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Monkeypox

Why in News:

- According to a new study on monkeypox published in The Lancet, some antiviral drugs have the ability to reduce the symptoms of monkeypox and reduce the amount of time a patient is infectious.



key points:

- According to the study published in The Lancet, patients' responses to two antiviral drugs – brincidofovir and tecovirimat – have been documented.
- The antiviral drugs brincidofovir and tecovirimat were developed to treat smallpox, but suitable drugs have demonstrated some efficacy against monkeypox in animals.
- Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by a virus, but there are currently no licensed treatments for such rare diseases as monkeypox.
- According to the World Health Organization (WHO), monkeypox can be contained in countries outside Africa where this type of virus is usually not detected, and the virus is more commonly found in remote parts of Central and West Africa.

Source: All India radio

PM attends Quad Leaders' Summit

Why in News:

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi attending the Quad Leaders' Summit, in Tokyo, Japan on May 24, 2022, which includes the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Fumio Kishida, the President of the United States of America, Mr. Joseph Biden and the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Anthony Albanese was involved.



Key Points:

- This was the second individual meeting of the heads of the Quad countries, while a total of four meetings of the Quad have been held so far.
- The first virtual meeting of the Quad countries was held in March 2021, the second virtual meeting was held in Washington DC in September 2021, and the third virtual meeting was held in March 2022.
- A Quad Partnership on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) was announced by politicians to enable a more effective and timely response against disasters in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The Prime Minister emphasized the goal of fulfilling the positive and constructive agenda of the Quad.

Related Facts

What is Quad Group?

- The Quad Group is an informal strategic dialogue forum between India, the US, Japan, and Australia.
- It brings together member states to ensure and support a 'free, open, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.'
- The idea of establishing a 'Democratic Security Diamond' involving Australia, India, Japan, and the US was presented by Shinzo Abe in the year 2012 to ensure maritime security from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, on the basis of which the Quad Group was established.

Source: PIB

Quad Scholarship Fellowship Program

Why in News:

- US President Joe Biden launches a new fellowship program like the Quad Scholarship to bring together allies in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics at the Quad Summit.

key points:

- The Quad Scholarship will be awarded to students from the United States, Japan, Australia, and India pursuing postgraduate and doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics at American universities.



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- Quad Scholarship will be awarded to a total of hundred students every year under which it will be awarded to 25 students from each Quad group country.
- This is one of its kind of initiative under which students will get good education opportunities.
- The main objective of this initiative is to establish linkages between the next generation of scientists and technology professionals.

Source: Indian Express

Business Roundtable held in Tokyo

Why in News:

- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the Business Round Table Conference held in Tokyo on May 23, 2022.



key points:

- The event was attended by top executives and CEOs of 34 Japanese companies, most of which have investments and operations in India.
- During the event, the Prime Minister highlighted the measures being taken for business in India under 'Make in India for the world'.
- During the event, the Prime Minister highlighted India's strong startup ecosystem with initiatives like National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, and Semiconductor Policy.
- India has received a record FDI of USD 84 billion in the financial year 2020 - 2021 which shows confidence in India's economic potential.

Source: PIB

Investment Promotion Agreement signed by India

Why in News:

- The Investment Promotion Agreement has been signed in Tokyo, Japan by the Foreign Secretary of India and the CEO of the International Development Finance Corporation of America.



key points:

- The Investment Promotion Agreement was signed by Vinay Kwatra, Foreign Secretary of India, and Scott Nathan, Chief Executive Officer of the International Development Finance Corporation of America.
- Based on the Investment Promotion Agreement, India aims to increase the investment of the Development Finance Corporation in India so that it can get more support for the development of the country.
- The Investment Promotion Agreement, signed in Tokyo, Japan, will replace the 1997 agreement signed between the two countries, aimed at promoting investment assistance programs in addition to the Development Finance Corporation.
- Corporations and related agencies are active in India since 1974, through which investment assistance of \$ 5 billion 800 million has been provided in India so far.

Source: PIB**World Economic Forum annual meeting held in Davos, Switzerland****Why in News:**

- The annual meeting of the World Economic Forum was held from 22 May 2022 to 26 May 2022 in Davos, Switzerland, which the Indian delegation is led by the Minister of Commerce and Industry of India, Mr. Piyush Goyal.

**key points:**

- The theme of the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum held this year is 'History at a turning point'.
- The delegation that attended the meeting from the Indian side included Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and Chief Ministers of six states – Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Telangana, and senior ministers and senior industrialists. has been included.
- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz have been invited to attend the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum as speakers.



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Related Facts

What is the World Economic Forum?

- The World Economic Forum is a not-for-profit and international organization established in 1971, whose establishment is credited to Klaus Schwab.
- The headquarters of the World Economic Forum is located in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The World Economic Forum aims to provide a common platform for leading political, business, social, and academic leaders to shape global, regional, and industrial agendas.

Source: The Hindu

BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting

Why in News:

- BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting has been held in China to prepare for the 14th BRICS summit.

key points:

- The BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in China has been organized in a virtual form, which is hosted by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.
- The theme of the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting is 'Promoting High-Quality BRICS Partnership in a New Era for Global Development'.
- India's Foreign Minister Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Naledi Pandor, Brazilian Foreign Minister Carlos Alberto Franco Franca, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov attended the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting.



Related Facts

What is the BRICS Group?

- The idea of the BRICS group was first introduced by the leading economist Jim O'Neill.
- BRICS is a grouping of the world's five leading emerging economies- Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa whose first summit was held in 2009 in Yekaterinburg, Russia.



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Source: News on Air

First International Migration Review Forum

Why in News:

- India's Minister of State for External Affairs Shri V. Muraleedharan will lead the Indian delegation to the first International Migration Review Forum to be held under the aegis of the General Assembly at the United Nations in New York from May 17 to 20.



key points:

- The first International Migration Review Forum will consist of four interactive multi-stakeholders round tables, policy dialogue and a plenary.
- The International Migration Review Forum will serve as the primary intergovernmental global forum to review progress made at local, national, regional and global levels in implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).
- In General Assembly Resolution A/RES/73/195, UN member states agreed to review progress made at local, national, regional and global levels in implementing the GCM within the framework of the United Nations.

Source: The Hindu

Jamaica Visit by Indian President

Why in News:

- Indian President Ram Nath Kovind is on a state visit to two Caribbean countries, Jamaica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



Key Point:

- The President, who is on a historic visit to Jamaica, will inaugurate a road in the name of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and a garden dedicated to Indo-Jamaican friendship during the Indian President's visit to Jamaica.
- Ram Nath Kovind is the first President of India to visit Jamaica.
- About 70,000 Indian migrants, whose ancestors came from India (mainly residents of eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar) as indentured laborers between 1845–1917, make up about 3% of Jamaica's population.
- Jamaica is an island country located in the Caribbean Sea. It is the third largest island in the Greater Antilles and the Caribbean, after Cuba and Hispaniola.

Source: all india radio

The Central African Republic becomes the second country to adopt cryptocurrency

Why in News:

- The Central African Republic has become the second country after El Salvador to adopt the bitcoin cryptocurrency as legal tender.

key points:

- Cryptocurrency is a form of currency that exists digitally or virtually and that uses cryptography to secure transactions.
- There is no central authority to issue or regulate currency in cryptocurrencies.
- Cryptocurrency is a system based on the blockchain method.

Benefits of cryptocurrency:

- Transactions in cryptocurrencies do not require a bank, making it a faster method.
- The supply of cryptocurrencies is limited.

Source: The Hindu



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Global Food Policy Report released by International Food Policy Research Institute

Why in News:

- The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has released the global food policy report Climate Change and the Food System.



key points:

- According to the Global Food Policy Report, the risk of hunger in India may increase by 23% by 2030 due to climate change.
- According to the Global Food Policy Report, India's food production may fall by 16% by 2030 due to climate change
- The Global Food Policy Report released by the International Food Policy Research Institute shows that India's overall food production index will drop from 1.6 to 1.5 under similar conditions.

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI):

- Established in 1975, IFPRI provides research-based policy solutions to reduce poverty, and end hunger and malnutrition in developing countries.
- IFPRI's vision is to build a hunger and malnutrition-free world.

Source: The Hindu

Ranil Wickremsinghe Takes Charge As Sri Lanka's PM:

Why In News:

- Recently Ranil Wickremsinghe took over the charge as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.



Key Points:

- Wickremsinghe has been appointed as PM so as to sort out the ongoing crisis in Sri Lanka.
- He has, earlier as well, served as the PM of the country for five times.
- This is also seen as an attempt to restore international credibility as the country is negotiating with IMF for some monetary assistance.



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- Earlier Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned from his post following to which the entire cabinet was dissolved.

Source: The Hindu

India Refuses Sending Of Any Troops to Sri Lanka:

Why In News:

- Recently Indian High Commission in Colombo denied speculations of sending Indian Military in Sri Lanka to maintain law and order situation.



Key Points:

- Recently there were speculations made by media that India might send its Military to assist Lankan Government to stabilise the civil war like situation in the country.
- There were widespread social media speculations that Mahinda Rajapaksa and his family have been provided shelter in India and very soon India might intervene in Lankan crisis.
- Yesterday the spokesperson of Indian High Commission denied all such speculations.
- It is worth noting here that Sri Lanka is facing worst of its Economic Crisis since its independence.
- It is believed by the people of Sri Lanka that the Rajapaksa regime is actually responsible for the present crisis in the nation.

Source: Times of India

Shoot At Sight Orders In Sri Lanka:

Why In News:

- Recently Defence Ministry spokesperson informed Press that Armed Forces of Sri Lanka have been ordered to shoot at sight any person found damaging the public property.



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Details Of The News:

- The conditions in Sri Lanka have turned to a civil war like.
- People of Lanka became hostile soon after a peaceful protest was attacked by Government Supporters in the National Capital.
- There were number of incidents in the country where people turned violent and started attacking Government Institutions and politicians.
- Meanwhile the erstwhile PM Mahinda Rajapakshe has fled to a naval base along with his family.
- People have been violating the emergency and curfew imposition consistently while protesting against the authorities.
- IMF and World Bank have warned that soon Lanka will face bankruptcy.

India's Stand:

- India is concerned about the miseries and hardships which Lankans are going through.
- It wants establishment of normalcy in the island nation as soon as possible.
- Although India has avoided referring anything directly to the Rajapakse family as such.
- It is in India's best interest that the island nation stays peaceful.

Sri Lankan PM Mahinda Rajapaksa resigns amid economic crisis

Why in News

- Sri Lanka's Prime Minister **Mahinda Rajapaksa** has resigned amid mass protests at the government's handling of the economic crisis.



