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Important News: State

35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela



Context

- Governor of Haryana Bandaru Dattatraya and Chief Minister of Haryana Manohar Lal inaugurated the **35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2022** at Faridabad near Delhi.

Key Points

- More than 20 countries are participating in the event and the partner nation is Uzbekistan.
- Jammu & Kashmir is the 'Theme State' of the 35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2022, which is showcasing its unique culture and rich heritage through various art forms and handicrafts from the state.
- Jointly hosted by the Surajkund Mela Authority and Haryana Tourism in collaboration with the Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture, External Affairs and Government of Haryana, this festival has come to occupy a place of pride and prominence on the international tourism calendar for its display of crafts, culture & cuisine of India in aesthetically created ambience.
- The Surajkund Crafts Mela was hosted for the first time in 1987 to showcase the richness and diversity of the handicrafts, handlooms, and the cultural heritage of India.

History of Surajkund:

- Surajkund, the site of the popular Surajkund International Crafts Mela is located at a distance of 8 km from South Delhi in Faridabad.
- Surajkund derives its name from the ancient amphitheatre, meaning 'lake of the sun' constructed here in the 10th century by Raja SurajPal, one of the Tomar chieftains.

Source: TOI

Nagaland Legislative Assembly becomes first in country to have operationalized National e-Vidhan Application programme



Context

- **Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA)** has become the first in the country to have operationalised the **National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) programme** for conducting a session in paperless mode.

Key Points

- E-Book installed in the NLA is the medium through which the member will be using the NeVA application in the Assembly in pursuit of the paperless Assembly.
- The NeVA is a project which is funded by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India with 10 percent State share.

Source: newsonair

NarasinghapettaiNagaswaram, the classical musical instrument gets GI tag



Why in News

- **NarasinghapettaiNagaswaram**, the classical wind musical instrument of Tamil Nadu has been granted the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** under the category of musical instruments of class 15.

Key Points

- The musical instrument is traditionally made by artisans based in a village near Kumbakonam who make them through specialized processing skills, a technique inherited from their forefathers.

About NarasinghapettaiNagaswaram:

- Nagaswaram is a wind instrument made of wood and metal. The instrument has also been accorded a high status as a 'Mangala Vadyam' and is played in religious ceremonies, auspicious occasions, and classical concerts.

Geographical Indication tag:

- The Geographical Indication tag is issued for agricultural, natural, or manufactured goods that have a unique quality, reputation, or other characteristics attributable to their geographical origin.

Source: newsonair

Important News: India

Ministry of Education to conduct first-of-its-kind 'Foundational Learning Study'



Why in News

- The Ministry of Education will be conducting a '**Foundational Learning Study**' in order to draw a first-hand understanding of the learning levels of the students at the foundational learning stage (at the end of Grade 3).
- The study is first of its kind in the world as it aims to set-up benchmarks for reading with comprehension in 22 Indian languages.

About Foundational Learning Study:

- The Foundational Learning Study will be conducted by the NCERT in all States and UTs over a window of four days i.e., 23rd, to 26th March, 2022 in the sampled schools.
- Approximately, 10000 schools and 1 lakh students are expected to participate in this study.

Source: India Today

WINGS INDIA 2022

Why in News

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA) and FICCI are jointly organizing **WINGS INDIA 2022** - Asia's largest event on Civil Aviation (Commercial, General and Business Aviation) from 24th – 27th March 2022 at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad, India.



Key Points

- As part of the country's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the **theme** of the event is "India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry".

- WINGS INDIA 2022 is Asia's largest event on Civil Aviation, providing a congenial forum catering to the rapidly changing dynamics of the sector, focusing on new business acquisition, investments, policy formation and regional connectivity.
- “**WINGS INDIA AWARDS**” will be conferred upon the Aviation-related Companies/Institutions/Organizations that have created benchmarks and made notable contributions in the area of Civil Aviation in India.

Source: PIB

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)



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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

Government of India

Why in News

- The **National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)** has been dysfunctional for the last four years and has not delivered a single report to Parliament, a parliamentary committee has said in a recent report.

About National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST):

- It is an Indian constitutional body that was established through Constitution (89th Amendment) Act, 2003.
- On the 89th Amendment of the Constitution coming into force on 19 February 2004, the National Commission for scheduled Tribes has been set up under Article 338A on bifurcation of erstwhile National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to oversee the implementation of various safeguards provided.

