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International Relations

Italy PM election: Giorgia Meloni elected as First woman PM of Italy

Why in News:

- Giorgia Meloni has been elected the first female PM of Italy to lead a conservative coalition.

key points:

- Giorgia Meloni will take over from Prime Minister Mario Draghi, the former head of the European Central Bank who pushed Rome during his 18-month tenure at the center of EU policymaking, establishing close ties with Paris and Berlin.
- Italian far-right leader Giorgia Meloni has topped the party in the general elections.
- Giorgia Meloni is an Italian politician and journalist born on 15 January 1977.
- Giorgia Meloni's father came from Sardinia and her mother was from Sicily.
- In 1992 at the age of 15, Meloni joined the Youth Front, the youth wing of the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI).
- Subsequently, in the year 1996, he received a diploma from the Amerigo Vespucci Institute.
- He also served as a youth minister in Berlusconi's 2008–2011 government, before the founding of the brothers of Italy in 2012 by Giorgia Meloni.
- The capital of Italy is Rome, and its official currency is the Euro.



Source: Indian Express

Food Barons 2022 Report

Why in News:

- The Food Barons 2022 report was released by the ETC Group under the World Food Safety Committee.



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key points:

- The report titled "Food Baron 2022 - Crisis Profiteering, Digitalization and Shifting Power" was released by Canada-based global research firm ETC Group.
- The Food Barons 2022 report is based on an analysis of sales for the year 2020 and three annual reports of several agri-food companies.
- According to the Food Barons 2022 report, large corporations have benefited from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and war.
- According to the Food Baron 2022 report, India's leading food delivery platforms have been ranked among the top 10 e-commerce-based food delivery companies.
- According to the report, Walmart receives 30 percent of consumer spending worldwide.
- According to the Food Barons 2022 report, China's Syngenta Group in the agrochemical sector covers a quarter of the global market for agrochemicals such as seeds, pesticides and fertilizers.

Source: Times of India

Fridays for Future Campaign

Why in News:

- Climate change protests have been started in Germany and other countries by Friday for Future activists.

key points:

- As part of the Friday for the Future movement, more than 280,000 people took part in demonstrations in more than 270 cities and towns in Germany.
- As part of the Friday for the Future campaign, protesters are calling for a halt to global warming and calling on the German government to set up a 100-billion-euro fund to expand the use of renewable energy.
- These protests were organized 6 weeks before the start of the United Nations Climate Summit (COP27), which is scheduled to take place in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.
- Similar protests have taken place in countries such as Italy, South Korea, the United States and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



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- Fridays for the Future is an international student movement that aims to move toward urgent climate action through active campaigning and advocacy.
- It was chosen as the champion of the earth because of its role in creating awareness about the adverse impact caused by the climate crisis.
- The movement was inspired by Greta Thunberg, who sat for three weeks in protest in front of the Swedish parliament to draw political attention to the climate emergency.

Source: The Hindu

Palm oil Alliance formed by 5 South Asian Countries

Why in News:

- The key edible oil industry groups from Asia's top five palm oil importers—India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Nepal—join forces to form the Asian Palm Oil Alliance (APOA).



Key Points:

- Alongside the Globoil Oil Summit in Agra, the Asian Palm Oil Alliance had its first general body meeting.
- One of the top conferences, fairs, and awards for the Globoil edible oil and agri commerce is the Globoil Summit.
- The Asian Palm Oil Alliance works to increase palm oil consumption in its member nations while defending the commercial and economic interests of palm oil-consuming nations.
- The Asian Palm Oil Alliance will further broaden its membership to include businesses or trade associations working across the continent to produce or refine palm oil.
- The vegetable oil that is currently used worldwide most frequently is palm oil.
- Numerous products, including detergents, plastics, cosmetics, and biofuels, are made with palm oil.
- Together, Indonesia and Malaysia produce nearly 90% of the world's palm oil, with Indonesia producing the most—more than 45 million tons in 2021.
- The top three consumers of the good are the European Union, China, and India (EU).



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- Asia consumes around 40% of the world's palm oil, whereas just 12% of the palm oil trade takes place in Europe.
- The two countries that export the most palm oil worldwide are Indonesia and Malaysia.
- With 15% of the world's imports, India is Asia's top importer of palm oil, followed by China (9%), Pakistan (4%) and Bangladesh (2%).

Source: The Hindu

India emerges as Sri Lanka's largest bilateral lender overtaking China

Why in News:

- India has become the largest bilateral lender excluding China from Sri Lanka.

key points:

- In the four months of the year 2022, a total loan of US\$ 968 million has been provided by India to Sri Lanka.
- Prior to this, China has been the largest bilateral lender to Sri Lanka in the last five years from 2017-2021.
- In the year 2021, a total loan of 610 million dollars was provided to Sri Lanka by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- Earlier, India also provided food and financial assistance of 4 billion dollars to Sri Lanka.
- Sri Lanka has been battling an economic crisis since the beginning of 2022 and the government's lapses have made the situation worse.
- The economic crisis arising in Sri Lanka has affected a large number of people in the country.
- India and Sri Lanka are members of SAARC and BIMSTEC and India's trade with Sri Lanka is also the largest among SAARC countries.



Source: The Hindu



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India takes over SCO rotating presidency and hosts SCO summit 2023

Why in News:

- The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2022 was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, in which India took over the presidency of the SCO for the year 2023.

key points:

- India will chair the SCO grouping for a year till September 2023 and next year, India will also host the SCO summit.
- The Samarkand Declaration has been signed by the leaders of the member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) at the meeting of the Council of Heads of State in the city of Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- During the SCO summit, member states discussed various global challenges and threats including the technological and digital divide, continued turbulence in global financial markets, instability in supply chains, increased protectionist measures, and uncertainty in the global economy.
- SCO is a permanent inter-governmental international organization, established in the year 2001.
- The SCO Charter was signed in the year 2002 and came into force in the year 2003.
- The SCO is a Eurasian political, economic and military organization whose goal is to maintain peace, security, and stability in the region.
- The SCO is primarily seen as a counterpoint to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), a nine-member economic and security bloc, and has emerged as one of the largest inter-regional international organizations.



Source: Business Standard

Typhoon Nanmadol

Why in News:

- In Japan, Typhoon Nanmadol brought severe winds and record rainfall to the west on September 19, making it one of the biggest storms to hit the country in years.



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key points:

- Due to the Nanmadol storm in Japan, people living in the southwest have been warned to move to safer places.
- Nanmadol is classified as a super typhoon by the US Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC), a term applied to storms that have sustained wind speeds of 240km/h (150mph) or higher.
- Scientists have predicted a very active hurricane season this year influenced by a natural phenomenon called La Niña.
- Warmer sea surface temperatures in the Atlantic and Caribbean may also have an effect as a result of climate change.
- It had an atmospheric pressure of 975 hectopascals at its center, with maximum gusts of 234 km/h (145 mph).
- The potential of this typhoon is equivalent to category four or five hurricanes.
- A tropical cyclone that occurs along the coasts of the western Pacific Ocean and in the China Sea, in which the winds move very fast (more than 12 outwards on the Beaufort Wind Measurement), is called a typhoon.
- The diameter of typhoons is generally 150 to 650 km. And due to the greater difference (10 to 50 millibar) in the air pressure of its center and circumference, the right gradient is high, due to which the winds move with great speed.
- Cyclones also come on the southeast coast of America and are called 'hurricanes' there.

Source: The Hindu

Poland opens new canal at Vistula Spit

Why in News:

- For ships to be able to cruise to the ports of the Vistula Lagoon without having to rely on the Pomeranian Strait, Poland has constructed a new maritime canal between the Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Gdansk in Russia.



Key Points:

- The 83rd anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Poland during World War II saw the opening of the new canal.



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- It was done in order to allegorically represent the cessation of Russian influence over the economy and growth of the nation.
- By around 100 kilometers, this halves the distance between Baltic and El blog.
- Smaller vessels and boats can currently utilize this channel, but cargo ships are currently prohibited until the port of Elblog's entry is 5 meters deep.
- This project has a USD 2 billion price tag overall.
- In the Baltic Sea, the Vistula Spit is an aeolian sand spit or peninsular portion that divides the Vistula Lagoon from Gdansk Bay.
- Given that the border between Poland and Kaliningrad Oblast, a Russian semi-exclave, runs through the spit, it is politically divided between Poland and Russia.

Source: Indian Express

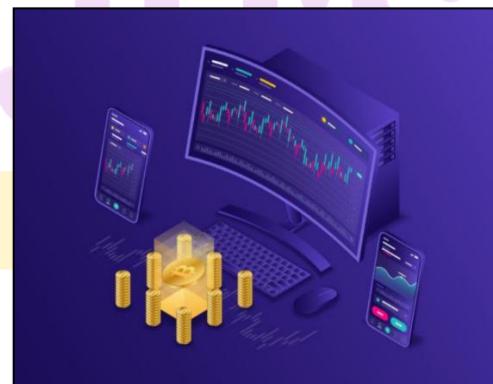
India ranks 4th in the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022

Why in News:

- India ranks fourth in the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022 with an index score of 0.663.

key points:

- Vietnam ranks first in cryptocurrency adoption for the second year in a row with an overall index ranking.
- The Philippines is placed second in the index after Vietnam with an overall index score of 0.753, and Ukraine is ranked third in the index with an overall index score of 0.694.
- This is the third edition of the Global Crypto Adoption Index.
- Vietnam, Philippines, Ukraine, India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Morocco, Nepal, Kenya, and Indonesia have been included in the list of ten lower middle-income countries in the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022.
- Brazil, Thailand, Russia, China, Turkey, Argentina, Colombia, and Ecuador have been included in the list of eight upper middle-income countries in the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022.
- The United States and the United Kingdom have been included in the list of two high-income countries in the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022.



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- The Global Crypto Adoption Index ranks 154 countries based on the following five sub-indices, which include
 - On-chain cryptocurrency prices received on centralized exchanges, weighted by per capita power parity (PPP)
 - On-chain retail price received on centralized exchanges, weighted by PPP per capita
 - Peer-to-peer (P2P) exchange trade volume, weighted by PPP per capita and number of Internet users
 - Mass-chain Cryptocurrency value derived from the Defoe protocol weighted by PPP per capita
 - The on-chain retail value derived from the Defoe protocol weighted by PPP per capita

Source: The Hindu

India launches 'Urban Wastewater Landscape in India' at World Water Congress and Exhibition 2022

Why in News:

- A white paper on "Urban Wastewater Landscape in India" was released at the Exhibition 2022. Hon. Minister of Waterpower Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon. Minister Ms. Lee Vermelin, Minister for Environment, Denmark, and Hon. Minister Shri Fleming Möller Mortensen, Minister for Development Cooperation, Denmark attended the World Water Congress of the International Water Association (IWA) in Copenhagen, Denmark with an Indian delegation.



Key Point:

- The Government of India formed a multidisciplinary team with partners from the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, Ministry of Jal Shakti and National Mission for Clean Ganga, International Agency Innovation Center Denmark, and Academic Indian Institute of Technology Bombay to prepare a White Paper on Urban Wastewater Management.
- This white paper describes the current state of wastewater treatment in India as a whole as well as potential steps that might be taken to collaborate, co-create, and design future treatment systems.



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- The Green Strategic Partnership between India and Denmark, with an emphasis on Green Hydrogen, Renewable Energy, Wastewater Management, and their bilateral ties, is the source of this white paper.
- Teams from the International Center for Clear Water and incubator partners AIC- Sangam and AIC FISE will also receive mentoring at IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, and IIT Madras under this policy.
- A global program called Next Generation Water Action (NGWA) aims to involve young people from top universities and innovation hubs before, during, and after the IWA World Water Congress and Exhibition in 2022.
- The Danish Embassy, in collaboration with the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, has reorganized the AIM- ICDK- 2.0 Water Innovation Challenge during the event.

Source: PIB

First inter-modal digital TIR-based transport from India to Iran flagged off from Mumbai's JN port

Why in News:

- The International STRs or International Road Transports (TIR)-based pilot transport from Nhava Sheva (Jawaharlal Nehru Port), Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, is the first intermodal digital transport along the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) corridor between India and Iran. has been signaled to stop.



Key Points:

- It aspires to make cross-border travel paperless while maintaining the TIR system's customs assurance.
- By lowering transportation costs and other formalities, the TIR system contributes significantly to facilitating cross-border trade and transit and preventing operational delays.
- The system would ease the flow of domestic and international transport by giving access to more than 64 TIR operational nations, according to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- TIR systems are also necessary to promote more intra-regional and intra-regional commerce growth.



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- The goal of INSTC is to shorten the time it takes manufactured emergency shipments (EXIM) to and from Central Asian markets to arrive in Europe.
- The Chabahar port, which was built with Indian aid, will serve as the region's primary economic transit hub.
- Along with the Iranian government, India is taking part in the construction of Shaheed Beherti Terminal's Phase I at Chabahar Port.

Source: Times of India

Los Angeles Designates September 17th as 'Squid Game' Day

Why in News:

- The City of Los Angeles has officially designated September 17th Squid Game Day in recognition of the achievements of the South Korean Netflix series.

key points:

- "Squid Game" was nominated for 14 Emmy Awards in July and is the first non-English language series to earn a nomination for Outstanding Drama Series.
- It was also the first Korean and first non-English language series to win a Screen Actors Guild Award.
- The Squid Game retained its place as the most-watched Netflix original of all time and was "the first Korean series on Netflix to reach number one in the US."
- The squid game successfully introduced diverse aspects of Korean culture to audiences not only in the US but around the world.
- The squid game has received nominations and awards at the several US and international festivals.



Source: Times of India



2022 SCO Summit

Why in News:

- The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit for the year 2022 will be held in Uzbekistan from September 15 to 16, 2022.

key points:

- The SCO summit for the year 2022 will be held in Samarkand.
- The SCO summit in Uzbekistan will focus on reviewing the group's activities over the past two decades and identifying areas of potential for multilateral cooperation.
- This is the first individual summit after the 2019 SCO summit held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- The 22nd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) will be attended by the leaders of the SCO Member States, the Observer States, the Secretary General of the SCO, the Executive Director of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure.
- During the summit, Iran will also be formally included in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.
- After the Samarkand summit, India will chair the SCO.
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is a Eurasian political, economic, and security grouping established on June 15, 2001, headquartered in Beijing.
- The members of the SCO include China, Russia, India, and Pakistan, as well as 4 Central Asian countries - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan.
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organization is the world's largest regional grouping, covering approximately 60 percent of Eurasia, 40 percent of the global population, and more than 30 percent of the global GDP.



Source: The Hindu

PM Modi inaugurates World Dairy Summit 2022 in Greater Noida



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Why in News:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially opened the World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022 at the India Expo Center and Mart in Greater Noida.

Key Points:

- From September 12 to 16, 2022, the four-day World Dairy Summit will be attended by about 1,500 people from 50 different nations.
- The previous World Dairy Summit took place in 1974 in India.
- In the year 1980, the International Dairy Agreement was founded.
- The International Dairy Agreement's main goal is to increase and liberalize dairy product trade through international cooperation.
- The government has made a number of initiatives to restructure the dairy sector, and as a result, milk production has increased by more than 44% during the past eight years.
- India's dairy sector produces roughly 210 million tons of milk annually or 23% of the global total.
- Schemes related to Dairy and Livestock Sector in India-
 - Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund
 - National Animal Disease Control Program
 - Rastriya Gokul Mission
 - National Artificial Insemination Program
 - National Livestock Mission

Source: Business Standard

SETU program launched in America by Piyush Goyal

Why in News:

- A program named SETU (Supporting Entrepreneurs in Transformation and Upskilling) has been introduced by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal to link Indian business owners with investors residing in the US.



Key Points:

- Mentors in the US who are willing to assist entrepreneurship can connect with Indian businesses with the aid of SETU.



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- During a focused discussion on certain issues with India's startup ecosystem, the SETU project was made public.
- The SETU project would connect businesses in India with US investors and key figures in the startup ecosystem through mentorship and help in a variety of areas, including fundraising, market access, and commercialization.
- Through a mentoring website developed by the MAARG (Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience, and Growth) program of the Startup India initiative, an all-in-one resource for Indian entrepreneurs has been attempted as part of the SETU project.
- Lack of business management expertise is a major issue, and entrepreneurs need the correct guidance for making decisions as well as moral support. The SETU project will fill this need.

Source: The Hindu

Tokyo hosted India and Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue

Why in News:

- On September 8, 2022, Tokyo hosted the 2nd India-Japan 2+2 Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting.

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh, the defence minister of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar, Mr. Hayashi Yoshimasa, the foreign minister of Japan, and Mr. Hamada Yasukazu, the defence minister of Japan.
- The meeting reaffirmed the participating members' commitment to a rules-based international order that respects the sovereign and territorial integrity of states and that all states are subject to international law without resorting to coercion, the use of force, or any other attempt to subvert it. It also emphasized the necessity of peaceful dispute resolution.
- The participants in the summit also reiterated their unequivocal and unwavering support for ASEAN's unity and centrality.
- The "2+2 Dialogue Model" refers to ministerial meetings that are scheduled simultaneously between two nations.
- Under this discussion format, negotiations have been held between India and Japan, the US, and Australia.



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- The Special Strategic and Global Partnership were strengthened during the 13th summit of talks between Prime Minister Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2018, which was planned with the goal of enhancing bilateral security and military cooperation. It was resolved to begin new 2+2 ministerial negotiations.

Source: Economic Times

Indian students received the highest number of student visas from the US in 2022

Why in News:

- Indian students received the most student visas from the US in 2022, according to information made public by the US Embassy.

Key Points:

- The US granted a record 82,000 student visas to Indian students in 2022, more than any other year.
- More Indian students than those from any other nation have been granted US student visas this year.
- From May through August, the US Embassy in New Delhi and the consulates in Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Mumbai give priority to student visa applications in order to allow as many qualified students as possible to enroll in their programs of study on time.
- About 20% of all foreign students in the US are from India, according to data made public by the US Embassy.
- According to the Open Doors Report, which was published in 2021 as well, 167,582 Indian students were given visas to study in the US for the academic year 2020–21.
- Don Heflin asserts that the movement of foreign students is essential to American diplomacy and that India is the country where students contribute most.
- In order to draw Indian students in 2020, the US government and higher education institutions have already taken steps to safely welcome international students using in-person online, and hybrid learning methods.



Source: Jansatta



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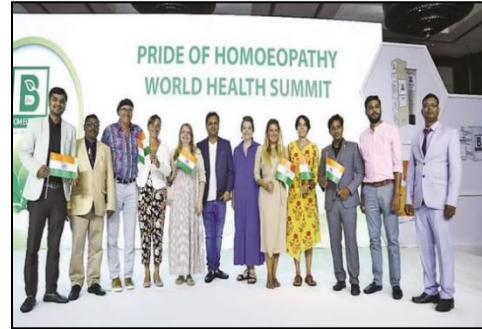
Dubai hosted the first Homeopathy International Health Summit

Why in News:

- The first Homeopathy International Health Summit has been hosted by Dubai.

key points:

- The first Homoeopathy International Health Summit organized by Dubai aims to teach and promote the homeopathic system of medicine, medicines, and practices.
- The summit has been organized by Burnett Homeopathy Pvt Ltd, a company that deals with unique medicines including Homeopathic Dilution, Mother Tincture, Lower Trituration Tablets, Drops, Syrups, Skincare, Hair Care, and other Homeopathic remedies.
- Homoeopathy is one of the greatest techniques to treat any disease or disease as its negative effects are very less compared to others.
- The first Global Homeopathy Health Summit is attended by a large number of top doctors from India and the world.
- By the year 2030, it is estimated that the health industry will need to spend between Rs 200 to 400 crore annually on account of climate change, as discussed in the first Global Homeopathy Health Summit.
- Many other schemes have also been started by the Government of India to advance homeopathic medicine systems.
- The meeting was addressed by Minister of State for Environment, Forestry, and Climate Change Ashwini Kumar Choubey at the first Homeopathy International Health Summit held in Dubai and was attended by Member of Parliament Manoj Tiwari, Former Indian Cricket Team Captain Mohammad Azharuddin, Former Indian Cricketer Shrishan.



Source: Indian Express

The Solomon Islands blocked all foreign naval ships

Why in News:

- The Solomon Islands forbid American ships from docking in their ports.



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Key Points:

- In their ports, the Solomon Islands have enforced moratoria on US Navy ships.
- Since a deal with China in May, relations between the Solomon Islands and the US and its allies have become tense.
- According to the agreement, Solomon gave anchorage for the ships of the Chinese Navy.
- East of Papua New Guinea in Melanesia, the Solomon Islands is a country made up of more than 990 islands.
- Honiara, on the island of Guadalcanal, serves as the capital of the Solomon Islands.
- A subregion of Oceania in the southwest Pacific Ocean, Melanesia is made up of a double chain of volcanic islands and atolls.
- With the exception of Buka and Bougainvillea, which form the northwest corner of an autonomous area known as Papua New Guinea, the country includes the majority of the Solomon Range.
- A governor-general, who acts as the ceremonial head of state, represents the British monarch in the constitutional monarchy of the Solomon Islands.

Source: Times of India

Bloomberg Billionaires Index: Gautam Adani becomes the world's third richest person

Why in News:

- According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Gautam Adani of India is currently the third richest person in the world.

key points:

- According to the ranking of the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Gautam Adani has surpassed Bernard Arnault, the president of Louis Vuitton, to occupy the first position in the rankings.
- This is the first time an Asian person has featured in the top three of the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
- In the latest Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Reliance chief Mukesh Ambani is at number 11 with a total of USD 91.9 billion.



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- The net worth of Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos currently stands at US\$251 billion and US\$153 billion respectively.
- Adani is a first-generation entrepreneur, and the Adani Group consists of 7 publicly listed entities, which include Energy, Ports & Logistics, Mining & Resources, Gas, Defense & Aerospace and Airports. In each of its business segments, the group has established leadership positions in India.

Source: Indian Express

AAI and Sweden sign an MoU for Sustainable Aviation Tech

Why in News:

- A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by LFV Air Navigation Services of Sweden and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) at AAI Corporate Headquarters in New Delhi.



Key Points:

- The MoU between Sweden and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) brings together two air navigation service providers, India and Sweden, who have a history of developing and implementing the most cutting-edge environmentally friendly aviation technology, to look into intelligent aviation solutions.
- This MoU would make it easier for the two nations to exchange aviation technology and knowledge.
- This will help Indian enterprises expand more quickly by utilizing Swedish innovation and knowledge.
- At the time of the new agreement's signing at the AAI Corporate Headquarters in New Delhi, senior members of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), LFV, the Swedish Embassy in New Delhi, and the Business Sweden-Swedish Trade and Investment Council were also present.
- The government wants to considerably improve the partnership between LFV Sweden and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in civil aviation for the creation and use of cutting-edge, intelligent, and environmentally friendly aviation technology.
- Tanmay Lal is the ambassador of India to Sweden, and Mr. Klaas Molina is the ambassador of Sweden to India.

Source: Indian Express



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World's largest religious monument to open in West Bengal

Why in News:

- The Temple of the Vedic Planetarium in West Bengal, which will house the headquarters of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), is the largest religious structure in the world and also has the largest dome.

Key Points:

- The founder of ISKCON, Srila Prabhupada, built the Vedic Planetarium Temple, which takes design cues from the American Capitol building.
- The temple is greater than the Taj Mahal, the famous St. Paul's Cathedral in the Vatican, and the white marble dome building.
- The International Society of Krishna Consciousness will have its headquarters in the temple of the Vedic planetarium (ISKCON).
- The temple was initially intended to welcome guests by the year 2022, but owing to the COVID-19 pandemic's delay, the opening date has now been moved to the year 2024.
- The massive 400-acre Angkor Wat temple is currently the biggest religious structure in Cambodia.
- In West Bengal's Mayapur, the Vedic Planetarium temple is situated in the Nadia district.



Source: News on Air

8th India International MSME Start-up Expo and Summit 2022 launched by LG Sinha

Why in News:

- The 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo and Summit 2022 was officially launched by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in New Delhi.



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key points:

- 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo and Summit 2022 to enable SMEs, startups, businesses, industries, and service providers to discover new possibilities, connect with buyers and sellers, and exchange information about federal, state.
- About 45% of the total exports from India are exported by the MSME sector.
- Standardization, connectivity, and productivity are the three key elements for the long-term expansion of MSMEs.
- Vocal for local, district export hub, GeM portal, and market connectivity of domestic and global value chains primarily accelerate MSMEs.
- MSME exports grew by 54% in FY 2021–2022, while importer-exporter registrations grew by 173%.
- One of the fastest growing horticulture markets in the country is in Jammu and Kashmir.

Source: The Hindu

National

MoHUA launches Swachh Toycathon

Why in News:

- Swachh Toycathon has been launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) under the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav.

key points:

- Swachh Toycathon aims to explore solutions for the use of waste in the manufacture or manufacture of toys.
- The program was launched on MyGov portal and toolkit was also released by MoHUA secretary, Manoj Joshi during the event.
- The Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar, is MoHUA's knowledge partner for the initiative.
- Swachh Toycathon is a national competition for individuals and groups.



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- Swachh Toyathon is based on three broad themes-
 - Fun and learning that seeks out ideas for design and early prototyping of toys from the home, workplace and surrounding waste.
 - The use and enjoyment of ideas for the design and model of games and playing in the park / open spaces made of garbage.
 - To seek ideas / solutions / working models for circularity in the toy industry, both new and old.
- The National Action Plan for Toys (NAPT) 2020 was launched to promote the Indian toy industry, including traditional handicrafts and handmade toys, with an aim to establish India as a global toy hub.
- In addition to being the second largest populous country in the world, India has a growing youth population, accounting for half of the total population under the age of 25.

Source: The Hindu

Ministry of Rural Development Launches the JALDOOT App

Why in News:

- JALDOOT App and JALDOOT App e-brochure launched by Faggan Singh Kulaste, Minister of State for Rural Development and Steel, in the presence of Union Minister Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti and Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Kapil Moreshwar Patil.



key points:

- Gram Rozgar Sahayak will be able to measure well water level before and after monsoon twice a year by using this app.
- A central digital database for systematic groundwater level data collection and analysis will be amended to use the JALDOOT App.
- Despite efforts to promote measures such as watershed development, afforestation, water body development and maintenance, and rainwater harvesting, groundwater levels have declined in many parts of the country.
- With the help of JALDOOT App, it will be easy to monitor the water level across the country, and the collected information can be used for Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Schemes and Gram Panchayat Development Schemes.



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- This JALDOOT app will be used throughout the country to record the water level of selected one to three wells of a village.
- The pre-monsoon water level in the open wells will be measured manually from May 1 to May 31 and the post-monsoon level for the same well will be monitored manually from October 1 to October 31.
- Both online and offline use of JALDOOT mobile application is supported.

Source: The Hindu

Union Minister G Kishan Reddy launched Virtual Conference 'SymphoNE' to boost Tourism Sector

Why in News:

Union Minister Shri G. 'SymphoNe' has been launched by Kishan Reddy in a virtual conference aimed at promoting the tourism sector in Northeast India.

Key Points:

- The SymphoNe is the first in a series of discussions on the Development of the Northeastern Region conference that will include a wide spectrum of policy analysts, stakeholders, and influencers with the goal of advancing the Northeastern Region's tourism industry.
- On September 24 and 27, 2022, the Ministry of Development of the Northeastern Region will host a virtual conference called "SymphoNe" in honor of World Tourism Day.
- This two-day conference's goals are to create a strategy for showcasing Northeast India's undiscovered beauty and to advance the Northeastern region's tourism industry.
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- Symphony wants to create a one-stop shop that will take care of all the problems that travelers and tour operators encounter.



Source: PIB



Make in India completes 8 years

Why in News:

- With the completion of the Make in India initiative's first eight years, annual foreign direct investment has increased by a factor of two, reaching US\$ 83 billion in 2022.

Key Points:

- Make in India was established in 2014 with the primary goal of making India a top global manufacturing and investment destination.
- The Make in India program extends a sincere welcome to potential partners and investors from all around the world to take part in the development of the "New India."
- Significant progress has been made under the Make in India initiative in 27 fields, including the crucial fields of manufacturing and services.
- Make in India seeks to develop India's existing industrial base and draw in foreign investment for new industrialization in order to surpass China.
- The government has set a goal to boost the manufacturing sector growth to 12–14% per year in the medium term as part of the Make in India drive.
- FDI inflows into India hit a record-high level for eight straight years in 2014–2015, when they totaled US\$ 45.15 billion.
- The year 2021–2022, with its USD 83.6 billion total, saw the largest level of FDI ever.
- In comparison to the same period in 2013, toy imports fell by 70% (or Rs 877.8 crore) in the fiscal year 2021–2022, while India's toy exports had a phenomenal boom of 636%.



Source: The Hindu

Arogya Manthan 2022

Why in News:

- Four years after the start of the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) and one year after the debut, the Government of India's



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Arogya Manthan 2022 initiative was formally introduced by Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.