Key Points

- The move came as the island was placed under curfew after violent clashes between Rajapaksa supporters and anti-government protesters in Colombo.
- Earlier, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had declared a **State of Emergency** in the country. It was the second time that emergency was declared in Sri Lanka in just over a month.
- Sri Lanka's foreign currency reserves have virtually run dry, and it can no longer afford essential items including food, medicines and fuel.

Note: The island nation is facing its worst economic crisis since gaining independence from Britain in 1948.



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Source: BBC

Monkeypox

Why in News

- Health authorities in the United Kingdom (UK) have confirmed a case of **monkeypox**, a rare viral infection similar to smallpox, in an individual who recently travelled to that country from Nigeria.



Key Points

About Monkeypox virus:

- The monkeypox virus is an orthopoxvirus, which is a genus of viruses that also includes the variola virus, which causes smallpox, and vaccinia virus, which was used in the smallpox vaccine.
- Monkeypox causes symptoms similar to smallpox, although they are less severe.
- While vaccination eradicated smallpox worldwide in 1980, monkeypox continues to occur in a swathe of countries in Central and West Africa.
- Monkeypox is a zoonosis, that is, a disease that is transmitted from infected animals to humans.
- Monkeypox virus infection has been detected in squirrels, Gambian poached rats, dormice, and some species of monkeys.

Symptoms:

- According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), monkeypox begins with a fever, headache, muscle aches, back ache, and exhaustion.

Occurrence of disease:

- The CDC's monkeypox overview says the infection was first discovered in 1958 following two outbreaks of a pox-like disease in colonies of monkeys kept for research — which led to the name 'monkeypox'.
- The first human case was recorded in 1970 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) during a period of intensified effort to eliminate smallpox.

Source: Indian Express



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National

National Achievement Survey (NAS) Report 2021

Why in News:

- The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education released the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report.

key points:



- Earlier the National Achievement Survey was conducted in 2017.
- It assesses the school education system in the country by conducting a comprehensive assessment survey of the learning ability of children in classes III, V, VIII, and X with a cycle duration of three years.
- The National Achievement Survey includes Mathematics, Language and Environmental Studies (EVS) for Classes 3 to Class 5, Language, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science for Class 8, and Language, Math's, Science, Social Science, and English for Class 10, viz. The competencies of the students in the subjects are also assessed.
- According to the National Achievement Survey, about 80% of students who attended home during the pandemic felt that they learned better in school with the help of peers.
- 24 percent of students had a problem with no digital device at home, although 45% of students described the experience as "enjoyable", but 38% reported having difficulties in learning.
- According to the National Achievement Survey, the performance of SC, ST, and OBC students in various subjects and classes is not satisfactory as compared to the general category students.

Source: The Hindu



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Parliamentary Consultative Committee Meeting of Ministry of Power

Why in News:

- The Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy, Shri R. Of. A meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Power was held under the chairmanship of Singh at Tehri, Uttarakhand.



key points:

- The agenda of the meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Power was 'Need to increase hydro capacity'.
- India's per capita emissions are less than a third of the world average, while per capita emissions for developed countries are four to six times the global average.
- Significantly, the developed countries of the world contribute about 80 percent of the emissions, however, in the light of the Paris Agreement, the Government of India has set a target to adopt green energy.
- The main goal of the meeting is to meet the increasing demand for energy as well as to make appropriate arrangements to deal with climate change.
- India aims to achieve 500 GW from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030 over 153 GW installed by renewable sources.

Source: PIB

Aarohan 4.0 begins a two-day meeting

Why in News:

- A two-day meeting of senior officers of the Department of Posts and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) was inaugurated in Shimla.

Key Point:

- The agenda of the meeting is to discuss and deliberate on ways to take forward the financial inclusion drive in the country and provide banking solutions to every citizen of India.



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- IPPB operates the world's largest postal network of the Department of Posts to provide door-to-door interoperable banking services to senior citizens, farmers, migrant laborers, and women, among others.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) was set up under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications with 100% equity owned by the Government of India.
- IPPB was launched on 1st September 2018 by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Which was established with the vision of making the most accessible, affordable, and reliable bank for the common man in India.
- IPPB aims to promote a less-cash economy and contribute to the vision of Digital India.

Source: The Hindu

Quadrilateral agreement for development and management of sewage infrastructure at Maheshtala

Why in News:

- Quadrilateral agreements have been signed by National Mission for Clean Ganga for sewage infrastructure development and management at Maheshtala, West Bengal under Hybrid Annuity (Annuity) mode.



key points:

- This agreement is a replacement agreement between National Mission for Clean Ganga, Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority, M/s Maheshtala Wastewater Management Pvt Ltd, and the Austrian Development Bank.
- The objective of the project is to stop the flow of sewerage from the city to the river Ganga, and the major components of the project include 35 MLD Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), 4 Pumping Stations, 6 Diversion Structures, Repair and Rehabilitation Works, 15 Years of Operation and Maintenance. etc. have been included.
- M/s Maheshtala Wastewater Management Pvt Ltd will be financed by the Austrian Development Bank based on the achievement of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in terms of wastewater quality.
- The project is based on a Hybrid Annuity (Annuity) mode according to which 40% of the construction cost is to be paid during the construction period of 24



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months and the remaining 60% as quarterly annuity along with interest and operation & maintenance costs be done over a period of years.

Related Facts

What is the National Mission for Clean Ganga?

- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is the implementation wing of the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA).
- The National Mission for Clean Ganga is a registered society, constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 12 August 2011 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

Source: The Hindu

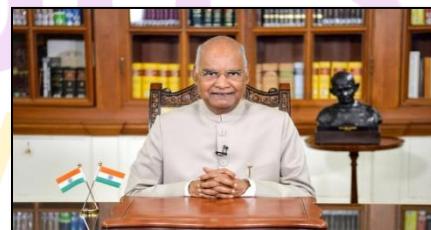
Inauguration of National Women Legislators Conference 2022 by President of India

Why in News:

- The National Women Legislators Conference 2022 was inaugurated by President Ram Nath Kovind in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

key points:

- The inauguration was done by President Ram Nath Kovind during his visit to three states - Kerala, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh.
- The National Women Legislators Conference 2022 has been organized by the Kerala Legislative Assembly in Thiruvananthapuram on such a large scale.
- National Women Legislators Conference is being organized under the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence in 2022, in which women members of various Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils including both the houses of Parliament have been included.
- The main goal of the two-day National Women Legislators Conference 2022 is to draw attention to contemporary relevance focusing on women's rights, gender equality, adequate representation of women in decision-making bodies, etc.
- The concluding session of the National Women Legislators Convention 2022 will be inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on May 27.



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Source: PIB

'ABHA' mobile application for the maintenance of health records under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

Why in News:

- National Health Authority has announced a modified version of the ABHA Mobile Application for the maintenance of health records under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

Key Points:



- ABHA App, formerly known as NDHM Health Records App, is available on Google Play Store.
- Revised Ayushman Bharat Health Account (Aura) mobile application has been made more practical and to improve usability, a new User Interface (UI) has been added to it, with the help New app any person can edit their profile on ABHA app, Link or Unlink ABHA Number (14 Digits) with the ABHA address.
- With the help of the new ABHA app, health-related records can also be added to this app in digital form.
- ABHA app is currently available on Google Play Store, its IOS version will be released soon.

Source: The Hindu

Swachh Survekshan 2023 launched under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0

Why in News:

- Swachh Survekshan 2023 was launched under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 by the Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

key points:



- The theme for garbage-free cities of Swachh Survekshan 2023 is 'Waste to Wealth'.
- Swachh Survekshan 2023 will be evaluated in 4 phases as compared to 3 phases of earlier Swachh Survekshan.
- Field assessment of citizen verification and processing facilities will be started in Phase III as well as Phase IV in Swachh Survekshan 2023.



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- Swachh Survekshan 2023 gives priority to the principle of three R's – Reduce, Recycle and Reuse, i.e. Reduce Waste, Recycle and Reuse.

Related Facts:

Swachh Survekshan

- Swachh Survekshan was launched in 2016 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs as a competitive framework to encourage cities to improve the status of urban sanitation and encourage large-scale citizen participation.

Source: PIB

Efforts made by the World Economic Forum to accelerate climate action in India

Why in News:

- The Indian arm of the Climate Action Coalition has been set up by the World Economic Forum to accelerate climate action and carbon reduction efforts in India.



key points:

- The Indian arm, as part of the World Economic Forum's Climate Task Force, aims to achieve the goals set in the White Paper Mission 2070.
- The main objective of the Indian branch is to reduce the rate of carbon emissions in India.
- India aims to become a low-carbon country by 2070.
- India's campaign for low carbon emissions will involve the government, business, and other stakeholders to fulfill the ambitious resolution Panchamrut of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The Indian arm of the World Economic Forum will function as a part of the World Economic Forum's Climate Task Force in India.

Source: News on Air



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Organized Workshop on "Green India through Renewables"

Why in News:

- A workshop on "Green India through Renewables" was organized by the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) in association with the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (MCCAI) in Pune, Maharashtra.



key points:

- India has set an ambitious target of 500 GW of non-fossil energy capacity by 2030.
- An amount of Rs 14,445 crore has been sanctioned to Maharashtra by the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) for 422 RE project accounts.
- The main objective of the workshop is to improve the quality of life by producing clean energy as well as reducing CO₂ emissions.
- The theme presentation of the workshop was done by Mr. Chintan Shah, Technical Director, Renewable Energy Development Agency of India Limited.
- Renewable Energy Development Agency of India Limited aims to create an ecosystem for RE manufacturing and storage generation with the help of which the domestic manufacturing sector can be promoted.

Source: The Hindu

Inauguration of two-day adaptation-cum-training program for Haj 2022 deputies

Why in News:

- A two-day adaptation-cum-training program for Haj 2022 deputies was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, in New Delhi.



key points:

- The objective of the two-day training program is to provide Haj deputies all the information regarding Haj pilgrimage, accommodation in Mecca and Medina, transportation, health facilities, safety measures etc.



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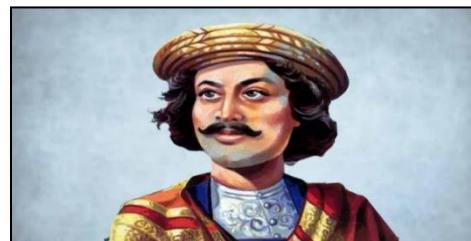
- For Haj 2022, pilgrims will go on the Haj pilgrimage through the Haj Committee of India from 10 departure points- Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Cochin, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, and Srinagar.
- A total of 357 Haj Coordinators, Assistant Haj Officers, Haj Assistants, Doctors, and Paramedics will be deployed in Saudi Arabia by the Government to assist the Indian Haj pilgrims.
- Three branch dispensaries and one hospital have been established in Madinah to ensure proper health facilities for the Indian Haj pilgrims.