Composition:

- The Commission comprises a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and three full-time Members (including one female Member). The term of all the Members of the Commission is three years from the date of assumption of charge.

Source: The Hindu

Cabinet approves Minimum Support Price of Raw Jute for 2022 -23 season



Why in News

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, approved the **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** for Raw Jute for 2022-23 season.

Key Points

- The approval is based on recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.
- The MSP of Raw Jute (TDN₃ equivalent to TD₅ grade) has been fixed at Rs.4750/- per quintal for 2022-23 season.
- This would ensure a return of 60.53 percent over all India weighted average cost of production.
- The announced MSP of raw jute for 2022-23 season is in line with the principle of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times all India weighted average cost of production as announced by the Government in the Budget 2018-19.

Source: PIB

Important News: World

2nd India-Australia Virtual Summit



Context

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Australia Scott Morrison held the **2nd India-Australia Virtual Summit** on 21 March 2022 during which they reviewed the multi-faceted relationship between the two countries and exchanged views on regional and global developments.

Key Points

- Both the leaders expressed satisfaction at the progress made under the **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** established during the 1st Virtual Summit in June 2020.
- Prime Minister Modi expressed his satisfaction at the enhanced scope of the relationship which now covers diverse areas such as trade and investments, defence and security, education and innovation, science and technology, critical minerals, water management, new and renewable energy technology, COVID-19 related research, etc.

Note:

- Prime Minister Modi thanked PM Scott Morrison for the special gesture in returning 29 ancient artefacts to India.
- These artefacts comprise sculptures, paintings, and photographs, across centuries, some dating back to the 9th-10th century, from different parts of India.
- The artefacts include 12th century Chola bronzes, 11th-12th century Jain sculptures from Rajasthan, 12th-13th century sandstone Goddess Mahisasuramardini from Gujarat, 18th-19th century paintings and early gelatin silver photographs.

Source: PIB

14th India-Japan Annual Summit

Context

- Prime Minister of Japan, Kishida Fumio made an official visit to India, as his first bilateral visit, from 19 to 20 March 2022 for the **14th India-Japan Annual Summit** with Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India.
- The Prime Ministers recognized that the Summit was taking place at a significant time as the two countries were celebrating the 70th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations and India was celebrating the 75th anniversary of its independence.



Key Points

- India and Japan signed six agreements in the areas of cyber-security, sustainable urban development, wastewater management, water supply and connectivity and India-Japan Industrial Competitiveness Partnership Roadmap.
- India and Japan launched a Clean Energy Partnership (CEP) for cooperation towards achieving sustainable economic growth, addressing climate change and ensuring energy security.
- The two leaders expressed their commitment to promoting peace, security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.

Source: PIB

Finlandization



Why in News

- Recently, the French President Emmanuel Macron suggested **Finlandization** might be a realistic outcome for Ukraine if and when the Russia-Ukraine war ends.

About Finlandization:

- Finlandization refers to the policy of strict neutrality between Moscow and the West that Finland followed during the decades of the Cold War.
- The principle of neutrality was rooted in the Agreement of Friendship, Cooperation, and Mutual Assistance that Finland signed with the USSR in April 1948.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: Economy

New Investment Policy-2012



Why in News

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given approval for the proposal of the Department of Fertilizers for extension of applicability of **New Investment Policy (NIP)-2012** for the three units of **Hindustan Urvarak&Rasayan Limited (HURL)** viz. Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni.

Key Points

- The government had announced the New Investment Policy (NIP) - 2012 in January, 2013 and its amendment in October, 2014 to facilitate fresh investment in the urea sector and to make India self-sufficient.

About Hindustan Urvarak&Rasayan Limited (HURL):

- HURL, incorporated on 15th June, 2016 is a Joint Venture Company by Coal India Limited (CIL), NTPC Limited (NTPC) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL).
- The cost of three HURL Urea projects is Rs. 25,120 crore.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Defense

Joint Military Exercise LAMITIYE-2022

Context

- The **9th Joint Military Exercise LAMITIYE-2022** between the Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF) is being conducted at Seychelles Defence Academy (SDA), Seychelles from 22 March to 31 March 2022.

Key Points

- An Infantry Platoon strength each from both the Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces along with Company Headquarters will be participating in this exercise which is aimed at sharing experiences gained during various operations against hostile forces in Semi-Urban environment and enhance capability to undertake joint operations.
- **Exercise LAMITIYE** is a biennial training event which is being conducted in Seychelles since 2001.