Key Points:

- Aarogya Manthan 2022 is a scheme that offers disadvantaged households a health subsidy of Rs. 5 lakhs annually with the goal of helping over 10 crore poor people.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced its debut in September 2018.
- On the first day of Aarogya Manthan 2022, a number of sessions on subjects like Universal Health Coverage in India, Promoting Interoperability in Digital Health, Improving PM-JAY Efficiency, Adoption of Digital Health, and Health Technology Assessment for Evidence-Informed PM-JAY Decisions have been held.
- State-by-state best practises for implementing ABDM, Digital health insurance in India, state-by-state best practises for PM-JAY, international best practises for digital health, ensuring access to, affordability of, and quality of healthcare through PM-JAY, these kinds of subjects have been included for discussion.

Source: Navbharat Times

India has exported the first contingent of plant-based meat products

Why in News:

- APEDA has facilitated export of first batch of plant-based meat products from Gujarat to California, USA under vegetarian food category.

key points:

- Vegetarian food products are highly popular in developed countries due to their rich fiber, high nutrient content and low cholesterol levels.
- The first trove of plant-based meat products from India was exported by Greenest Foods, an Indian company based in Gujarat.
- This achievement has been achieved in association with Greenest Foods and Wholesome Foods.
- Amid the rise of conscious consumerism, smart proteins and plant-based meats have become extremely popular, especially among the younger generations.



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- Adoption of a vegetarian lifestyle on a large scale can lead to the development of plant-based meat products, giving India an opportunity to become a major supplier in the international market.
- APEDA is currently targeting to export these products to Australia, Israel, New Zealand and other countries.
- These products will be promoted without disrupting the traditional animal-based meat export market.
- Popular consumer goods companies of India such as ITC and Tata Consumer Products are investing in this industry.
- Plant based food products from India are a very popular category in the international markets due to their ethical and value addition from food service operators and retailers.

Source: The Hindu

3-point drop in India's under-5 mortality rate; Biggest fall in UP and Karnataka

Why in News:

- According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020, India's under-5 mortality rate has come down from 35 per 1,000 live births in the year 2019 to 32 per 1,000 live births in the year 2020.

key points:

- According to a report, towards achieving the goals of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, the country is expected to make a progressive decline in the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) under 5 Mortality Rate (U5MR) and Neo- Mortality Rate (NMR).
- According to the report, there has been a decrease of four points in male U5MR and three points in female U5MR in the same period.
- As per the report, eleven States and Union Territories (UTs) have already met the SDG target of U5MR, which includes- Kerala (8), Tamil Nadu (13), Delhi (14), Maharashtra (18), Jammu and Kashmir (17), Karnataka (21), Punjab (22), West Bengal (22), Telangana (23), Gujarat (24), and Himachal Pradesh (24).
- The National Crude Birth Rate (CBR) for 2020 is 19.5, indicating a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from 2019.



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- As per the report, among the larger states/UTs, Kerala (13.2) had the lowest CBR while Bihar (25.5) had the highest.
- As per the data, the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for the country decreased from 2.1 in the year 2019 to 2.0 in the year 2020.

Source: The Hindu

Nirmala Sitharaman to launch e-learning platform Bharat Vidya

Why in News:

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will introduce Bharat Vidya, an online learning portal for Asian and Middle Eastern topics.

Key Points:

- Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute created and created Bharat Vidya (BORI).
- Bharat Vidya is a groundbreaking online learning environment that provides both free and paid courses on a variety of topics related to Indian art, architecture, philosophy, language, and science.
- The first six courses offered by Bharat Vidya will cover Veda Vidya, Indian Philosophy, Sanskrit Education, the 18 Parva of the Mahabharata, Basics of Archeology, and Kalidas and Bhasha.
- In order to grant credit for its courses, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute will work with Indian and foreign universities.
- The Bharat Vidya courses are in compliance with NEP 2020, the New Education Policy.



Source: Indian Express

SCALE app launched for skill development in leather sector

Why in News:

- The SCALE (Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees) app has been launched by the Minister of Education and Skill Development Shri Dharmendra Pradhan for skill development in the leather sector at



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CSIR- Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai.

key points:

- The SCALE App has been developed to provide a one-stop solution for the skilling, learning, assessment and employment needs of the Leather Industry.
- The Android App SCALE has been developed by the Leather Skill Sector Council to change the way in which skill development programs are designed and delivered to the apprentices in the leather industry.
- The SCALE STUDIO app developed by Leather SSC allows people of all age groups interested in leather crafts to access live stream classes online from a state-of-the-art studio in their office.
- Leather sector plays a major role in generating large scale employment in the country with more than 44 lakh people currently working.
- CSIR-CLRI plays a vital role in the development of this sector which has the right mix of academics and skill development.
- CLRI is also promoting entrepreneurship amongst the youth and also provides assistance in setting up several startup companies.

Source: Business Standard

PM CARES Fund: Government appoints industrialist Ratan Tata as trustee

Why in News:

- According to the Prime Minister's Office, veteran industrialist Ratan Tata, former Supreme Court judge KT Thomas and former deputy Lok Sabha speaker Kariya Munda have been named as trustees of the PM Cares Fund.



key points:

- The meeting of the Board of Trustees of PM CARES Fund was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which was attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Both Amit Shah and Sitharaman are trustees of the PM Cares Fund.
- It has also been decided by the Trust to nominate other eminent persons to constitute the Advisory Board for PM CARES Fund.
- PM Cares Fund was created during the Kovid-19 pandemic.



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- The primary objective of the PM CARES Fund is to deal with any kind of emergency or crisis situation, such as arising out of a pandemic, and to provide relief to the affected persons.

Source: Livemint

USAID and UNICEF launch a series titled 'Door Se Namaste'

Why in News:

- The Doordarshan and YouTube series titled "Door Se Namaste" was launched by the US Agency for International Development and UNICEF at an event in New Delhi.

key points:

- The event featured a theatrical film Door Se Namaste, showing the audience through the main story, how vaccine promotion and COVID-19 Appropriate Practices (CAB) messages are intertwined in an entertainment education series.
- Door Se Namaste is a new television series aimed at promoting healthy behavior in the post-pandemic world.
- Door Se Namaste television series will be telecast every Sunday from 11 am to 12 noon.
- The series is produced by National Film Award winner and Padma Shi, Neel Madhav Panda's production house, Eleanora Images Pvt Ltd.



Source: Indian Express

KRITAGYA 3.0

Why in News:

- KRITAGYA 3.0 has been launched by ICAR with an aim to promote "Speed Breeding" for crop improvement.

key points:

- Indian Council of Agricultural Research along with its National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) and



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Crop Science Division has launched a hackathon KRITAGYA 3.0 with an aim to promote speed breeding for the improvement of crops.

- This initiative will help in providing opportunities to students, faculties, entrepreneurs, innovators, and others to showcase innovative approaches and technological solutions for crop improvement.
- Along with achieving desired solutions in the crop sector, it will also encourage wider adoption of technology-enabled solutions in the agriculture sector.
- It will provide an opportunity to learn, innovate and solve problems faced in the crop sector and will also boost employment and entrepreneurship in the country.
- KRITAGYA 3.0 has been launched in line with the National Policy on Education, 2020.
- The National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) was launched in November 2017 by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research with the assistance of the World Bank.
- The main objective of the National Agricultural Higher Education Project is to assist the participating agricultural universities and ICARs in providing high-quality education to the students.

Source: PIB

Dharmendra Pradhan launched Ramakrishna Mission's Awakening program

Why in News:

- The 'Awakening' program of Ramakrishna Mission has been launched by the Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan for the students of classes 1st to 5th.

key points:

- Under Ramakrishna Mission, Delhi Branch, since 2014, Awakening Citizen Program (Awakened Citizen Program/ACP) for Middle School students is being successfully conducted.
- About 6,000 schools (Kendriya Vidyalaya's, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya's, government, and private schools) comprising 55,000 teachers and 12 lakh students have benefitted under the ACP.



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- A program called 'Awakening' which is closely linked to the National Policy on Education (NEP) 2020 has been designed and conducted in 126 schools.
- During the COVID pandemic, this pilot program has provided great consolation to struggling teachers, parents, and students, as shown in the encouraging response received from the participants.
- This 'Awakening' program is an initiative towards ensuring holistic personality development of a child in line with the philosophy of National Policy on Education (NEP), 2020.
- Ramakrishna Mission was established by Swami Vivekananda in the year 1897, with the aim of bringing the best ideas by Swami Vivekananda to the doorsteps of the poorest and most deprived people, through the Ramakrishna Mission.
- Ramakrishna Mission works in the field of value-based education, culture, health, women empowerment, youth, and tribal welfare, and relief and rehabilitation.

Source: The Hindu

Election Commission of India launches BLO e-Patrika

Why in News:

- The 'BLO e-Patrika' has been released by the Election Commission of India with an aim to ensure direct communication with the booth-level officials.

key points:

- The themes of the bi-monthly e-Patrika include EVM-VVPAT training, IT-related applications, special summary revision, minimum sweep activities at polling stations, postal ballot facilities, accessible elections, electoral literacy clubs, unique voter awareness initiatives, and National Voters' Day.
- BLO e-Patrika also includes informal interactions with BLOs, their success stories, and best practices followed across the country.
- The BLO e-Patrika will be available in English, Hindi, and regional languages which can be accessed by accessing the English and Hindi versions of the BLO e-Patrika through the ECI website or the ECI's Twitter handle (@ECISVEEP).



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- The institution of BLO was created by the Commission in the year 2006 primarily to ensure an inclusive, up-to-date, and error-free electoral roll which is the first step toward free, fair, and participatory elections.
- On this occasion, the Commission has organized the first-of-its-kind interaction with BLOs spread across the country with an aim to share experiences.

Source: PIB

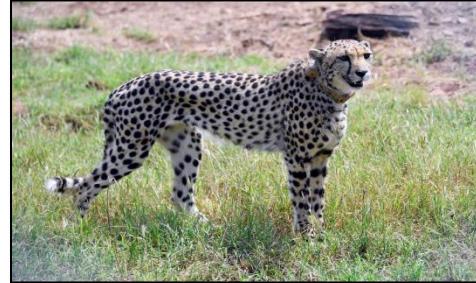
India Home to Cheetahs After 70 Years

Why in News:

- After more than 70 years of extinction in India, the cheetah was rehabilitated at Kuno-Palpur National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh on 17 September.

key points:

- Eight African cheetahs – five females and three males aged between four and six years – have been brought to India from Namibia at Kuno-Palpur National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh.
- This is the first time in the world that a large carnivore has been transferred from one continent to another.
- The cheetah has an ancient history in the country, a Neolithic cave painting of a 'thin-spotted cat hunting' has also been found in Chaturbhuj Nala in Mansoor, Madhya Pradesh.
- In India, the cheetah was found from Jaipur and Lucknow in the north to Mysore in the south and from Kathiawar in the west to Deogarh in the east.
- The Cheetah was officially declared extinct by the Government of India in the year 1952.
- Since the 1940s, cheetahs were also declared extinct in 14 other countries – Jordan, Iraq, Israel, Morocco, Syria, Oman, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Djibouti, Ghana, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.
- After bringing back the cheetah, India has become the only country where all the five members of the 'Big Cat' species-tiger, lion, panther, snow leopard, and cheetah are present.



Source: Indian Express



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India becomes a power surplus nation

Why in News:

- India has become a power surplus nation.

key points:

- India currently has a power surplus with a capacity of over 4 lakh MW.
- India has increased renewable energy generation from 51 thousand 226 gigawatt hours to one lakh 38 thousand 337 gigawatt-hours in the year 2020.
- The proportion of renewable energy in India's power generation sector has grown rapidly in line with the country's goal of sustainable development.
- India is the third largest producer of renewable energy in the world, with non-fossil fuels accounting for 40% of the country's installed electricity capacity.
- Applications based on solar energy can be used to meet cooking, lighting, and other energy demands in an environmentally friendly manner.
- India is a member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and has achieved great success in the deployment of technology based on solar energy.
- The International Solar Alliance works towards reducing the use of fossil fuels and making our planet green.
- India aims to reach net zero emissions by 2070 and increase renewable energy to 500 GW by 2030.



Source: Times of India

Ministry of Jal Shakti Announces Winners of 'Water Heroes: Share Your Stories Contest'

Why in News:

- The 'Water Heroes: Share Your Stories' competition has been launched by the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.



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key points:

- The third edition of the 'Water Heroes: Share Your Stories' contest was launched on 1 December 2021 and will end on 30 November 2022 on the MyGov portal.
- The first edition of the 'Water Heroes: Share Your Stories' was launched from 1 September 2019 to 30 August 2020 and the second edition of the 'Water Heroes: Share Your Stories' contest was launched from 19 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. For August, the six winners of the 'Water Heroes': Share Your Stories contest will receive a cash prize of Rs 10,000 and a certificate.
- The initiative aims to promote the value of water in general and support nationwide efforts on water conservation and sustainable development of water resources.
- To motivate the people of the country to adopt the objective of water conservation.
- The 'Water Heroes: Share Your Stories' contest is held every month and details can be accessed through the MyGov portal.
- Participants have to post their success stories on water conservation impact in the form of 1-5-minute videos with a write-up of 300 words and attach some photographs.
- The participants will have to share their videos on the MyGov portal.

Source: Indian Express

IRCTC to start Navratri Special Tourist Train

Why in News:

- Along with the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train, IRCTC will launch a special Navratri tourist train for Mata Vaishno Devi in Katra.

Key Points:

- IRCTC Limited has announced the beginning of the Navratri Special Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra Yatra in the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train, similar to the Ramayana Circuit.
- On September 30, 2022, the special tourist train will depart for Katra for the first time.
- One of the most popular temples in the nation, Vaishno Devi Temple receives thousands of visitors each year.



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- The Safdarjung Railway Station in Delhi will be where the train departs towards Katra.
- Tourists from Ghaziabad, Meerut, Muzaffarnagar, Saharanpur, Ambala, Sirhind, and Ludhiana are the main target audience for this travel package.
- This vacation package's total cost includes train travel, an overnight stay in an air-conditioned hotel, meals, all bus transfers, sightseeing, travel insurance, and guide services.
- The Ministry of Railways established Bharat Gaurav trains to run through popular tourist destinations and to advance themed travel.
- BRIDGE TRAIN OF HINDU The fully air-conditioned train is renowned for its exquisite interior design, which gives passengers comfort.
- In June 2022, the Bharat Gaurav Train was launched to publicize the Ramayana Yatra route.

Source: Indian Express

NITI Aayog: Acceptance of Beneficiaries under PLI Scheme

Why in News:

- The Empowered Committee, led by NITI Aayog CEO Parameswaran Iyer, has authorized the first distribution of incentives for mobile manufacturing.

Key Points:

- This plan will support the idea of an independent India while also giving India a competitive edge in the sector of electronics manufacturing thanks to the production-linked reward system.
- The PLI program encompasses both the production of specialist electronic components and mobile phones.
- Ten companies—five domestic and five foreign—will receive the advantage of the mobile manufacturing program under the PLI scheme.
- Paget Electronics Pvt Ltd, a local company, is the first beneficiary company to get incentives under the PLI initiative for mobile manufacturing.
- The PLI program offers a 4%-6% incentive on the net additional sales of manufactured items in order to encourage the production of electronics and draw substantial investment.
- The PLI scheme's goal is to give businesses incentives in exchange for increasing sales of goods produced domestically.



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- PLI Schemes are significant initiatives to attract both local and foreign businesses to grow or establish manufacturing facilities in India.

Source: Economic Times

Army Hospital opens early intervention center "PRAYAS" in New Delhi

Why in News:

- In the Army Hospital (Research and Referral) in the country's capital Delhi, a model "Early Intervention Center-Prayas" has been created.



Key Points:

- The Early Intervention Center-effort aims to reduce suffering and foster trust in parents when dealing with special children.
- The Early Intervention Center is a spacious, state-of-the-art facility specially built for children with exceptional needs.
- The Early Intervention Center-effort project aims to make a significant positive impact on children of military members up to six years of age who have difficulties with autism, cerebral palsy, sleep and language delays, and other conditions.
- The newly established center also offers medical services such as special education, sensory integration, occupational and physiotherapy, behavior modification, and nutritional counseling as well as advanced screening for hearing and visual impairments, detection of autism, and clinical identification of various syndromes.
- Vatsalya, a pediatric super specialty discipline updated with a kid-friendly Walt Disney motif, is integrated with it.
- Early Intervention Centre-The effort will be to use a multidisciplinary approach, involving the skills of multiple practitioners, to improve the abilities of special children.

Source: Times of India



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All India Institute of Ayurveda launches a 6-week program on Ayurveda Day

Why in News:

- The Ayurveda Day 2022 campaign has been started by the Ministry of AYUSH's All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA).



Key Points:

- This year's Ayurveda Day mandate will be driven by AIIA, which has been designated as the nodal agency by the Ministry of AYUSH.
- Every year on Dhanwantri Jayanti, the Ministry of AYUSH organizes an Ayurveda Day celebration, which will take place this year on October 23.
- "Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda" is the focus of Ayurveda Day Week.
- In "Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda," emphasis will be placed on raising awareness of "Ayurveda for Holistic Health" in each home.
- For the purposes of 3J—Jan Sandesh, Jan Bhagidari, and Jan Andolan—different ministries of the Indian government have participated in this program.
- Ayurveda is a traditional, natural, and integrative medical method from ancient India. Ayurveda is the Sanskrit word for "science of life"; the root word ayur in Sanskrit means "long life" or "age," and Veda is the word for "knowledge."
- Ayurveda places more emphasis on disease prevention and eradication than allopathy does on disease management.
- Ayurveda holds that good health is a requirement for achieving life's goals, including Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksha.

Source: Livemint

E-FAST- India's first National Electric Freight Platform launched by NITI Aayog, WRI

Why in News:

NITI Aayog and the World Resources Institute have introduced India's first national electric freight platform, dubbed e-Fast India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport-India) (WRI).



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Key Points:

- With the help of the World Economic Forum, CALSTART, and RMI India, the National Electric Freight Platform aims to unite numerous stakeholders.
- The Electric Freight Platform, which is supported by a ground-level demonstration pilot and research-based data, intends to increase public awareness of freight electrification.
- In order to speed up the electrification of freight in India, the Electric Freight Platform will also support scalable trials and provide information for policies.
- Important representatives from the auto industry, logistics firms, development banks, and fin-tech firms also attended the opening of e-Fast India.
- WRI India's Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) Evaluator has also been launched following the launch of e-Fast India.

Source: Livemint

Education Ministry launches Shikshak Parv to take NEP forward

Why in News:

- Union Ministers Annapurna Devi and Rajkumar Ranjan Singh founded Shikshak Parv with the goal of recognizing teachers and advancing the new National Education Policy (NEP).



Key Points:

- The Ministry of Education, CBSE, AICTE, and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship jointly conducted Shikshak Parv's official launch.
- Teachers are required to develop future action plans under the new National Education Policy 2020 based on the assumption of an integrated and multidisciplinary approach.
- Shikshak Parv will be crucial in creating a society based on values in order to foster the qualities of teacher-students and be in line with the NEP.
- The Ministry of Education has also given 19 principals and teachers of CBSE-affiliated schools the "CBSE Samman 2021-22 Awards for Excellence in Teaching and School Leadership."
- The National Screening and Selection Committee interviews candidates before choosing the prize winners, who are chosen based on their academic and



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professional accomplishments, volunteer work in the community, innovative teaching strategies, and effects on students' overall development.

- The All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) established the National Technical Instructor Award to honor outstanding instructors, educational excellence, institutional leadership, creativity, and uniqueness.

Source: Navbharat Times

The I-STEM initiative launches Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (WEST)

Why in News:

- Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (WEST), a new "Indian Science Technology and Engineering Facilities Blueprint (I-STEM)" program, has been announced.



Key Points:

- The WEST program aims to give women with STEM credentials the tools they need to contribute to the ecosystem of science, technology, and innovation.
- I-STEM offers a platform for scientifically minded women researchers, scientists, and technicians to carry out research in basic or applied sciences in the cutting-edge fields of science and engineering through the WEST project.
- Women with expertise in science and technology will receive training to hone their skills and work "in the field" as maintenance engineers and lab technicians under the skill development program WEST.
- Launched in January 2020, I-STEM is a national digital site for sharing R&D facilities.
- The I-STEM portal enables researchers to share information about achievements, including patents, publications, and inventions, as well as access slots for equipment utilization.
- Under the direction of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council, the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India launched the I-STEM portal.

Source: The Hindu



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7th edition of Bengaluru Space Expo 2022 held in Bengaluru

Why in News:

- The Indian Science and Research Organization (ISRO), the Indian National Center for Space Promotion and Authorization (IN-Space), and New Space India Limited have collaborated to hold the 7th Bengaluru Space Expo 2022.



Key Points:

- The 7th Bengaluru Space Expo 2022 took place at the BIEC in Bengaluru from September 5–7, 2022.
- The Bengaluru Space Expo featured cutting-edge technologies and goods for the space industry from more than 100 businesses and organizations from roughly 15 nations.
- To demonstrate India's accomplishments in the space industry and potential future commercial prospects for the private sector in these disciplines, the government plans to erect a sizable pavilion at the ISRO exhibition with hubs across India.
- A concurrent international conference will also be held during the three-day Bengaluru Space Expo.
- The Bengaluru Space Expo conference is centered around the idea of "Nurturing New Space in India."
- The Bengaluru Space Expo seeks to give regional space agencies and businesses from India and abroad the right platform.

Source: Economic Times

NITI Aayog: Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Gujarat top states in implementing the Poshan Abhiyan scheme

Why in News:

- Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Gujarat have been ranked as the top three states among large states in terms of the overall implementation of the Centre's flagship POSHAN Abhiyaan, according to a NITI Aayog report.



key points:

- According to the report published by NITI Aayog, Sikkim has performed best among smaller states.
- According to the report titled Poshan Abhiyaan in the Time of Pandemic, 12 out of 19 large states have implementation scores above 70 percent.
- According to the report released by NITI Aayog, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu have topped the Union Territories (UTs).
- As per the report, Punjab and Bihar are the least-performing states among the large states in terms of the overall implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan.
- According to the report, in 17 states and union territories, more than 75 percent of children aged 12-23 months were fully immunized, while in 11 states and union territories less than 25 percent were fully immunized.
- As per the report, more than 75 percent (0-59 months) of diarrhea cases in 16 states and union territories were treated with ORS, while 5 states and union territories reported less than 25 percent of child diarrheal cases with ORS. cases have been treated.
- As per the report released by NITI Aayog, the total fund utilization under POSHAN Abhiyaan has been reduced, with less than 50 percent fund utilization in 23 states and union territories.
- The report suggested that it is necessary to conduct a Convergence Action Plan (CAP) with the help of which convergence is result-oriented and interventions in all sectors reach the target beneficiaries.

Source: Navbharat Times

3 Indian cities in the UNESCO Network of Learning Cities

Why in News:

- Three cities in India have been included in the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities, which includes two cities Thrissur and Nilambur in Kerala and the Warangal district of Telangana.

**key points:**

- Nilambur is a famous eco-tourism destination in Kerala, and the majority of its population is dependent on agriculture and allied industries.



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- Thrissur is an important center of educational and research institutions and is considered the cultural capital of Kerala, Thrissur in particular is also known as the gold arts and jewelry industry.
- Warangal is a city with the rich cultural heritage of Telangana and is also a major tourist destination of the state.
- With the inclusion of Warangal, 2 districts of Telangana have been included in this list, earlier Ramappa temple of Mulugu district was included in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- Ukraine's capital Kyiv, South African city Durban, and UAE city Sharjah have also been included in this list of UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities this year.
- In the year 2022, 77 cities from 44 countries of the world including India have been included in this list.
- Launched in the year 2013, the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC) is an international policy-based network.
- The UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities aims to ensure the development of all learning cities by sharing ideas and arts with other cities.
- So far, 294 cities from 76 countries have been included in the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities list.

Source: The Hindu

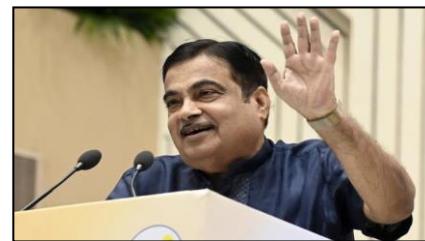
Gadkari to inaugurate Sammelan Manthan in Bengaluru

Why in News:

- 'Manthan' will be inaugurated in Bengaluru by the Union Minister for Roads, Transport, and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari.

key points:

- Manthan, organized by the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways, is a three-day Invitational Conference cum Public Expo.
- The purpose of the Manthan is to discuss several issues and opportunities in the Roads, Transport, and Logistics sector and engage with the State.
- The theme of Manthan is 'Ideas to Action: Towards a Smart, Sustainable, Road Infra, Mobility and Logistics Ecosystem'.



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- The event will be attended by several Ministers of State, PWD, Departments of the Ministries of Transport and Industry, and senior government officials from these Ministries.
- The event will be discussed in three areas which include-
- First on the roads, covering road development, new materials, technology, and road safety.
- In the second phase, the transport sector, which includes EV and vehicle safety.
- In the third phase, alternative and futuristic mobility, including ropeways, multimodal logistics parks, ranges, and digital interventions.
- The 41st meeting of the Transport Development Council will also be organized during this program.
- The next-gen mobile app m Transport will also be launched during the Manthan event.

Source: Economic Times

PM Narendra Modi announces PM-Shri scheme to upgrade 14500 schools

Why in News:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a new initiative for the improvement of 14,500 schools nationwide under the Pradhan Mantri School for Rising India (PM-SHRI) program.

Key Points:

- Building PM-Shri School Model Schools will help to ensure that the National Education Policy is implemented in its entirety.
- The development of existing schools chosen from those runs by the Central Government, States, Union Territories, and local organizations will be how the Centrally Sponsored Scheme is put into action.
- These institutions aim to generate holistic persons with the necessary 21st-century skills as well as high-quality teaching, learning, and cognitive growth.
- In PM-Shri schools, a cutting-edge, revolutionary, and all-encompassing technology for educating students will be put in place.



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- Under the PM-Shri school model, the emphasis will be on a discovery-oriented, learning-centered approach to teaching.
- The government will also put a lot of emphasis on the most recent technologies employed in the PM-Shri school model, as well as contemporary infrastructures like smart classrooms and sports.

Source: PIB

Grievance Redressal Index 2022: UIDAI tops in August 2022

Why in News:

- Top rating among all ministries/departments for resolving public complaints in the Unique Identification Authority of India's Grievance Redressal Index 2022 (UIDAI).

Key Points:

- The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances has released the Grievance Redressal Index 2022 reports (DARPG).
- When it comes to resolving cases obtained through the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System, UIDAI has been the department that performs the best (CPGRAMS).
- As a catalyst for both ease of living and ease of conducting business, UIDAI is dedicated to helping India's citizens.
- In order to be able to resolve 92% of CRM complaints within 7 days, UIDAI has also included a grievance redressal structure made up of UIDAI Headquarters Division, Regional Offices, a Technology Center, and, active Contact Center, Partners.
- Additionally, the new CRM solution from UIDAI will be able to support many methods for submitting, tracking, and successfully resolving complaints, including phone calls, emails, chatbots, web portals, social media, letters, and walk-ins.
- UIDAI was founded on 28 January 2009 and has its headquarters in New Delhi.



Source: Times Now



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Blue Energy Motors opens first LNG truck facility in India

Why in News:

- Blue Energy Motors is supplying India's first LNG truck facility.

Key Points:

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari launched India's first LNG truck facility.
- To introduce the first LNG truck with a BS VI-compliant FPT industrial engine, Blue Energy Motors has a deal with the global powertrain brand of the Italian Iveco Group, FPT Industrial.
- The launch of the 5528 42 tractors will mark the market entry of the first LNG-fueled truck type.
- Blue Energy Motors produces and tests the trucks in accordance with the strict duty cycle of the Indian transportation sector.
- In addition to being the best-in-class TCOs, these trucks, which have high-torque FPT industrial engines, also provide unmatched ride comfort and driver safety for lengthy trips.
- The FPT industrial engine, which is also compatible with CNG, LNG, and biomethane, is one of the most potent natural gas engines.
- It makes use of multipoint stoichiometric combustion to guarantee best-in-class fuel efficiency and quieter operation than diesel engines.
- The CEO of Blue Energy Motors is Anirudh Bhuvalka, and the president of the Iveco Group Powertrain Business Unit is Sylvain Blaise.



Source: Business Standard

The government of India announced to rename Rajpath as Kartavya Path

Why in News:

- The name of Rajpath and Central Vista Lawn will now be Kartavya Path, according to the Indian government's announcement.