Source: Indian Express

250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy

Why in the news:

- The 250th birth anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy will be celebrated from 22 May 2022 to 22 May 2023 under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by the Union Ministry of Culture.



key points:

- The main objective of this event is to present to the people the various social reform works done by Raja Ram Mohan Roy.
- The function has been organized at Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Salt Lake, Kolkata, and Science City Auditorium, Kolkata.
- During the ceremony, Culture Minister Shri G.K. The statue of Raja Ram Mohan Roy was virtually unveiled.
- A seminar and quiz program for children has also been organized at the function and a multimedia presentation on various aspects of the life of Ram Mohan Roy was also presented at the function.

Related Facts

- Raja Ram Mohan Roy (1772 – 1833) was an Indian reformer. He is considered by many historians to be the "Father of Bengal Renaissance".
- He waged a crusade against Hindu customs such as Sati, polygamy, child marriage, and the caste system and demanded women's rights in property.
- The Brahmo Samaj was founded by Raja Ram Mohan Roy in 1828.
- In 1817, with the help of David Hare, he founded the Hindu College in Calcutta.
- The most popular magazine of Raja Ram Mohan Roy was Sambad Kaumudi. These included issues such as freedom of the press, the inclusion of Indians in high positions of service, and separation of executive and judiciary.



Source: PIB

Two-day National Workshop on Sowa-Rigpa Medical System

Why in News:

- A two-day National Workshop on Sowa-Rigpa for Sowa-Rigpa practitioners of North Eastern States has been organized in collaboration with Namgyal Tibet Institute of Science (NIT), Sikkim, National Sowa-Rigpa Institute under the Ministry of AYUSH.



key points:

- A two-day National Workshop on Sowa-Rigpa Medical System will be organized from 20-21 May 2022.
- The formal inauguration of the workshop on the Sowa-Rigpa Medical System will be held on 21st May 2022 at Manan Kendra, Gangtok.
- Traditional Sowa-Rigpa practitioners from all over India along with North-Eastern states will participate in the workshop to be held in Gangtok.
- The core principle of Sowa-Rigpa can be described in terms of the following five points:
 - the body as a foundation for healing in a disease
 - repulsive, i.e., healing
 - Method of treatment by means of repellants
 - medicine that treats disease
 - Materia Medica, Pharmacy and Pharmacology

Related Facts

What is Sowa-Rigpa?

- Sowa-Rigpa, the medical system is one of the world's oldest living and well-documented medical traditions with a history of over 2500 years.
- The Sowa-Rigpa system of medicine is also known locally as Aamchi.
- The Sowa-Rigpa system of medicine is a very popular system of medicine in the North-Eastern states of Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, and Darjeeling.

Source: PIB



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Status Report of Inequality in India

why in News:

- The report 'State of Inequality in India' has been released by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).

key points:



- The report presents information by providing a comprehensive analysis of the various ecosystems of inequality in the country, which have a direct impact on the well-being and overall development of the population.
- The report is divided into two sections, covering key areas such as income distribution, labor market dynamics, health, education and household characteristics.
- According to the Inequality Status report, India's rural areas have a 44.4% higher wealth concentration compared to only 7.1% in urban areas.
- With respect to the unemployment rate, the report shows that India's unemployment rate for the year 2019 - 2020 is 4.8% while the labor population ratio in India is 46.8%.
- The report shows that as per the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21), 97% of households have been provided with electricity, while 70% of the citizens have access to better sanitation services and 96% of the citizens. , Safe drinking water is successfully available.

Source: PIB

Inauguration of International Seminar on 'Review of Thoughts of India from Swaraj to New India'

Why in News:

- An international seminar on 'Review of India's Thoughts from Swaraj to Nav-India' was inaugurated by the Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah in New Delhi and organized by the University of Delhi.



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key points:

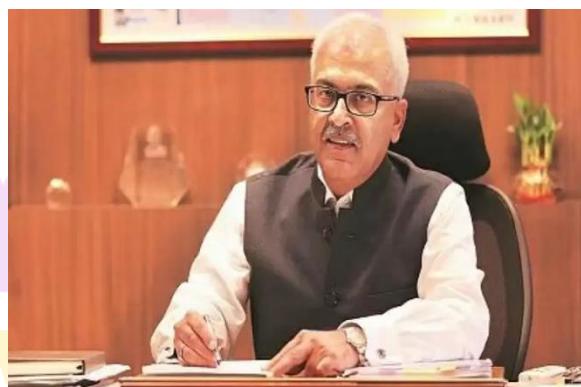
- This three-day symposium has been organized by the Political Science Department of the University to commemorate the centenary celebrations of the University of Delhi.
- This function has been celebrated to commemorate the completion of 100 years of the establishment of Delhi University.
- The main objective of the symposium 'Review of India's Ideas from Swaraj to Nav-India' is to train the youth of the country about Indian innovation.

Source: PIB

Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners and Secretaries of Disaster Management Departments of States and Union Territories

Why in News:

- The Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners of States and Union Territories and Secretaries of Disaster Management Departments was inaugurated by Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla.



key points:

- The Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners of States and Union Territories and Secretaries of Disaster Management Departments is a two-day conference organized in New Delhi.
- The main objective of the conference is to review the preparedness of the States and Union Territories to deal with natural calamities during the Southwest Monsoon.
- For the first time after a gap of two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual conference has been held physically in New Delhi.
- The main goal of the conference is to ascertain how each state can develop long-term infrastructure for disaster relief.

Source: All India Radio



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Workshop organized by National Commission for Women on issues related to women

Why in News:

- Workshop organized by the National Commission for Women in New Delhi to focus on issues related to women and representation of women in media.

key points:



- The workshop organized by the National Commission for Women was divided into three technical sessions in which-
 1. 'Gender-Sensitive Indicators for Media in Media Operations and Content',
 2. 'Challenges faced by women media professionals'
 3. 'Role of Media in Empowerment of Women', has been included.
- The objective of the workshop is to provide media stakeholders with more platforms for solutions to women's problems and stories of women's empowerment and leadership.
- The goal of the workshop is to inform the public about women's rights and the resources available to them in case such rights are violated.

Related Facts

National Women Commission

- The National Commission for Women was set up as a statutory body in January 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.
- The National Commission for Women was constituted on 31 January 1992 under the chairmanship of Jayanti Patnaik.
- The National Commission for Women is composed of a Chairperson, a Member Secretary and five other members.

Source: PIB

Indian Pavilion inaugurated at Cannes Film Festival

Why in News:

- The Indian Pavilion has been inaugurated at the Cannes Film Festival by the Minister of



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Information and Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur.

key points:

- Along with the inauguration of the Indian Pavilion, the poster of the 53rd International Film Festival of India to be held in Goa has also been unveiled by Union Minister Anurag Thakur.
- India has been accorded the status of a country of honour at the Marche du Film Festival organized along with the Cannes Film Festival.
- Incentives of up to 30 per cent cash assistance with a limit of \$260 thousand will be provided for the production and shooting of foreign films in India.
- At the inauguration of the Indian Pavilion at the Cannes Film Festival, it was announced that foreign films to be made in India will be offered an additional bonus with a limit of \$65,000 for hiring 15% or more Indian individuals.

Related Facts

What is the International Film Festival of India?

- International Film Festival of India was started in the year 1952 in Mumbai.
- International Film Festival was organized in Goa in the year 2004. Since then, International Film Festival is organized every year in Goa.

Source: PIB

Cannes Film Festival 2022

Why in News:

- The opening ceremony of the Cannes Festival saw the largest ever official Indian delegation on the red carpet.

key points:



- Cannes Film Festival is organized in France from May 17 to 28, 2022.
- India's largest delegation to the Cannes Film Festival was led by the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Anurag Thakur.
- A total of 11 members were given an opportunity to make their presence felt on the red carpet in this festival held in France.
- Folk artist Mr. Mame Khan got the opportunity to be the first member of the Indian contingent to lead the red carpet.
- For the first time, various regional cinema artists along with prominent artists have been included in the Indian delegation.

Related Information-



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What is Cannes Film Festival?

- Cannes Film Festival, an annual film festival established in the year 1946
- Cannes Film Festival is organized in the city of Cannes, France
- The Cannes Film Festival showcases new films from all over the world, including documentaries, in all genres.

Source: Navbharat Times

The National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) inaugurated in Leh

Why in News:

- The Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Communications and Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, on 17 May 2022 inaugurated the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) Center Leh, Extension Center Kargil and IT Enabled Incubation Center for Handicrafts and Handloom Sectors.



Key Point:

- The National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) works to develop industry oriented good quality teaching and training in the areas of latest technical know-how along with providing formal and non-formal teaching in the field of IECT.
- The main objective of NIELIT is to become the single source of assurance of quality computer education for the informal institutions of the nation.
- Among other objectives it aims to become a premier institute of the country for examination and certification in the field of Information, Electronics and Communication Technology (IECT).

Source: PIB



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Democracy group headed by Election Commission of India on 'Electoral Integrity'

Why in News:

- The Democracy Group on 'Electoral Integrity' will be headed by the Election Commission of India in partnership with 100 democratic countries.



key points:

- As part of the 'Summit for Democracy', India will lead the 'Democracy Group on Electoral Integrity'.
- This has been announced by a four-member US delegation led by Uzra Zeya, Under Secretary for Civil Defense, Democracy and Human Rights, in a meeting held at the Electoral House in New Delhi.
- In this conference, India will share its knowledge, technical expertise and experiences with other democratic countries of the world.
- The 'Summit for Democracy' is one of the biggest activities of the yearlong with events and dialogues on topics related to democracy.

Related Information-

Election commission of India

- The Election Commission of India is an autonomous constitutional body that conducts the Union and State election processes in India. Elections to the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, State Assemblies, President and Vice President are also conducted in the country by the Election Commission of India.

Source: All India Radio

Vaishakh Buddha Purnima Celebrations in Lumbini, Nepal

Why in News:

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, led the Vaishakh Buddha Purnima celebrations at Lumbini, the birthplace of Buddha.



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key points:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the "foundation" ceremony for the construction of the India International Center for Buddhist Culture and Heritage in Lumbini and addressed a large gathering of Buddhist monks.
- During Vaishakh Buddha Purnima, the Ministry of Culture in association with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) organizes a colorful program for Vaishakh Buddha Purnima Day celebrations in New Delhi.
- India and Nepal signed six agreements following bilateral talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart Sher Bahadur Deuba during his visit to Lumbini.