Source: PIB

Exercise 'Suraksha Kavach 2'



Why in News

- Recently, Agnibaaz Division organized a joint exercise '**Suraksha Kavach 2**' between Indian Army and Maharashtra Police at Lullanagar, Pune.

Key Points

- The aim of the exercise was to harmonize the drills and procedures undertaken by Army and Police to counter any likely terrorist actions in Pune.
- The exercise involved participation of Counter Terrorism Task Force (CTTF) of Indian Army, Anti-Terrorism Squad of Maharashtra Police alongwith Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs), Dog Squads and Bomb Disposal Teams of both agencies.

Source: HT

INS Shivaji as the Centre of Excellence in Marine Engineering



Why in News

- The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** recognised **INS Shivaji** as the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in the field of Marine Engineering (ME).

Key Points

- MSDE's designation of INS Shivaji as a Centre of Excellence is the first of its kind for any military organisation, and it reflects the INS Shivaji's continued commitment to skill and technology development.

About INS Shivaji:

- INS Shivaji is an Indian naval station in Lonavla, Maharashtra.
- It houses the Naval College of Engineering, which educates and trains Indian Navy and Coast Guard officials.

- The organisation was commissioned as HMIS Shivaji on February 15, 1945.

Source: PIB

EX-DUSTLIK



Why in News

- The 3rd edition of joint training exercise between Indian and Uzbekistan armies, **EX-DUSTLIK** is being conducted at Yangiariq, Uzbekistan from 22 to 31 March 2022.

Key Points

- The Indian contingent which comprises a platoon strength of Grenadiers Regiment departed for the exercise area on 22 March 2022 to join the Uzbekistan Army contingent represented by troops of the North Western Military District.
- The last edition of DUSTLIK was conducted in Ranikhet (Uttarakhand) in March 2021.
- The joint exercise would focus on Counter Terrorism operations in semi-urban terrain under a United Nations Mandate.
- The **Grenadiers battalion** nominated for the exercise is one of the highly decorated battalions of Indian Army and has the unique distinction of participating in almost all the Pre and Post Independence Operations. The unit has been awarded eight Pre-Independence Battle Honours. Post Independence, it has earned theatre honour 'RAJASTHAN' in 1965 war and battle honour 'JARPAL' in 1971 war.

Source: India Today

Exercise Cold Response 2022



Why in News

- The military exercise '**Cold Response 2022**' has been organized by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Norway.
- The exercise started on 14 March and will continue to 1 April 2022.

Key Points

- Over 30,000 soldiers from 27 countries, as well as a number of civilian agencies participate in the exercise.
- This exercise is held biennially in Norway.

- Cold Response 2022 is a long-planned exercise bringing together thousands of troops from NATO Allies and partners, testing their ability to work together in cold weather conditions across Norway – on land, in the air and at sea.
- Cold Response 2022 is organised by the Norwegian Armed Forces.
- The first exercise was the largest military exercise in Norway in 2006.

About North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Click Here

Science and Technology

Data-Driven Research to Eradicate TB- “Dare2eraD TB”



Why in News

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh announced the launch of **Data-Driven Research to Eradicate TB- “Dare2eraD TB”** by the Department of Biotechnology, M/o Science & Technology, on the occasion of World TB Day.

Key Points

- In March 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the Delhi End TB Summit. At the Summit, the Prime Minister gave the clarion call to End TB in India by 2025, five years ahead of the TB-related SDG targets of 2030.
- Dr. Singh said that in India, we are still carrying on with the stigma of Tuberculosis with around 2-3 million cases every year, which is a matter of concern.

India's Efforts:

- National Strategic Plan (NSP) for Tuberculosis Elimination (2017-2025), The Nikshay Ecosystem (National TB information system), NikshayPoshan Yojana (NPY- financial support), TB HaregaDeshJeetega Campaign.

Source: PIB

NASA's Artemis I moon mission

Why in News

- Recently, the **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** rolled out its **Artemis I moon mission** to the launchpad for testing at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, United States.



Key Points

- **NASA's Artemis mission** is touted as the next generation of lunar exploration.
- With the Artemis programme, NASA aims to land humans on the moon by 2024.
- **Artemis I (formerly Exploration Mission-1)** is the first of NASA's deep space exploration systems.
- It is an uncrewed space mission where the spacecraft will launch on Space Launch System (SLS) — the most powerful rocket in the world — and travel 2,80,000 miles from the earth for over four to six weeks during the course of the mission.