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Key Points

- After a special conference to rename Rajpath and Central Vista Lawn in India, this decision was made.
- Previously, the Modi administration changed the name of the street from Racecourse Road to Lok Kalyan Marg where the Prime Minister's home is located.
- From Netaji's statue to President House, the entire route and area are covered by the Kartavya Path.
- The route in Delhi runs from India Gate to the National Stadium and from President House to Vijay Chowk on Raisina Hill.
- Following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech, in which he highlighted the circumstances leading to the abolition of symbols and emblems associated with the colonial mindset, the decision was made.
- The government's large-scale Central Vista rehabilitation project includes Central Vista Avenue.
- Central Vista Avenue is prepared for opening when development on both sides of Rajpath has been finished.
- The Central Vista reconstruction project includes the new Prime Minister's residence and office, a new Vice President's enclave, a new triangular Parliament building, a common central secretariat, and revitalization of the three-kilometer Rajpath.
- State-specific food booths, red granite walkways with vegetation all around, vending zones, parking lots, and round-the-clock security will be present on Central Vista Avenue along Rajpath.

Source: Dainik Bhaskar

CCRAS 'SPARK' program to support innovative research in Ayurveda

Why in News:

- The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has introduced SPARK, a novel project, to aid the research endeavors of India's up-and-coming brilliant brains.

Key Points:

- The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences created the SPARK initiative to aid students' developing



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minds and advance an environment that values scientific research that is supported by evidence.

- Students will gain research skills and have their research ideas supported by the SPARK program.
- Supporting the research ideas of young students enrolled in all Indian Ayurveda colleges is the main goal of the SPARK initiative.
- The SPARK program's application process will be conducted online.
- The chosen students would receive financial aid of Rs 50,000 under this scholarship under the SPARK initiative.
- In accordance with this program, the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences seeks to forge successful partnerships in the fields of Ayurveda and related sciences with eminent academic research institutes like the IITs, ICMR, ICAR, JNU, BHU, and AIIMS.

Source: PIB

NPPA launches apps to enhance the ease of doing business

Why in News:

- The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) debuted the Pharma Sahi Daam 2.0 App and Pharmaceutical Database Management System 2.0 during the silver Jubilee festivities.



Key Points:

- Over the years, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has offered high-quality goods.
- A cloud-based application called Integrated Pharmaceutical Database Management System 2.0 (IPDMS) was created by NPPA with assistance from the Center for Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- It can maximize operational synergies to strengthen the government's focus on "Ease of Doing Business."
- For the filing of multiple forms required by the Drug Price Control Order, IPDMS will offer a single window (DPCO).
- IPDMS enables NPPA's paperless operation and makes it possible for stakeholders to communicate with it from anywhere in the nation.



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- Speech recognition, a share button, and medicine bookmarking are among the new and improved features of Pharma Sahi Daam 2.0, which is available in both Hindi and English.
- The redesigned Pharma Sahi Daam 2.0 app gives users and customers the option to file a complaint.
- The software was released by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), and both iOS and Android versions are supported.

Source: Indian Express

IILM University: Law School is India's first NEP 2020 compliant law school

Why in News:

- The IILM University has opened the nation's first National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) Grievance Law School.



Key Points:

- The Bar Council of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh have both approved and recognized IILM University (BCI).
- The interdisciplinary teaching and training methods used by IILM University are compliant with NEP 2020, which gives IILM Law School instructions on how to carry out its practical projects in order to meet its objectives and intended experiential learning.
- With its well-designed Moot Courtrooms, e-conference and seminar rooms, mock-trial events, counseling rooms, and medicine and mediation practice centers, IILM University provides a comfortable setting for learning.
- A "Credit Based Choice System" is the cornerstone of IILM University's evaluation procedures.
- Students have numerous chances for self-selective and self-monitored learning under the strategy used by IILM University.
- Students are given options to intern during their five-year degree in NGOs, law firms, the Supreme Court, the High Courts, the District Courts, and corporate buildings. "Produce a strong legislative, executive, judicial system and qualified law practitioners to support the corporate and social sectors so that they can deliver the best for India," is the primary goal of IILM.

Source: Business Standard



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Adobe and AICTE to collaborate to promote digital literacy in India

Why in News:

- To develop digital innovation capabilities throughout the nation, Adobe and the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have partnered.



Key Points:

- In accordance with the agreement's conditions, Adobe will educate instructors, develop lesson plans, and integrate digital creativity into the curriculum to give kids the basic creative and digital literacy skills they need.
- The alliance aspires to provide essential digital creativity skills to more than 75,000 teachers working in 10,000 institutions of higher education by the year 2024.
- In order to achieve its goal of making India the world's skill capital, the country must promote its digital and creative capacities.
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- In addition to giving teachers and students the contemporary skills they need to flourish in a post-pandemic, digital-first future, Adobe seeks to boost the nation's skills ecosystem.
- Pratibha Mohapatra is the Vice President and Managing Director of Adobe India, and Anil Sahasrabuddhe is the Chairman of the AICTE.

Source: Times of India

NCRB Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India 2021. published a report titled

Why in News:

- The National Crime Records Bureau has published a paper titled Accidental Deaths and Suicides 2021.



Key Points:

- The number of suicide-related deaths in India reached a record high in 2021, according to the Accidental Deaths and Suicides 2021 report.



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- India now has 11.3 reported suicides per 100,000 people, according to the Accidental Deaths and Suicides Report.
- Since data from 1967 are available, this is the rate of suicide-related deaths that is at its greatest.
- Maharashtra, the state with the highest suicide rate, saw 22,207 suicides in 2021, according to the Accidental Deaths and Suicides report.
- With 18,925 suicides, Tamil Nadu comes in second, followed by Madhya Pradesh with 14,965 suicides, West Bengal in fourth with 13,500 suicides, and Karnataka in fifth with 13,056 suicides.
- These five states account for 50.4% of all suicides in the nation, according to figures made public by the NCRB.
- With the aim of assisting the Indian Police in efficiently enforcing law and order through the provision of information technology solutions and criminal intelligence, NCRB was founded in 1986 by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
- It was created in accordance with the suggestions made by the Task Force of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the National Police Commission (1977–1981) (1985).
- The NCRB compiles thorough annual statistics on crime in the nation.

Source: The Hindu

University Grants Commission to launch 'e-Samadhan' portal for grievance redressal

Why in News:

- All grievances of students and staff in universities will be monitored and resolved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) through a centralized portal called 'e-Samadhan'.



key points:

- According to the University Grants Commission, e-Samadhan ensures transparency, prevents unfair practices in higher education institutions, and also provides a time-bound mechanism for the redressal of grievances.
- This new portal e-Samadhan has been developed by the University Grants Commission by merging its existing portals and helplines except for the Anti Ragging Helpline.



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- UGC e-Samadhan, to serve the stakeholders, will be a single window system for all the stakeholders to register their grievances on the portal which will be available at all times at the click of the mouse.
- Under the e-Samadhan portal, a toll-free number 1800-111-656 will also be available 24x7 on the website of the UGC, wherein grievances can be lodged by the stakeholders on any issue faced them.
- The University Grants Commission aims to benefit about 38 million students through the e-Samadhan portal.
- The University Grants Commission covers a vast and comprehensive stakeholder structure comprising 1043 universities, 42343 colleges, 3.85 crore students, and 15.03 lakh teachers.
- The University Grants Commission was established in the year 1956 and the headquarter of the commission is located in New Delhi.
- Mamidala Jagdish Kumar is the chairman of the University Grants Commission.

Source: Indian Express

Indigo joins WEF's "Clear Skies for Tomorrow" sustainability campaign

Why in News:

- IndiGo has joined the "Clear Skies for Tomorrow" sustainability campaign run by the World Economic Forum.

key points:

- Indigo Airlines has joined the Clear Skies for Tomorrow, India Coalition initiative as a signatory.
- IndiGo's dedication to implementing sustainable initiatives will help achieve a critical mass for Sustainable Aviation Fuel and bring cost-efficiency for wider adoption in India.
- IndiGo flew its new A320 Neo aircraft with 10% SAF mix from Toulouse, France to New Delhi.
- A meaningful and proactive path for the industry to achieve carbon-neutral flight is provided by "Clean Skies for Tomorrow", which was launched in January 2019.
- Clear Skies for Tomorrow provides an important mechanism for top officials and public leaders to align on the transition to sustainable aviation fuel.



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- To support an overall net-zero pathway of aviation by the year 2050, "Clear Skies for Tomorrow" aims to establish a commercially viable sustainable aviation fuel production on a large scale for industry adoption by the year 2030.
- Ronojoy "Rono" Dutta is the CEO of Interglob Aviation Limited, which operates IndiGo.

Source: Economic Times

Inter-Ministerial MoU signed to promote 'One Herb, One Standard'

Why in News:

- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between PCIM&H and IPC for inter-ministerial cooperation aimed at promoting and facilitating "One Herb, One Standard".

key points:

- One Herb, One Standard The primary objective of the MoU is to develop collaborative efforts between PCIM&H and IPC to promote public health while facilitating the development of harmonized herbal medicine standards.
- Since both PCIM&H and IPC are working towards the same objective, it is appropriate and worthwhile to harmonize the standards to achieve "One Herb – One Standard".
- The One Herb, One Standard MoU aims to facilitate wider cooperation to promote the exchange of information in the field of standardization of traditional medicine.
- PCIM&H alone will have the sole right to publish the monograph classified under One Herb, One Standard.
- The monographs developed by PCIM&H and IPC as per the signed MoU will be identified accordingly, and IPC's contribution to the respective monographs will be identified at appropriate places.
- Through this MoU each monograph covers Indian standards along with international quality requirements so that all Indian quality standards are in sync with global standards for common flora.



Source: PIB



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NITI Aayog declared Haridwar the best aspirational district in India

Why in News:

- Haridwar, the holy city of Uttarakhand, has been declared the best aspirational district on five parameters by NITI Aayog.

key points:

- Haridwar district has been ranked first in terms of infrastructure and with this, an additional allocation of Rs 3 crore has been provided by NITI Aayog for the development of Haridwar.
- The Aspirational District Program launched by NITI Aayog evaluates the performance of districts on the basis of five key parameters, which include-
 1. Health and Nutrition (30%)
 2. Education (30%)
 3. Agriculture and Water Resources (20%)
 4. Financial Inclusion and Skill Development (10%)
 5. Infrastructure (10%)
- The ambitious district program of NITI Aayog was launched in the year 2018.
- The ambitious district program aims to identify potential districts that can be developed into model blocks through socio-economic development.
- Under the ambitious district program, the central government takes necessary steps to improve the socio-economic condition of the identified districts and ensure inclusive and holistic development.
- A total of 117 districts were initially selected to be part of the Aspirational Districts Program (ADP) for the ambitious district program, whose development and performance are assessed by NITI Aayog through reports sent by district administrators every month.



Source: Indian Express

Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar campaign

Why in News:

- As part of the Swachh Sagar, Safe Sagar program, the Ministry of Earth Sciences has launched a coastal cleanup drive to clean 75 beaches nationwide in 75 days.



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Key Points:

- The world's first and longest-running coastal clean-up initiative, Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar Abhiyan has attracted the most participants.
- In order to increase awareness of how the usage of plastic is killing marine life, the Swachh Sagar, Safe Sagar Abhiyan seeks to drastically alter people's behavior.
- The government has introduced a mobile application called "Eco Mitram" to raise awareness of the Clean Sagar, Safe Sagar program and to sign up the general public to voluntarily participate in beach cleanup activity.
- The initiative will come to a close on September 17, 2022, also known as "International Coastal Cleanup Day."
- International Coastal Cleanup Day is commemorated annually on the third Saturday in September all over the world.
- The goal of International Coastal Cleanup Day is to increase public awareness of the effects of litter accumulation on the oceans and beaches.

Source: PIB

Ministry of Education hosted Smart India Hackathon-2022

Why in News:

- The Ministry of Education is hosting the Smart India Hackathon-2022.

Key Points:

- The Smart India Hackathon (SIH) Hardware and the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) Software are the two versions of the Smart India Hackathon that are being held this year.
- The grand finals of the Smart India Hackathon for Hardware and Software were set for August 25–29 and August 25–26, respectively, this year.
- The inaugural Smart India Hackathon (SIH) took place in 2017.
- The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Innovation Section hosts the annual Smart India Hackathon with the goal of assisting students in resolving issues brought about by businesses, non-governmental organizations, and governmental entities.
- The MoE has also launched the Smart India Hackathon-Jr. in an effort to encourage youth to adopt an innovative mindset and culture.



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- The goal of the Smart India Hackathon is to give students in the nation a forum to address the most significant problems that we encounter every day. The first four competitions—Smart India Hackathon in 2017, Smart India Hackathon in 2018, Smart India Hackathon in 2019, and Smart India Hackathon in 2020—were very effective in energizing India's young people, particularly engineering students.

Source: Economic Times

PM Narendra Modi dedicates India's first earthquake memorial

Why in News:

- India's first earthquake memorial, Smriti Van has been dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bhuj, Gujarat.



key points:

- Smriti Van is a unique monument in which a huge memorial has also been constructed with the names of more than 12 thousand people who lost their lives in the devastating earthquake here in January 2001.
- The earthquake simulator at Smriti Van will provide the visitors with a real experience like the experience of an earthquake tremor.
- Smriti Van is a monument spread over 470 acres on Bhujio Hill near Bhuj city.
- Smriti Van Museum displays the topography, reconstruction initiatives, and success stories of Gujarat after the 2001 earthquake and informs about different types of disasters and future preparedness for any type of disaster.
- A block has also been constructed in Smriti One to recreate the experience of earthquakes with the help of a 5D simulator.
- One of the major attractions of this project is the special theater where visitors can experience earthquakes through vibration and sound effects.

Source: Times of India

The government of India launched the "One Nation One Fertilizer" program



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Why in News:

- An order has been issued by the government to all businesses to market their goods under the brand name "Bharat" with an aim to standardize fertilizer brands across the country.

key points:

- Under the One Nation One Fertilizer Order, all public or private sector companies will sport the brand names "Bharat Urea," "Bharat DAP," "Bharat MOP," and "Bharat NPK."
- Fertilizer firms reacted negatively to One Nation One Fertilizer's decision, saying it would "destroy their brand value and market distinction."
- The decision of One Nation One Fertilizer can be detrimental to the fertilizer industry as it will help in establishing the company's reputation among the farmers along with branding the products.
- Fertilizer firms engage in a variety of expansion efforts, including field-level demonstrations, crop surveys, and other events where their brands are prominently displayed and help connect with farmers, under One Nation One Fertilizer.
- The new rules issued under One Nation One Fertilizer will be effective from October 2, 2022.
- Under One Nation One Fertilizer, companies have been given time till December 12 to remove all their previous bag designs from the market.

Source: The Hindu

AirAsia India becomes the first airline to use CAE's AI training system

Why in News:

- The artificial intelligence-driven training system developed by CAE is now being used by AirAsia India to educate its pilots.

Key Points:

- The leading supplier of tech-based pilot training solutions is CAE Simultaneous.
- The training program employed by AirAsia is known as CAE RISE, and it offers real-time data collection and analysis during



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pilot training sessions to give high-quality training.

- The CAE Rise Simulator makes it possible for trainers to gain insightful knowledge from training data.
- A division of Bangalore-based Tata Sons Private Limited is AirAsia India Private Limited.
- Since its official launch on June 12, 2014, AirAsia has served more than 50 direct and 100 connecting airports in India.
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- CAE is a technology company and the headquartered of the CEA is situated in Canada.
- The goal of CAE is to digitize the real world and offer education and vital operational solutions.
- CAEs primarily focus on enhancing the capabilities of pilots, airlines, and the armed forces.

Source: Indian Express

State

Uttar Pradesh government approves Bundelkhand's first tiger reserve

Why in News:

- The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has given approval for the development of the first tiger reserve in the Bundelkhand region.



key points:

- The tiger reserve will be spread over 52,989.863 hectares of land, which includes 29,958.863 hectares buffer area and 23,031.00 hectares core area.
- The tiger reserve was already notified as Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary in Chitrakoot district of the state.
- The Ranipur Tiger Reserve area covered by northern tropical dry deciduous forests is known for tigers, leopards, bears, spotted deer, sambar, chinkara, reptiles and other mammals.



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- Establishment of Ranipur Tiger Reserve is essential for the conservation of wildlife in Bundelkhand.
- With this scheme the government aims to create immense employment opportunities benefitting the local population along with opening up the eco-tourism potential of the area.

Source: Indian Express

Uttar Pradesh won Ayushman Excellence Award 2022

Why in News:

- Uttar Pradesh has been awarded Ayushman Excellence Award 2022 for adding various health facilities in the health facility register.

key points:

- The award was presented to the state of Uttar Pradesh by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Health Authority, RS Sharma at the closing ceremony of Arogya Manthan organized by National Health Authority in New Delhi on 26 September 2022.
- Uttar Pradesh is the best performing state in the country with the inclusion of 28728 health facilities in the National Health Facility Register of the National Health Authority.
- Also, the state of Uttar Pradesh is the second-best state in making Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) with about 2 crore accounts.
- Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) was launched by the Prime Minister on 27 September 2021 through video conferencing.
- The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission aims to provide every citizen with a health ID (now called Aura) which will also act as their health account, allowing personal health records to be linked and viewed with the help of a mobile application.



Source: Times of India



Encyclopedia of Tribes in Odisha

Why in News:

- Naveen Patnaik, the chief minister of Odisha, has published The Encyclopedia of Tribes in Odisha.



Key Points:

- Odisha has become the first state in India to publish an encyclopedia on tribal people and record their history and distinctive traditions with the publication of five volumes of "Encyclopedia of Tribes in Odisha."
- The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute (SCSTRTI) and the Odisha State Tribal Museum jointly published the encyclopedia.
- The encyclopedia includes 13 particularly vulnerable groups among the 418 research articles on tribal communities.
- The 3,800-page encyclopedic academic book is the culmination of the research contributions of numerous academics and renowned anthropologists.
- The encyclopedia book's goal is to preserve the state's tribal tribes' quickly shifting cultural identities.
- The whole population of Odisha is made up of 22.85% tribal people.
- Odisha is home to 62 different tribes, making it one of the most diversified tribal cultures in all of India.

Source: Jansatta

Amit Shah to Inaugurate Dairy Cooperative Conclave in Gangtok

Why in News:

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate a day-long Dairy Cooperative Conference of Eastern and Northeastern Regions in Sikkim on 7 October.

key points:

- The conference is being organized by the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI).



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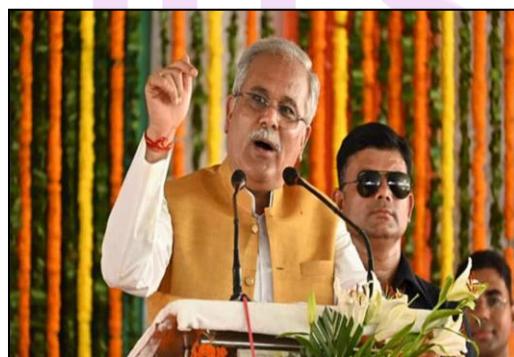
- The conference will be attended by top functionaries of cooperative milk unions and state dairy unions from the eastern and northeastern states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal.
- An online marketplace named "NCDFI eMarket" has been launched by NCDFI with the patronage of National Dairy Development Board to provide transparent and fair dealing for trading of bulk commodities to the member dairy cooperatives.
- The turnover in NCDFIs reached Rs 6,305 crore in the year 2021-22 from Rs 1,006 in the year 2015-16, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 30 percent.

Source: Indian Express

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched 'Humar Beti Humar Maan' campaign

Why in News:

- In an effort to improve the safety of women, the Chhattisgarh government has announced the launch of the creative campaign "Humar Beti-Hummer Maan," with a focus on protecting girls as well as women's dignity, comfort, and access to basic amenities.



Key Points:

- As part of the "Humar Beti-Hummer Maan" campaign, female state police officers and staff visit schools and universities in all of the state's districts to discuss their legal rights and to discuss molestation, sexual exploitation, cybercrime, and social media crime. will instruct and consult with them regarding issues like rights and protection.
- In accordance with the initiative, police will conduct special women's patrols in girls' schools, colleges, and other significant locations where women and girls congregate.
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- Daughters will be able to record their complaints, issues, misbehavior, or crimes that they have experienced on the "Humar Beti-Hummer Maan" helpline, which will be processed on a priority basis, using the mobile number that will also be provided.
- The state government has also determined that only female detectives will be assigned the task of prioritizing the investigation of crimes against women and will be in charge of making sure that the inquiry is finished in a timely manner so that a challan may be issued.
- It will be explained at schools and colleges how to utilize the software that will be released for women's safety. The Chief Minister expressed the sincere hope that this campaign will prove to be a game-changing step in enhancing the safety and dignity of women.

Source: Indian Express

India's first MotoGP to be held at the Buddhist Circuit in Noida in 2023

Why in News:

- MotoGP, the premier motorcycle racing event, will be held for the first time in India next year (2023) at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida.

key points:

- This has been announced by Pushkar Nath, Chief Operating Officer, Noida-based race promoters Fairstreet Sports.
- Dorna Sports, the owner of the commercial rights to MotoGP, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Fairstreet Sports to organize the championship in India for seven years.
- Prior to this, the car racing championship Formula One also held the "Indian Grand Prix" from 2011 to 2013 only at the Buddh International Circuit.
- MotoGP is also planning to introduce the MotoE - the electric motorcycle racing event - in India, but currently, the focus is on successfully holding the "Grand Prix of India".



Source: Business Standard



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Bihar govt is set to introduce 'no-bag day' in schools

Why in News:

- The Bihar government plans to introduce a "no-bag day" rule in schools and a mandatory sports period at least once a week to ease the burden on students.

key points:

- There will be work-based practical classes on the weekly "No-Bag Day" and students will come to school with a lunch box at least once a week.
- This policy aims to involve students in various activities that can have a positive impact on their learning.
- The initiative aims to bring about a positive change in the students, which will also improve their learning ability.
- This initiative is in line with the National Education Policy 2020 and will be implemented in both government and private schools.
- State sportspersons according to their status in national level sports events, to avail the facility of sports kits, and a grant-in-aid for treatment and enrollment in the National Institute of Sports courses will also be provided with this scheme.
- In the year 2020-21, 70 players have been provided Rs 21.02 lakh as a grant-in-aid.
- Earlier, six medals have been won by the players of Bihar in the World Championship of Arnis Games held in the Philippines.



Source: Indian Express

A&N becomes the first state/UT in India to achieve 100% coverage of precautionary doses

Why in News:

- Andaman and Nicobar Islands have become the first Indian state/UT to achieve 100 percent coverage of the precautionary dose.



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key points:

- Under a scheme by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands government, over 2,87,216 beneficiaries aged 18 years have been vaccinated with a precautionary dose.
- Health workers from Andaman and Nicobar Islands reached homes and several camps were organized by them to intensify the campaign.
- Under this scheme, the camps were organized in urban and rural areas which got a good response.
- The target set by the health activist group has been achieved before the deadline of 30 September.
- Under this scheme, the first Nicobar district has been fully vaccinated as a precaution, after which North and Middle Andaman and South Andaman districts have been fully vaccinated.
- Precautionary doses included Corbevax and Covishield vaccine.

Source: Livemint

India's 1st lithium-ion cell factory was inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh

Why in News:

- The pre-production run of India's first Lithium-Ion cell manufacturing facility has been launched at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh by the Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Rajiv Chandrasekhar.



key points:

- This state-of-the-art facility has been set up by Chennai-based Munoth Industries Limited with an outlay of Rs 165 crore.
- The facility is located in one of the two electronics manufacturing clusters established in the temple town by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the year 2015.
- The plant currently has an installed capacity of 270 MW and can produce 20,000 cells of 10 AH capacity per day.
- These cells are used in power banks and the capacity is about 60 percent of India's current requirement.



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- Cells will also be produced for other consumer electronics such as mobile phones, hearing aids, and wearable devices.
- At present, India imports the entire requirements of lithium-ion cells mainly from China, South Korea, Vietnam, and Hong Kong.
- Currently, battery cells, and lithium-ion batteries attract 18 percent GST, while the entire EV attracts only 5 percent GST.

Source: The Hindu

Kashmir to get its first multiplex in Srinagar

Why in News:

- Kashmir's first multiplex will be inaugurated in Srinagar by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha.

key points:

- After a gap of three decades, cinema halls will be constructed once again in Kashmir.
- The INOX-designed multiplex will be constructed in three movie theatres with a combined seating capacity of 520.
- A food court will also be constructed on the property to promote regional cuisine.
- After the special screening of Aamir Khan's film "Lal Singh Chaddha", the public will be allowed to enter the multiplexes.
- Due to the rise of terrorism, all cinema halls in the Kashmir Valley were closed on December 31, 1990.
- Three years after the abrogation of Article 370, and thirty years after the abrogation of Article 370, cinema halls will be started in the Union Territory at present.
- On the first day of the screening of the film, both the theaters will also screen various kid-friendly films including Laal Singh Chaddha.



Source: Times of India



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Andaman and Nicobar Islands become India's first Swachh Sujal Pradesh

Why in News:

- Andaman and the Nicobar Islands have been declared as India's first Swachh Sujal Pradesh by Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

key points:

- With this achievement, all the villages in Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been granted Har Ghar Jal Certification and have been verified as Open Defecation Free.
- Safe and secure drinking water supply and its management is an important aspect of Sujal and Swachh.
- There are three important components of Sujal and Swachh State:
 - Safe and secure drinking water supply and management.
 - ODF Plus: ODF Sustainability and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) and
 - Cross-cutting interventions such as convergence, IEC, action plan, etc.
- On the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, there are 62,000 rural households spread over 266 villages in 9 blocks of three districts, the union territory supplying piped water to all 368 schools, 558 Anganwadi centers, and 292 public institution centers in the state.
- World Water Day, 22 March 2021, was announced by Andaman and Nicobar Islands to achieve 100% coverage of rural households with tap water connections.
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands has become the third state/UT in the country after Goa and Telangana to achieve 100% coverage with tap water supply to rural households.



Source: Business Standard

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineering Limited (GRSE), Kolkata, has been awarded the 'Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar' by the Ministry of Home Affairs



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Why in News:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has awarded the "Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar" to Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineering Limited (GRSE), Kolkata.

Key Points:

- The Government of India has recognized Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineering Limited as having the best official language implementation among Public Sector Undertakings in Zone "C" for the fiscal years 2021–2022.
- During Surat's Hindi Divas festivities, the prize was given out.
- The Hon. Union Home and Corporation Minister Shri Amit Shah are in charge of organizing the celebrations during Hindi Diwas.
- For the best official language implementation in the years 2011–2012, 2012–2013, 2014–2015, 2015–2016, and 2016–2017, GRSE was awarded the "Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar."
- The highest honor bestowed by the Indian government in the area of official language implementation is called the "Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar."
- Only one Defense and Public Sector Undertaking in Kolkata, Garden Reach Shipbuilders, and Engineering Limited, has been recognized with this honor.

Source: Economic Times

Delhi Police First Force to Make Collection of Forensic Evidence Mandatory

Why in News:

- Delhi Police has become the first police force in India to make a collection of forensic evidence mandatory in crimes punishable by more than six years.

key points:

- After the meeting of the Zonal Council by Home Minister Amit Shah, Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora issued a 'Standard Order' to all police units.
- The change was one of the initial steps in making the collection of forensic evidence mandatory in criminal cases.



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- Home Minister Amit Shah emphasized the fact that custodial torture has its roots in colonial India, however, the conviction of a criminal can be achieved on the basis of forensic evidence.
- Under this scheme, a forensic mobile van will be allotted to each district for the purpose of providing scientific and forensic assistance on the spot.
- Delhi is a Union Territory that the Ministry of Home Affairs has administrative jurisdiction over.
- The use of scientific procedures or skills to look into crimes or evaluate evidence that can be used in court is known as forensic science.
- An enormous range of topics are covered by forensic science, including anthropology, wildlife forensics, and DNA and fingerprint analysis.
- The first Central Fingerprint Bureau of India was founded in Kolkata in 1897 and put into operation in 1904.

Source: Dainik Bhaskar

Indore becomes the country's first 'smart city' with a 'smart address'

Why in News:

- After Indore Smart City implements a completely digital addressing system, it will become the first Smart City with a Gana Pradesh (MP) Smart Address.

Key Points:



- Rajat Jain, co-founder of Address Navigation, and Gupta (IAS), CEO of Indore Smart City, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to advance the smart city.
- Address has created patent-pending technology for upgrading smart cities and is collaborating with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to create a digital addressing system.
- According to the MoU, all businesses, all governmental organizations, and emergency services, including police, fire departments, and ambulances, may use the Address App to provide services including electronic Know Your Customer (E-KYC) and geotagging.
- In order to give access to digital addressing systems, address navigation will be integrated with government platforms for power, agriculture, excise, women and child welfare, and education.



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- All of MP Tourism's tourist destinations will be geotagged with bus stops, public restrooms, and bus stops. They will also be integrated with websites by Address.
- A free service that aids in locating a certain geotag location is the Address app. The Address program allows users to upload pictures of their residences, places of business, and other locations with their full addresses shown. Users also have the option to record voice instructions for changes.

Source: The Hindu

The world's largest museum of Harappan culture is being built in Rakhigarhi, Haryana

Why in News:

- In Rakhigarhi, Haryana, the largest museum dedicated to Harappan culture will be constructed.

