

Weekly Current Affairs

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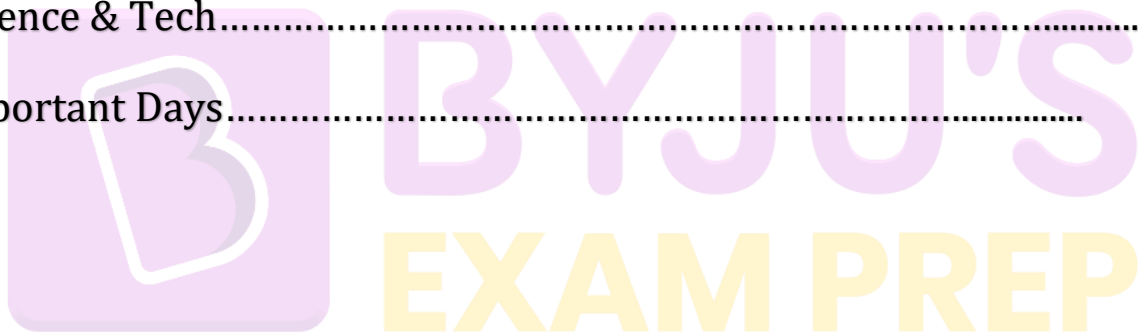
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International Relations

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.



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

Fraturdays 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.



- 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).



- 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

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



Key Points:

- Arogya 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.
- 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.
- 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

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.
- 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:

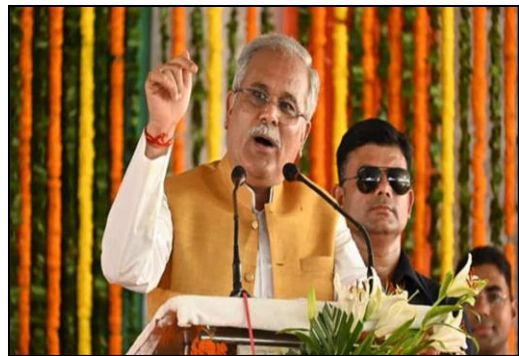
- The conference is being organized by the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI).
- The conference will be attended by top functionaries of cooperative milk unions and state dairy unions from the eastern and northeastern states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, 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

Important News: 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.
- 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

Important News: 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.



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.
- 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

Awards

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-
 - 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.
- 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



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.



- 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. 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

Science & Tech

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

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



Important Days

International Day of Awareness about Food Loss and Waste 2022

Why in News:

- The third International Food Loss and Waste Awareness Day (IDAFW) 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.
- 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.
- 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

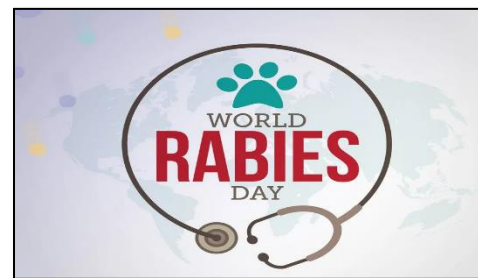
World Rabies Day 2022

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

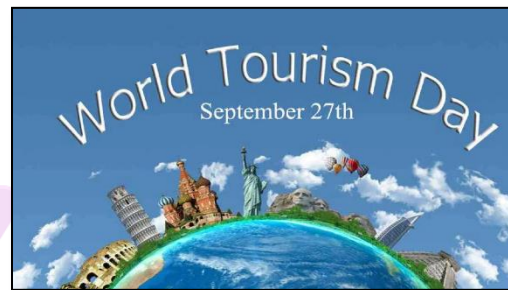
World tourism day 2022

Why in News:

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

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

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).
- 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.



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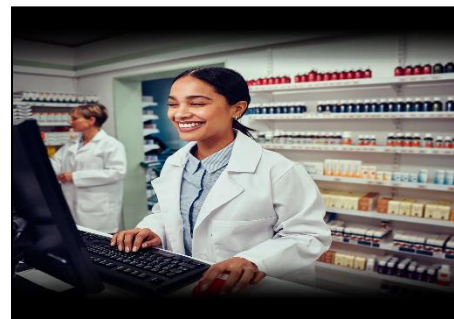
- The purpose of World River Day is to reduce the increasing water pollution in rivers because rivers are an integral part of our life, on which animals, plants and plants depend.
- The theme of World River Day 2022 is 'Importance of Rivers for Biodiversity'.
- World River Day aims to highlight the importance 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.
- 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.



ey 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 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



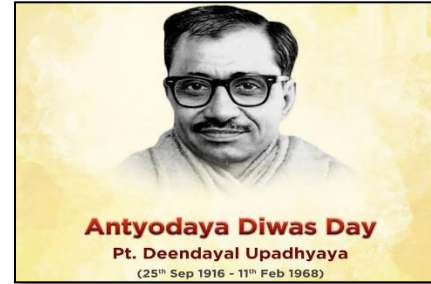
Antyodaya Diwas 2022

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.
- 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

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