Source: The Hindu

Schemes

Project UNNATI



Why in News

- Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh felicitated 75 trained candidates of **Project UNNATI** under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi as part of the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- Along with 75 Trained Candidates of Project UNNATI, the Minister also felicitated Bankers associated with RSETI of States/UTs, who have contributed towards the successful completion of training of Project UNNATI candidates.

About Project 'UNNATI':

- Project 'UNNATI', as a skilling project intends to upgrade the skill base of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA beneficiaries, and thereby improving their livelihoods, so that they can move from the current partial employment to full-time employment and hence reduce their dependence on Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

- This project is meant for providing training for one adult member (of age 18-45 years old) of a household who has completed 100 days of work under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA in the previous financial year from the year of commencement of the project. The households from which candidates are selected for the training, are continuing to enjoy 100 days of work under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

Source: PIB

4th PoshanPakhwada



Why in News

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the **4th PoshanPakhwada** from 21st March to 4th April, 2022.

Key Points

- For the celebration of PoshanPakhwada, the emphasis is on two broad areas viz. identification & celebration of Healthy Child, and integration of modern and traditional practices for healthy India within the thematic areas around Poshan MITRA (**M**odern, **I**T based, **T**raditional & **R**egional **A**ctivities).
- Ministry of Women and Child Development will be the nodal Ministry for coordinating activities during the PoshanPakhwada.

Under the theme for integration of modern and traditional practices, special focus will be on the following:

- Measurement of Height and Weight of Children under 6 years who are beneficiaries in the Anganwadi Centres
- Activities focused around Gender Sensitive Water Management and generating awareness in women about the importance of water conservation and promoting rainwater harvesting structures including in Anganwadi Centres
- Test Treat and Talk Anaemia
- Promote traditional food for healthy mother and child esp. in Tribal Areas

About POSHAN Abhiyan:

- POSHAN Abhiyan launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 8th March 2018 has reached a long way in ensuring wider people's participation.
- Poshan Abhiyan endeavours to improve nutritional outcomes in a holistic manner in convergence with other Ministries.

Source: newsonair

Union Jal Shakti Minister launches Sujlam 2.0 Campaign



Why in News

- Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched the **Sujalam 2.0 campaign** for greywater management at a virtual event hosted by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti to mark the World Water Day, 2022.

Key Points

- The **theme** for this year is 'Groundwater: making the invisible visible.'
- Funds to execute the activities for greywater management can be sourced from SBM-G Phase II or through 15th Finance Commission tied-grants or MGNREGS or through convergence of all.
- It is estimated that 31 billion litres of greywater is generated every day in India.
- Under Sujlam 2.0 campaign, over 6 lakh villages will see intense activity on solid and liquid waste management.

Source: PIB

Awards and Honours

Karolina Bielawska from Poland wins the Miss World 2021 crown

Context

- Karolina Bielawska from Poland has won the 70th edition of the Miss World pageant (Miss World 2021) that took place in Puerto Rico.

Key Points

- Indian-American Shree Saini from the United States bagged the first runner-up title, followed by Olivia Yace from Cote d'Ivoire as the second runner-up.
- Femina Miss India World 2020 Manasa Varanasi represented India at the Miss World 2021. She reached the Top 13 contestants but could not make it to the Top 6 finalists.



Source: HT

Women Transforming India Awards



Why in News

- NITI Aayog organized the fifth edition of the **Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards**.

Key Points

- This year, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate 75 years of India's independence, the WTI Awards were conferred on 75 women achievers to celebrate their contribution towards a 'Sashakt Aur Samarth Bharat'.

About Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards:

- The Women Transforming India Awards is NITI Aayog's annual initiative to highlight the commendable and ground-breaking endeavours of India's women leaders and change-makers.
- Since 2018, the Awards have been hosted under the aegis of NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), with a special focus on entrepreneurship.
- Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)** is an aggregator portal that aims to catalyse the entrepreneurial ecosystem for women and address information asymmetry.

Source: PIB

Important Days

March 22, World Water Day

Context

- World Water Day is observed every year on 22nd March.