Key Points:

- In Rakhigarhi, the founding city of the Indus Valley Civilization, a cutting-edge museum will be built at a cost of Rs 32 crore.
- The Harappan Culture Museum is also being built, and it will exhibit over 5000 ancient Harappan artifacts in addition to rest houses, dormitories, and a cafe.
- Apart from the villages of Rakhi Khas and Rakhi Shahpur, Rakhigarhi is located in the Narnaund sector of the Hisar district of Haryana. The area around the site is littered with archaeological ruins.
- The Archaeological Survey of India conducted the village's initial excavation in 1963. (ASI).
- Under Dr. Amarendra Nath's direction, the Archaeological Survey of India later began excavations in Rakhigarhi during the years 1998 to 2001.
- Rakhigarhi, where a DNA test is being conducted, has seen the discovery of 56 skeletons since 1998.
- Rakhigarhi's civilization is thought to have existed between 5000 and 5500 BC, while Mohenjodaro's civilization is thought to have existed approximately 4000 BC.
- While Rakhigarhi covers an area of more than 550 hectares, Mohenjodaro is only about 300 hectares in size.



Source: Livemint



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Nagaland organizes its first Naga Chili Festival

Why in News:

- The first-ever Naga Chili (Naga King Chili) Festival will take place in Nagaland's Seihama village's Kohima district in 2022.

Key Points:



- The Horticulture Department coordinates the Naga Chili Festival.
- Many Angami villages in the north grow chilies, and Seihama village has emerged as the region that produces the most different varieties of Naga chilies.
- The Naga Chili (King Chili), widely regarded as the hottest chili in the world, has routinely ranked among the top five hottest chilies worldwide according to SHU. Other names for Naga Chili include "Raja Chili," "Bhoot Jolokia," and "Ghost Pepper."
- In 2008, the Geographical Indication (GI) designation was given to Naga Chili, a member of the Solanaceae family and of the genus Capsicum.
- The Naga chili, a native crop of Nagaland, is widely farmed in Peren, Som, Kohima, and Dimapur. It is thought to have its origins in the Jelliangrang region of Nagaland.
- On December 1, 1963, Kohima was designated as the capital of Nagaland, which had just received official recognition as an independent state.
- The state animal of Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh is the Mithun (Gyal), and the bird of Nagaland is the velips tragopan.

Source: Indian Express

Uttar Pradesh is tops in India, with 8462 lakes developed under Mission Amrit Sarovar

Why in News:

- Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in India to create 8,642 Amrit Sarovar (lakes) in India.



key points:

- Amrit Sarovar is an ambitious mission launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which aims to conserve water for the future.
- Madhya Pradesh has been placed in second place, Jammu and Kashmir in third place, Rajasthan in fourth place, and Tamil Nadu in fifth place in the list.
- Lakhimpur Kheri of Uttar Pradesh has got the first position in the state by constructing 256 Amrit Sarovar.
- In the list, Gorakhpur has secured the second position by creating 245 lakes and Pratapgarh has secured the third position by creating 231 lakes.
- 15,497 Amrit Sarovar have been identified in different Gram Panchayats, out of which 8,462 Amrit Sarovar have already been developed.
- This Amrit Sarovar is twice the total number of Amrit Sarovar developed in Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, and Tamil Nadu collectively.
- Uttar Pradesh is the only state in the country that has developed a large number of Amrit Sarovar.

Source: The Hindu

Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel announces Cinematic Tourism Policy 2022-2027 for the first time

Why in News:

- In front of luminaries like actor Ajay Devgn and State Government Minister Shri, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel unveiled the state's first "Cinematic Tourism Policy."

**Key Points:**

- The Gujarati people will have economic chances as well as feasible opportunities for film production thanks to the cinematic tourist policy.
- Gujarat has various locations, such as Shivrajpur Beach and the Kutch White Desert, that have a lot of potential to be used as shooting locations.
- Ajay Devgn has also signed memorandums of understanding for the state's infrastructure for film production, studios, and other facilities.
- On this occasion, a little film providing information on cinematic tourist policy has also been shown.



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Source: Indian Express

National Maritime Heritage Complex to be built in Gujarat

Why in News:

- In Lothal (Gujarat), the National Maritime Heritage Complex will be built to display the long maritime history of India.

Key Points:

- The marine tradition of India is vast and diverse, and this campus is the first of its type in the country.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi lay the cornerstone for the NMHC project, and the government gave its approval for the master plan in March 2019.
- To raise awareness among the public, the National Nautical Legacy Complex will be unveiled using the most up-to-date technologies to portray maritime heritage in a user-friendly way.
- The Ministry has designated the renowned architecture firm M/s Hafeez Contractor as the project's lead and Indian Port, Rail and Ropeway Corporation Limited, Mumbai, as the implementing agency for the effective completion of the National Maritime Heritage Complex project.
- The National Maritime Heritage Complex will be built over several phases, including:
 - In Phase-1A, a complex of museum buildings will be constructed on 35 acres of land, together with 5 galleries and a naval gallery that will be used by the Indian Navy and Coast Guard.
 - The remainder of the museum, including the remarkable galleries, will be built during Phase-1B, together with the Light House, 5D Dome Theatre, Garden Complex, and other infrastructure.
 - State Pavilions, Lothal City, Maritime Institutes (including dormitories), Eco Resorts, Maritime and Naval Theme Parks, Climate Change Theme Parks, Memorial Theme Parks, and Adventure and Amusement Parks are all included in Phase-II.



Source: PIB



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Odisha government launched a rainwater harvesting scheme named 'Chhata'

Why in News:

- Odisha government has started the CHHATA Scheme i.e., community exploitation and harvesting of rainwater artificially from the roof to the aquifer.

key points:

- The CHHATA scheme was approved by the cabinet last month.
- The CHHATA scheme will be implemented initially for a period of five years.
- Under this scheme, the state government will work towards the conservation of rainwater and improving water quality in urban local bodies (ULBs) and water scarce blocks.
- Under this scheme, based on the groundwater resource assessment carried out in the year 2020, rainwater harvesting structures will be constructed on the roofs of 29,500 private buildings and 1,925 government buildings in 52 water-stressed blocks and 27 urban local bodies.
- An estimated 373.52 crore liters of water will be harvested between the year 2022-23 to the year 2026-27 under the CHHATA scheme.
- The CHHATA scheme will be implemented through the existing manpower of the Department of Water Resources (DoWR) with an outlay of Rs 270 crore.
- The average cost of each water harvesting structure on the roofs of government buildings under the CHHATA scheme by the state government is fixed at Rs 4.32 lakhs while in rural areas around Rs 3.06 lakhs per building.
- The capital of the state of Odisha is Bhubaneswar, the Chief Minister of Odisha is Naveen Patnaik, and the Governor is Ganeshi Lal.



Source: Indian Express

Bihar CM inaugurates India's longest rubber dam on river Falgu

Why in News:

- Nitish Kumar, the Chief Minister of Bihar, has officially opened Gayaji Dam, the country's longest rubber dam, which is located on the Falgu River near Gaya.



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Key Points:

- The construction of the Gayaji Dam cost an estimated Rs 324 crore and involved IIT experts (Roorkee).
- The government constructed the Gayaji Dam for the sake of the pilgrims.
- The Falgu River near Vishnupad Ghat will always have at least two feet of water accessible to devotees who come to perform Pind Daan thanks to the completion of the Gayaji dam.
- The Gayaji Dam's main function is to continuously deliver water throughout the year to the Vishnupad temple in Gaya.
- The Gayaji Dam, which was created by scientists from IIT Roorkee, is 411 meters long, 95.5 meters broad, and 3 meters high.
- Along with the rubber dam, the Falgu River's banks have been improved, and a steel bridge has been constructed to allow pilgrims to cross it to reach the Sita Kund.
- With the construction of the Gayaji dam, it will be possible to store water in the Falgu River so that it is available all year round instead of just during the monsoon season.

Source: Times of India

Tamil Nadu government launched the "Pudhumai Pen Scheme" for girl students

Why in News:

- At a gathering in Chennai called "Pudhumai Pen," Stalin introduced the Higher Education Assurance Scheme, which was created by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Moolur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar.



Key Points:

- Following the model used by his AAP government in Delhi, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also revealed 15 model schools in addition to the 26 Schools of Excellence established by the Tamil Nadu government.
- In accordance with the Pudhumai Pen program, girls enrolled in grades V through XII at state-run public schools would receive monthly financial aid of Rs 1,000 till they earn their diploma or degree.



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- Six lakh girls are expected to benefit annually from the Pudhumai Pen Yojana, for which the government has allotted Rs 698 crore.
- The government's Pudhumai Pen Scheme aims to help economically disadvantaged families that are unable to afford to send their daughters to college.

Source: Indian Express

Digital India Mission: Uttar Pradesh tops in use of e-prosecution portal

Why in News:

- Uttar Pradesh, with 9.12 million cases, is at the top in the number of disposal and submission of cases through the e-prosecution portal managed by the central government under the Digital India Mission.

key points:

- As of the end of August, Madhya Pradesh is second with 2.31 million, followed by Bihar and Gujarat.
- The e-prosecution portal launched by the states two years ago is an initiative of the Ministries of Home Affairs, IT, and Law to help the courts and the prosecution system to expedite criminal prosecution in heinous crimes.
- The portal provides e-communication between the Police Department and the Directorate of Prosecution under the Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) which enables the transfer of data between courts, police, prisons, and forensic science laboratories.
- According to the latest data, the state of Uttar Pradesh also tops in cases related to crime against women and cybercrime as well as in cases related to Indian Penal Code (IPC) incidents involving conviction and seizure of illegal firearms.
- The Uttar Pradesh government aims to achieve the punishment of 1,000 convicts and crimes against women under the POCSO Act in 100 days.
- The e-prosecution mobile app is also being developed by the government which will involve digitization of all judicial processes of prosecutors in courts.
- The objective of the e-prosecution portal is to monitor the progress of the officers in all the districts to maintain continuous progress in the prosecution of important cases and thus instill a sense of confidence among the people.



Source: Indian Express



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'Jail Ka Khana' in Farrukhabad, UP gets a 5-star FSSAI rating

Why in News:

- Fatehgarh Central Jail in Uttar Pradesh's Farrukhabad district has been accorded a five-star rating by the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for the quality of food served to inmates.



key points:

- The jail has been awarded a five-star 'Eat Right Certificate' by a third-party audit empaneled by FSSAI.
- It is a recognition of the quality and hygiene of the food, which means that quality food items are being provided to the prisoners in the jail.
- As per FSSAI's "Eat Right" accreditation, 1,100 inmates in Farrukhabad Jail are provided clean and healthy food.
- The jail administration has modernized it by installing large roti-making machines, dough kneading machines, and machine-cutters for vegetables, earlier the help of prisoners was taken in preparing roti, vegetables, and pulses.
- Earlier it was time-consuming as it was a manual process and about 50 prisoners were employed to prepare the food for each shift.

Source: Times of India

Mohla-Manpur-Ambag Chowki became the 29th district of Chhattisgarh

Why in News:

- Bhupesh Baghel, the chief minister of Chhattisgarh, officially declared the newly created district Mohala-Manpur-Ambagarh the 29th district in the state.



Key Points:

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel also introduced the district map.
- Rajnandgaon district has been divided into a new administrative entity called Mohala-Manpur-Ambagarh outpost.
- The newly created district of Mohala-Manpur-Ambagarh has been included to the Durg division.



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- S Jayavardhan, an IAS officer from the 2014 batch, has been appointed as the district's first collector, and Yeduvalli Akshay Kumar will serve as the district's first SP.
- The newly created district now includes Ambagarh Chowki, Mohala, and Manpur as well as three tehsils, three development blocks, and three Janpad Panchayats.
- The new district has a physical area of 2 lakh 14 thousand 667 hectares and a total population of 2 lakh 83 thousand 947, with 1 lakh 79 thousand 662 scheduled tribe members, or 63.27 percent of the district's total population.
- The district has 13,89 Patwari Halka, and 185 Gram Panchayats. There are also 13 Revenue Inspector Circles.
- There are 9 total police stations in the district, 2 assembly districts, and 497 total voting places.
- There are 499 villages in the district of Mohala-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki as a whole.

Source: Indian Express

Uttarakhand government launched the 'Samarth' e-governance portal

Why in News:

- An e-governance portal "Samarth" has been launched by the Uttarakhand Education Department.

key points:

- Samarth Portal provides all administrative and educational updates including information about entrance exams, salary structure, and appointments from five state universities and 140 public schools.
- This initiative has been started by the government to make the education system more transparent in the state.
- Samarth Portal also provides access to 40 academic study modules.
- Under this scheme, 200 assistant professors of science subjects will be sent to the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore for specialized training, while teachers from state universities will be given training at IIM Kashipur.
- Under this scheme, a teacher-sharing format connecting several private and government schools across the country will also be implemented by the government to provide quality education to the students.



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- Earlier the following schemes have been implemented by the Uttarakhand government-
 - Chief Minister Solar Self Employment Scheme
 - Hans Jal Dhara Scheme
 - Integrated Model Agriculture Village Scheme (Integrated Model Agriculture Village Scheme)
 - Chief Minister Entrepreneur Player Upgradation Scheme
 - snow guard scheme
 - e-FIR service
 - 1064 Anti-Corruption Application App
 - Chief Minister Self Employment Scheme

Source: Times of India

Tripura sets up India's first organic villages

Why in News:

- The first modified organic village in India has been established in Tripura, the nation's first state to do so.

Key Points:

- The usage of chemical fertilizers has decreased, and the Diaspora village in Tripura has transitioned to a lifestyle and livelihood based on nature.
- 64 households live in Diaspora and rely on fishing and agriculture for their livelihoods.
- After embracing the climate change mitigation strategy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Diaspora is one of Tripura's five successful Bio-Villages 2.0.
- The Tripura government has set a goal of creating 100 organic communities throughout the state.
- The Bio Village Project's goal is to enable rural communities to have holistic socioeconomic development by offering sustainable livelihood and food security.
- The project helps local communities produce solar-powered agricultural machinery, energy-efficient electrical appliances, biogas, and biofertilizers.



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- The project's primary goal is to promote green technologies for the sustainable production of goods connected to agricultural and adjacent industries, such as solar water pumps, biomass cook stoves, and biogas plants.

Source: Times of India

UP: Bharataul becomes the first village in the state where every house has RO water

Why in News:

- Bharataul has distinguished itself as the first village in Uttar Pradesh to offer RO water to every residence.

Key Points:

- Every family in the Bithiri Chainpur block of Bareilly, which has a population of roughly 7,000, has access to clean and sterile RO water. This is where Bharataul is situated.
- The Adarsh Gram Panchayat program has installed RO so that the village will have access to clean drinking water.
- Four RO plants have already been placed in the hamlet as part of this plan, and more RO plants are now being built.
- The main supply tanks are connected to the RO plant installed as part of this program, which aids in supplying each family with clean water.
- The reduction of water-borne illnesses in the hamlet is the main objective of this plan.
- The osmosis or osmosis concept underlies how the RO system operates.
- The osmosis principle states that in order to convert all of the salt water into fresh water, a small bit more external pressure must be applied to the tube in order to produce a larger volume of fresh water.
- To provide external pressure in the RO tube, an electrical motor and pump are used.



Source: Business Standard



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Meghalaya CM Conrad K Sangma launches 'Rural Backyard Piggery Scheme'

Why in News:

- The 'Gramin Backyard Pigri Scheme' has been launched by the Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Conrad K Sangma to enable the farmers to earn a sustainable livelihood through various livestock farming activities.

key points:



- The objective of Rural Backyard Pigri Yojana is to provide opportunities for successful income generation and economic prosperity to the farmers.
- Under this scheme Rs, 15.18 crore has been earmarked by the government, under which four high-yielding varieties will be distributed to 6000 families.
- An additional Rs 25 crore will be allocated by the government to start the second phase of this program.
- In order to make the state self-reliant in terms of pork, one of the biggest pig farming programs 'The Meghalaya Piggery Mission' has been implemented by the government.
- Under this mission, zero-interest loans will be provided for the establishment of fattening and pig breeding.
- At present, a loan of Rs 43.67 crore has been taken by 250 pig farming cooperative societies under this scheme.

Source: Indian Express

Leh in Ladakh set to host first-ever Mountain Cycle World Cup

Why in News:

- Leh will host the Mountain Cycle, MTB, World Cup- 'UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup' for the first time in India.

key points:

- The 'UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup' will be organized in association with the administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh and the Cycling Association of India.



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- The Ladakh stage of the Eliminator World Cup is part of ten professional race series held in different cities across the world.
- The UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup cross country eliminator, XCE, short track race with a five-hundred-meter format with natural and artificial obstacles will also be held.
- A total of 20 international, 55 national, and local cyclists will participate in this upcoming event.
- The event will be flagged off by Ladakh MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Leh CEC Tashi Gyalsan, and Ladakh ADGP SS Khandare.
- Ladakh Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur will flag off the cross-country eliminator heat and final.

Source: Times of India

Karnataka introduces Ventures Global Startup Challenge

Why in News:

- The Government of Karnataka has announced the Ventures Global Startup Challenge, a global startup competition.

Key Points:

- The Venturers Global Startup Challenge was created to support business owners in the manufacturing and sustainable industries.
- The global startup will give entrepreneurs from all around the world a platform to showcase their cutting-edge products or solutions and forge connections with possible investors.
- The Global Investors Meet - Invest Karnataka 2022, which will take place in Bengaluru from November 2 to 4, has accepted Ventures as a participant.
- A 100,000 Dollar cash prize will be awarded to the Ventures Global Startup Challenge winners.
- In order to position Karnataka as a top location for startups in the manufacturing and sustainability sectors, the Ventures logo launching ceremony will promote the state.
- Over 2,000 applications are predicted to be submitted for the startup challenge.



Source: Livemint



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Delhi Chief Minister Kejriwal started a virtual school

Why in News:

- Virtual schools have been started by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, in which all the students of the country will be eligible for admission.

key points:



- Initially, the virtual school will be started from class 9 to class 12.
- The students in the virtual school will be trained by experts for skill-based training as well as for entrance exams like NEET, CUET, and JEE.
- Classes will be conducted online in the country's first virtual school and recorded lectures will also be uploaded online.
- The school is inspired by virtual classes that became essential due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Virtual School is affiliated with the Delhi Board of School Education Board.
- Virtual School Any student in the age group of 13 to 18 years, who has passed class 8 from any recognized school, can apply for admission to the virtual school.

Source: The Hindu

Rajasthan government launched 'Mahila Nidhi' to help women entrepreneurs

Why in News:

- Ashok Gehlot, the chief minister of Rajasthan, has launched the loan program "Mahila Nidhi" to aid in the social and economic advancement of women.

Key Points:



- Under the Mahila Nidhi Yojana, women will be eligible for low-interest loans for both daily expenses and the expansion of existing businesses.
- A "Women Fund" would be formed by the government through the Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council, according to the government of Rajasthan's budget for 2022–2023.
- Mahila Nidhi has been established in Rajasthan, the second state in the nation after Telangana.



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- Mahila Nidhi was founded with the intention of assisting women's self-help organizations in obtaining bank loans, raising the income of underprivileged and marginalized women, and assisting women in social and economic advancement through skill development.
- For loans up to Rs. 40,000, Mahila Nidhi Yojana would offer credit within 48 hours, and for loans exceeding Rs. 40,000, it will do so within 15 days.
- Under the Mahila Nidhi Yojana, 2.70 lakh self-help groups have currently been established in 33 districts of the state, linking 30 lakh families.
- Ashok Gehlot serves as the state of Rajasthan's chief minister, Kalraj Mishra as its governor, and Jaipur as its capital.

Source: Navbharat Times

J&K Police launches online mobile app 'JK Ecop'

Why in News:

- An online mobile application "JK Ecop" has been launched by Jammu and Kashmir Police.

key points:

- JK Ecop app enables common citizens to access multiple services from filing complaints to downloading FIR copies.
- A citizen can also make requests like character certificate applications, employee verification, or tenant verification through this app.
- Details about missing persons and unidentified dead bodies etc. can also be accessed through the JK Ecop portal.
- Other services related to traffic police are also provided to the citizens through the JK Ecop app, ranging from reporting traffic violations to reporting accidents.
- The information about the status of the highway in the JK Ecop app will help citizens to plan their journey.
- Online payment of challan through the JK Ecop app will not only help the citizens but will also reduce the work of the department.



Source: Livemint



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Telangana tops the 8.32% inflation chart

Why in News:

- Telangana tops the inflation chart with 8.32% Along with West Bengal (8.06%) and Sikkim (8.01%), Telangana topped the list of states with 8.32% inflation.



Key Points:

- In the first seven months of 2022, headline inflation averaged 6.8%, significantly beyond the 6% higher tolerance limit established by coverage makers, according to statistics made public by the Client Value Index.
- Retail price growth is less than 6% in places like Kerala (4.8%), Tamil Nadu (5.01%), Punjab (5.35%), Delhi (5.56%), and Karnataka (5.84%).
- Average inflation in smaller states like Manipur, Goa, and Meghalaya is below 4%, at 1.07%, 3.66%, and 3.84%, respectively.
- Other significant states with high rates of inflation include Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir (7.2%), Madhya Pradesh (7.52%), Assam (7.37%), Uttar Pradesh (7.27%), and Haryana (7.7%).
- The National Statistical Office only calculates one Rural Customer Price Index for Arunachal Pradesh, which has experienced average inflation of 7.3% this year, peaking at 9.2% in April.
- Between January and June 2022, the average inflation rate in Nagaland and Tripura was 5.6% and less than 4.8%, respectively.
- Inflation is the term used to describe an increase in prices for goods and services caused by an imbalance between supply and demand.
- India uses the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index to determine its inflation rate (CPI).
- While an inflation rate of 2% to 3% is regarded as positive for the economy, excessive inflation is detrimental to all economies.

Source: The Hindu



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CM Ashok Gehlot launches Rural Olympic Games in Rajasthan

Why in News:

- The month-long Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games were inaugurated by Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot in Jodhpur.



key points:

- Village Olympics will be participated by 44,000 villages of Rajasthan.
- About 30 lakh people of different age groups have already registered themselves for the Rural Olympic Games.
- Of the 30 lakh participants registered for the Rural Olympic Games, 9 lakhs are women.
- The Rural Olympic Games include sports events such as volleyball, hockey, tennis ball cricket and kho-kho.
- The objective of the Rural Olympic Games is to motivate talented sportspersons to participate in national and international sporting events.

Source: Livemint

Jhansi BJP MP Anurag Sharma elected as World Body CPA Treasurer

Why in News:

- Anurag Sharma, MP from Jhansi-Lalitpur Parliamentary Constituency, has been elected as the International Treasurer of the Conference of Parliamentary Associations (CPA) at the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Halifax, Canada.



key points:

- Anurag Sharma will join the Chief Executive Council.
- After the election of Anurag Sharma, one more seat has been added to the CPA in India, taking the total Indian strength to four working representatives.
- The annual funding of millions of pounds and the trust fund will be run smoothly by Anurag Sharma, to ensure their smooth and effective utilization.



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- The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) was established in 1911 and through its network brings together parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from over 180 national, state, provincial and regional parliaments and legislatures from 55 Commonwealth countries.
- The mission implemented by the CPA aims to promote the advancement of parliamentary democracy by increasing knowledge and understanding of democratic governance, youth participation in democracy, gender equality and equal representation.

Source: Indian Express

Uttarakhand Chief Minister launched 'CM Udyman Khiladi Upgradation Scheme'

Why in News:

- "Mukhyamantri Udyami Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" has been launched by the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Pushkar Singh Dhami, on the occasion of National Sports Day.

key points:

- Under the CM Udyman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana, the Chief Minister's Sports Development Fund will be set up to provide financial benefits to the students as per the speedy rules.
- In view of the shortage of sports coaches under the CM Udyman Khiladi Upgradation Scheme, eight sports coaches will also be appointed in each district.
- Under this scheme, a sports scholarship of Rs 1500 per month will be provided to the budding players in the age group of 8 to 14 years and after this scholarship will also be given to players of 14 to 23 years.
- Under this scheme, a total of 3900 budding sportspersons will be provided scholarships every year, which will include 1950 boys and 1950 girls.
- Efforts will be made by the government under this scheme to re-implement 4 percent reservation for sportspersons in government jobs as before.
- Under the CM Udyman Khiladi Unnayan Yojna, the State Sports Awards, along with the Himalayan Ratna Khel Award, as well as Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Khel



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Ratna, and Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Dronacharya Award will also be given by the government.

Source: Times of India

UP government to develop Kannauj as a tourist destination

Why in News:

- The Uttar Pradesh government will develop Kannauj as a tourist destination.

key points:

- This decision has been taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to emphasize the importance of the perfume industry in India.
- Under this, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to organize an international perfume fair in Kannauj in December.
- Under this scheme, the first phase of the perfume park will be completed by November 15, 2022, which is being established in the district.
- Organized by the Uttar Pradesh government, the initiative aims to increase the perfume business from Rs 250 crore to Rs 25,000 crore.
- Under this project, it has been announced by the state government that if any trader participates in the fair related to perfume, the expenses including transportation and travel will be borne by the government.
- Under this project, various facilities including product development facility, testing, certification, marketing, branding, and packaging will be provided to the traders by the state government.
- The project will also involve the Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), aimed at promoting perfume production in India by the government.



Source: Times of India

PM Modi to inaugurate 'Atal Bridge' for pedestrians on Sabarmati River

Why in News:

- In Gujarat's Ahmedabad city, the pedestrian-only "Atal Bridge" over the Sabarmati River will be officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



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key points:

- PM Modi is on a two-day visit to the home state of Gujarat, where the Atal Bridge will be inaugurated by PM Modi.
- Atal Bridge is about 300 meters long and 14 meters wide.
- A pedestrian overpass (Atal Bridge) has been developed by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.
- The Atal Bridge is designed to connect both the lower and higher riverfront walks or promenades.
- Atal Bridge is named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- The 300-meter Atal Bridge has been constructed by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and has been named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- The futuristic Arts and Culture Center on the eastern bank of the river Atal Bridge is linked to the venue and the Flower Park on its west bank.
- Atal Bridge, acclaimed for its attractive design, will also connect multi-level parking lots.



Source: Indian Express

Nagaland gets its second railway station in 119 years

Why in News:

- With the completion of a new facility at Shokhuvi, the northeastern state of Nagaland now has a second railway station after a gap of more than 119 years.

Key Points:



- The Nagaland state's business district is home to the Dimapur Railway Station, which opened its doors in 1903.
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio flagged off the Donyi Polo Express at the Shokhuvi Railway Station during the day.
- The new train route has been expanded to Shokhuvi, which is currently a few kilometers away from Dimapur. The Donny Polo Express previously ran daily between Guwahati in Assam and Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh.



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- With the extension of the Doni Polo Express up to Shokhuvi Railway Station, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh will have direct train service.
- The administration wants to build railroad connections to all of the northeastern state capitals as soon as possible.
- The 90 km long wide gauge route from Dhansiri in Assam to Jubja in the Kohima region of Nagaland was drawn out in 2016, and construction is now taking place on it.
- The state of Nagaland's capital is Kohima, and its governor and current chief minister are Neiphiu Rio and Jagdish Mukhi.

Source: Times of India

Economy

Ageas becomes first foreign business to hold 74 per cent stake in Indian life insurance company

Why in News:

- Ageas Federal Life Insurance (AFLI) has become the first life insurance company in India to be held by a foreign partner of 74 per cent stake after the completion of Belgium-based shareholder, Ageas Insurance International NV.



key points:

- IDBI Bank's additional 25 per cent stake in Ages Federal Life Insurance has been acquired by Ageas for a total cash return of Rs 500 crore.
- Following the acquisition of an additional 25 per cent stake, Ageas' stake in the joint venture has increased from 49 per cent to 74 percent.
- Earlier, as a part of the Union Budget for FY 2012, the permissible limit for foreign direct investment (FDI) in insurance companies was raised to 74 per cent by the government.
- Ageas Federal Life Insurance was established in the year 2007 and its headquarter is located in Mumbai.



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- Vignesh Shahane is the Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Ageas Federal Life Insurance (AFLI).

Source: Times of India

UCO Bank becomes first lender to get RBI's approval for rupee trade

Why in News:

- UCO Bank has been granted permission by Reserve Bank of India to open an exclusive Vostro account with Gazprom Bank of Russia for trading settlement in Indian Rupees.

key points:

- UCO Bank, a Kolkata-based lender, is the first bank to get regulatory approval following the RBI's decision to allow Indian banks to trade in Indian currency in July.
- UCO Bank formerly known as United Commercial Bank was established in the year 1943 in Kolkata.
- UCO Bank is one of the nationalized banks in India, and the ownership of UCO Bank is under the Ministry of Finance of the Government.
- Gazprom Bank is a Russian lender bank, which was established by Gazprom, the world's largest gas producer and exporter, to provide banking services for gas industry enterprises.
- Gazprom Bank is one of the top three banks in Russia.
- Currently Gazprom Bank provides a full range of banking and investment services to over 45,000 corporate and three million private customers.



