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Important News: International

Free speech through offline and online medium

Why in News:

- The '2022 Resilient Democracies Statement (RDS)' has been signed by India with the G7 countries.



key points:

- The main objective of the Resilient Democracies Statement is to protect the freedom of the actors of civil society, freedom of expression, and opinion through online and offline means.
- Under the Resilient Democracies Statement, India will work towards equitable, inclusive, and sustainable solutions to global challenges, while also affirming a rules-based international order.
- The '2022 Resilient Democracies' Statement signed with the G7 countries is in line with the 2021 Carbin Bay Open Societies Statement.

Source: The Hindu

Status of EU candidates

Why in News:

- The European Parliament voted to grant EU candidate status to Ukraine and Moldova.



key points:

- The European Union's candidacy for Georgia was approved by the European Parliament.
- European Council President Charles Michel made the announcement after discussions between the leaders of the 27 EU member states.
- To join the 27-member EU bloc, the three countries are required to complete a series of political and economic reforms.

Source: All India Radio

Important News: National

Ayush Wellness Center (AWC) at Rashtrapati Bhavan

Why in News:

- The Center for Advanced AYUSH Health at President's Estate, New Delhi was inaugurated by the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind in the presence of the Union Minister of AYUSH.



key points:

- The country's first AYUSH Wellness Clinic (AWC) with all systems was established in the President's Estate in July 2015, through a joint initiative by the Ministry of AYUSH and the President's Secretariat.
- The Anganwadi Center offers treatment facilities in the streams of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy, as well as caters to the medical needs of the President, officials of the President's Secretariat, and residents of the President's Estate.
- Ayush Wellness Center acts as a precursor to many such clinics in various government departments across the country and reputed institutions like AIIMS.

Source: PIB

Important News: Defence

ISRO test-fires PSLV-C53 rocket

Why in News:

- PSLV-C53 rocket will be test-fired by the Indian Space Research Organization - ISRO.



key points:

- PSLV-C53 rocket will also launch three Singapore satellites (155 kg NUSAAR satellite and 2.8 kg Scub-1 nanosatellite from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore).
- PSLV-C53 rocket will be launched from the second launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Center in Srihari Kota.
- PSLV-C53 rocket is the second dedicated commercial mission of New Space India Limited, a newly formed public entity under the Department of Space.
- PSLV-C53 rocket will launch the primary payload, DS-EO 365 kg earth observation satellite, into an orbit of 570 km altitude measured from the equator.

Source: Indian Express

Abhyas - Successfully Tested High-Speed Expandable Aerial Target (HEAT)

Why in News:

- Abhyas - High-Speed Expandable Aerial Target (HEAT) was successfully flight tested from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha.



key points:

- The target aircraft was flown from a ground-based controller in a pre-determined low-altitude flight path which was monitored by various tracking sensors deployed by ITR including radar and an electro-optical targeting system.
- The exercise has been designed and developed by the Aeronautical Development Establishment of the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO).
- Abhyas - High-Speed Expandable Aerial Target Vehicle was launched with the aim of using twin under-slug boosters which provide the initial speed to the vehicle.

- The target aircraft is equipped with Micro-Electromechanical Systems-based Inertial Navigation System for navigation along with the Flight Control Computer for guidance and control along with Indigenous Radio Altimeter for very low altitude flight and Data Link for encrypted communication between the Ground Control Station and Target Aircraft.

Source: Times of India

Important News: Economy

Assessment Report of States/UTs under Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP 2020)

Why in News:

- Under the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP 2020) by the Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, in the presence of the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal, in New Delhi. Assessment report issued.



key points:

- This year's assessment report "BRAP 2020" contains 301 improvement points covering 15 business regulatory areas such as access to information, single window system, labor,

environment, sector-wise reforms, and other reforms related to the life cycle of a specific business.

- Sector-wise reforms have been introduced in BRAP 2020 for the first time with 72 reforms in 9 key sectors (Business License, Health Care, Legal Metrology, Cinema Hall, Hospitality, Fire NOC, Telecom, Movie Shooting, and Tourism).
- A feedback-based process has been initiated by DPIIT this year in which feedback is obtained from companies on the quality of implementation of reforms being undertaken by the States and Union Territories.
- Since the year 2014, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) issues Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) to drive business reforms with the aim to create an investor-friendly ecosystem in the country.

Source: The Hindu

Important Days

International Asteroid Day



- International Asteroid Day is observed globally on 30 June every year.
- This year the theme of International Asteroid Day is "small is beautiful".
- International Asteroid Day is widely observed each year to raise public awareness of the danger of asteroid impacts and to inform the public of the worldwide crisis communication actions to be taken in case of a credible near-Earth object threat.
- In the year 2016, June 30 was declared by the United Nations General Assembly as International Asteroid Day, and to implement it, resolution A/RES/71/90 was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.
- International Asteroid Day is observed every year on 30 June 1908 to mark the anniversary of the Tunguska impact on Siberia, the Russian Federation, and to raise public awareness of the asteroid impact threat.

Source: Livemint

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