geelong, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

Source: Navbharat Times

Important Days

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2022

Why in News:

- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed globally on 17 October every year.



key points:



- The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed with the aim of raising awareness about the global issue of poverty and how it is a violation of human rights and human dignity.
- The theme of this year's International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is "Dignity for All in Practice".
- The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is marked as an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and daily struggles of people living in poverty and to bring their needs and concerns to the masses.
- The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was first started on 17 October 1987 at the Trocadero in Paris where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in the year 1948.
- In 1992, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was declared as an International Day by the United Nations General Assembly.
- Poverty refers to a situation when a person is unable to ensure his livelihood in the absence of income and other productive resources.
- The 'Sustainable Development Goals' – 1 includes NO POVERTY in the end of poverty, which aims to eliminate poverty in all its forms everywhere.

Source: Livemint