Source: Business Standard

REC Limited becomes 12th company to get 'Maharatna' company status

Why in News:

- concentrate on the power sector The designation of "Maharatna" Central Public Sector Enterprise has been bestowed upon Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) REC Limited.



Key Points:

- The 12th business to receive Maharatna status is REC Limited.
- The Board of Maharatna CPSEs is permitted to make equity investments up to 15% of the net value of the CPSE in question in order to launch financial joint ventures, fully owned subsidiaries, and mergers and acquisitions in India and abroad.
- Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Saubhagya, two of the Government of India's major programmes, have benefited greatly from REC, which has helped the nation electrify its villages and homes.
- REC now acts as the focal point for the Revamped Distribution Area Scheme (RDSS), which aims to improve the distribution industry's operational and financial problems.
- REC, which was founded in 1969, focuses on funding and expanding India's electricity sector.
- State Electricity Boards, State Governments, Central/State Electricity Utilities, Independent Power Producers, Rural Electricity Cooperative Societies, and Private Sector Utilities are all given financial support by REC.

Source: Economic Time

Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report 2022

Why in News:

- The Credit Suisse Group, a large international investment bank based in Switzerland, has just released its yearly Global Wealth Report.

Key Points:

- The research draws attention to the gap between wealth growth and distribution in different countries as well as the distribution of millionaires and billionaires globally.
- The annual Global Wealth Report states that wealth per adult increased by \$6,800 (8.4%) in 2021 to reach \$87,489, which is over three times the level seen at the turn of the century.
- In 2021, the number of UHNW individuals - those with more than 50 million dollars in assets - increased dramatically, according to a report by investment



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bank Credit Suisse, as increasing property prices and flourishing stock markets drove the ultra-rich. There are advantages.

- Over the past two years, more than 50% more persons have entered the UHNW category.
- Money is, in a broad sense, the total value of all the tangible and intangible assets that an individual, group of people, business, or nation owns, less any outstanding debts.
- The Credit Suisse Group was established in Switzerland in 1856 and has its headquarters there.
- International investment bank Credit Suisse Group serves as a global wealth manager.

Source: The Hindu

RBI Governor launches 3 major digital payments initiatives at Global Fintech Fest 2022

Why in News:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das launched three major digital payments initiatives at the Global Fintech Fest 2022.

key points:

- The three digital payment initiatives launched by the Reserve Bank of India are RuPay Credit Cards on Unified Payments Interface (UPI), UPI Lite and Bharat BillPay for cross-border bill payments.
- UPI Lite will provide users a convenient solution for fast and simple low value transactions.
- Currently, India is using Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for low-value payments, with 50 per cent transactions through UPI below Rs 200.
- The upper limit for UPI Lite payment transaction will be Rs 200.
- The total limit for UPI Lite digital payment mode on the wallet on the device will be Rs 2,000 at any point of time.
- Initially, customers of eight banks can use the UPI Lite digital payment system which includes- Canara Bank, HDFC Bank, Indian Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank,



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Punjab National Bank, State Bank of India (SBI), Union Bank of India and Utkarsh. Small Finance Bank.

Source: Indian Express

Federal Bank ranked 63rd among the best workplaces in Asia 2022

Why in News:

- Federal Bank Limited has been ranked 63rd in the list of Best Workplaces in Asia 2022.

key points:

- With this, Federal Bank also becomes the only bank in India to be listed by Great Place to Work, a global authority on building, maintaining, and recognizing a high-trust, high-performance culture at workplaces.
- The list is based on over 1 million survey responses across Asia and the Middle East, representing the experience of more than 4.7 million employees in the region.
- On average, 88% of employees at the best workplaces in Asia reported having a positive employee experience, according to data from Great Place to Work India.
- Whereas for the average global workforce, only 55% of employees share the same positive sentiment.



Source: Indian Express

India's first plastic project listed by EKI Energy Services Limited

Why in News:

- EKI Energy Services, a developer and vendor of carbon credits, is the first company to list an Indian plastics project (India's first plastic project) under the global accreditation standard.



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key points:

- Indore-based carbon credit specialist, EKI Energy Services, which has worked in the field of climate action and offset solutions in 16 countries for the past 14 years, has become the first company to list a plastic project from the country.
- EKI Energy Services' project ensures that plastic waste, primarily polyethylene terephthalate (PET) waste, PET flakes, and chips, is properly sourced and recycled to make Recycled Polyester Staple Fiber (RPSF).
- Recycled polyester staple fiber (RPSF) can be used in the textile industry to make clothing and other useful products made from fabric.
- All participants in the collection and recycling process from waste pickers to recycling facilities will be empowered by such a value chain.
- The project is recognized by VERA, a Washington-based organization under their Plastic Waste Reduction Standards.
- Climate change, carbon credit, and sustainability solutions are offered by EKI Energy Services Ltd.
- The business provides training in quality control and management as well as for carbon credits, asset management, carbon footprint management, sustainability audits, and carbon credits.

Source: Indian Express

Norwegian Central Bank Develops National Digital Currency Using Ethereum

Why in News:

- Norway's central bank Norges Bank has made significant progress in its efforts to develop a digital currency by publishing open-source code for the country's central bank digital currency (CBDC) sandbox based on Ethereum technology.



key points:

- CBDC is a type of electronic fiat currency backed by the central bank, CBDC can be created on a blockchain network, however, in Norway CBDC is built on Ethereum.
- The CBDC sandbox in Norway has been created to provide a way to communicate with the test network.
- Ethereum Wallet MetaMask is not yet supported by open-source code.



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- Sandbox has a unique interface and network monitoring programs like BlockScout and Grafana.
- According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) report, 97 nations, or more than half of the world's central banks, are experimenting with developing CBDCs.
- According to the IMF, only Nigeria and the Bahamas have so far fully launched their CBDC initiatives.
- According to a recent report by data analytics company Visual Capitalist, in a controlled environment, the nation has started the technical development and preliminary testing of CBDCs.

Source: Economic Times

HDFC Bank issues India's first electronic bank guarantee

Why in News:

- As a result of their collaboration with National e-Government Services Limited, HDFC Bank has become the first bank in the nation to issue Electronic Bank Guarantees (e-BG) (NESL).

Key Points:

- The new electronic bank guarantee, which can be processed, stamped, validated, and given promptly with improved security, has replaced the paper-based, time-consuming process.
- When using an electronic bank guarantee, you can complete the physical collection from the bank, delivery to the beneficiary, stamping, and re-verification process in a fraction of the time it takes with a paper-based bank guarantee.
- Physical stamping has been replaced with e-stamping thanks to electronic bank guarantees.
- To streamline the procedure and remove the chance of fraud and manipulation, e-BG was developed in collaboration with NESL, CVC-CBI Committee, and IBA.
- On the NESL site, an API-based digital workflow will be used to issue the e-BG.
- Through its Digital Factory, Enterprise Factory, and Enterprise IT, HDFC Bank is developing new competencies to grow the bank.
- The Bank's digital strategy includes the development of new competencies as a core tenet.



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Source: The Hindu

28th edition of Status Report on India's External Debt 2021-22 released

Why in News:

- The 28th edition of the Status Report on India's External Debt 2021-22 has been released by the External Debt Management Unit (EDMU) in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.



key points:

- India's external debt stood at US\$620.7 billion at the end of March 2022, an increase of 8.2 percent from US\$573.7 billion at the end of March 2021.
- According to the report, external debt as a ratio of GDP declined to 19.9 percent at the end of March 2022 from 21.2 percent a year ago.
- According to the report, the foreign exchange reserves as a ratio of external debt stood at 97.8 percent at the end of March 2022 from 100.6 percent a year ago.
- Long-term debt was estimated at US\$ 499.1 billion, accounting for the largest share of 80.4 percent, while the short-term debt of US\$ 121.7 billion accounted for 19.6 percent of such total debt.
- Short-term trade credit was mainly in the form of trade credit (96 percent) financing imports.
- As of the end of March 2022, the sovereign external debt (SED) amounted to US\$130.7 billion, an increase of 17.1 percent from the year-ago level, reflecting the additional allocation of SDR by the IMF during 2021-22.
- SDRs increased from US\$ 5.5 billion at the end of March 2021 to US\$ 22.9 billion.
- The debt servicing ratio declined to 5.2 percent during 2021-22 from 8.2 percent during 2020-21 due to jumping in current receipts and a decline in debt service payments.
- From a cross-country perspective, India's external debt is very low, ranking 23rd globally.
- In terms of various credit vulnerability indicators, India's stability is better than that of low and middle-income countries (LMICs) as a group and many of them individually.

Source: PIB



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India to emerge as the world's third-largest economy by 2029

Why in News:

- According to a report by the State Bank of India, India is set to become the third largest economy in the world by 2029.

key points:

- According to a report by the State Bank of India, India will overtake Germany in 2027 and emerge as the world's third-largest economy by 2029, surpassing Japan at the current rate of growth.
- The research report by SBI's Department of Economic Research said that the GDP growth for FY2023 is projected to be in the range of 6.7-7.7 percent, but to grow at 6-6.5 percent due to global uncertainties.
- According to the SBI report, the UK was overtaken by India as the fifth largest economy as early as December 2021.
- The share of India's GDP currently stands at 3.5 percent, from 2.6 percent in 2014, and is expected to cross 4 percent in 2027, which is Germany's current share of global GDP.
- However, India still lags behind most of the world's economies with respect to GDP per capita.
- According to World Bank data, India's per capita GDP was 2,277 Dollars in 2021, while the UK's per capita income was 47,334 Dollars.
- China's per capita income in 2021 was nearly six times that of India at 12,556 Dollars.



Source: Economic Times

India overtakes the UK to become the 5th largest economy in the world

Why in News:

- India is now the world's fifth-largest economy, surpassing Britain, according to a study published by Bloomberg.



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Key Points:

- The Indian economy is anticipated to expand by more than 7% this year, according to Bloomberg.
- The size of the Indian economy in "normal" cash terms for the March quarter was USD 845.7 billion, whereas the size of the UK was USD 816 billion on the same basis and adjusted based on the dollar exchange rate on the last day of the relevant quarter.
- According to the IMF's own projections, India has surpassed the UK in dollar terms this year on an annual basis, overtaking other Asian economic giants like the US, China, Japan, and Germany.
- India has ranked 11th among the world's top economies a decade ago, while the UK was placed fifth.
- India experienced growth of 8.7% in the years 2021–2022.
- The RBI has predicted a growth rate of 7.2 percent for the current fiscal year.
- The entire value of finished goods and services produced within a nation's boundaries over a given time period, often a year, is calculated as the gross domestic product (GDP).
- The most common method for determining the size of an economy is to utilize GDP. The expenditure approach is commonly used to compute GDP, which totals the value of newly purchased consumer items, newly made investments, government spending, and net exports (exports minus imports).
- These are the nations with the greatest nominal GDPs in the world, according to the International Monetary Fund:
 - United States (GDP: 22.49 trillion)
 - China (GDP: 16.4 trillion)
 - Japan: (GDP: 5.27 trillion)
 - Germany: (GDP: 4.30 trillion)
 - India: (GDP: 3.21 trillion)
 - United Kingdom: (GDP: 3.2 trillion)
 - France: (GDP: 2.78 trillion)
 - Italy: (GDP: 2.07 trillion)
 - Brazil: (GDP: 1.87 trillion)
 - Canada: (GDP: 1.71 trillion)

Source: Economic Times



Tata Steel and Punjab Government sign MoU to set up steel plant in Ludhiana

Why in News:

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Tata Steel Company and the Punjab government aims to establish a 0.75 million tons per annum (MNTPA) long product steel factory using an electric arc furnace (EAF) fueled by scrap.



Key Points:

- Tata Steel made the choice to construct a new, green facility at Kadiana Khurd in Ludhiana's Hi-Tech Valley as part of its commitment to finance the circular economy and produce low-carbon steel through steel recycling.
- A cutting-edge EAF-based steel plant will create Tata Steel's flagship retail brand, "Tata Tucson," enabling the company to increase its market share.
- Tata Steel opened the nation's first cutting-edge facility for processing scrap last year with the opening of its 0.5 MNTPA Steel Recycling Plant in Rohtak, Haryana.
- By 2030 and 2025, Tata Steel wants to reduce its CO₂ emissions in India to 1.8 tCO₂/TCS and 2 tCO₂/TCS, respectively.
- Tata Steel has successfully utilized the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) method to comprehend and improve the environmental performance of its goods with the goal of ensuring product sustainability.
- The Tata Steel Group is one of the largest producers of steel in the world, with an annual capacity of 34 million tons of crude steel.

Source: The Hindu

Forex reserves are at a 2-year low of \$564 billion

Why in News:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reported that the country's foreign exchange reserves decreased by \$6.69 billion to \$564 billion.



Key Points:

- The level of India's foreign exchange reserves is the lowest it has been since 2020 October.
- The decline, according to the RBI's data, was primarily caused by a drop of \$5.8 billion in foreign currency assets, which was followed by a drop of \$704 million in gold reserves.
- According to RBI, one of the key causes of the decline in forex reserves is that central banks are aggressively selling dollars on the foreign currency market to avoid any significant depreciation in the rupee.
- After the most recent rate-setting meeting, the central bank raised interest rates for the third time in a row. According to RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, India's foreign exchange reserves were the fourth highest in the world.
- When referring to assets held by the central bank in foreign currencies, such as bonds, treasury bills, and other government securities, we use the term "foreign exchange reserves."
- Assets valued in a currency other than the country's own are referred to as foreign currency assets.
- The largest portion of foreign exchange reserves, measured in dollars, consists of foreign currency assets.

Source: The Hindu

India overtakes China and UK to become world's 10th largest life insurer

Why in News:

- India has overtaken China and the UK to become the world's 10th largest life insurer.

key points:

- As per the report released by Benorii Knowledge, a cutting-edge provider of custom research and analytics solutions, the life insurance sector in India grew at a CAGR of 11% between 2017-2022.
- According to a survey by Brand Finance Insurance 100, 2021, a London-based brand valuation consultancy organization, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), a state-owned



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insurance company and life insurer, is the third largest and tenth most valuable insurance brand globally.

- According to the report, the combined value of the top 100 insurance brands in the world declined by 6% from 462.4 billion dollars in 2020 to 433.0 billion dollars in 2021.
- According to the report, the brand value of LIC has increased by almost 7 percent to 8.65 billion dollars.
- Five Chinese insurance companies are among the top 10 most valuable insurance brands in the world, with Ping an insurance ranking the most valuable brand after a 26% reduction in brand value.
- France, Germany, and India each have one insurance company on the list, and two companies from the United States are included in the top ten.

Source: Economic Times

HDFC is the leader in the credit card market while SBI tops the charts in the debit card market

Why in News:

- The country's largest bank State Bank of India (SBI) maintained its leading position in the debit card market till June 2022 and HDFC Bank in the credit card market.

key points:

- According to data compiled by PGA Labs, public sector banks hold a larger percentage of the debit card market than private banks, while Bank of Baroda is second in the credit card market with 8% market share.
- As of June 2022, Canara Bank, Union Bank, and Punjab National Bank are ranked third, fourth, and fifth on the list with 5% each.
- HDFC Bank leads the credit card segment with a market share of 22%, followed by State Bank of India (SBI) (18%), ICICI Bank (17%), Axis Bank (12%), RBL Bank (5 %), and remains on the list with Kotak Mahindra Bank (5%).
- According to government data, premium credit cards like American Express and CITI Bank, which have negative growth rates of -8% and -2 respectively, are losing market share.
- RBI's decision to allow HDFC Bank to issue new credit cards in August last year is mostly supportive of the increase in card addition rate.



Source: Navbharat Times

Defence

Project 17A 'Taragiri' third stealth frigate launched

Why in News:

- The third Project 17A stealth frigate for the Indian Navy, named "Taragiri," was unveiled in Mumbai by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL).

Key Points:

- An integrated construction process is used to build the ship, which entails hull block construction in multiple sites as well as integration and construction at slipways at MDL.
- The frigate was created by the Indian Navy's internal design team, the Bureau of Naval Design.
- The government approved the renowned "Project 17A" in 2015, which calls for the construction of seven stealth frigates at a projected cost of Rs 50,000 crore.
- Of these seven, the contract for three of the warships was given to GRSE, and the contract for the other four warships was given to the Mumbai-based state-owned Mazagon Docks Limited (MDL).
- These warships will have top-notch stealth capabilities in addition to having cutting-edge, modern sensors.
- These include a large main cannon for aiming at ships and coastal targets, torpedoes, and rockets to kill submarines, rapid-fire weapons to take out anti-ship missiles, and rapid-fire guns.



Source: Indian Express



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Singapore honors Lamba, former Navy Chief of India with the 'Medhavi Seva Medal'

Why in News:

- Admiral Sunil Lanba, a former commander of the Indian Navy, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (Military) (MSM(M)), Singapore's highest military honor, by President Halima Yacob.

Key Points:



- The award was given to Admiral Lanba in recognition of his remarkable contribution to strengthening the long-standing and strong bilateral defence ties between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy.
- The framework for Navy-to-Navy exchanges and areas of common interest were formed by the two nations' signing of the Bilateral Agreement for Naval Cooperation in November 2017 and the Implementation Arrangement for Mutual Coordination, Logistics and Services Support in June 2018. expanded collaboration in areas like information sharing, support for logistics, and submarine rescue.
- With the assistance of the former Navy Chief Lanba, the two navies also conducted the Silver Jubilee of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise earlier in 2018.
- Both armies successfully completed the Singapore-India-Thailand Maritime Exercise (SITMEX) in September 2019.

Source: PIB

HPCL collaborates with Indian Army for CSR project in Kargil

Why in News:

- The Indian Army and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have joined forces to carry out a CSR project that would train and mentor less fortunate lady students in Kargil.



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Key Points:

- The "Kargil Ignited Minds" CSR project's goal is to get 50 female students ready for various national-level engineering and medical admission exams.
- The Kargil Ignited Minds project will put a special emphasis on empowering poor girls who have few resources and must endure harsh weather.
- Students must successfully complete a number of procedures, including screening, preparatory exams, and interviews, in order to participate in the Kargil Ignited Minds project.
- The CSR project aims to improve students' knowledge, abilities, and personalities.
- The Kargil Ignited Minds project's MoU signing ceremony took place at 14 Corps in Leh.

Source: Indian Express

Indian Navy decommissioned INS Ajay after 32 years of service

Why in News:

- INS Ajay has been decommissioned after serving the country for 32 years.

key points:

- INS Ajay was docked in the traditional manner at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
- The national flag, naval ensign, and the ship's decommissioned ensign were last lowered at sunset, marking the end of the ship's commissioned service.
- INS Ajay was commissioned on 24 January 1990 at Poti, Georgia in the then USSR, and was part of the 23rd Patrol Vessel Squadron under the Operation Control of the Flag Officer Commanding, Maharashtra.
- INS Ajay was in active naval service for more than 32 years during its visit.
- INS Ajay has participated in several naval operations including Operation Talwar during the Kargil War and Operation Parakram in the year 2001.
- The decommissioning ceremony of INS Ajay was attended by over 400 personnel, including Flag Officers, senior officers of the Army, IAF, and CG, officers and men from the Commissioning Crew, previously commissioned crew as well as the current crew of the ship, and Families were involved.



Source: Times of India



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Patrol Vessel Samarth commissioned with the Indian Coast Guard

Why in News:

- Patrol Vessel Samarth, a new ship for the Indian Coast Guard in Kochi, has been inducted to undeniably improve the operational capability of the Indian Coast Guard at sea.



key points:

- The ship was functioning under the operational control of Coast Guard District Headquarters-4, while its headquarters are located from Goa to Kochi.
- In order to improve the coastal security system, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has inducted Patrol Vessel Samarth into its fleet.
- The 105-metre-long ICGS Samarth can travel at a top speed of 23 knots (approximately 43 kmph).
- Patrol Vessel Samarth is equipped with a High-Powered External Fire Fighting (EFF) System, an Integrated Bridge Management System (IBMS), an Integrated Platform Management System (IPMS), and a Power Management System (PMS).
- The ship is equipped with a state-of-the-art surveillance system and also has the capability to control marine oil spills.
- In Kerala, the Coast Guard has been roped in by the government with an aim to boost its resources to make it a completely impenetrable security blanket.

Source: Livemint

BSF's first female camel riding squad to be deployed along the India- Pak border

Why in News:

- The first all-women camel riding squad of the Border Security Force (BSF) will be deployed along the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan and Gujarat.



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key points:

- For the first time, the newly formed squad will participate in the BSF Raising Day Parade on December 1, this squad is the first of its kind in the world.
- The BSF is the only force in the country to have a camel contingent and a camel cavalry band.
- The BSF, traditionally known as the first line of defence, uses camel contingents to carry out surveillance across the vast expanses of the Thar Desert.
- BSF is a Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) that functions under the Central Government.
- BSF was established in the year 1965 after the Indo-Pakistani War.
- The BSF Act was passed by the Parliament in 1968 and the rules governing the Act were framed in the year 1969.
- India is a federation of states and under the one border one force policy, BSF is deployed along the borders of Pakistan and Bangladesh.
- BSF is also deployed in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas and on the request of State Governments, BSF is also regularly deployed for election and other law and order duties.
- The Border Security Force was established on 1 December 1965 and its headquarters is located in New Delhi.

Source: Times of India

India and UK conduct counter ransomware exercise for 26 countries

Why in News:

- The National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and the UK Government jointly arranged the virtual cyber security exercise for 26 nations.



Key Points:

- The International Counter Ransomware Initiative - Resilience Working Group, which is led by India and is sponsored by British Aerospace (BAE) Systems, is a part of the Counter Ransomware exercise.
- These businesses constitute the final link in the public supply chain and are in charge of distributing electricity to residential customers.



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- The Counter Ransomware Exercise Critical National Infrastructure also looks at how difficult it is to decide how to respond to ransomware.
- All 26 invited participants in the counter-ransomware exercise are from CRI partner countries and their respective law enforcement, national crisis management, national security policy, and cyber security institutions.
- The anti-ransomware scenarios have been specifically created for the participants based on threat intelligence and operational expertise.

Source: Livemint

Indian Army Chief Manoj Pandey is conferred the honorary rank of Nepal Army General

Why in News:

- President of Nepal Vidya Devi Bhandari has appointed Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pandey as an honorary general of the Nepal Army in Kathmandu.



Key Points:

- The President's official house, "Sheetal Niwas," in the capital of Nepal, hosted a special celebration to commemorate General Pandey.
- During the ceremony of congratulations, the President of Nepal also gave Indian Army Chief Manoj Pandey a sword and a scroll.
- General Manoj Pandey has sent light vehicles and training equipment to the Nepalese Army on behalf of the Government of India, which would help them improve their soldiers' skills.
- The custom carries on a seven-decade-old tradition of granting honorary titles to the military leaders of one another's nations.
- The position was originally given to the Commander-in-Chief General KM Cariappa of the Indian Army in 1950.
- At a ceremony in New Delhi in November of last year, President Ram Nath Kovind also appointed General Prabhu Ram Sharma, Chief of the Nepal Army, as an Honorary General of the Indian Army.

Source: Livemint



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Home Minister Amit Shah to unveil "CAPF eAwas" web portal in Delhi

Why in News:

- Amit Shah, the home minister, will unveil the Central Armed Police Forces' eAwas web platform.



Key Points:

- The Indian government has started the "Ayushman CAPF" initiative in an effort to give families of fallen troops access to better medical care.
- As a result of this CAPF e-Awas scheme, nearly 35 lakh Ayushman cards have been distributed to one million military members.
- The Government of India has already used this initiative to pay about 56 thousand bills totaling more than Rs 31 crore.
- According to the CAPF eAwas, the government wants to raise the housing satisfaction rate from 33% in 2014 to 73% by 2024.
- An integrated web portal called "CAPF e Awaas" has been developed to enhance transparency in the allocation process and better administer the allocation policy.
- The web service enables qualified members of the CAPF and Assam Rifles to register online and receive housing allocation.

Source: Indian Express

SAREX-2022: 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise-22 held in Chennai

Why in News:

- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) held the 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 in Chennai.



Key Points:

- V.S., the head of the Indian Coast Guard, participated among other groups and foreign participants. Pathania has evaluated "SAREX-2022" as a test.



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- The audience saw firsthand on the ICG Dornier aircraft how emergency rescues from ships and aircraft are carried out.
- The National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB), the top maritime SAR coordinating organisation for the Indian Search and Rescue Region (ISRR), and the Indian Coast Guard are hosting the two-day SAREX-2022 exercise.
- The biennial exercise's subject, "Capacity Building for Maritime Passenger Safety," embodies the commitment and resolve of NMSARB and other stakeholder groups to offer assistance in the event of significant events both inside and outside of our ISSR.
- 51 national maritime SAR stakeholders have signed up for SAREX-2022, in addition to 24 foreign observers from 16 friendly nations.
- On August 27 and 28, SAREX-22 was carried out, and this mission also included the verification of SOPs and best practises for carrying out Mass Rescue Operations (MRO).

Source: Indian Express

Taurus Sainik Aramgraha is inaugurated by the Indian Army and DMRC

Why in News:

- Taurus Sainik Aramgraha was inaugurated by Lt Gen Nav K Khanduri, AVSM, VSM, GOC-in-C, Western Command at Delhi Cantt.

key points:



- Taurus Sainik Aramgraha is a first-of-its-kind project which has been constructed in collaboration with the Indian Army and Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).
- The Taurus Sainik program has also been facilitated by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) officials.
- The state art facility currently has 148 beds, which includes a beautifully designed waiting lounge, in-house dining, green area, and parking area.
- Taurus Sainik Aramgraha has been constructed to ensure a comfortable stay for serving retired soldiers and their families.
- The Taurus Sainik Aramgraha facility has been developed with an aim to reflect the commitment of the Indian Army towards its serving/retired soldiers and their families in line with the ethos of Share and Care.

Source: Livemint



Indian Navy's AK-630 cannon was the first ammunition manufactured in India

Why in News:

- In the defense sector, 30 mm ammunition manufactured in India has been manufactured under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Make in India program.

key points:

- Ammunition will be used in AK-630 guns mounted on warships.
- This is a big achievement for the country as the completely indigenous ammunition has been developed by the private industry of India.
- The 30 mm ammunition has been manufactured in 12 months, with all components indigenous.
- The Indian Navy, in pursuit of Spirit India by promoting industry, has provided technical assistance in terms of finalization of drawings, design specifications, inspection equipment, and proof and testing of ammunition.
- A chemical manufacturing company by the name of Economic Explosives Limited from Nagpur has supplied 100% indigenous 30 mm gun ammunition to the Indian Navy.
- The ammunition manufactured by Economic Explosives Limited has been received by Vice Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral SN Ghormade.



Source: The Hindu

Appointment

Senior Advocate R Venkataramani named as new Attorney General of India

Why in News:

- Senior Advocate R. Venkataramani has been appointed as the new Attorney General of India.



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key points:

- As the Attorney General of India, R. Venkataramani's tenure will be three years.
- R. Venkataramani will succeed KK Venugopal, whose term ends on September 30.
- R. Venkataramani was born on 13 April 1950 in Pondicherry.
- R. Venkataramani was named a Senior Advocate by the Supreme Court in the year 1997.
- R Venkataramani has served as a member of the Law Commission of India in the year 2010 and in the year 2013.
- Earlier R. Venkataramani has represented the central government, several state governments, universities and public sector undertakings before the Supreme Court and High Courts.
- R Venkataramani in various branches of law. With more than four decades of practice in the Supreme Court, R Venkataramani has expertise in Constitutional Law, Law of Indirect Taxes, Human Rights Law, Civil and Criminal Law.

Source: PIB

Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan appointed as the new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)

Why in News:

- Retired General Lt Gen Anil Chauhan has been appointed as the new Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) by the Centre.

key points:



- Lt Gen Anil Chauhan has been appointed as the CDS after the country's first Chief of Defense Staff (CDS), General Bipin Rawat was killed in a helicopter crash in the Nilgiris area of Tamil Nadu.
- Lt Gen Anil Chauhan was born on May 18, 1961, and in the year 1981, Anil Chauhan joined the 11 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army.
- The CDS is a 'Four Star General/Officer' who acts as the Principal Military Adviser to the defense minister on matters of all the three services (Army, Navy and Indian Air Force).
- The CDS also serves as the permanent chairman of the 'Chief of Staff Committee' which includes the heads of the three services as members.



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- The main function of the CDS is to promote greater operational synergy among the tri-services of the Indian Army and to keep the inter-service conflict to a minimum.
- The rank of CDS is the first among the counterparts, he has the rank of secretary within the DoD (Department of Defense) and his powers are limited to revenue budget only.

Source: Livemint

Chief Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari appointed as Chairman of the PMLA Appellate Tribunal

Why in News:

- Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari has been appointed as the Chairman of the Appellate Tribunal under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act by the Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Center (PMLA).