Key Points

- The **theme** for World Water Day 2022 is 'Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible'.
- The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution by which 22 March of each year was declared World Day for Water, to be observed starting in 1993.
- A core focus of World Water Day is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.



2022 Groundwater

Source: un.org

March 24, World TB Day

Why in News

- **World TB Day (World Tuberculosis Day)** is observed on March 24 each year to raise public awareness about Tuberculosis (TB).

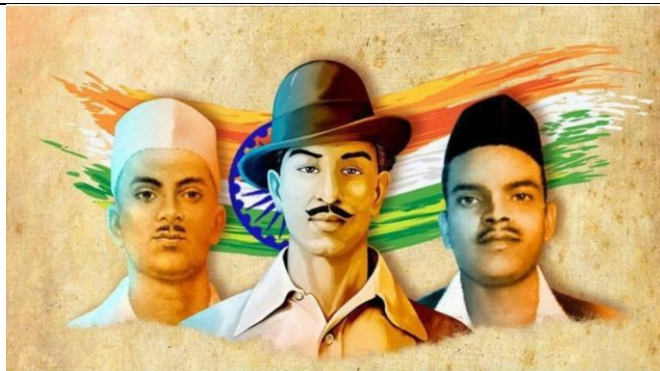


Key Points

- The **theme** of World TB Day 2022 is 'Invest to End TB. Save Lives.'
- On this day in the year 1882, Dr. Robert Koch announced the discovery of the bacteria that causes TB. It paved the way for diagnosis and cure of this deadly disease.
- World TB Day is one of eleven official global public health campaigns marked by the World Health Organization (WHO), along with World Health Day, World Chagas Disease Day, World Blood Donor Day, World Antimicrobial Awareness Week, World Immunization Week, World Malaria Day, World No Tobacco Day, World Hepatitis Day, World Patient Safety Day and World AIDS Day.

Source: who.int

Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day



Why in News

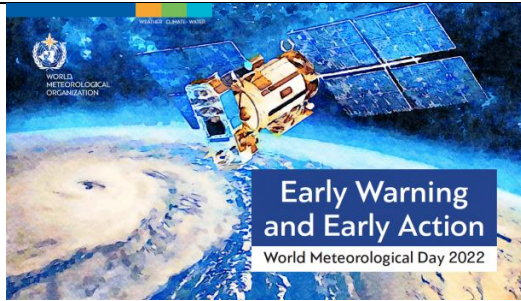
- March 23 is observed as Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day in India.

Key Points

- On March 23, 1931, Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar were hanged to death by the British in Lahore Jail.
- In order to honour and remember their sacrifice for India's freedom struggle, March 23rd is celebrated as Shaheed Diwas.

Source: India Today

World Meteorological Day



Why in News

- World Meteorological Day is celebrated on March 23 every year.

Key Points

- The **theme** for World Meteorological Day 2022 is 'Early Warning and Early Action'.
- The day is celebrated as the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), an organization of the United Nations, was created on 23 March 1950 to replace the International Meteorological Organization.
- The first World Meteorological Day was held on 23 March 1961.

Source: un.org

Sports

Pankaj Advani wins Asian Billiards Championship for the eighth time



- Ace Indian cueist Pankaj Advani defeated compatriot Dhruv Sitwala to win his eighth title at the 19th Asian 100 UP Billiards Championship 2022 in Doha, Qatar.
- This is Advani's 24th international title and 8th Asian crown.

Source: The Hindu

SAI National Centre of Excellence for Mountain Terrain Biking and Bicycle Motocross



Why in News

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the Youth Services and Sports department of the Government of Himachal Pradesh is set to build India's first-ever **SAI National Centre of Excellence (NCOE)** to train athletes in Mountain Terrain Biking and Bicycle Motocross in Shimla.

Key Points

- The NCOE is being set up to provide world-class training facilities to Indian cyclists so that they can compete for the 18 Olympic medals in the disciplines of MTB and BMX.

Source: PIB

Ashleigh Barty announces retirement from tennis



Why in News

- In Tennis, Australia's world number one **Ashleigh Barty** has decided to retire from professional tennis at the age of 25.

Key Points

- Barty won three Grand Slam titles; Australian Open (2022), French Open (2019), and Wimbledon (2021), lifting 15 singles and 12 doubles titles in a celebrated career.