Source: Indian Express

India Tap Initiative Launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Why in the news:

- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the India Tap initiative at the 'Plumbex India' exhibition.



key points:

- Under 'Bharat Tap' the Government of India aims to promote the use of low drift taps and 'fixtures'.
- With Bharat Tap, the Government of India aims to conserve water by reducing water consumption by about 40%.
- Through this initiative, the ongoing water conservation initiative in India will get a new dimension.

Other initiatives are taken by the Government of India for water conservation:

- Clean India Mission
- Atal Mission (AMRUT)
- National Aquifer Mapping and Management Program
- Jal Kranti Abhiyan
- Atal Ground Water Scheme
- Jal Shakti Abhiyan etc.

Source: PIB



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International Cruise Conference 2022

Why in News

- Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated India's first Incredible India International Cruise Conference 2022 in Mumbai.

key points:

- The first Incredible India International Cruise Conference 2022 is jointly organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, the Government of India and FICCI.
- The Government of India has constituted a Task Force for the Development of Cruise Tourism under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Tourism and Shipping, with the objective of promoting Cruise Tourism in India.
- Government of India aims to increase cruise passenger traffic from 0.4 million at present to 4 million.
- Similar infrastructure is being developed in Goa, New Mangalore, Kochi, Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Kolkata to promote cruise tourism in the Government of India with the help of which to attract more and more passengers for cruise tourism.



Source: PIB

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Holds Round Table Meeting With Top Hospitals

Why In News:

- Recently Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya addressed a round table meeting with Corporate Hospitals.



Key Points:

- In his address to the hospitals Dr. Mandaviya urged to promote cost-effective high quality health care system in India.
- He further said that in this regard the Indian Corporate sector should take an observation of the existing global practices.



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- Although he also suggested to make necessary modifications as per Indian conditions.
- He stressed on providing "Patient Friendly Affordable Health Institutions" in India.

Source : PIB

Allahabad High Court Rejects Plea to Open Doors Of Taj Mahal:

Why In News:

- Recently a Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court rejected a PIL filed to open 22 doors of Taj Mahal.



Key Points:

- A PIL was filed in this behalf by Rajneesh Singh.
- It was argued that Taj Mahal was historically a Shiv Temple over which mausoleum was built by Mughal ruler Shah Jahan.
- Rajneesh Singh filed a PIL in UP High Court to order an archaeological survey by opening 22 locked doors.
- The Lucknow Bench dismissed the petition saying that purpose of PIL is not fulfilled in this petition and the issue does not entertain Public Interest here.

Note: The concept of Public Interest Litigation was initiated by Justice P. N. Bhagwati of Supreme Court of India.

Source : Times of India.

A High Level Meeting Held To Review Mission Amrit Sarovar:

Why In News:

- Recently a High Level Meeting was held to review the progress of the Mission Amrit Sarovar.
- This meeting was presided over by the Secretary, Rural Development.



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Key Points:

- Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched by PM Narendra Modi on 24th of April.
- The chief aim of the Mission is to conserve water for future generations.
- It aims to develop and rejuvenate 75 water bodies in each district of India. These water bodies will be known as "Amrit Sarovars".
- This will lead to the creation of about 50000 water bodies throughout India.
- This is going to be an all-government approach, i.e., it will have six ministries working under collaboration for this mission.
- For this Mission Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application and Geo Informatics has been appointed as the Technical Partner.
- This initiative can also involve utilisation of NGOs and citizen participation.

Note: The deadline to complete this Mission is 15th of August 2023.

Source: PIB

Oman To Speed-Up Approval Of Indian Pharmaceutical Products Registered With USFDA, UKMHRA and EMA:

Why In News:

- Recently on 11th May a joint commission meeting of India-Oman was organise in national capital Delhi.
- It was co-chaired by Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal and his counterpart Mr. Qais bin Mohammed al Yousef.



Key Points:

- In this high level meeting both parties agreed to some key issues like:
- Oman agreed to speed up the approval process of Indian Pharma products which are already registered with registered With USFDA, UKMHRA and EMA.



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- Both the countries will release joint Market Research Report which will highlight the future prospects and opportunities for Indian companies in the field of medicines in Oman.
- India appreciated Oman efforts to join India's initiative in terms of One Sun One World One Grid under International Solar Alliance (ISA) to promote green energy and use of solar based energy.
- Both the nations agreed to further boost bilateral-trade and also agreed to resolve all the tariff and non-tariff barrier issues.
- India and Oman also agreed to enhance co-operation in 3-Ts i.e., Trade, Technology and Tourism.

Importance Of The Meeting:

- Indian Pharma industry is one of the best industries in the world and also plays significant role in Indian Revenue Generation. By this meeting it will get a necessary boost in coming future.
- The Bilateral Relation of India and Oman will reach new heights.
- The agreement of Oman to come along in ISA is a welcome move since it is a tropical country, it will be very helpful in solar power generation in coming future.

Source: PIB

Supreme Court Puts All The Trials Of Cases Pertaining To Sedition Charges On Hold.

Why In News:

- Yesterday the Honourable Supreme Court ordered to hold the cases pending w.r.t. the sedition charges.



Key Points:

- In the previous hearing before Supreme Court on validity of Section 124A, Government of India agreed to file an affidavit to assure that it will re-examine the section.
- It was argued before court that provisions under Section 124A of IPC are violation of civil liberties and human rights.



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- In this regard Government assured to come up with a solution to strike a balance between national security and civil liberties.
- Meanwhile the Court asked to put on hold to the ongoing trials in terms of Sedition charges already pending before courts.
- The supreme court also directed the Centre and State Governments not to file any fresh cases until the Government comes up with fresh legislation.

Source: Indian Express and The Hindu

Criminalisation of Marital Rape:

Why In News:

- Recently a bench of the Delhi High Court delivered a split verdict on the issue of marital rape pending before it.



Key Points:

- The Delhi High Court on Tuesday gave a fractured verdict regarding the post-marriage rape.
- In this judgement the two-judge bench of the Delhi High Court had a split decision with Justice Shakdher calling the sexual intercourse with the wife without her consent amounting to the rape.
- While Justice Shankar said that the exception under IPC regarding sex without consent as Constitutionally valid.

Other Important Facts:

- The petitioners have challenged the provisions under Section 375 of IPC which incorporates provisions regarding rape of a woman.
- According to the provisions of above section the sexual intercourse done by husband with his wife without her consent, if she is not minor, will not amount to the act of rape.

Note: After the split verdict the case can now be filed before the Supreme Court for its consideration.

Source : Times of India and Indian Express.

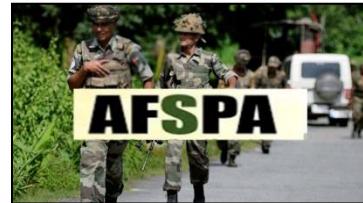


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Home Minister Announced to Lift AFSPA From Assam:

Why In News:

- Recently Home Minister Amit Shah announced that there is a possibility that AFSPA will be lifted from Assam completely.



Key Points:

- Home Minister said in a public briefing that looking upon the law and order situation in the state in last six years it is possible to revoke the Armed Forces Special Powers Act completely from the state.
- He said that most of the terror outfits in the state have surrendered and by and large the law and order situation of the state is well under control.

About AFSPA:

- Armed Forces Special Powers Act was enacted by the Indian Parliament in the year 1958.
- Its aim was to give powers in the hands of Indian Armed Forces to maintain law and order in "disturbed areas".
- For the first time it was implemented in parts of Naga Hills, later on was implemented in seven North Eastern States including Assam.

Criticism of The Act:

- This Act gives the extra ordinary powers in the hands of the Armed Forces.
- The officer of Armed Forces can fire upon any person in the disturbed area which may even lead to his death.
- Arrest any person without warrant even on grounds of suspicion.
- Enter into any premise and search it if he finds it necessary etc.
- These powers many a times lead to situation of violation of civil liberties and misuse of authorities.

Source: Times Of India



Indian Population Count To Go Digital:

Why In News:

- Recently Home Minister Shri Amit Shah has announced that next census of India shall be done 100% digitally.



Details of The News:

- Shah is on two days official visit to Assam.
- In the state capital Guwahati, while inaugurating Directorate of Census Operations (Assam) building, made announcement regarding above issue.
- He said that efforts will be made to facilitate question answering through mobile phones itself.
- A new software is underway to carry on the census activities.
- Efforts are made to link the births and deaths to the census data which will allow census to update automatically after every birth and death.
- The data shall also be linked to the electoral roll so as to incorporate the person automatically as soon as he attains the age of 18 years.

Other Facts:

- It is noteworthy here that census is regular decadal exercise.
- It was first done in India in the year 1870.
- Since 1881 it has been carried on on a regular basis.
- Last census was done in the year 2011.
- Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the census has been delayed for the first time in Indian History.

Significance:

- It will provide real time data.
- It will take over the decadal census method adopted since 1881.
- It won't be necessary now to wait for ten years for population updation.
- Also the labour required to carry on the head count shall be minimized



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Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) complete 7 years of providing social security net

Why in News

- **Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY)** complete 7 years of providing social security net.
- PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY were launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 9th May 2015 from Kolkata, West Bengal.



Key Points

- These three social security schemes are dedicated to the welfare of the citizens, recognising the need for securing human life from unforeseen risks/losses and financial uncertainties.

Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY):

- **Scheme:** PMJJBY is a one-year life insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering coverage for death due to any reason.
- **Benefits:** Life cover of Rs. 2 Lakh in case of death due to any reason against a premium of Rs. 330/- per annum.
- **Achievements:** As on 27.04.2022, the cumulative enrolments under the scheme have been more than 12.76 crore and an amount of Rs. 11,522 crore has been paid for 5,76,121 claims.

Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY):

- **Scheme:** PMSBY is a one-year accidental insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering coverage for death or disability due to accident.
- **Benefits:** Accidental death cum disability covers of Rs.2 lakh (Rs.1 lakh in case of partial disability) for death or disability due to an accident.
- **Achievements:** As on 27.04.2022, the cumulative enrolments under the scheme have been more than 28.37 crore and an amount of Rs. 1,930 crore has been paid for 97,227 claims.

Atal Pension Yojana (APY):

- **Background:** APY was launched to create a universal social security system for all Indians, especially the poor, the under-privileged and the workers in the unorganised sector. APY is administered by **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** under the overall administrative and institutional architecture of the **National Pension System (NPS)**.
- **Benefits:** Subscribers would receive the guaranteed minimum monthly pension of Rs. 1000 or Rs. 2000 or Rs. 3000 or Rs. 4000 or Rs. 5000 at the



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age of 60 years, based on the contributions made by the subscriber after joining the scheme.