Key Points:

- The Ministry of Finance's Department of Revenue has issued this directive.
- Through the Finance Act of 2016, the PMLA Appellate Tribunal and the Tribunal for Forfeiture of Property under SAFEMA were combined.
- Previously, in July 2007, Justice Bhandari was chosen to serve as a judge of the Rajasthan High Court.
- Justice Bhandari was named the acting chief justice of the Allahabad High Court in June 2019 after being transferred to that court in March 2019.
- Justice Bhandari was moved from Allahabad to the Madras High Court when the Supreme Court Collegium suggested that Sanjeev Banerjee, the then-chief justice of the Madras High Court, be appointed as the chief justice of the Meghalaya High Court.
- Later, Justice Bhandari assumed the role of Acting Chief Justice, and in February of this year, he was appointed to the position of Chief Justice of the High Court.

Source: Livemint



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Volker Turk set to become next UN human rights chief

Why in News:

- Volker Turk, a citizen of Austria, has been appointed as the UN General Assembly's human rights representative by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.



Key Points:

- Chilean politician Veronica Michele Bachelet Jeria, who held the position of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) from 2018 to 2022, is replaced by Volker Turk.
- Turk, who is the assistant secretary-general for policy at the moment.
- Volker Turk previously held the position of Assistant High Commissioner for Security at the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), Geneva.
- Volker Turk has worked tirelessly and effectively to improve human rights on a worldwide basis.
- Volker Turk has also collaborated with the United Nations Refugee Agency in Kuwait, Malaysia, Kosovo, and Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- A contentious report that China is mistreating Muslim minorities and committing crimes against humanity against the Uyghur people would be Volker Turk's first obstacle.
- The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Establishment was established in December 1993.

Source: Indian Express

King Charles III ascends to the throne of the United Kingdom

Why in News:

- Prince Charles, the late Queen Elizabeth II's son, succeeded as the new monarch of Britain.



Key Points:

- Following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles succeeded her as the monarch of the United Kingdom, becoming King Charles III.



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- Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is Charles' full name; he was born in Buckingham Palace.
- After graduating from Trinity College at Cambridge University in 1971 and earning his master's degree there in 1975, Prince Charles became the first member of the royal family to hold a college diploma.
- Prince Charles had previously served from 1971 to 1976 in the Royal Navy.
- King Charles will succeed Queen Elizabeth as the new monarch of the 14 Commonwealth nations that Queen Elizabeth formerly presided over.
- On February 6, 1952, Queen Elizabeth II succeeded her father, King George VI, who had passed away at the young age of 25.
- Queen Elizabeth II was the British monarch who reigned the longest.

Source: Times of India

Awards & Honours

Indian-origin Suella Braverman won first Queen Elizabeth II award

Why in News:

- Britain's Indian-origin Home Secretary, Suella Braverman has been named as the winner of the first ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award at a ceremony in London.



key points:

- The awards, now in their 20th year, recognize the achievements of individuals from the UK's South Asian community through public nominations.
- Sue-Ellen Cassiana "Suella" Braverman Casey is a British politician and barrister serving as Home Secretary since 6 September 2022.
- She was the Attorney General for England and Wales from the year 2020 to the year 2022.
- Other Indian-origin winners in various categories who have been presented with the award include-



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- Broadcaster Naga Munchetti in the media category, Namit Malhotra, chairman and CEO of renowned visual effects firm DNEG in the arts and culture category.
- Captain Harpreet Chandi was awarded in the Uniformed and Civil Services category earlier this year for his solo expedition from Antarctica to the South Pole.
- Professor Sir Shankar Balasubramaniam was named Professional of the Year for his pioneering DNA sequencing discovery.
- Sherry Vaswani, CEO of IT services firm Xalient, won the Entrepreneur of the Year award.
- Restaurateur brothers Shamil and Kavi Thakr have been named Businessperson of the Year as the founders of the successful Dishoom chain of restaurants.
- The Lifetime Achievement Award has been given to Kartar Lalwani, the founder of UK-based health supplement brand Vitabiotics.

Source: Livemint

Cochin International Airport awarded ASQ award for 'Mission Safeguarding

Why in News:

- Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has been awarded the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Award 2022 by the Airports Council International (ACI).

key points:

- The award is considered the highest honor in the global aviation sector.
- The awards have been presented in the 5-15 million passenger category of airports operated by CIAL in the Asia-Pacific region.
- The award is for the implementation of the 'Mission Safeguarding' programme, which has ensured seamless traffic and enhanced passenger satisfaction post-pandemic.
- Due to extensive survey methodology practices, the ACI Award is recognized as the highest honor in the global aviation sector.
- The ASQ global airport survey through which award winners are selected, showcases the world's best airports, voiced by travelers.



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- This time, along with the existing benchmark, new parameters related to sanitation practices have been added.
- As the industry improves, listening to and adapting to passengers is critical to strengthening airports' competitive advantage, and non-aeronautical revenues and ensuring the continued recovery of the entire aviation ecosystem.

Source: Indian Express

Asha Parekh to be honored with 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke Award

Why in News:

- Veteran actress Asha Parekh has been declared the recipient of the 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2020.



key points:

- His name has been announced by the Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur.
- Asha Parekh has worked in more than 95 films, and she was also the chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification from 1998 to 2001. Earlier, Asha Parekh was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India in the year 1992 for her services to cinema.
- Asha Parekh started her career as a child artist and was cast in Maa (1952) by filmmaker Bimal Roy, when she was 10 years old.
- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is the highest honor of Indian cinema.
- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award was instituted in the year 1969, the award is the highest honor for an artist in Indian cinema.
- Earlier this award has also been presented to Raj Kapoor, Yash Chopra, Lata Mangeshkar, Mrinal Sen, Amitabh Bachchan and Vinod Khanna.
- Devika Rani was the first winner to receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, while actor Rajinikanth has been honored with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award in the year 2021.

Source: Times of India



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Breakthrough Prize 2023 in Mathematics awarded to Daniel Spielman

Why in News:

- The 2023 winners of the Breakthrough Prizes, dubbed the "Oscars of Science", have been announced, with Daniel A. Spielman being awarded the 2023 Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics for his many discoveries in theoretical computer science and mathematics.



key points:

- For the eleventh year, the Breakthrough Prize, known as the "Oscars of Science", recognizes the world's top scientists.
- The Breakthrough Prize is presented in the fields of life sciences, fundamental physics and mathematics.
- In addition, up to three New Horizons in Physics awards, three New Horizons in Mathematics awards and three Maryam Mirzakhani New Frontiers Awards are given each year to early career researchers.
- The Breakthrough Awards were founded by Sergey Brin, Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg, Julia and Yuri Milner, and Anne Wojcicki.
- Winners are selected by selection committees made up of previous judge's award winners in each region.

Source: Business Standard

Indian writer and poet Meena Kandasamy wins German PEN Prize

Why in News:

- Indian writer and poet Meena Kandasamy has been announced as the recipient of this year's Hermann Kesten Prize by the PEN Center in Darmstadt, Germany.



key points:

- The Herman Keston Prize honors individuals who stand up for the rights of oppressed writers and journalists, in the spirit of the Charter of the PEN Association.



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- Germany's PEN Center will present this award to an Indian writer at a ceremony in Darmstadt on 15 November this year.
- The winner will also be awarded €20,000 (\$19,996) as prize money.
- This year, the PEN Center also presented the website "Weiter Schreiben" (German for "keep writing") with a special award aimed at encouraging writers in exile and giving writers from conflict zones a platform to express their views.
- Meena Kandasamy is honoring.
- Meena Kandasamy was born in the year 1984 in Chennai, Kandasamy is a feminist and anti-caste activist.
- Meena Kandasamy has also been honored with the Women's Award for Fiction, the International Dylan Thomas Prize, the Jhalak Prize and the Hindu Lit Prize for her novels.

Source: Livemint

Goalkeeper Global Goals Awards 2022

Why in News:

- 4 Changemakers have been honored with the 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as part of its annual Goalkeepers campaign.

key points:

- The Goalkeeper Global Goals Awards recognize communities and the world for their efforts to advance progress towards the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The Gates Foundation's sixth annual Goalkeepers Report, "The Future of Progress", was also released during the event.
- The event is hosted by Tumello Mothotoen, senior anchor for South African news broadcaster ENCA.
- The Goalkeepers Global Goals Award ceremony was held at Lincoln Center, New York, United States (US).
- Goalkeepers is a campaign of the Gates Foundation to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals).
- The 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards are given in the following categories, which include-
 - 2022 Global Goalkeeper Award - Ursula von der Leyen
 - 2022 Campaign Award - Vanessa Nakate
 - 2022 Changemaker Award - Zahra Zoya



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- 2022 Progress Award - Dr. Radhika Batra

Source: Times of India

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh presents INSPIRE Awards to 60 Startups

Why in News:

- INSPIRE Award – MANAK by Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (MoS) for Science and Technology has provided financial assistance to 60 startups and 53,021 students.

key points:

- The INSPIRE Award has been instituted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
- The annual INSPIRE Awards- MANAK competition in the year 2020-2021 attracts 6.53 lakh unique ideas and innovations from all the State and Union Territories (UTs) of the country.
- A total of 53,021 students out of 6.53 lakh were identified for financial assistance of Rs 10,000 to develop their prototypes and these innovators would be provided full incubation support for their entrepreneurship.
- 556 students have made their place in the 9th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition (NLEPC) as a synergy of scientists, researchers, scholars, and science and technology.
- In India, ideas and innovations have been represented in the INSPIRE Awards- MANAK scheme by 702 districts out of 766 districts.
- INSPIRE Awards- MANAK, a flagship scheme of the country, is implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) jointly with National Innovation Foundation India (NIF).
- The objective of this project is to motivate the students in the age group of 10-15 years to study in classes 6 to 10.
- MANAK aims to innovate one million original ideas rooted in science and social applications to foster a culture of creative and innovative thinking in school children.



Source: Indian Express



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West Bengal wins International Travel Award 2023 for Best Destination for Culture

Why in News:

- The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA), a part of the United Nations World Tourism Organization, has given West Bengal the International Travel Award 2023 for Best Destination for Culture (UNWTO).



Key Points:

- On March 9, 2023, in Berlin, Germany, at the World Tourism and Aviation Leaders' Summit, the International Travel Award will be given.
- The World Travel Awards have named the Republic of Cuba as the Caribbean's Leading Cultural Destination in 2022 for the second consecutive year.
- The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) is a group for professional travel writers that was founded in 1998.
- In order to promote sustainable growth and improve the standard of travel and tourism, the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association works with both the public and commercial sectors.
- The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), the United Nations (UN), and the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association all operate under similar fundamental ideas.
- The most prestigious honor given to companies for their efforts in the travel, tourism, and hospitality industries is the International Travel Awards.
- The International Travel Awards, which honor all companies working in the global travel industry, are organized and run by Golden Tree Events Organizing and Managing in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Source: Indian Express

Hardeep S. Puri presents Smart Solutions Challenge and Inclusive Cities Awards 2022

Why in News:

- The Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, presented the Smart Solutions



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Challenge and Inclusive Cities Awards 2022.

Key Points:

- The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and the United Nations (UN) in India have launched the Smart Solutions Challenge and Inclusive Cities Awards.
- The effort was started to address issues with accessibility and inclusion at the city level for senior people, women, girls, and people with disabilities (PWDs).
- The Smart Solutions and Inclusive Cities Awards 2022 were created with the intention of supporting fresh technology breakthroughs and solutions from within the company.
- Following a thorough round of screening and shortlisting by a 7-member judging panel, the top 10 technology-based innovations from among the over 100 entries received in response to an open call for proposals were chosen as the winning solutions.
- The top ten technologically based approaches recognized by the Inclusive Cities Award 2022 include:
 - Category 1: Early-Stage Innovations
 - Category 2: Ready to Market Solutions
 - Category 3: Implemented Solutions

Source: The Hindu

Important Days

International Day of Awareness about Food Loss and Waste 2022

Why in News:

- The third International Food Loss and Waste Awareness Day (IDAFLW) will be observed on September 29, 2022.

key points:

- The day aims to attract public and commercial institutions of the food system, as well as consumers, to reduce food loss and waste (FLW), mitigate climate change and enhance food security and nutrition.



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- The theme of the 2022 International Day is Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet.
- On December 19, 2019, September 29 was declared as the International Day for Awareness of Food Loss and Waste by the United Nations General Assembly.
- The International Day of Food Loss and Waste is an opportunity for both the public and private sectors to prioritize efforts and initiatives to reduce food loss and waste to improve resource efficiency, mitigate climate change, and support food security and nutrition.
- The International Day of Food Loss and Waste aims to promote global efforts and collective action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Source: Indian Express

World heart day 2022

Why in News:

- World Heart Day is celebrated every year on 29 September in the world.

key points:

- World Heart Day is celebrated with the aim of creating awareness among the people about the prevention of heart diseases.
- The theme for World Heart Day 2022 is "Use a Heart for Every Heart".
- Each year, approximately 18.6 million people die from heart disease and stroke, which is considered one of the leading causes of death in the world.
- The idea of World Heart Day was introduced by Antoine Bayes de Luna, president of the World Heart Federation (from 1997 to 1999).
- The first World Heart Day was celebrated on 24 September 2000.
- Till the year 2011, this day was celebrated on the last Sunday of September, later this day is being celebrated on 29 September.
- Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the most common cause and accounts for nearly half of all non-communicable disease deaths globally.
- The heart is the only organ that can be heard and felt.



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- To reduce the chances of heart diseases, everyone should reduce tobacco use, follow a healthy diet and be physically active, by following these measures, 80% of premature deaths from heart disease and stroke can be avoided.

Source: Indian Express

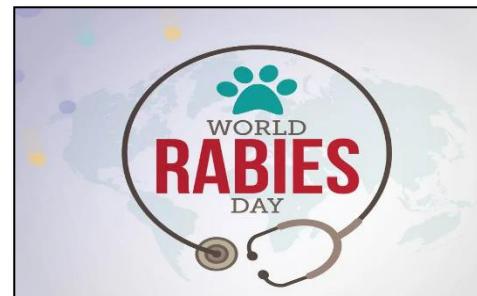
World Rabies Day 2022

Why in News:

- World Rabies Day is observed every year on 28 September as a tribute to Louis Pasteur.

key points:

- World Rabies Day is celebrated in the memory of Louis Pasteur, who is known as the inventor of the first effective rabies vaccine in the world.
- World Rabies Day is celebrated to promote the fight against rabies, raise awareness about its prevention and celebrate the world's achievements against this deadly disease.
- Rabies is a deadly but preventable viral disease that is spread to people through the saliva of infected animals.
- It is usually spread through animal bites from stray dogs or dogs that have not been vaccinated.
- According to the World Health Organisation, the theme of World Rabies Day 2022 is 'Rabies: One Health, Zero Death'.
- For the first time the World Rabies Day campaign was started in the year 2007.
- The campaign began as a partnership between several organizations, including the Alliance for Rabies Control and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.
- After three consecutive years of celebrating World Rabies Day, it was estimated that prevention and awareness programs took place in over 100 countries and more than 100 million people were educated about the dangers of rabies.



Source: Livemint



International Day for Universal Access to Information 2022

Why in News:

- 28 September has been declared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as the International Day for Universal Access to Information.

key points:

- The 2022 edition of the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) provides an opportunity to discuss e-governance and artificial intelligence with a view to ensuring the right to information.
- Universal access to information means that everyone has the right to access and provide information for healthy and inclusive knowledge societies.
- The theme of the 2022 Global Conference on Universal Access to Information is "Artificial Intelligence, e-Governance and Access to Information".
- International Day for Universal Access to Information will be organized this year in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- The International Day for Universal Access to Information will include a high-level inauguration this year with international experts and an Inter-Ministerial Roundtable on Access to Information and Artificial Intelligence.
- The International Day for Universal Access to Information also upholds the idea of upholding human rights and, at the same time, it raises awareness of the importance of freedom of information.
- On 17 November 2015, 28 September was declared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as the International Day for Universal Access to Information.

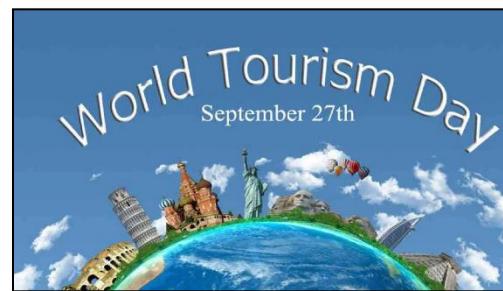


Source: Indian Express

World tourism day 2022

Why in News:

- World Tourism Day is celebrated every year on 27 September all over the world.



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key points:

- World Tourism Day is celebrated every year with the aim of promoting tourism and spreading awareness about its importance.
- The theme of World Tourism Day 2022 this year is "Rethinking Tourism", which focuses on post-pandemic initiatives and developments related to the tourism sector.
- World Tourism Day aims to put people and the planet first and promote a shared vision for a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient tourism sector.
- This year Indonesia is the host country of celebrations for World Tourism Day 2022.
- World Tourism Day was started by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in the year 1979.
- The official celebration of this International Day started in the year 1980.
- It was decided by the UNWTO in 1997 that events related to World Tourism Day would be celebrated each year in different host countries.
- This day marks the end of the high season in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of the season in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The celebrations for the year 2019 were hosted by India with the theme "Tourism and Jobs: A Better Future for All".

Source: Livemint

World environmental health day 2022

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Why in News:

- World Environmental Health Day 2022 is celebrated every year on 26 September with the aim of spreading awareness globally about the health of the environment.

key points:

- The objective of World Environmental Health Day is to create an irrevocable link between the health of the human race and the health of the environment.
- World Environmental Health Day was first observed in the year 2011 by the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH).



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- The International Federation of Environmental Health is fully dedicated to the development and dissemination of knowledge on the preservation and subsequent improvement of the health of the environment.
- The theme of this year's World Environmental Health Day is 'Strengthening environmental health systems for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals'.
- The goal of World Environmental Health Day is for mankind to pay attention to the environment and try to create a balance.
- Environmental health plays an important role in the implementation of the SDGs.
- Environmental health fits into the 7 SDGs, 19 goals and 30 indicators of the SDGs.
- India was at the bottom of the list of 180 countries with a modest score of 18.9 on the Environmental Performance Index 2022.
- India is behind Myanmar (179), Vietnam (178), Bangladesh (177) and Pakistan (176) in the rankings released this year.

Source: The Hindu

World river day 2022

Why in News:

- World River Day is celebrated every year on 25 September (last Sunday of September) all over the world.

key points:

- The purpose of World River Day is to reduce the increasing water pollution in rivers because rivers are an integral part of our life, on which animals, plants and plants depend.
- The theme of World River Day 2022 is 'Importance of Rivers for Biodiversity'.
- World River Day aims to highlight the importance of rivers and seeks to raise public awareness and encourage better monitoring of rivers around the world.
- In the year 2005, the Decade of Water Life (World River Day) was declared by all countries by the United Nations to take care of water resources or to make people aware of water.
- The Thompson River Cleanup Program was started in British Columbia in September 1980 by internationally renowned river activist Mark Angelou.



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- Following the success of this event, it was proposed by Angelou to celebrate World River Day.

Source: Indian Express

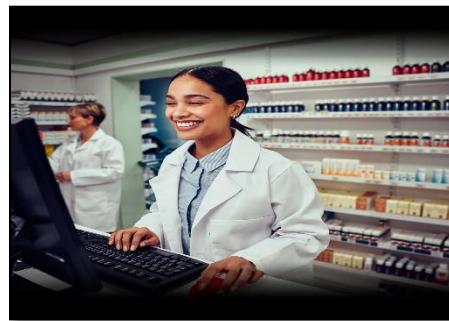
World Pharmacists Day 2022

Why in News:

- Every year on 25 September, World Pharmacist Day is observed with the goal of highlighting the contribution of pharmacists to health improvement.

key points:

- The occasion of World Pharmacy Day serves as a reminder to honor all medical experts who render their services with empathy and understanding.
- This year's theme, "United Pharmacy in Action for a Healthy World," aims to promote unity and highlight the sound effects of pharmacy on health.
- The theme has been chosen to "demonstrate the positive impact of pharmacy on health in the world and further strengthen solidarity among the profession".
- World Pharmacist Day was first announced by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Council in the year 2009 at the World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Istanbul, Turkey.
- The main goal of World Pharmacist Day is to promote the contribution of pharmacists to the improvement of world health through their profession.



Source: Livemint

National Cinema Day 2022

Why in News:

- 23 September is celebrated as National Cinema Day by the Multiplex Association of India.

key points:

- The Multiplex Association of India (MAI) has declared National Cinema Day as a 'thank



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you' to cinema audiences who have helped cinemas successfully reopen post the pandemic.

- To celebrate this day, MIA has provided movie tickets to the viewers for just Rs.75.
- It is offered by MIA across 4000 screens, including theaters like PVR, INOX, Cinepolis, Carnival, Miraj, City pride, Asia, Mukta A2, Movie Time, Wave, M2K and Delight.
- The date for celebrating National Cinema Day was earlier fixed on September 16, 2022 but was later extended to September 23 by MIA.
- National cinema is a term sometimes used in film theory and film criticism to describe films associated with a specific nation-state.
- The Multiplex Association of India (MAI) is a nationwide group of cinema operators that informs, educates and advocates on behalf of the cinema exhibition sector.

Source: Times of India

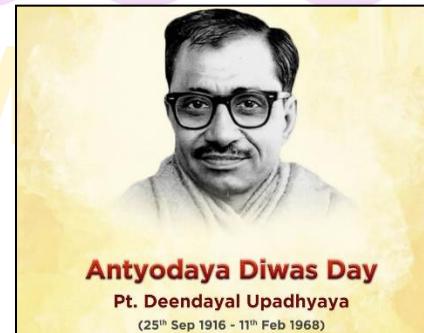
Antyodaya Diwas 2022

Why in News:

- Every year 25 September is celebrated as Antyodaya Diwas in India.

key points:

- Antyodaya Diwas marks the birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and is celebrated annually in his honor to remember his life and legacy.
- Antyodaya means upliftment of the poorest of the poor.
- The aim of Antyodaya Diwas is to reach out to the most vulnerable section of the society.
- Antyodaya Diwas inspires the government and the people to help bring prosperity and success to the communities that are today considered the most vulnerable sections of the society.
- The objective of Antyodaya Diwas is to provide inclusive development to the country so that no member of the society is left behind.
- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay was born on 25 September 1916 in Chandrabhan village near Fareh town in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.



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- In the 1940s, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay also met founder KB Hedgewar and attended a 40-day camp in Sangh Shiksha and the second year of training in the RSS education wing.
- The Bharatiya Jana Sangh Party was co-founded by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay in 1951, the predecessor of the Bharatiya Janata Party.
- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay passed away at the age of 51.

Source: Indian Express

World Rhino Day 2022

Why in News:

- World Rhinoceros Day is observed every year on 22nd September with the aim of spreading awareness about various rhino species and the threats they face.

key points:

- World Rhino Day provides an opportunity for NGOs, zoos and the general public to honor rhinos in their own special way.
- World Rhino Day aims to promote the importance of protecting these animals, as the rhinoceros has become critically endangered due to several years of ongoing poaching and habitat loss.
- The theme of this year's World Rhino Day is "Five Rhino Species Forever".
- World Rhino Day aims to promote the purpose of raising awareness of the need to protect rhinos from threats to their lives.
- The rhinoceros is at risk of extinction due to poaching, climate change and disturbances in its natural environment.
- World Rhino Day was announced by WWF-South Africa in the year 2010.
- World Rhino Day was first observed in 2011 and since then it has been celebrated globally every year.

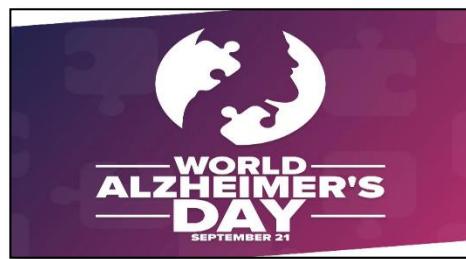


Source: Indian Express

World Alzheimer's Day 2022

Why in News:

- World Alzheimer's Day is observed annually on 21 September with the aim of raising awareness about neurological disorders.



key points:

- Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia and affects a person's memory, mental ability, and ability to perform simple tasks.
- This year's theme for World Alzheimer's Day is 'Know Dementia, Know Alzheimer's'.
- This year on World Alzheimer's Day, there is a special emphasis on post-diagnosis support for dementia.
- According to Alzheimer's Disease International, more than 55 million people in the world were suffering from the disorder in 2020.
- This number is projected to double every 20 years, resulting in a total of 78 million cases of dementia and 139 million cases in 2030.
- World Alzheimer's Day was first observed on 21 September 1994 at the opening of the ADI's annual conference in Edinburgh.
- The day was observed to mark the 10th anniversary of the organization, which was established in the year 1984.
- The month is being observed by Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI), an international federation that raises awareness of the disorder.

Source: Indian Express

International Day of Peace celebrates on the 21st of September

Why in News:

- International Day of Peace is celebrated globally on 21 September every year.

key points:

- The United Nations General Assembly marks this day by promoting the ideals of peace between nations and peoples by observing non-violence and a ceasefire for 24 hours.
- This year's theme is "End Racism" and Build Peace.
- The Peace Bell was donated by the United Nations Organization of Japan in the year 1954.
- It has become a tradition to ring the bell twice a year, on the first day of spring, on the vernal equinox, and on 21 September to celebrate the International Day of Peace.



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- International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations General Assembly in the year 1981.
- This year's United Nations page on International Day of Peace sheds light on a handful of discrimination across borders.
- The United Nations was established on 24 October 1945 and the headquarter of the United Nations is in New York, USA, Mr. Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Source: Business Standard

International Week of the Deaf 2022

Why in News:

- Each year, the entire week ending on the last Sunday of September is observed as the International Week of the Deaf (IWD).



key points:

- In the year 2022, IWD will be conducted from 19 September to 25 September 2022.
- The theme of the 2022 International Week of Deaf People is "Building Inclusive Communities for All".
- It is an initiative of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and was first launched in the year 1958 in Rome, Italy to commemorate the month when the first World Congress of WFD was held.
- On 19 December 2017, 23 September was declared International Sign Language Day (IDSL) by the United Nations General Assembly.
- International Sign Language Day aims to raise awareness of sign languages and strengthen their sign language status.
- International Sign Language Day is held in the last full week of September as part of the International Week of the Deaf (IWDeaf), which was recognized and celebrated by the WFD in the year 1958.
- International Week of the Deaf is celebrated through various activities by the respective deaf communities in and around Canada.

Source: Indian Express



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World Patient Safety Day observed on 17 September

Why in News:

- Every year on September 17, World Patient Safety Day is commemorated with the goal of raising awareness of the numerous precautions that should be taken to guarantee patient safety.



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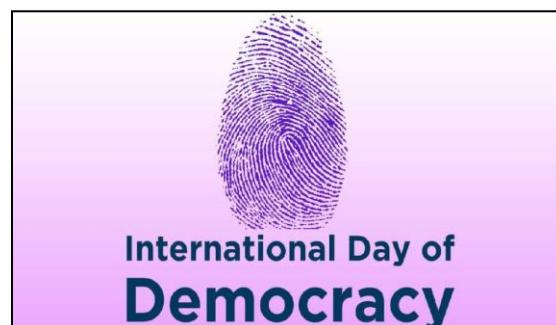
- The goal of World Patient Safety Day is to minimize and lessen the risks, mistakes, and injuries that patients may experience.
- World Patient Safety Day's key goals are to develop global understanding, increase public awareness, and call on all nations and international partners to act in unison to improve patient safety and lessen patient harm.
- Every year, a different theme is used to commemorate World Patient Safety Day. The subject for World Patient Safety Day 2022 this year is "Medication Safety," with the tagline "Medication Without Harm" and the instruction to "Know, Check, and Ask."
- The purpose of World Patient Safety Day is to demonstrate the dedication of patients, families, careers, communities, healthcare professionals, healthcare leaders, and policymakers to patient safety.
- World Patient Safety Day is one of the World Health Organization's (WHO) international public health days, which is observed on September 17.
- The 72nd World Health Assembly established World Patient Safety Day in 2019 with the passage of WHA 72.6, entitled "Global Action on Patient Safety."

Source: Livemint

International Day of Democracy 2022 celebrated on 15 September

Why in News:

- Every year on September 15, people worldwide observe the International Day of Democracy.



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Key Points:

- Promoting democracy around the world is the primary goal of Democracy Day.
- The protection and effective promotion of human rights fundamentals should be remembered on this day, which is known as the International Day of Democracy.
- The United Nations General Assembly established the International Day of Democracy in 2007.
- The first International Day of Democracy was observed in 2008.
- India is said to be the largest democracy in the world since there, 600 million people use their votes to elect the government.
- The International Day of Democracy seeks to promote meaningful engagement in democracy among all citizens and the government.
- The purpose of the International Day of Democracy is to raise awareness of pressing concerns, mobilize political will and financial support for global problem-solving efforts, and commemorate the accomplishments of humanity.
- The Inter-Parliamentary Union was founded in Paris, France in 1889, and today it has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Martin Chungong is the General Secretary of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, while Kirpan Hussain Chowdhury is its President.