Source: HT

Reports and Indexes

Building Digital Skills for the changing workforce: Report



Why in News

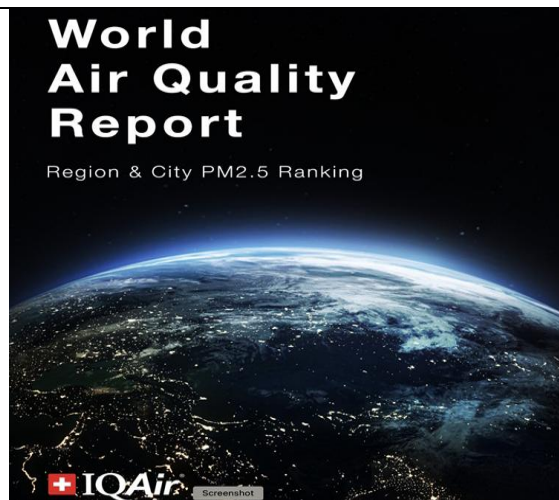
- About 27.3 million workers, representing 7% of the country's workforce, will require digital skills training for their jobs over the next year, as demand for such skills, especially cloud-related skills, became more acute during the pandemic, according to a new report.

Key Points

- The report – '**Building Digital Skills for the changing workforce**', has been prepared by AlphaBeta and commissioned by Amazon Web Services, Inc. (AWS).
- It is based on a survey of 1,012 digitally skilled workers in both technology and non-technology roles, and 303 employers in India, with representation from the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Source: The Hindu

World Air Quality Report 2021



Why in News

- New Delhi continues to be the world's most polluted capital city for the fourth consecutive year, according to the **2021 World Air Quality Report**, prepared by Swiss organisation IQAir.

Key Points

- The report is based on PM2.5 air quality data from 6,475 cities in 117 countries, regions, and territories around the world.

Globally:

- Bangladesh** was the most polluted country in 2021, followed by Chad, Pakistan and Tajikistan. India was the fifth most polluted country.
- Among the cities, Dhaka was the second most polluted city in the world with a PM 2.5 level of 78.1 just below New Delhi which had a PM 2.5 level of 85.1 in 2021.
- The data reveals that not a single country in the world managed to meet the WHO's air quality standard in 2021.

In India:

- The index listed 35 Indian cities with the worst air quality tag for 2021 with Rajasthan's Bhiwadi topping the list followed closely by Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad.
- In fact, none of the cities in India met the prescribed World Health Organization air quality standards of 5 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).

Source: TOI

New Appointments

N Biren Singh takes oath as Manipur CM for second straight term



Context

- N Biren Singh took oath as Manipur's Chief Minister for a second straight term.

Key Points

- Manipur Governor La. Ganesan administered the oath of office and secrecy to Singh in the swearing-in ceremony that took place in Imphal.
- The BJP won 32 of the 60 seats in the election. This is the first time that the party won an absolute majority in Manipur.
- In 2017, the BJP had formed the government with the support of the Naga People's Front (NPF) and the National People's Party (NPP). Biren Singh was sworn in as the first-ever BJP Chief Minister in Manipur.

Source: HT

Pushkar Singh Dhami takes oath for second term as Uttarakhand Chief Minister

Why in News

- Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and son of an ex-serviceman, **Pushkar Singh Dhami** took oath as the 12th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand in a grand swearing-in ceremony at the Parade Ground in Dehradun.



Key Points

- Governor Lt Gen (retd) Gurmit Singh administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Dhami.
- The youngest CM of the state, Dhami was brought in as a replacement for former chief minister Tirath Singh Rawat in July last year.
- The BJP won the popular mandate for the second consecutive term in Uttarakhand and won 47 seats in the 70-member assembly.

Source: TOI

Indian Economist Jayati Ghosh appointed in UN Advisory Board on Multilateralism



Why in News

- Indian development economist Jayati Ghosh has been appointed by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to a new high-level advisory board on effective multilateralism.

Key Points

- UN chief Guterres announced the establishment of the Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism to be co-chaired by former Liberian president and Nobel laureate Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and former Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven.
- She is also a member of the UN's high-level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs.
- Jayati Ghosh, 65, is a professor of economics at University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Source: The Hindu

Obituaries

Former Chief Justice of India R C Lahoti passes away

- Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ramesh Chandra Lahoti passed away at 81.
- Justice Lahoti was appointed the 35th CJI on June 1, 2004. He retired on November 1, 2005.
- He was a former independent director on the Board of directors of the Press Trust of India.



Source: The Hindu

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