- **Achievements:** As on 27.04.2022 more than 4 crore individuals have subscribed to the scheme.

Source: PIB

NMCG organises webinar on Waste Water Management

Why in News

- Recently, the **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** in association with APAC News Network organised the 6th Edition of the monthly 'Webinar with Universities' series on 'Igniting Young Minds, Rejuvenating Rivers'.
- The theme for the webinar was 'Waste Water Management.'



Key Points

- The session was presided over by **G. Asok Kumar, Director General, NMCG.**
- The DG, NMCG said in 2014, Prime Minister launched the **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan** which became a huge success.
- In 2019, various departments dealing with water issues were merged to form the **Jal Shakti Ministry** to holistically deal with the challenges.
- This was followed by the launch and execution of **Jal Shakti Abhiyan-1** and **Jal Shakti Abhiyan-2: Catch the Rain, Where it Falls, When it Falls**, focusing on asset creation & awareness generation and rainwater harvesting respectively.
- Monetization of sludge and treated water is one of the focus areas of **Namami Gange Programme** under the banner of '*Arth Ganga*'.
- Under Namami Gange Programme, around 164 Sewage Treatment Plants are being constructed worth Rs. 25000 crores that will help to treat around 5000 MLD of wastewater.

About National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG):

- NMCG was registered as a society on 12th August 2011 under the Societies Registration Act 1860.
- It acted as implementation arm of **National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA)** which was constituted under the provisions of the **Environment (Protection) Act (EPA), 1986**.
- NGRBA has since been dissolved with effect from the 7th October 2016, consequent to constitution of National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection and Management of River Ganga (referred as National Ganga Council).



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Source: PIB

National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) report

Why in News

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya released the National Report of the fifth round of **National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5)**.
- He has also released the **Rural Health Statistics publication** for the year 2020-21 (as on 31st March, 2021).



Key Points

- The report comprises of detailed information on key domains of population, health and family welfare and associated domains like characteristics of the population; fertility; family planning; infant and child mortality; maternal and child health; nutrition and anaemia; morbidity and healthcare; women's empowerment etc.
- The NFHS-5 survey work has been conducted in around 6.37 lakh sample households from 707 districts (as on March, 2017) of the country from 28 States and 8 UTs, covering 7,24,115 women and 1,01,839 men to provide dis-aggregated estimates up to district level.
- NFHS-5 provides information on important indicators which are helpful in tracking the progress of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the country.
- NFHS-4 (2015-16) estimates were used as baseline values for a large number of SDG indicators and NFHS- 5 will provide data for around 34 SDG indicators at various levels.

Key results from NFHS-5 National Report- Progress from NFHS-4 (2015-16) to NFHS-5 (2019-21):

- India has made significant progress in population control measures in recent times.
- The Total Fertility Rates (TFR), an average number of children per women, has further declined from 2.2 to 2.0 at the national level between NFHS-4 & 5.
- Overall Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) has increased substantially from 54% to 67% in the country.
- Institutional Births have increased substantially from 79 percent to 89 percent in India. Even in rural areas around 87 percent births are delivered in Institutions and same is 94 percent in urban areas.



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- In NFHS-5, more than three-fourths (77%) children age 12-23 months were fully immunized, compared with 62 percent in NFHS-4.
- The level of stunting among children under 5 years has marginally declined from 38 to 36 percent for India since the last four years.
- Stunting is higher among children in rural areas (37%) than urban areas (30%) in 2019-21.
- NFHS-5 shows an overall improvement in SDG indicators in all States/UTs.
- Between NFHS-4 and NFHS-5, the use of clean cooking fuel (44% to 59%) and improved sanitation facilities (49% to 70%), including a hand-washing facility with soap and water (60% to 78%) have improved considerably.

Source: newsonair

Sagarmala projects

Why in News

- Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal chaired the meeting of the **National Sagarmala Apex Committee (NSAC)** at Vigyan Bhawan, in New Delhi.



Key Points

- The Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways has formulated a plan under the **Sagarmala Programme** for carrying out “Holistic Development of Coastal Districts”.
- The committee reviewed the Sagarmala program along with review of development of port linked Road and Rail connectivity project, development of Floating jetties and Inland waterways besides other agenda items.
- Holistic development of coastal communities through a new initiative **‘Sagartat Samriddhi Yojana’** was also discussed in the meeting.
- The Ministry has identified a total of 567 projects under convergence mode with an estimated cost of Rs. 58,700 Crore.
- With addition of projects identified in Holistic Development of Coastal Districts and new project proposals received under Sagarmala, total number of projects stands at 1537 worth Rs. 6.5 lakh crore.
- There are 802 projects worth Rs. 5.5 lakh Crore under the Sagarmala program targeted to be executed by 2035.

About National Sagarmala Apex Committee (NSAC):

- NSAC is the apex body providing policy directions and guidance for port led development-Sagarmala projects and reviews its implementation.
- It was constituted on 13.05.2015 by the Union Cabinet.



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About Sagarmala:

- Sagarmala is a National Programme aimed at accelerating economic development in the country by harnessing the potential of India's 7,500 km long coastline and 14,500 km of potentially navigable waterways announced by the Prime Minister in 2014 and approved by the Union Cabinet on 25th March 2015.

Source: PIB

PM Modi addresses the inaugural session of 'JITO Connect 2022'

Why in News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural session of **Jain International Trade Organisation's 'JITO Connect 2022'**.

Key Points

- While appreciating the youth of Jain community and JITO, PM Modi appealed them to be vocal for local.
- He also explained the meaning of the word EARTH.
- He said E means environment where one should encourage those practices which are protecting the environment.
- They should invest in A, means agriculture and natural farming.
- R means recycling and focus on circular economy.
- One should think of T, means technology for all and H means health care.



About Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO):

- JITO is a global organisation connecting Jains worldwide.
- JITO Connect is an endeavour to help business and industry by providing an avenue for mutual networking and personal interactions.

Source: newsonair

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's France visit

Why in News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid an official visit to France on May 4, 2022 on his way back from the 2nd India-Nordic Summit in Copenhagen.

Key Points

- In Paris, Prime Minister Modi met Emmanuel Macron, President of France, in one-on-one and delegation level formats.



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- The two leaders held discussions on the entire range of bilateral issues, including cooperation in defence, space, blue economy, civil nuclear and people-to-people ties.

Note:

- This is PM Modi's fifth visit to France after August 2019, June 2017, November 2015 and April 2015.
- Both leaders also met on the sidelines of the G20 Rome Summit in October 2021, G20 Osaka Summit in June 2019 and G20 Buenos Aires Summit in December 2018.
- India and France, which are strategic partners since 1998, have a multifaceted partnership across the spectrum in defence, civil nuclear, economy, space and maritime security, clean energy and environment, counter-terrorism, people-to-people ties.
- India and France are founding members of the **International Solar Alliance** announced by Prime Minister Modi at UN Climate Change COP21 in November 2015.

Source: TOI

Three One District One Product Brands and Five Products launched under the PMFME scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Why in News

- Pashupati Kumar Paras, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries launched Three **One District One Product (ODOP)** brands under the **Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme.**



Key Points

- The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has signed an agreement with NAFED for developing 10 brands of selected 20 ODOPs under the branding and marketing component of the PMFME scheme.
- 7 ODOP Brands and 9 Products, 3 ODOP Brands and 5 Products namely Madhurmithas, Anaras, Pind Se and two products Masala Paste and Lemon Honey under the newly developed brands Kashmiri Mantra and Madhumantra respectively were successfully launched.

About the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme:

- Launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, PMFME Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme that aims to enhance the competitiveness of



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existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and to promote formalization of the sector and provide support to Farmer Producer Organizations, Self Help Groups, and Producers Cooperatives along their entire value chain.

- With an outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore over a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25, the scheme envisions to directly assist the 2,00,000 micro food processing units for providing financial, technical, and business support for up-gradation of existing micro food processing enterprises.

Source: PIB

PLASTINDIA

2023

Why in News

- Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched **PLASTINDIA 2023-11th International Plastic Exhibition & Conference**.



Key Points

- Dr. Mandaviya stated that "these exhibitions are important because they will attract international plastic players to the country and provide a platform to learn and exchange ideas and technology".
- India's Petrochemical Industries has been one of the fastest-growing industries in the Indian economy with high demand growth.
- India is projected to contribute more than 10% of the incremental global growth in Petrochemicals over the next decades.
- Indian Chemical industry has become a global player and earns foreign exchange for the nation with the "Make in India, Make for World" approach.
- Exports of Indian Chemicals have registered growth of 106% in 2021-22 over 2013-14.
- The petrochemicals industry should develop a strategy to reduce high carbon footprint, and ocean pollution and focus on adopting green technologies to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070.

About PLASTINDIA 2023:

- PLASTINDIA refers to a series of exhibitions under the Plastindia Foundation, which will hold the 11th International Plastics Exhibition, Conference and Convention from 1st-5th February, 2023 at ITPO Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- It will showcase India as the global hub for sourcing processed items related to Plastics, Raw materials, Machinery and products for use in all segments of human life.

Source: PIB



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Dharmendra Pradhan releases the Mandate Document for the development of National Curriculum Framework

Why in News

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan released the 'Mandate Document: Guidelines for the Development of the **National Curriculum Framework (NCF)**'.



Key Points

- Central to the implementation of the transformative National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is the new National Curriculum Framework (NCF) which will empower and enable outstanding teaching and learning in the country, by converting the vision of the NEP 2020 into reality in schools and classrooms.
- The development of the NCF is being guided by the NSC (National Steering Committee), chaired by Dr K Kasturirangan, supported by the Mandate Group, along with the NCERT (National Council for Education Research and Training).
- **NCF includes:**
 - National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE)
 - National Curriculum Framework for Early Childhood Care & Education (NCFECCE)
 - National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education (NCFTE)
 - National Curriculum Framework for Adult Education (NCFAE)
- The '**Mandate Document**' guides the development of the NCF. The Mandate Document is the bridge between the NEP 2020 and the NCF.
- NCF will also fully account for other initiatives like NIPUN Bharat, the national mission for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy by the Ministry of Education, which are being implemented with the required urgency even as the NCF is being developed.