Source: Times of India

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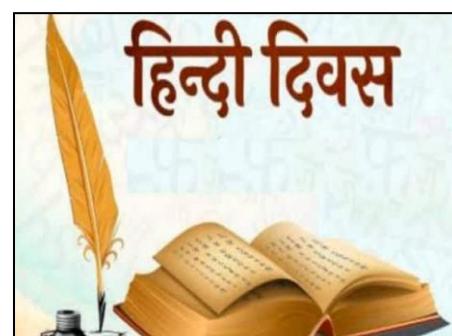
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Why in News:

- Every year on September 14, India celebrates Hindi Diwas.

Key Points:

- Every year on September 14th, India celebrates Hindi Diwas or National Hindi Day to commemorate the day that Hindi became an official language of India by the Constituent Assembly in 1949.
- The decision to utilize Hindi as the official language of India was taken by the Constitution of India on January 26, 1950, and it was determined by the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, to mark this day as Hindi Diwas.
- The Eighth Schedule also includes the Hindi language.



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- The Devanagari script is used to write Hindi, the fourth most widely spoken language in the world.
- By Turkish invaders in the early 11th century, the language of the area surrounding the Indus River was given the name Hindi, or "Language of the Indus River Land."
- English is the second official language of India, with Hindi serving as the first.
- In the eleventh century, the Devanagari script as we know it today was created.

Source: Livemint

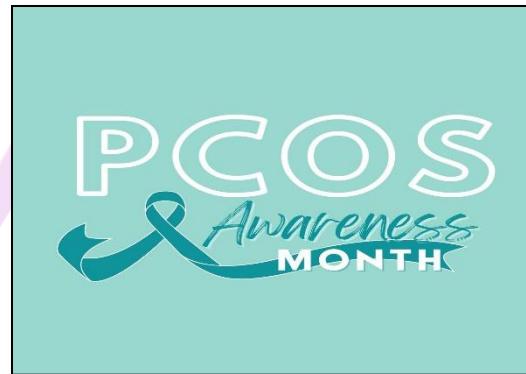
International PCOS Awareness Month: 1-30 September 2022

Why in News:

- September 1 to September 30, 2022, will mark International PCOS Awareness Month.

Key Points:

- The most common hormonal condition in women, polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), is also the main factor in infertility in women.
- A major genetic, hormonal, metabolic, and reproductive condition that affects women and girls is a polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS).
- The National Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Association, which sponsors PCOS Awareness Month, offers useful tools, programs, and information.
- The goal of PCOS Awareness Month is to enhance the lives of those who are afflicted by the condition, alleviate their symptoms, and lower their risk of developing life-related conditions.
- The National Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Association, which sponsors PCOS Awareness Month, offers useful tools, programs, and information.
- The objectives of International PCOS Awareness Month are to enhance diagnosis and treatment of the condition, increase the quality of life and outcomes for women and girls with PCOS, and increase public awareness and education about PCOS among women, girls, and health professionals.
- Aiming to give research, diagnosis, and support to women and girls with PCOS, International PCOS Awareness Month strives to motivate medical researchers to expand their understanding of PCOS by recognizing the problems faced by all women and girls with PCOS. and make a pitch to medical professionals.



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Source: Times of India

Himalaya Day 2022

Why in News:

- On September 9, the Naula Foundation and the National Mission for Clean Ganga will jointly host Himalaya Day.



Key Points:

- In order to protect the Himalayan ecosystem and region, Himalaya Day is observed.
- Himalaya Day aims to raise awareness of the difficulties that the hill cities of the Himalayas face due to poor building planning and design, inadequate infrastructure, such as a road, water supply, sewage, etc., and unprecedented tree destruction.
- Himalaya Day in 2022 will focus on the idea that "the Himalayas will be safe only when the interests of its residents are respected."
- On Himalaya Day, it is highlighted how urgently eco-sensitive hill town ideas and designs must be created.
- The Himalayas need to be safeguarded because they are a source of power and a priceless cultural legacy for the entire globe.
- The 9th of September was formally designated as Himalaya Day in 2015 by the Uttarakhand Chief minister.
- The Himalayas are crucial in defending the nation from severe weather and saving and maintaining wildlife.
- The Himalayan range not only has a diverse assortment of plants and animals, but it also brings rain to the nation. Himalaya Day is a great opportunity to educate the public and encourage engagement in conservation efforts on a local level.

Source: Indian Express

World first aid day 2022

Why in News:

- World First Aid Day is observed every year on the second Saturday of September.



key points:

- This year, World First Aid Day 2022 has been organized on 10 September 2022.
- World First Aid Day was first started by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).
- According to IFRC, the theme of this year's World First Aid Day is 'Lifelong First Aid'.
- Every year, World First Aid Day is observed to create awareness and emphasize the value of first aid as an act of human empowerment and as a fundamental part of the wider resilience approach.
- World First Aid Day is an occasion to improve public perception of first aid and to make first aid education accessible to the public.
- This year, the World First Aid Day event will be coordinated by the Global First Aid Reference Center, which will also provide necessary resources to national committees.
- The history of World First Aid Day dates back to the Battle of Solferino in 1859, in which a young Geneva businessman, Henri Dunant, was horrified and stunned by the massacre of people.
- This incident inspired Henry Dunant so much that he wrote a book titled 'A Memory of Solferino', in which, he recounted his experiences and eventually formed the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) as a co-founder, so as to provide immediate primary care to prevent loss of life due to lack of first aid education.
- In the year 2000, the second Saturday of September was officially declared as World First Aid Day by the IFRC.

Source: Jansatta

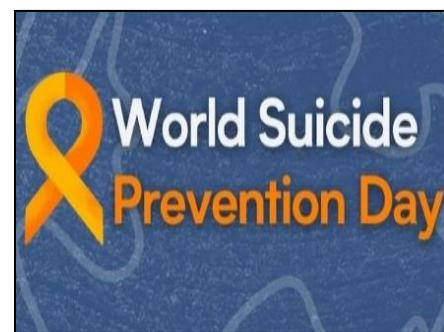
World Suicide Prevention Day observed on 10 September

Why in News:

- The global community observes World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) on September 10 each year.

Key Points:

- World Suicide Prevention Day in 2022 will have as its subject "Creating Hope through Action."



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- The World Health Organization wishes to convey a message that those who are considering suicide should not give up hope in any way through the programs that will be held on this day.
- The World Health Organization and the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) both support World Suicide Prevention Day (WHO).
- The main objective of World Suicide Prevention Day is to increase global awareness of suicide prevention.
- On World Suicide Prevention Day, participants are encouraged to work together and feel empowered to prevent suicide and self-harm.
- The International Association for Suicide Prevention and the World Health Organization launched World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) in 2003. (WHO).

Source: Livemint

International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies: 7 September

Why in News:

- The International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies is observed globally on 7 September every year with the aim of promoting and facilitating actions to improve air quality.

key points:

- The International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies focuses on the trans-border nature of air pollution, highlighting the need for collective accountability and collective action.
- It is a day recognized by the United Nations that aims to raise public awareness at all levels of why clean air is important to health, productivity, the economy, and the environment.
- This year's theme "The Air We Share" focuses on the trans-border nature of air pollution, emphasizing the need for collective accountability and action.
- During its 74th session, a resolution was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly to organize an International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies on December 19, 2019.
- UNEP was established on 5 June 1972 and is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya.
- The founder of UNEP is Maurice Strong, and the current UNEP chief is Inger Andersen.



Source: Dainik Bhaskar



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Government of India introduced "Sign Learn" smartphone app

Why in News:

- The Government of India has launched "Sign Learn" smartphone app, which is a 10,000-word dictionary for Indian Sign Language (ISL).

key points:

- Sign Learn App has been introduced by Pratima Bhowmik, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The 10,000-word Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center (ISLRTC) lexicon serves as the foundation for sign learn.
- All words in ISL Dictionary can be searched using Hindi or English on the app, which is available in Android and iOS versions.
- Earlier on October 6, 2020, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by ISLRTC and NCERT to convert NCERT textbooks for classes 1 to 12 into Indian Sign Language (Digital Format), so that children listening to the textbooks to be made accessible to.
- ISL translations were released by the Center as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in some volumes of the National Book Trust's "Veergatha" series.
- ISLRTC and NCERT collaborated to launch 500 academic words in Indian Sign Language for "Sign Learn" smartphone app.
- These academic terms, often used in history, science, political science, and mathematics, are used at the secondary school level.



Source: Navbharat Times



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India's first avalanche-monitoring radar installed in Sikkim

Why in News:

- India's first Avalanche Surveillance Radar has been installed in North Sikkim jointly by the Indian Army and Defense Geo-informatics and Research Establishment (DGRE).

key points:



- Avalanche radar can also be used to detect landslides, as well as avalanche detection.
- The first Avalanche Surveillance Radar in India has been installed in North Sikkim at an altitude of 15,000 feet.
- The radar has the capability to detect avalanches within three seconds of launch and will play a vital role in saving the lives of soldiers and reducing damage to property in high altitude areas.
- The radar employs a series of short microwave pulses, which are scattered over the target and can permanently scan the target slope for avalanches and track the path and shape of the avalanche.
- This radar can see snow, fog and even at night.
- It can cover an area of more than two square km and also obviates the need to deploy additional equipment in dangerous avalanche-prone areas.
- The radar is also linked to an alarm system, which enables automatic control and warning measures.

Source: The Hindu

Agnikul Cosmos wins the first patent for a 3D-printed rocket engine

Why in News:

- One of India's private space businesses, Agnikul Cosmos, has been granted its first patent for the creation of its 3D-printed rocket engine.



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Key Points:

- The business has received a patent for its Agnilet rocket engine, which will propel the Agnibat rocket when it launches later this year.
- One such single-piece engine is the Agnilet, which was entirely developed and produced in India. It is the world's first single-piece 3D-printed rocket engine.
- A successful test of Agnilet took place in early 2021.
- The Agnilet was created to include each of these in a single piece of hardware that requires no assembly.
- At IAC 2021 in Dubai, the most esteemed conference on space technology, Agnikul showcased this engine.
- The Indian Space Research Organization, India's primary space agency, is also responsible for some of the country's 2% market share in terms of commercial space operations (ISRO).
- Srinath Ravichandran, Moin SPM, and SR Chakraborty established Agnikul in 2017. (Professor of IIT-Madras).
- Agnikul and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) signed a contract in December 2020 as part of the IN-SPACe program in exchange for the space agency's knowledge and access to its facilities to produce rocket engines.

Source: Indian Express

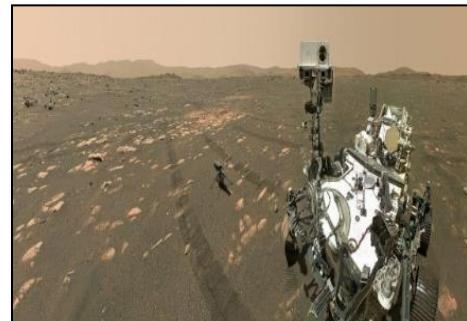
NASA's MOXIE Successfully Creates Oxygen on Mars

Why in News:

- NASA's lunchbox-sized invention MOXIE has successfully created oxygen on Mars.

Key Points:

- The first experiment of its sort to manufacture oxygen on the planet using Martian atmospheric constituents is the Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment (MOXIE).
- The Massachusetts Institute of Technology device splits atmospheric carbon dioxide in a manner like a tree to produce pure oxygen.
- The Perseverance rover from NASA brought MOXIE to Mars.



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- Purified and pressured air is then sent through a solid oxide electrolyze in MOXIE, where carbon dioxide-rich air is electrochemically divided into oxygen ions and carbon monoxide.
- After that, it is mixed again by dividing oxygen ions to create respirable, molecular oxygen (O₂).
- Before being released into the atmosphere, MOXIE's gas is lastly analyzed and quantified for purity.
- On each run, the MOXIE apparatus can generate up to six grams of oxygen per hour.

Source: Indian Express

Beijing tops tech hub, Bengaluru second in Asia-Pacific

Why in News:

- According to the Cushman and Wakefield report, Bengaluru ranks second in the list of top tech hubs in the Asia Pacific region.

key points:

- China's Beijing has been ranked first in the list of top technical centers according to the Cushman and Wakefield report.
- In a report titled 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate' by Cushman and Wakefield, 115 different 'tech' cities of the world have been studied.
- Three other Indian cities, Chennai, Delhi, and Hyderabad have been included in the list after Beijing and Bangalore.
- Mumbai and Pune also figure in the top-10 list with the APAC ranking eighth and ninth in the list of 14 cities.
- Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate Report incorporates factors such as talent, real estate, and business environment to assess and evaluate cities.
- The beginning of the turn of the millennium was to make Bangalore a technology hub by building the first international tech park in the country at Whitefield.



Source: The Hindu



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Sports

Amlan Borgohain breaks 100m national record on All India Railways ships

Why in News:

- Amlan Borgohain, who currently owns the 200-meter national record, formerly held the 100-meter record as well.



Key Points:

- Amiya Kumar Malik's 10.26-second national record was broken by Assamese athlete Amlan Borgohain, 24, in the 87th All India Inter-Railway Athletics Championships in 10.25 seconds.
- The previous record for Borgohain was 10.34 seconds, set at the National Open in Warangal the previous year.
- Amlan Borgohain is the current 100- and 200-meter national champion.
- Amlan Borgohain currently holds the national 200-meter record, which she set in 20.52 seconds at this year's Federation Cup.

Source: News on Air

Neeraj Chopra wins Lausanne Diamond League

Why in News:

- Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra has become the first Indian to win the Lausanne Diamond League.

key points:

- In his first attempt, Neeraj Chopra won the title with a throw of 89.08m.
- The 89.08m throw by Neeraj Chopra was the third-best effort of his career.
- Tokyo Olympics silver medalist Jacob Wadledge finished second with a best throw of 85.88m, while USA's Curtis Thompson was third with a best effort of 83.72m.



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- Chopra, 24, qualified for the Diamond League final in Zurich on 7 and 8 September, becoming the first Indian to do so.
- By Neeraj Chopra Earlier in July this year, Chopra brought glory to India by winning a silver in the javelin throw final becoming only the second Indian and the first male track and field athlete to win a medal at the World Championships.

Source: Livemint

England's James Anderson became the most successful pacer of international cricket

Why in News:

- James Anderson of England is become the first fast bowler in international cricket to reach 950 wickets.

key points:

- This historic feat was achieved by James Anderson on the third day of the second Test against South Africa.
- Glenn McGrath of Australia's record of 949 wickets has been broken by James Anderson.
- The most successful bowlers in international cricket are Sri Lankan spin, Muttiah Muralitharan (1,347 wickets), late Australian spin Shane Warne (1,001 wickets), and Indian spin great Anil Kumble (956 wickets).
- International cricket debut was made in the year 2003 by James Anderson, who has taken 951 wickets in all formats at an average of 27.18.
- Out of 951 wickets taken by James Anderson, 664 wickets have been taken in Test cricket.
- James Anderson is the only fast bowler to take more than 600 Test wickets.
- James Anderson is the only pacer to take 269 wickets in the ODI format.



Source: Indian Express



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Sports Ministry to host "Meet the Champion Project" on National Sports Day

Why in News:

- On National Sports Day, the "Meet the Champion Project" will be hosted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in 26 schools in the country.



key points:

- Commonwealth Games and World Championship gold medalist Nikhat Zareen, Paralympics medalist Bhavna Patel and Tokyo Olympics medalist Manpreet Singh are some of the renowned athletes participating in the Meet the Champion project.
- The innovative school visit program "Meet the Champion Project" was launched in December 2021 by Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra.
- Champion Athlete aims to give school children an overall inspirational boost on the go by sharing their experiences, life lessons, and dietary advice.
- Sports Authority of India will also organize National Sports Day this year under the theme "Sports as an enabler for an inclusive and fit society" as part of the Fit India program.
- The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Anurag Thakur, and the Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Nisith Pramanik.

Source: Indian Express

Judo World Championships: Linthoi Chanambam wins India's first gold medal

Why in News:

- Indian judoka Linthoi Chanambam scripted history by winning India's first medal at the Judo World Championships with a gold in the women's 57kg category at the World Judo Cadet (U18) Championships.

key points:

- The 15-year-old judoka won the medal after defeating Brazil's Bianca Reis in the final of the 57kg category.
- Linthoi Chanambam has become the first Indian judoka to win a medal in any age group at the World Championships.



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- It is also a part of the TOPS program of the Government of India.
- Linthoi Chanambam came into the limelight in the year 2017 with a gold medal in the Sub-Junior National Judo Championship and since then she has been training at JSW's Inspire Institute of Sports Judo programme.
- The gold medal in the National Cadet Judo Championship in the year 2021 was won by Linthoi Chanambam.
- After the year 2021, the bronze medal was won by Linthoi Chanambam at the Asia-Oceania Cadet Judo Championship in Beirut, Lebanon.

Source: Indian Express

Personality

Swati Piramal honored with France's top civilian honor

Why in News:

- Vice Chair of the Piramal Group and recipient of the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur is Swati Piramal (Knight of the Legion of Honor).

Key Points:

- Piramal receives the highest civilian prize in France in honor of his great accomplishments and services in the disciplines of science, medicine, art, and culture on a national and international level.
- On behalf of President Emmanuel Macron and in the presence of the French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Swati Piramal accepted this honor from H.E. Catherine Colonna.
- In addition, Swati Piramal received the second-highest civilian honor in France, the Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérit (Knight of the Order of Merit), in 2006.
- Swati Piramal is a proponent of creating frameworks and policies to support women in leadership roles and a winner of the Padma Shri, one of India's highest civilian honors.
- Indian industrialist and scientist Swati Piramal works in the healthcare industry with a focus on public health and innovation.



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- The Piramal Group, a commercial conglomerate with holdings in glass packaging, financial services, real estate, and medicines, is led by vice chairperson Swati Piramal.
- Swati Piramal has also served as a member of the Prime Minister's Scientific Advisory Council and the Business Advisory Council of India.
- Swati Piramal is now a member of Harvard Globule's Advisory Council.

Source: Times of India

UNICEF has appointed 25-year-old Ugandan climate activist Vanessa Nakate as the Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Children's Fund.

Why in News:

- On 15 September 2022, UNICEF appointed 25-year-old Ugandan climate activist Vanessa Nkate as the Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

key points:

- Vanessa Nakate was born in 1996 in Kampala, Uganda (East Africa).
- In January 2019, Vanessa Nkate started her activism with the inspiration of Greta Thunberg of Sweden and was named Climate Activist of Uganda.
- Vanessa Nakate was a prominent member of the Friday for Future movement.
- The Rise Up Movement, a platform to raise voices for African climate activists, and a project to install solar panels in rural Ugandan schools were also founded by Vanessa Nakate.
- In the year 2020, the Year 2020 World Economic Forum was attended by Vanessa Nkate along with Thunberg and others in Davos, Switzerland.
- The Rise Up Movement is a movement to eradicate poverty, gender-based violence, human trafficking, and child abuse.
- Globally, 2.2 billion children live in one of 33 countries classified by UNICEF's Children's Climate Risk Index as being at "extremely high risk of the effects of climate change".

Source: Times of India



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Former US President Barack Obama Wins Emmy Award for His Narration in Netflix Documentary

Why in News:

- Barack Obama, a former US president, received an Emmy Award for "Our Great National Parks," a Netflix documentary that he narrated.



Key Points:

- Obama has previously received four significant American entertainment honors, including an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony.
- National parks from all over the world are covered in the five-part Netflix documentary created by Barack and Michelle Obama's "Higher Ground" Productions.
- The audiobook interpretations of Barack Obama's memoirs "The Audacity of Hope" and "A Promised Land" have already received Grammy Awards.
- Michelle Obama was awarded a Grammy in 2020 for reading her audiobook.
- In a category with many well-known nominees, including Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, David Attenborough, and Lupita Nyong'o, Obama was chosen as the winner.
- The Emmy Awards are a television production honor that emphasizes fun.
- The Emmy Award is regarded as the equivalent of the Grammy Award, the Tony Award for drama, and the Academy Award for film (for music).

Source: Livemint

The Canadian city of Markham has named a street after music composer AR Rahman.

Why in News:

- The Canadian town of Markham has the honor of renaming a street after Oscar-winning musician AR Rahman.



Key Points:

- One of the most adored musicians in the world is AR Rahman.



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- Rahman, who is referred to as the Mozart of Madras, is responsible for numerous timeless hit songs and compositions.
- Beginning his career with Mani Ratnam's Roja, AR Rahman has only become better.
- Dil Se, Jai Ho, Ek Ho Gaye Hum Aur Tum, Rang De Basanti, and A Harathe are a few of AR Rahman's well-known and award-winning songs.
- Indian film composer, record producer, performer, and songwriter Allah Rakha Rahman primarily composes for Indian films (particularly Tamil and Hindi films) but also occasionally works on foreign films.
- The Indian government gave AR Rahman the Padma Bhushan in 2010, which ranks as the third-highest civilian honor in the nation.
- Rahman has won fifteen Filmfare Awards and seventeen Filmfare Awards South in addition to six National Film Awards, two Academy Awards, two Grammy Awards, two BAFTA Awards, two Golden Globe Awards, one BAFTA Award, and two Grammy Awards.

Source: Economic Times

Miss Diva Universe 2022: Karnataka's Divita Rai is crowned this year

Why in News:

- Karnataka's Divita Rai has been crowned Miss Diva Universe 2022 in a star-studded event.



key points:

- Divita Rai has been crowned as her successor by Miss Universe 2021 Harnaaz Sandhu.
- With this, 23-year-old Divita Rai will represent India at the 71st Miss Universe 2022 pageant, where Harnaaz Sandhu will crown the next Miss Universe winner.
- Divita Rai was born in Mangalore and studied at Sir JJ College of Architecture, Mumbai.
- Divita Rai is an architect and model by profession.
- On the same occasion, Pragyanya Ayyagari Liva of Telangana has been elected Miss Diva Supranational 2022 and Ojaswi Sharma Miss Popular Choice 2022.



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- She also participated in the Miss Diva Universe pageant in the year 2021 by Divita Rai, where Harnaaz Sandhu became the winner and she was Miss Diva 2nd runner up.
- Divita Rai considers 1994 Miss Universe winner Sushmita Sen as her role model.

Source: Navbharat Times

1. Consider the following statement regarding the Palm oil Alliance-

- 1) Asia's top five palm oil importers—India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal—made up the major edible oil industry alliance.
- 2) The first meeting of Asian Palm Oil Alliance was held in New Delhi in the name of Global Oil Summit.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statement regarding the India's under-5-year mortality rate –

- 1) According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020, India's under-5 mortality rate has come down from 35 per 1,000 live births in the year 2019 to 32 per 1,000 live births in the year 2020
- 2) As per the report, among the larger states/UTs, Kerala (13.2) had the lowest CBR while Bihar (25.5) had the highest.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2



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- D. Neither 1 nor 2
- 3.Which Indian bank has been granted permission by the Reserve Bank of India to open an exclusive Vostro account with Gazprom Bank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian Rupees?
- A. Bank of Baroda
B. Bank of India
C. Canara Bank
D. UCO Bank
- 4.Which limited company has become the 12th company to get the status of 'Maharatna' company?
- A. Oil India Limited
B. REC Limited
C. Antrix Corporation Limited
D. Bharat Dynamics Limited
E. None of the above/More than one of the above
- 5.Which Indian writer and poetess won the German PEN Prize has been announced as the recipient of the Hermann Kesten Prize.
- A. Aradhana Johri
B. Meenakshi Lekhi
C. Meena Kandasamy
D. Prarthna Batra
- 6.Which of the following day is celebrated as Antyodaya Diwas every year in India?
- A. 15 September
B. 20 September
C. 22 September
D. 25 September
- 7.Consider the following statement regarding the Food Barons 2022 Report-



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1) The Food Barons 2022 report was released by the ETC Group under the World Food Safety Committee.

2) According to the Food Baron 2022 report, India's leading food delivery platforms have been ranked among the top 10 e-commerce-based food delivery companies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statement regarding the Arogya Manthan-

1) Aarogya Manthan 2022 is a scheme that offers disadvantaged households a health subsidy of Rs. 10 lakhs annually.

2) Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the Arogya Manthan in September 2016

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

9. Which state government has announced to start an innovative campaign 'Humar Beti-Humar Maan' in the direction of women's safety, especially for the safety of daughters?

- A. Chattisgarh
- B. Bihar
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Himachal Pradesh
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above



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10. In which state India's first Avalanche Surveillance Radar has been jointly installed by the Indian Army and Defense Geo-informatics and Research Establishment (DGRE)?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Sikkim
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

11. Who has been honored with the Breakthrough Prize of 2023 called the "Oscars of Science" for a number of discoveries in theoretical computer science and mathematics?

- A. Daniel Spielman
- B. Kang Daniel
- C. Sothiara Chhim
- D. Adam shelly

12. On which day every year World Pharmacist Day is observed with the goal of highlighting the contribution of pharmacists in health improvement?

- A. 15 September
- B. 20 August
- C. 20 September
- D. 25 September

13. Consider the following statement regarding the Dairy Cooperative Conclave-

- 1) A day-long Dairy Cooperative Conference of Eastern and Northeastern Regions in Arunachal Pradesh on 7 October.
- 2) The conference is being organized by the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2



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- D. Neither 1 nor 2
14. Consider the following statement regarding the "Sign Learn" smartphone app
- The Government of India has launched "Sign Learn" smartphone app, for Indian Sign Language (ISL).
 - The 10,000-word Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center (ISLRTC) lexicon serves as the foundation for sign learning.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

15. With the completion of 8 years of the Make in India initiative, the annual foreign direct investment has doubled to how many US dollars in the year 2022?

- 83 billion US\$
- 105 billion US\$
- 93 billion US\$
- 73 billion US\$

16. Who will be honored with the 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2020?

- Amitabh Bachchan
- Asha Parekh
- Dharmendra
- Annu Kapoor
- None of the above/More than one of the above

17. When is World Environmental Health Day observed annually with the aim of spreading awareness globally about the health of the environment?

- 15 September
- 20 September



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- C. 22 September
- D. 26 September

18. World River Day is celebrated every year on 25 September (last Sunday of September) all over the world, what is the theme of World River Day 2022?

- A. Importance of rivers for biodiversity
- B. Waters in our communities
- C. Waterways for our Communities
- D. Water for Life Decade

19. Consider the following statement regarding the JALDOOT App –

- 1) The JALDOOT App is launched by the Ministry of Rural Development.
 - 2) This JALDOOT app will be used throughout the country to record the water level of selected one to three wells of a village.
- A. Only 1
 - B. Only 2
 - C. Both 1 or 2
 - D. None of these

20. Consider the following statement regarding the World Rabies Day 2022-

- 1) World Rabies Day is observed every year on 28 September as a tribute to Alexander Fleming.
 - 2) The theme of World Rabies Day 2022 is 'Rabies: One Health, Zero Death'.
- A. Only 1
 - B. Only 2
 - C. Both 1 or 2
 - D. None of these

21. Who has been elected as the first female PM of Italy?

- A. Giorgia Meloni
- B. Mara Carfagna



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- C. Laura Boldrini
- D. Maria Elena Boschi

22.Which British Indian-origin woman has been named for the first time as the winner of the Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award?

- A. Lisa Nandy
- B. Suella Braverman
- C. Priti Patel
- D. Manali Desai

23.Which international airport has been awarded the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Award 2022 by the Airports Council International (ACI)?

- A. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata.
- B. Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.
- C. Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- D. Cochin International Airport

24.Which day has been declared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as the International Day for Universal Access to Information?

- A. 25 September
- B. 22 September
- C. 24 September
- D. 28 September

25.Consider the following statement regarding the Swachh Toycathon-

- 1) Swachh Toycathon has been launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) under the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav.
- 2) Swachh Toycathon aims to explore solutions for the use of waste in the manufacture or manufacture of toys.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only



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- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

26. Consider the following statement regarding the Ayushman Excellence Award 2022-

- 1. Uttar Pradesh has been awarded Ayushman Excellence Award 2022 for adding various health facilities in the health facility register.
- 2. The state of Uttar Pradesh is the second-best state in making Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) with about 2 crore accounts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

27. Who has been appointed as the new Attorney General of India?

- A. Samir V. Kamat
- B. Hari Ramchandra Gokhle
- C. P. Govinda Menon
- D. R. Venkataramani

28. Who has been appointed as the new Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) by the Center?

- A. Anil Chauhan
- B. Iqroop Singh Ghuman
- C. Jai Singh Nain
- D. Raj Shukla

29. The 3rd International Food Loss and Waste Awareness Day (IDAFLW) is observed on which of the following day?

- A. 20 September
- B. 25 September
- C. 29 September



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D. 30 September

30. World Heart Day is celebrated every year on 29 September with the objective to create awareness among people about the prevention of heart diseases, what is the theme for World Heart Day 2022?