Source: India Today

Kisan Drones Why in News

- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar said that the government is promoting the use of '**Kisan Drone**' for the convenience of the farmers, reducing the cost and increasing the income.
- Mr. Tomar said this while addressing the conference on "Promoting Kisan Drones:



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Issues, Challenges and the Way Ahead" organized as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Key Points

- The government is providing 50% or maximum Rs. 5 lakh subsidy to SC-ST, small and marginal, women and farmers of northeastern states to buy drones. For other farmers, financial assistance will be given upto 40% or maximum Rs.4 lakh.
- The government is promoting the use of 'Kisan Drone' for crop assessment, digitization of land records, spraying of pesticides and nutrients for which provision has also been made in the budget.
- To promote use of drones in agriculture and make drone technology affordable to the farmers and other stakeholders of this sector, financial assistance @ 100 % cost of drone together with the contingent expenditure is extended under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization to the Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institutes, Institutions of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, KVK (Krishi Vigyan Kendra) and State Agricultural Universities for its demonstration on the farmer's fields.
- Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) are provided grants @ 75% for purchase of drones for its demonstration on the farmers' fields.

Source: newsonair

National Open Access Registry (NOAR)

Why in News

- Recently, the **National Open Access Registry (NOAR)** has successfully gone live.

Key Points

About National Open Access Registry (NOAR):

- NOAR has been designed as an integrated single window electronic platform accessible to all including open access participants, traders, power exchanges, national/regional/state load despatch centres for electronic processing of short-term open access application thereby automating the administration of the short-term open access in inter-state transmission system.
- National Load Despatch Centre (NLDC) operated by Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO) has been designated as the nodal agency for implementation and operation of NOAR.
- NOAR would be the key to facilitate faster electricity markets and enable integration of Renewable Energy (RE) resources into the grid.
- NOAR is part of the Ministry of Power, Government of India's initiative and the required regulatory framework has been notified by the CERC through



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operationalization of the 5th Amendment Regulation of Open Access in inter-State Transmission.

Source: PIB

6th India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations

Why in News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi co-chaired with Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, the plenary session of the **India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC)** in Berlin.

Key Points

- The biennial IGC is a unique dialogue format that also sees the participation of several Ministers from both sides.
- This was the Prime Minister's first IGC with Chancellor Scholz.
- This Partnership envisages a whole-of-government approach to India-Germany cooperation on SDGs and climate action, under which Germany has agreed to make an advance commitment of 10 billion Euros of new and additional development assistance until 2030.



List of agreements signed on the occasion of 6th India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations:

- **Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI)** on Green and Sustainable Development Partnership
- JDI on the implementation of Triangular Development Cooperation projects in Third Countries
- JDI on the establishment of an agreement on the exchange and mutual protection of classified information and on the establishment of an agreement to establish a direct encrypted connection between MEA and German Foreign Office
- Indo-German Development Cooperation Regarding Renewable Energy Partnership
- Joint Declaration on the Initiating of the Agreement on a Comprehensive Migration and Mobility Partnership
- JDI on continuation of cooperation in the field of advanced training of corporate executives and junior executives from India
- Indo-German Green Hydrogen Task Force
- JDI on Agroecology



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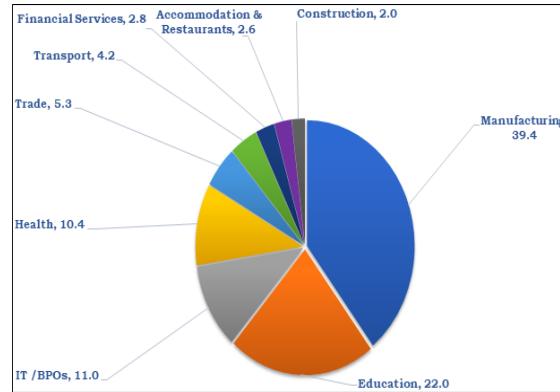
- JDI on Forest Landscape Restoration

Source: PIB

Report on third round (Oct-Dec, 2021) of Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) a part of AQEES released

Why in News

- The **Ministry of Labour and Employment (MOLE)** released the Report of third quarter of **Quarterly Employment Survey (QES)** a part of **All India Quarterly Establishment based Employment Survey (AQEES)** for the period October-December, 2021, prepared by the **Labour Bureau**, an attached office of MOLE.



Key Points

- The AQEES has been taken up by the Labour Bureau to provide frequent (quarterly) updates about the employment and related variables of establishments in both organized and unorganized segments of 9 selected sectors.
- These sectors are Manufacturing, Construction, Trade, Transport, Education, Health, Accommodation & Restaurants, IT/ BPOs and Financial Services.
- These 9 sectors accounted for about 85% of the total employment in units with 10 or more workers in the 6th Economic Census.

Major Findings of the Report:

- The Report indicates increasing trend in employment in organized segment, employing 10 or more workers, of the selected 9 sectors.
- 'Manufacturing' sector is the largest employer accounting for around 39% of the estimated total number of workers followed by Education Sector 22%.
- Almost all (99.4%) establishments were registered under different statutes.
- Overall around 23.55% of units provided on-the-job training to their workers.
- Among 9 sectors, 34.87% of units in health sector provided on-the-job training, followed by IT/BPOs at 31.1%.
- About 1.85 lakhs vacancies were reported across the 9 sectors.
- 85.3% of the workers were Regular workers and 8.9% contract workers.

Source: PIB



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India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)

Why in News

- The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), the biggest bilateral trade pact between the two major economies, was activated.
- The agreement was signed on February 18, 2022 between the two sides.



Key Points

- Secretary, Department of Commerce, BVR Subrahmanyam flagged off the first consignment of goods comprising of Jewellery products from India to UAE under the India-UAE CEPA.
- Overall, India will benefit from preferential market access provided by the UAE on over 97 % of its tariff lines which account for 99% of Indian exports to the UAE in value terms particularly from labour-intensive sectors such as Gems and Jewellery, Textiles, leather, footwear, sports goods, plastics, furniture, agricultural and wood products, engineering products, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and Automobiles.
- As regards trade in services, Indian service providers will have enhanced access to around 111 sub-sectors from the 11 broad service sectors.
- Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement is expected to increase the total value of bilateral trade in goods to over US\$ 100 billion and trade in services to over US\$ 15 billion within 5 years.

Note: The Commerce Secretary informed that India was negotiating trade agreements at a very fast pace with complementary economies and that talks were ongoing with UK, Canada and EU.

Source: The Hindu

India's Pharma exports grow by 103% since 2013-14

Why in News

- Indian pharma exports witnessed a growth of 103% since 2013-14, from Rs. 90,415 Crores in 2013-14 to Rs. 1,83,422 Crores in 2021-22.



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Key Points

- The export achieved in 2021-22 is the Pharma Sector' best export performance ever.
- It is a remarkable growth with exports growing by almost USD 10 billion in 8 years.
- The trade balance continues to be in India's favour, with a surplus of USD 15175.81 Million.
- Indian pharma companies enabled by their price competitiveness and good quality, have made global mark, with 60 percent of the world's vaccines and 20% of generic medicines coming from India.
- India ranks 3rd worldwide for production by volume and 14th by value.
- The current market size of the Indian pharmaceutical industry is around USD 50 billion.
- The share of pharmaceutical and drugs in global exports is 5.92%.
- India's top 5 pharma export destinations are USA, UK, South Africa, Russia and Nigeria.

Source: ET

Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 launches National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities

Why in News

- Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0**, under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, has launched the '**National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities**'.



Key Points

- National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities** shall serve as a guiding document and blueprint for States and Cities to undertake large scale multimedia campaigns along with intensive and focused inter-personal communication campaigns.
- The framework focuses on intensifying messaging around the key focus areas of source segregation, collection, transportation, and processing of waste, plastic waste management, and remediation of legacy dumpsites to truly transform the urban landscape of India.

About Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0):

Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM):

- SBM is a country-wide campaign initiated by the Government of India in 2014 to eliminate open defecation and improve solid waste management.



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- Phase 1 of the SBM lasted till October 2019. Phase 2 is being implemented between 2020-21 and 2024-25.
- SBM was split into two: rural and urban.

About Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0:

- On 1st October 2021, the Prime Minister launched the Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban 2.0 with the overall vision of creating “Garbage Free Cities”.

Source: PIB

PM inaugurates the Semicon India Conference 2022

Why in News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated **India's first Semicon India Conference 2022** in Bengaluru.
- The Semicon India Conference, 2022 was held from April 29 to May 1.



Key Points

- The **theme** of conference was "Design and Manufacture in India, for the World: Catalysing India's Semiconductor Ecosystem".

Prime Minister's address:

- PM Modi underlined 6 reasons for India being an attractive investment destination for Semiconductor technologies.
- First, India is building a digital infrastructure to connect over 1.3 billion Indians.
- Second, with steps like connecting six hundred thousand villages with broadband investment in developing capabilities in 5G, IoT and clean energy technologies, India is paving the way to lead the next technology revolution.
- Third, India is headed for robust economic growth with the world's fastest-growing Startup Ecosystem. India's own consumption of Semiconductors is expected to cross 80 billion Dollars by 2026 and 110 Billion Dollars by 2030.
- Fourth, India has undertaken wide-ranging reforms for improving the ease of doing business in India.
- Fifth reason is heavy investment in skilling and training young Indians for the needs of the 21st century.
- Sixth, India has undertaken several measures towards transforming the Indian manufacturing sector.
- Shri Modi also told about the recently announced **Semicon India Programme** with a total outlay of over 10 billion dollars. This program



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aims to provide financial support to companies investing in semiconductors, display manufacturing and design ecosystems.

Note: Recently, Qualcomm India and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)'s Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) partnered to support Indian semiconductor startups.

Source: HT

Atal New India Challenge 2.0 (ANIC 2.0)

Why in News

- Atal Innovation Mission launched the phase 1 of the 2nd edition of the **Atal New India Challenge (ANIC 2.0)**.

Key Points

About Atal New India Challenge:

- Atal New India Challenge is a flagship program of Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog.
- The program aims to seek, select, support and nurture technology-based innovations that solve sectoral challenges of national importance and societal relevance.
- One of the primary goals of the ANIC program is to support innovations in areas critical to India's development and growth – Education, Health, Water and Sanitation, Agriculture, Food Processing, Housing, Energy, Mobility, Space Application etc.
- Working in collaboration with the different verticals of NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, ISRO and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the 1st phase of **Atal New India Challenge (ANIC 2.0)** will see 18 challenges being thrown open from 7 sectors.
- Sectors are E-mobility, Road Transportation, Space Technology and Application, Sanitation Technology, Medical Devices & Equipment, Waste Management and Agriculture.

Source: PIB



MSME Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme

Why in News

- Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Narayan Rane launched the **MSME Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme**.

Key Points

About MSME Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme:



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- This Scheme is an extensive drive to enable and facilitate MSMEs adopt **Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED)** practices and motivate and incentivize them for ZED Certification while also encouraging them to become MSME Champions.
- Through the journey of ZED Certification, MSMEs can reduce wastages substantially, increase productivity, enhance environmental consciousness, save energy, optimally use natural resources, expand their markets, etc.
- Under the Scheme, MSMEs will get subsidy as per the following structure, on the cost of ZED certification: Micro Enterprises: 80%, Small Enterprises: 60% and Medium Enterprises: 50%.
- There will be an additional subsidy of 5% for MSMEs which are also a part of the **SFURTI** or Micro & Small Enterprises - Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) of the Ministry.
- A provision of up to Rs. 5 lakh (per MSME) will be made available for handholding and consultancy support for MSMEs under ZED Certification for assisting them to move towards Zero Defect Zero Effect solutions.
- The MSMEs can also avail a number of other incentives offered for ZED Certification by States & UTs, Financial Institutions etc. and can also apply for free Certification under the **MSME KAWACH (COVID-19 Support) initiative**.

Source: ET

State

Organized 'Social Empowerment Camp' in Bharatpur, Rajasthan

Why in News:

- 'Social Empowerment Camp' for Divyangjans and Senior Citizens has been organized in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan.



key points:

- The Social Empowerment Camp has been organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD) in collaboration with ALIMCO and Bharatpur District Administration.
- The objective of the Social Empowerment Camp is to distribute aids and assistive devices among senior citizens under the 'Divyangjan' and 'Rashtriya'



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Vayoshri Yojana' (RVY scheme) under the ADIP scheme of the Government of India.

- Under the Social Empowerment Camp, free of cost aids and assistive devices have been distributed to 1155 Divyangjans and 586 Senior Citizens under the schemes of the Central Government.
- The beneficiaries included in the social empowerment camp were pre-identified in the evaluation camps organized by Bharatpur District Administration, Rajasthan, supported by ALIMCO last year.

Source: Jansatta

Two-day Lavender Festival organized in Jammu and Kashmir

Why in News:

- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, a two-day lavender festival was organized by the Science and Technology Research Council under the aegis of the Ministry of Science and Technology at Bhaderwah town in the Doda district.



key points:

- Lavender Utsav is organized under the Central Government Aroma Mission to promote the One Product One District program.
- Lavender festival was organized for the first time in Bhaderwah, due to which Bhaderwah valley has been recognized as Lavender Capital.
- Lavender Utsav has been organized with the objective of increasing the income of farmers associated with Aroma Mission.
- During Lavender Utsav, six plants for extracting lavender oil have also been inaugurated in different villages of Bhaderwah Valley under the Aroma Mission.

What is Aroma Mission?

- The objective of the Aroma Mission is to bring about a significant change in the aroma (fragrance) sector through desired interventions in agriculture, processing, and product development to promote the growth of the aroma industry and rural employment.
- Through this mission, the cultivation of aromatic crops can be promoted for such essential oils, which are in high demand in the aroma industry.
- This mission helps Indian farmers and the Aroma (fragrance) industry to become global representatives in the production and export of some other essential oils like 'Mentholic Mint'.



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Source: Akashwani

Uttar Pradesh government budget

Why in News:

- The first budget of its second term was presented in the assembly by the Yogi Adityanath government.

key points:

- The budget of Rs.6 lakh 15 thousand lakh crore was presented by the Finance Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Suresh Khanna, which is the biggest budget till date.
- Provisions have been made in the budget like metro services in Varanasi and Gorakhpur, ropeways, and the construction of an international stadium in Varanasi.
- Under the new budget Rs, 1 crore has been allocated to form a board to oversee the welfare of old saints and priests in the state.
- 300 crores was provided under the new budget to ensure access to quality education for the children of laborers and street vendors in the state.
- The budget has also stressed planning to deal with issues like courts, security forces at religious places, etc.



Source: Indian Express

Shirui Lily Festival 2022

- The fourth edition of State Level Shirui Lily Festival 2022 organized in Manipur
- This annual festival is organized every year by the Department of Tourism, Government of Manipur to create awareness about the Shirui Lily flower.
- The Shirui Lily Festival is held every year in the months of April and May as this is the time when the Shirui Lily flowers bloom.
- Shirui Lily flower is found only in the Ukhrul district of Manipur and cannot be planted anywhere in the world.



Shirui Lily

- Shirui Lily is the state flower of Manipur, which is three feet tall and bell-shaped blue-pink flowers.
- Its scientific name is *Lilium mackliniae*.
- It is locally called Kashsong Timrawon by the Tangkhul tribe, which is named after Timrawon.



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Source: News on Air

41st "Hunar Haat", Celebrations

Why in News:

- The 41st "Hunar Haat", "Kaushal Kuber Ke Kumbh" ceremony was formally inaugurated by the Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi.



key points:

- 41st "Hunar Haat", "Kumbh of Kaushal Kuber" is being organized from May 18 to 29, 2022 at Shilpgram, Tajganj, Agra.
- More than 800 artisans and craftsmen from 32 states and union territories of the country will participate in the 12-day "Hunar Haat".
- "Hunar Haat" is an initiative launched as a "credible" platform to strengthen Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call of "Vocal for Local" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat".
- "Hunar Haat" also plays an important role in "Preservation, Preservation, Promotion" of the age-old rich heritage of arts and crafts of the country.

Related Facts:

What is "Hunar Haat"?

- In the current global competition, the concept of Hunar Haat is an initiative presented to support the traditional artisans and craftsmen, to protect and promote the ancestral heritage of the country's arts and crafts.
- Hunar Haat exhibition features selected artisans whose ancestors were involved in such traditional handmade works and are still engaged in this profession.

Source: Indian Express

MyGov Karnataka Portal

Why in News:

- MyGov Karnataka portal has been launched by the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri Basavaraj Bommai to promote participatory governance in the state of Karnataka.



key points:

- After adopting the MyGov Karnataka portal, Karnataka has become the 17th state in India to adopt the MyGov initiative.
- MyGov is the world's largest and most successful program in terms of direct citizen interaction.
- Citizens of the state can share their views and suggestions with the government after registering on the MyGov portal.
- MyGov Karnataka aims to promote active citizen participation and engagement in governance and policymaking, with a focus on the dissemination of timely and authentic information about the welfare schemes of the Government.

Related Facts**What is My Gov Portal?**

- My Gov (MyGov) portal was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 26 July 2014.
- The objective of the MyGov portal is to ensure participation in the schemes of the general public, on the basis of their suggestions, to give shape to the plans of the government.

Source: PIB**Arunachal Pradesh's Sela Tunnel Project****Why in News:**

- The strategically important Sela Tunnel project has been constructed in Arunachal Pradesh.

**key points:**

- Situated in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh, the tunnel project provides an alternate axis to the Sela Pass,
- The Sela Tunnel Project of Arunachal Pradesh is located at an altitude of 13,700 feet. And its length is more than 300 km.
- The Sela Tunnel is being constructed by the Border Roads Organisation. The project consists of two tunnels and a link road.
- The connectivity road distance between the newly constructed tunnels will be 1,200 meters, with Tunnel 2 being one of the longest tunnels constructed at an altitude of more than 13,000 feet.

Source: Indian Express

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Regional conference organized in Kolkata

Why in News:

- The two-day conference of Regional Officers was inaugurated in Kolkata by Smt. Alka Upadhyay, Chairperson, National Highways Authority of India-NHAI.



key points:

- The regional conference is a one-of-its-kind initiative to bring the officials of the National Highways Authority of India and regional stakeholders from West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha and Assam on a single platform to share information, achievements and challenges.
- In addition to the project review at the Regional Conference, an 'Open House' session has also been organized for open discussion by the Regional Officers and Project Directors.
- This conference was organized under the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi and under this, more such conferences will be organized in different regions of the country.

Related Information-

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

- Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was launched by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, on the occasion of the Mahatma Gandhi Dandi Yatra on 12 March 2021.
- Importance of starting the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence is to complete 75 years of India's independence, 75 weeks before the Amrit Mahotsav has been started.

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

- The National Highways Authority of India is a statutory body under the Ministry of Highways constituted under the National Highways of India Act, 1988.
- The objective of the National Highways Authority of India is to develop, maintain and manage the national highways of the country.

Source: News on Air



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Inauguration of services of CRC for skill development, rehabilitation and empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

Why in News:

- Services of Composite Regional Centre (CRC) for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities were inaugurated virtually in Shillong by Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Pratima Bhowmik.

key points:



- The event was organized at U Soso Tham Auditorium in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- The main objective of the newly established CRC is to provide essential services for the differently-abled and to assist in the development of human resources in the state of Meghalaya.
- The permanent structure of CRC will be set up at Umsawli in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya.
- The CRC will assist in conducting skill development training for persons with disabilities as well as in carrying out rehabilitation services for different categories of persons with disabilities.

Source: PIB

Union Minority Affairs Minister Inaugurate the first Amrit Sarovar of the Country in Rampur Uttar Pradesh

Why in News:

- Union Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurated the country's first 'Amrit Sarovar' at Patwai, Rampur in Uttar Pradesh.



key points:

- With a vision to conserve water for the future, the Prime Minister has launched a new initiative named Mission Amrit Sarovar on 24 April 2022.



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- The objective of the Amrit Sarovar Mission is to develop and rejuvenate 75 water bodies in each district of the country as part of the celebration of Amrit Mahotsav of Independence.

What is Amrit Sarovar Mission:

- The objective of 'Mission Amrit Sarovar' is to "construct or develop" at least 75 ponds in each district of the country.
- As part of the Amrit Sarovar Mission, each pond will have a watershed of at least 1 acre (0.4 ha) with a water holding capacity of up to 10,000 cubic metres.
- All rural districts have been directed to develop at least 75 ponds in each district, totalling about 50,000 Amrit Sarovar across the country, to achieve the goals included in the Amrit Sarovar Mission.

Source: Indian Express

Mohali Update:

Why In News:

- In recent investigations Pakistan based gangster is suspected to carry out freelance attack on Punjab Police's Intelligence HQ in Mohali.



Details of The News:

- Notably day before yesterday an attack was carried on in Mohali of Punjab.
- In it an RPG was aimed at the wall of the HQ.
- It was for the first time that an RPG was used in the attack.
- It was suspected that the attack was in one way or the other is linked to Pakistani soil.
- Though there were no casualties reported.
- In the preliminary enquiry it has been revealed that the attack was carried on by Harvinder Singh(Rinda).
- Rinda is a Pakistan based gangster.