- A. Creating Heart-Healthy Environment
- B. Use a Heart for Every Heart
- C. 'Use Heart to Beat Cardiovascular Disease
- D. One world, one home and one heart

31. Consider the following statement regarding the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022-

- 1. India ranks fourth in the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022 with an index score of 0.663
- 2. Philippines ranks first in cryptocurrency adoption for the second year in a row with an overall index ranking.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

32. Consider the following statement regarding the India Home to Cheetahs –

- 1. After more than 70 years in India, cheetahs were rehabilitated in the Kuno-Palpur National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh.
- 2. Eight African cheetahs – five females and three males aged between four and six years – have been brought to India from Namibia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2



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D. Neither 1 nor 2

33.Which bank has been ranked 63rd in the list of Best Workplaces in Asia 2022?

- A. Kasikorn Bank
- B. Federal Bank of India
- C. Federal Bank of China
- D. Indian Overseas Bank
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above

34.Which of the following climate activist has been appointed by UNICEF as the Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)?

- A. Ineza Umuhiza Grace
- B. Marinel Ubaldo
- C. Aisha Akbar
- D. Vanessa Nkate
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above

35.Which zoological park in West Bengal has been declared the best zoo in the country?

- A. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park ,Darjeeling
- B. Junglemahal Zoological Park, Jhargram
- C. Surulia Mini Zoo, Purulia
- D. Zoological Garden, Alipore
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above

36.On which day of the month of September every year World Patient Safety Day is observed with an aim to create awareness about the various safety measures to be taken to ensure patient safety?

- A. 12 September
- B. 15 September
- C. 17 September
- D. 20 September

37.Consider the following statement regarding the KRITAGYA 3.0 –



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- 1) KRITAGYA 3.0 has been launched by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) with an aim to promote "Speed Breeding" for crop improvement.
- 2) It will provide an opportunity to learn, innovate and solve problems faced in the crop sector and will also boost employment and entrepreneurship in the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

38. Consider the following statement regarding the Ramakrishna Mission's Awakening program-

- 1) The 'Awakening' program of Ramakrishna Mission has been launched by the Union Ministry of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 2) Ramakrishna Mission's Awakening program for the students of classes 5th to 10th.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

39. Which state/Union Territory has been declared as India's first clean Sujal Pradesh by Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat?

- A. Andaman and Nicobar
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Orissa
- D. Karnataka
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above



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40. Who has been honored with the 'Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar' by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India?

- A. Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- B. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineering Limited
- C. Bharati Defence And Infrastructure Limited
- D. Life Insurance Corporation of India
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above

41. How many startups have been given financial assistance by the Union Minister of State (MoS) for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh to INSPIRE Awards - MANAK?

- A. 50
- B. 60
- C. 100
- D. 120

42. Who is the author of the book "Muskurate Chand Lamhe Aur Kuch Khamoshiyan"?

- A. Meena Nayyar
- B. Rajesh Talwar
- C. Faisal Farooqui
- D. Jiwesh Nandan

43. Consider the following statement regarding the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2022-

1. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2022 was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
2. Kyrgyzstan will chair the SCO grouping for a year till September 2023 and next year, Kyrgyzstan will also host the SCO summit.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2



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D. Neither 1 nor 2

44. Consider the following statement regarding the 'Door Se Namaste' Program-

1. The Doordarshan and YouTube series titled "Door Se Namaste" was launched by the US Agency for International Development and UNICEF.
2. The series is produced by National Film Award winner and Padma Shri, Neel Madhav Panda's production house.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

45. In which state the pre-production run of India's first Lithium-Ion cell manufacturing facility has been launched by the government of India?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Orissa
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above

46. In which city of Kashmir, the first multiplex will be inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha?

- A. Srinagar
- B. Jammu
- C. Sopore
- D. Udhampur

47. Who among these has been awarded with France's top civilian honour, the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour)?

- A. Aamir Khan
- B. Swati Piramal



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- C. Adar Poonawalla
- D. Amitabh Bachchan

48. Every year, the entire week ending on the last Sunday of which month is observed as the International Week of the Deaf (IWD)?

- A. August
- B. September
- C. December
- D. January

49. Consider the following statement-

- 1) India has become the largest bilateral lender excluding China from Sri Lanka.
- 2) In the four months of the year 2022, a total loan of US\$ 968 million has been provided by India to Sri Lanka.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

50. Consider the following statement regarding the 'no-bag day' in schools-

- 1) The Uttar Pradesh government plans to introduce a "no-bag day" rule in schools and a mandatory sports period at least once a week.
- 2) This initiative is in line with the National Education Policy 2020 and will be implemented in both government and private schools.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2



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51.Which INS has been decommissioned by the Indian Navy after serving the country for 32 years?

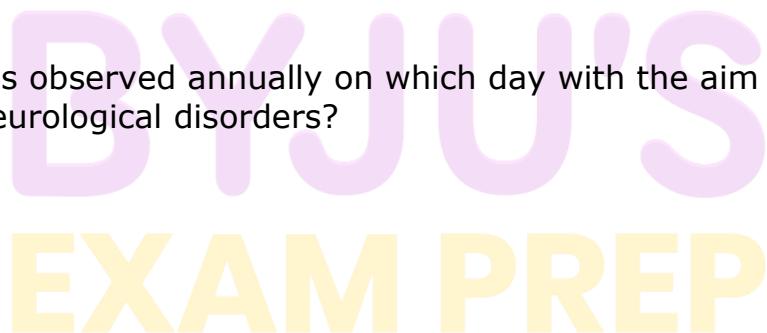
- A. INS Chakra
- B. INS Ajay
- C. INS Sindhughosh
- D. INS Vikramaditya

52.Which of the following team won the first title of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) SAFF 2022 Women's Championship?

- A. Nepal
- B. Pakistan
- C. Maldives
- D. Bangladesh
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above

53.World Alzheimer's Day is observed annually on which day with the aim of raising awareness about neurological disorders?

- A. 10 September
- B. 12 September
- C. 21 September
- D. 22 September



54.The world's first cloned Arctic Wolf has been successfully cloned by the scientists of which country?

- A. United States of America
- B. India
- C. China
- D. Japan

55.Consider the following statement regarding the Goalkeeper Global Goals Awards 2022-

1. The Goalkeepers Global Goals Award ceremony was held at Lincoln Center, New York, United States (US).



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2. The Gates Foundation's sixth annual Goalkeepers Report, "The Future of Progress", was also released during the event.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

56. Consider the following statement regarding the Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report 2022-

- 1. The Credit Suisse Group, a large international investment bank based in Switzerland, has just released its yearly Global Wealth Report.
- 2. The annual Global Wealth Report states that there has been a 2- times increase in wealth per adult since 2021

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

57. According to the Prime Minister's Office, former Supreme Court Justice KT Thomas and former Deputy Lok Sabha Speaker Kariya Munda and which veteran industrialist has been named as trustees of PM Cares Fund?

- A. Shiv Nadar
- B. Mukesh Ambani
- C. Gautam Adani
- D. Ratan Tata

58. Where will the Moto Grand Prix major motorcycle racing event be held in India for the first time in India?

- A. Nanoli Speedway racetrack
- B. Buddha International Circuit
- C. Madras Motor Race Track



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D. Coimbatore's Kari Motor Speedway

59. With which organization the Indian Army has collaborated to implement a CSR project aimed at training and mentoring less privileged girl students in Kargil?

- A. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
- B. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- C. Azim Premji Foundation India Private Limited
- D. Indian Oil Corporation Limited

60. World Rhinoceros Day is observed every year on which day to spread awareness about the different rhinoceros species and the threats they face?

- A. 15 September
- B. 17 September
- C. 20 September
- D. 22 September

61. Consider the following statement regarding the student visas from the US in 2022-

- 1) Indian students received the most student visas from the US in 2022, according to information made public by the US Embassy.
- 2) The US granted a record 82,000 student visas to Indian students in (May - Aug 2022 period), more than any other year (for May - Aug period).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

62. Consider the following statement regarding the 'Chhata' Scheme-

- 1) Rajasthan government has started the Chhata Scheme to harvesting of rainwater artificially from the roof to the aquifer.



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2) The Chhata scheme will be implemented initially for a period of five years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

63. World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is celebrated every year on 10 September all over the world, what is the theme of World Suicide Prevention Day 2022 this time?

- A. Creating Hope Through Action
- B. Working Together to Prevent Suicide
- C. Connect, Communicate, Care
- D. Preventing Suicide: Reaching Out and Saving Lives

64. Who has been appointed by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly as the human rights chief of the global body.

- A. Pieter Elbers
- B. Volker Turk
- C. Javier Olivan
- D. Elisabeth Borne

65. Former Navy Chief of India, Admiral Sunil Lanba has been awarded the Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tantera) or Meritorious Seva Medal (Military) by the government of which country?

- A. Japan
- B. Malaysia
- C. Singapore
- D. Indonesia

66. India's longest rubber dam 'Gayaji Dam' has been inaugurated on which river by the Chief Minister of Bihar, Nitish Kumar?

- A. Gandak
- B. Bagmati



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- C. Mahananda
- D. Falgu

67. Consider the following statement regarding the Supporting Entrepreneurs in Transformation and Upskilling (SETU) program-

- 1) A program named Supporting Entrepreneurs in Transformation and Upskilling (SETU) has been introduced by Commerce and Industry Ministry.
- 2) The SETU project would connect businesses in India with Japanese investors and key figures in the startup ecosystem through mentorship and help in a variety of areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

68. Consider the following statement regarding the Project 17A 'Taragiri' -

- 1. The Second Project 17A stealth frigate for the Indian Navy, named "Taragiri," was unveiled in Mumbai by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL).
- 2. The frigate was created by the Indian Navy's internal design team, the Bureau of Naval Design.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

69. Which one of India's private space startups has won its first patent for the design and manufacture of a rocket engine?

- A. Agnikul Cosmos
- B. Skyroot Aerospace
- C. Pixxel



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D. Milestone Global

70.The Chief Justice of which High Court, Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari has been appointed as the Chairman of the Appellate Tribunal under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

- A. Bombay High Court
- B. Calcutta High Court
- C. Delhi High Court
- D. Madras High Court

71.In collaboration with which organization, the National Mission for Clean Ganga has organized Himalaya Day on 09 September?

- A. Sankat Mochan Foundation
- B. Naula Foundation
- C. Ganga Action Parivar
- D. Swachh Ganga

72.When is World First Aid Day observed every year in the month of September?

- A. Second Saturday of September
- B. Third Saturday of September
- C. First Sunday of September
- D. First Monday of September

73.Consider the following statement regarding the World Dairy Summit 2022-

- 1) Prime Minister officially opened the World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022 at the India Expo Center and Mart in Greater Noida.
- 2) India's dairy sector produces roughly 210 million tons of milk annually or 23% of the global total.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only



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- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

74. Consider the following statement regarding the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI)-

- 1) NITI Aayog CEO Parameswaran Iyer, has authorized the first distribution of incentives for mobile manufacturing.
- 2) Paget Electronics Pvt Ltd, a local company, is the first beneficiary company to get incentives under the PLI initiative for mobile manufacturing.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

75. A model "Early Intervention Centre-Prayas" in Army Hospital (Research and Referral) has been built on?

- A. Dehradun
- B. Meerut
- C. Delhi
- D. Pune

76. In which state the National Maritime Heritage Complex will be built to showcase India's rich maritime history?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Goa
- D. Kerela

77. Which bank has become the first bank in the country to issue Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in partnership with National e-Governance Services Limited (NESL)?



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- A. ICICI Bank
- B. State Bank of India
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. HDFC Bank

78.Which state's police has organized the 4th Cyber Crime Investigation and Intelligence Summit-2022?

- A. Uttar Pradesh Police
- B. Maharashtra Police
- C. Goa Police
- D. Madhya Pradesh Police

79.Consider the following statement regarding the 2022 SCO Summit –

- 1. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit for the year 2022 will be held in Uzbekistan from September 15 to 16, 2022
- 2. The members of the SCO include China, Russia, India, and Pakistan, as well as 4 Central Asian countries - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

80.Consider the following statement regarding the 'Water Heroes: Share Your Stories Contest' –

- 1. The 'Water Heroes: Share Your Stories' competition has been launched by the Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- 2. The Second edition of the 'Water Heroes: Share Your Stories' contest was launched on 1 December 2021 and will end on 30 November 2022 on the MyGov portal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?



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- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

81. Which day is officially named Squid Game Day by the City of Los Angeles in recognition of the achievements of the South Korean Netflix series?

- A. 10 September
- B. 12 September
- C. 15 September
- D. 17 September

82. A special tourist train will be started by IRCTC along with the Bharat Gaurav tourist train for which place?

- A. Vaishnodevi
- B. Haridwar
- C. Rameshwaram
- D. Tirupati

83. Which state has become the first state in India to build 8,642 Amrit Sarovar (lakes) in India?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Karnataka

84. Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year on which day all over India?

- A. 10 January
- B. 05 September
- C. 08 September
- D. 14 September

85. Consider the following statement



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1. The first inter-modal digital TIR-based transport from India to UAE was flagged off from JN Port in Mumbai.
2. It aspires to make cross-border travel paperless while maintaining the International Road Transports system's customs assurance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

86. Consider the following statement regarding India's first plastic project-

1. EKI Energy Services, a developer and vendor of carbon credits, is the first company to list an Indian plastics project.
2. Recycled polyester staple fiber (RPSF) can be used in the textile industry to make clothing and other useful products made from fabric

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

87. Which city will become the first Smart City with Smart Address after the implementation of Digital Addressing System?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Pune
- C. Indore
- D. Bengaluru

88. Where will the world's largest museum of Harappan culture be built?

- A. Bhirrana
- B. Rakhigarhi
- C. Lothal



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D. Mehrgarh

89.In which district of Nagaland the 'Naga Mircha (Naga King Chili) Festival 2022' has been organized for the first time?

- A. Kiphire
- B. Longleng
- C. Mokokchung
- D. Kohima

90.On which day International Day of Democracy is observed every year?

- A. 10 September
- B. 15 September
- C. 14 September
- D. 16 September

91.Consider the following statement regarding the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020)-

1) The IILM University has opened the nation's first National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020).

2) The Bar Council of India and the Government of Uttarakhand have both approved and recognized IILM University (BCI).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

92.Consider the following statement regarding the eAwas" web portal-

1) The Home Minister will unveil the e-Awas web platform for Delhi Police.

2) According to the eAwas, the government wants to raise the housing satisfaction rate from 33% in 2014 to 73% by 2024.



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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

93. Which Canadian city has named a street after musician AR Rahman?

- A. Toronto
- B. Markham
- C. Burnaby
- D. Oshawa

94. With whom a partnership agreement has been signed by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to advance digital creativity capabilities across the country?

- A. Hindustan Computers Limited
- B. Tata Consultancy Services
- C. Adobe
- D. Wipro

95. According to the report released by Bloomberg, India has overtaken which country to become the fifth largest economy in the world?

- A. Germany
- B. The United Kingdom
- C. France
- D. Canada

96. Which state government has announced the Worldwide Startup Competition Ventures Global Startup Challenge?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Gujarat



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97. Consider the following statement regarding the Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK) Program-

- 1) The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences created the SPARK initiative to aid students' developing minds.
- 2) Under the SPARK initiative, the chosen students would receive financial aid of Rs 1 lakh as a scholarship.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

98. Consider the following statement regarding the 'Rural Backyard Piggery Scheme' -

- 1) The 'Gramin Backyard Pigri Scheme' has been launched by the Chief Minister of Sikkim.
- 2) Under this mission, zero-interest loans will be provided for the establishment of fattening and pig breeding.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

99. Who has been awarded an Emmy Award for his narration in the Netflix documentary "Our Great National Parks"?

- A. Barak Obama
- B. Ward Robinson
- C. Mark Twain
- D. Vladimir Nabokov



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100. Where will India's first 'Night Sky Sanctuary' be set up within the next three months?

- A. Pune
- B. Ladakh
- C. Shimla
- D. Dehradun

101. According to a report of which organization, India is set to become the third largest economy in the world by 2029.

- A. World Bank
- B. Asian Development Bank
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. State Bank of India
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above

102. Who has hosted the first Homeopathy International Health Summit?

- A. Singapore
- B. Dubai
- C. Mumbai
- D. Tokyo



103. Consider the following statement regarding the Pradhan Mantri School for Rising India (PM-SHRI) scheme-

- 1) Prime Minister of India has unveiled a new initiative for the improvement of 20,000 schools nationwide under the Pradhan Mantri School for Rising India (PM-SHRI) program.
- 2) Under the PM-Shri school model, the emphasis will be on a discovery-oriented, learning-centered approach to teaching.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2



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104. Consider the following statement regarding the Status Report on India's External Debt 2021-22 –

- 1) The 28th edition of the Status Report on India's External Debt 2021-22 has been released by Ministry of Finance.
- 2) India's external debt stood at US\$620.7 billion at the end of March 2022, an increase of 8.2 percent from the end of March 2021.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

105. Indian Army Chief Manoj Pandey was conferred the honorary rank of Nepal Army General by whom?

- A. Sher Bahadur Deuba
- B. Prabhu Ram Sharma
- C. Bidhya Devi Bhandari
- D. Pushpa Kamal Dahal

106. Which has become the first state in India, where the first modified organic village has been established?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Tripura
- C. Manipur
- D. Himachal Pradesh

107. Which state government has recently launched 'Samarth' e-governance portal?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Telangana
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above



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108. Which motors has provided the first LNG truck facility in India?

- A. Tata Motors
- B. Ashok Leyland Motors
- C. Mahindra Motors
- D. Blue Energy Motors

109. Consider the following statement regarding the NITI Aayog report on POSHAN Abhiyaan-

- 1) Gujrat tops major states in terms of the overall implementation of the Centre's flagship POSHAN Abhiyaan.
- 2) According to the report published by NITI Aayog, Sikkim has performed best among smaller states.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

110. Consider the following statement regarding the UNESCO Network of Learning Cities-

- 1) The cities of Thrissur and Nilambur in Kerala and the Warangal district of Telangana have been included in the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities as three cities in India.
- 2) In the year 2022, 77 cities from 44 countries of the world including India have been included in this list.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2



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111.The International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies is observed globally every year on which date?

- A. 06 September
- B. 07 September
- C. 08 September
- D. 10 September

112.What is the name of the newly formed district as the 29th district of the state by the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel?

- A. Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki
- B. Bemetara
- C. Balrampur
- D. Janjgir-Champa

113.The Central Jail of which district of Uttar Pradesh has been accorded a five-star rating by the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for the quality of food served to inmates?

- A. Kannauj
- B. Farrukhabad
- C. Firozabad
- D. Rampur

114.Which state has topped in the number of disposal and submission of cases through the e-prosecution portal managed by the central government under the Digital India Mission?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Orissa
- D. Manipur

115.Consider the following statement regarding the Indian Science Technology and Engineering Facilities Blueprint (I-STEM)" program-

1) A new I-STEM initiative called "Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (WEST)" was launched the Government of India.



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2) I-STEM is a national web portal for sharing research equipment/facilities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

116. Consider the following statement regarding the "Pudhumai Pen Scheme"-

- 1) Tamil Nadu government launched the "Pudhumai Pen Scheme" for girl students.
- 2) Girl students, who studied from Class V to Class XII in state government schools would be paid a monthly assistance of ₹1,000 till they complete their graduation or diploma.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

117. The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) has given the International Travel Award 2023 for Best Destination for Culture (UNWTO) to which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Kerala
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. West Bengal

118. The virtual cyber security exercise for 26 countries has been jointly organized by the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) India and the government of which country?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. Japan



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- C. China
- D. United States of America

119.National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) Center has been inaugurated by which of the following?

- A. PM Narendra Modi
- B. CJI Uday Umesh Lalit
- C. Amit Shah
- D. Kiren Rijiju

120.Where was the 7th edition of the Space Expo 2022 of the Indian Science and Research Organization (ISRO) held?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chandigarh

121.Consider the following statement regarding the CAE's artificial intelligence training system-

- 1) The artificial intelligence-driven training system developed by CAE is now being used by Jet Airways to educate its pilots.
- 2) CAE is a technology company and the headquarter of CEA is situated in Canada.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

122.Consider the following statement regarding the 'Atal Bridge' -

- 1) In the city of Ahmedabad, the pedestrian-only "Atal Bridge" over the Sabarmati River was officially inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India.



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2) Atal Bridge is about 500 meters long and 14 meters wide.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

123.Which Indian female player won India's first medal at the Judo World Championships with a gold in the women's 57kg category at the World Judo Cadet (U18) Championships?

- A. Linthoi Chanambam
- B. Tulika Maan
- C. Himanshi Sharma
- D. Sadhna Jaiswal

124.Which of these guns manufactured by the Indian Navy is the first ammunition manufactured in India?

- A. M777 howitzer
- B. K9 Thunder
- C. AK-630 cannon
- D. K9 Vajra

125.Which of the following bank has maintained its leading position in the credit card market?

- A. State Bank of India
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. Punjab National Bank

126.Which North-East state has got its second railway station after a gap of more than 119 years with the commissioning of a new facility?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Mizoram
- C. Tripura



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D. Nagaland

127. Consider the following statement regarding the Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar campaign-

- 1) Swachh Sagar, Safe Sagar program, is started by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- 2) The government has introduced a mobile application called "Eco Mitram" to raise awareness of the Clean Sagar, Safe Sagar program.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

128. Consider the following statement regarding the India Hackathon-2022

- 1) The Ministry of Education is hosting the Smart India Hackathon-2022
- 2) The Smart India Hackathon (SIH) Hardware and the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) Software are the two versions of the Smart India Hackathon.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

129. Which holy city has been adjudged the best aspirational district on five parameters by NITI Aayog?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Ujjain
- C. Haridwar
- D. Rishikesh



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130. In which state is India's first earthquake memorial, Smriti Van has been dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Jammu and Kashmir

131. Which of the following city of Uttar Pradesh will be developed as a tourist destination by the Uttar Pradesh government?

- A. Allahabad
- B. Kushinagar
- C. Siddharth Nagar
- D. Kannauj

132. Who authored the book "Free Fall: My Experiments with Living"?

- A. Viswanathan Anand
- B. Mallika Sarabhai
- C. Prem Rawat
- D. Aradhana Johri

133. Consider the following statement regarding the 'CM Udyam Khiladi Upgradation Scheme' -

1. "Mukhyamantri Udyami Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" has been launched by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.
2. Under this scheme, a sports scholarship of Rs 1500 per month will be provided to budding players in the age group of 8 to 14 years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2



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134. Consider the following statement regarding the International Society of Krishna in Consciousness (ISKCON) -

1. The International Society of Krishna in Consciousness (ISKCON) is the largest religious structure in the world in West Bengal.
2. The temple is greater than the Taj Mahal, the famous St. Paul's Cathedral in the Vatican, and the white marble dome building.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

135. Who among the following has won the Miss Diva Universe 2022 title?

- A. Divita Rai
- B. Pragnya Ayyagari
- C. Ojasvi Sharma
- D. Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu

136. Who has become the first fast bowler to complete 950 wickets in international cricket?

- A. Josh Hazlewood
- B. Trent Boult
- C. Jasprit Bumrah
- D. James Anderson

137. Which of the following has become the 10th largest life insurer country in the world?

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. India
- D. China



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138. According to the report of Cushman and Wakefield, who has topped the list of top tech hubs in Asia Pacific region?

- A. Beijing
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Singapore

139. Consider the following statement regarding the Bloomberg Billionaires Index-

- 1) According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Gautam Adani of India is currently the third richest person in the world.
- 2) In the latest Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Reliance chief Mukesh Ambani is at number 11 with a total of USD 91.9 billion.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

140. Consider the following statement regarding the Forex reserves in India-

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reported that the country's foreign exchange reserves decreased by \$6.69 billion to \$564 billion in August 2022.
2. India's foreign exchange reserves were the second highest in the world.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

141. The 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) at which of the following places?



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- A. Chennai
- B. Goa
- C. Mumbai
- D. Trivandrum

142. Who has been appointed as the International Treasurer of the Conference of Parliamentary Associations (CPA) at the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference?

- A. Anurag Sharma
- B. Shamsul Iskandar Md. Akin
- C. Vijay Baghel
- D. Girish Chandra

143. In which of the following state has the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games been inaugurated?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Rajasthan

144. Which airline has joined the "Clear Skies for Tomorrow" sustainability campaign run by the World Economic Forum?

- A. Indigo
- B. Air India
- C. AirAsia
- D. SpiceJet

145. Consider the following statement regarding the Accidental Deaths and Suicides report 2021-

1. Accidental Deaths and Suicides report published by The National Crime Records Bureau.
2. Bihar the state with the highest suicide rate, saw 22,207 suicides in 2021 according to National Crime Records Bureau.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?



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- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

146. Consider the following statement regarding the 'e-Samadhan' portal-

- 1. A centralized portal named 'e-Samadhan' has been launched by the University Grants Commission (UGC).
- 2. The 'e-Samadhan' portal aims to benefit about 38 million students.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

147. Which player has set a new national record in 100 meters race on National Sports Day 2022?

- A. Amlan Borgohain
- B. Amiya Kumar
- C. Rameshwar Gurjar
- D. Jeswin Aldrin

148. Tata Steel and which state government recently signed MoU to set up a steel plant?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Punjab
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above

149. Which state government has launched 'Mahila Nidhi' to help women entrepreneurs?



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- A. Rajasthan
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha

150. Which state /union territory has started virtual schools from class 9 to class 12, in which all the students of the country will be eligible for admission?

- A. Jammu & Kashmir
- B. Delhi
- C. Telangana
- D. Puducherry

##ANSWERS##

1. Ans. A.	31. Ans. A.	61. Ans. C.	91. Ans. A.	121. Ans. B.
2. Ans. C.	32. Ans. C.	62. Ans. B.	92. Ans. B.	122. Ans. A.
3. Ans. D.	33. Ans. B.	63. Ans. A.	93. Ans. B.	123. Ans. A.
4. Ans. B.	34. Ans. D.	64. Ans. B.	94. Ans. C.	124. Ans. C.
5. Ans. C.	35. Ans. A.	65. Ans. C.	95. Ans. B.	125. Ans. C.
6. Ans. D.	36. Ans. C.	66. Ans. D.	96. Ans. A.	126. Ans. D.
7. Ans. C.	37. Ans. C.	67. Ans. A.	97. Ans. A.	127. Ans. B.
8. Ans. D.	38. Ans. A.	68. Ans. B.	98. Ans. B.	128. Ans. C.
9. Ans. A.	39. Ans. A.	69. Ans. A.	99. Ans. A.	129. Ans. C.
10. Ans. C.	40. Ans. B.	70. Ans. D.	100. Ans. B.	130. Ans. A.



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11. Ans. A.	41. Ans. B.	71. Ans. B.	101. Ans. D.	131. Ans. D.
12. Ans. D.	42. Ans. D.	72. Ans. A.	102. Ans. B.	132. Ans. B.
13. Ans. B.	43. Ans. A.	73. Ans. C.	103. Ans. B.	133. Ans. B.
14. Ans. C.	44. Ans. C.	74. Ans. A.	104. Ans. C.	134. Ans. C.
15. Ans. A.	45. Ans. D.	75. Ans. C.	105. Ans. C.	135. Ans. A.
16. Ans. B.	46. Ans. A.	76. Ans. B.	106. Ans. B.	136. Ans. D.
17. Ans. D.	47. Ans. B.	77. Ans. D.	107. Ans. C.	137. Ans. C.
18. Ans. A.	48. Ans. B.	78. Ans. D.	108. Ans. D.	138. Ans. A.
19. Ans. C.	49. Ans. C.	79. Ans. C.	109. Ans. B.	139. Ans. C.
20. Ans. B.	50. Ans. B.	80. Ans. A.	110. Ans. C.	140. Ans. A.
21. Ans. A.	51. Ans. B.	81. Ans. D.	111. Ans. B.	141. Ans. A.
22. Ans. B.	52. Ans. D.	82. Ans. A.	112. Ans. A.	142. Ans. A.
23. Ans. D.	53. Ans. C.	83. Ans. C.	113. Ans. B.	143. Ans. D.
24. Ans. D.	54. Ans. C.	84. Ans. D.	114. Ans. A.	144. Ans. A.
25. Ans. B.	55. Ans. C.	85. Ans. B.	115. Ans. C.	145. Ans. A.
26. Ans. C.	56. Ans. A.	86. Ans. C.	116. Ans. C.	146. Ans. C.
27. Ans. D.	57. Ans. D.	87. Ans. C.	117. Ans. D.	147. Ans. A.



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28. Ans. A.	58. Ans. B.	88. Ans. B.	118. Ans. A.	148. Ans. D.
29. Ans. C.	59. Ans. A.	89. Ans. D.	119. Ans. B.	149. Ans. A.
30. Ans. B.	60. Ans. D.	90. Ans. B.	120. Ans. C.	150. Ans. B.



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