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Ladli Laxmi scheme-2.0: Madhya Pradesh govt

Why in News

- In Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, while launching the **Ladli Laxmi scheme-2.0**, has announced that the state government will pay the entire fee of Ladli Laxmis if they take admission to medical, IIT, IIM, or any institute.
- Ladli Laxmi Utsav** will also be celebrated in MP from May 2 to May 12 every year.
- The Chief Minister also launched Ladli e-Sawad App.



Key Points

About Ladli Laxmi Yojana:

- In order to fulfill the responsibility of the girl child from birth to her marriage, the government in MP has implemented Ladli Laxmi Yojana from 1st April 2007.
- In Madhya Pradesh, more than 42 lakh girls have been registered till April 2022 this year under Ladli Laxmi scheme.
- 25 thousand rupees will be given separately by the state government in two installments to the Ladli Laxmis who take admission in the college.

Source: TOI

J&K Delimitation Commission issues final notification

Why in News

- The Delimitation Commission headed by Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, (a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India), and Sushil Chandra, (Chief Election Commissioner) and K. K. Sharma, (State Election Commissioner, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir), as Ex-Officio members of the Delimitation Commission met to finalise the Delimitation Order for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
- The Gazette notification for the same has also been published.



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Key Points

As per the final Delimitation Order, the following will come into effect from the date to be notified by the Central Government:-

- Out of the 90 Assembly Constituencies in the region, 43 will be part of Jammu region and 47 for Kashmir region keeping in view the provisions of Section 9(1)(a) of the Delimitation Act, 2002 and Section 60(2)(b) of Jammu & Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019.
- After consultation with Associate Members, representatives of political parties, citizens, civil society groups, 9ACs have been reserved for STs, out of which, 6 are in Jammu region and 3 ACs in the Valley.
- There are five Parliamentary Constituencies in the region.
- The Delimitation Commission has seen the Jammu & Kashmir region as one single Union Territory.
- Therefore, one of the Parliamentary Constituency has been carved out combining Anantnag region in the Valley and Rajouri & Poonch of Jammu region.
- By this reorganisation each Parliamentary Constituency will have equal number of 18 Assembly Constituencies each.
- It may be recalled that the Delimitation Commission was constituted by the Govt. of India, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of Delimitation Act, 2002 (33 of 2002), for the purpose of delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
- The Delimitation Commission was entrusted with the work of delimiting the Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir on the basis of 2011 Census and in accordance with the provisions of Part-V of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 (34 of 2019) and the provisions of Delimitation Act, 2002 (33 of 2002).

Note: The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir was carved out from the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir through the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 (34 of 2019), passed by the Parliament.

Source: Indian Express

Nitish Kumar inaugurates India's first greenfield ethanol plant in Bihar

Why in News

- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the **India's first greenfield grain-based ethanol plant** at Purnea.

Key Points

- The Rs 105-crore plant by Eastern India Biofuels Pvt Ltd is the first one developed



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since the Centre gave a go-ahead to Bihar's ethanol production and promotion policy-2021.

- The project is a part of Bihar's ambitious foray into ethanol production using sugarcane, maize and rice to meet the country's fuel needs.
- The ethanol plant has been built using the latest technology and will not discharge any waste, making it a zero-liquid discharge plant that is completely environment friendly.

Source: ET

'Miyan ka Bada' railway station renamed as 'Mahesh Nagar halt' in Rajasthan's Barmer district

Why in News

- The 'Miyan Ka Bada' railway station of Rajasthan's Barmer district has now been renamed as 'Mahesh Nagar Halt'.



Key Points

- Earlier in 2018, the name of the village was changed from 'Miyan ka Bada' to Mahesh Nagar.

Earlier, the names of the following railway stations have been changed:

- Manduadih Railway Station is now known as Banaras Railway Station
- Mughalsarai Junction is now Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Railway Junction
- Robertsganj Railway Station was renamed Sonbhadra Railway Station
- Allahabad Junction is now Prayagraj Junction
- Faizabad Junction is now known as Ayodhya Cantt
- Dandupur Railway Station is renamed Maa Barahi Devi Dham Railway Station
- The Uttar Pradesh government has also renamed Jhansi Railway Station as 'Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station' after Rani Laxmibai.
- The Habibganj railway station in Bhopal was renamed after Gond queen Rani Kamlapati in 2021.

Source: HT



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Project 'Nigah'

Why in News:

- Project 'Nigah' is launched by Delhi Customs at ICD Garhi Harsaru, Gurugram.

key points:

- The objective of the Nigah project is to monitor container tracking and timely clearances to ensure ease of doing business.
- Project NIGAH is an initiative to track containers using ICTM (ICD Container Tracking Module) which will help in better visibility of container movement inside ICD.
- The Nigah project will help Customs expedite long-standing containers and monitor timely clearances, thereby ensuring ease of doing business along with ensuring lead preventive checks.
- ICTM has been developed in collaboration with Custodian M/s.
- Live demo of Nigah project was given to all the participants in the organized conference.



Source: The Hindu

Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal

Why in News:

- The Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal (FIF), which replaced the Foreign Investment Promotion Board, has completed its 5-year run.



key points:

- The Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal was launched on 24 May 2017.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry acts as the nodal department for the Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal.



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- In the 5 years since the Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal (FIF) came into existence, 853 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals have been resolved with the help of which Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has increased by 39%.
- The main objective of the Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal is to increase Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India.
- Automated alerts through SMS and email to the concerned Ministries/Departments are used to regulate the pendency of FDI proposals with the help of Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal.
- Necessary security apart from forwarding the proposals submitted on the Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal to the concerned administrative ministry as well as to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for necessary comments as per the FDI policy/FEM regulations. It is also sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for approvals.

Source: Times of India

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Why in News:

- India has recorded the highest ever annual foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow of US\$ 83.57 billion in the financial year 2021-22.

key points:



- FDI equity inflows into manufacturing sectors have increased by 76% this year in FY 2021-22 (USD 21.34 billion) as compared to the previous FY 2020-21 (USD 12.09 billion).
- In terms of top investor countries in FDI equity inflows, 'Singapore' has topped with 27%, followed by the United States (18%) and Mauritius (16%) as the top states.
- 'Computer software and hardware has emerged as the top recipient sector of FDI equity inflows during FY 2021-22, followed by the service sector (12%) and the automobile industry (12%) as the top recipient sector, respectively. is included in.
- Under the 'Computer Software and Hardware' sector in India, Karnataka (53%), Delhi (17%), and Maharashtra (17%) were the major recipient states of FDI equity inflows during FY 2021-22. with the top 3 positions.



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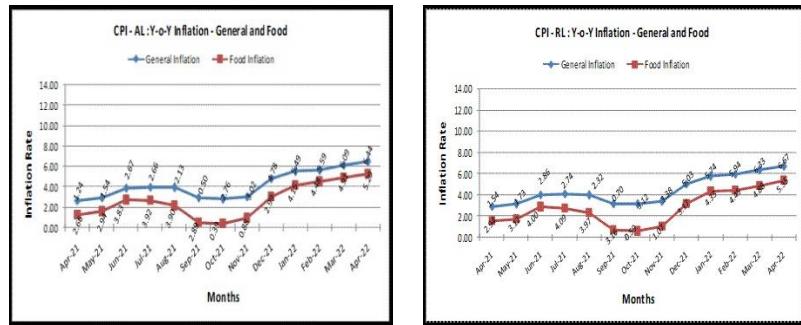
- Karnataka is the top recipient state with 38% share in total FDI equity inflows during FY 2021-22, followed by Maharashtra (26%) and Delhi (14%).

Source: PIB

All India Consumer Price Index for Agricultural and Rural Laborers

Why in News:

- The All-India Consumer Price Index for agricultural and rural workers was released by the Ministry of labour and Employment.



key points:

- All India Consumer Price Index for agricultural and rural workers released for the month of April,
- The All-India Consumer Price Index for Agricultural and Rural Laborers increased by 10 points to 1108 points and 1119 points respectively.
- The major contributors to the increase in the general index of agricultural laborers and rural laborers came from an increase in prices of rice, wheat flour, jowar, bajra, ragi, vegetables, and fruits, to the extent of 7.32 and 7.13 points, respectively.
- The rise or fall in the index varied from state to state with Tamil Nadu at the top of the index table with 1275 points while Himachal Pradesh with 880 points ranked at the bottom.
- The point rate of inflation based on CPI-AL and CPI-RL is 6.44% and 6.67% in April 2022, as compared to 6.09% and 6.33% in March 2022, respectively.

All-India Consumer Price Index Number (General & Group-wise): (Source PIB)

Group	Agricultural Labourers		Rural Labourers	
	March 2022	April 2022	March 2022	April 2022



General Index	1098	1108	1109	1119
Food	1025	1035	1032	1043
Pan, Supari, etc.	1914	1917	1924	1926
Fuel & Light	1222	1233	1216	1226
Clothing, Bedding &Footwear	1147	1162	1179	1195
Miscellaneous	1168	1177	1172	1181

Source: PIB

7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of New Development Bank

Why in News:

- The 7th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of New Development Bank was chaired by the Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman through video conference in New Delhi.

key points:

- Governors/alternative governors of Brazil, China, Russia, South Africa and new members from Bangladesh and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) also attended the 7th Annual Meeting.
- This year's theme for the 7th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the New Development Bank is "NDB: Optimizing the Development Impact".
- In this meeting it was announced by Nirmala Sitharaman that India's economic growth is estimated to be 8.9 percent in the current financial year, which is the highest among all major economies.



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- The main objective of the New Development Bank is to successfully establish itself as a credible development partner for emerging market economies.

Related Facts

What is New Development Bank?

- The New Development Bank is a multilateral development bank, established by the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) in 2014 with the objective of mobilizing resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in BRICS as well as other EMDCs. was done.
- The New Development Bank was operationalized in 2015.
- The headquarter of New Development Bank is located in Shanghai, China.
- The New Development Bank has so far approved 21 projects in India for an amount of \$7.1 billion.

Source: PIB

4th meeting of the National Start-up Advisory Council (NSAC)

Why in News:

- Shri Piyush Goyal, Cabinet Minister in the Government of India, chaired the 4th meeting of the National Start-up Advisory Council (NSAC).

key points:



- The 4th meeting of the National Start-up Advisory Council (NSAC) was held in Delhi.
- The major objective of the meeting is to strengthen the start-up ecosystem through various initiatives and programs.
- The NavIC Grand Challenge was also launched by Piyush Goyal during the meeting, the main objective of which is to promote the adoption of NavIC as a geo-positioning solution.
- To participate in NavIC, participants will have to apply on the website of Start-up India. The main objective of this initiative is to identify solutions for start-ups that are working on developing NavIC enabled drones.

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What is National Start-up Advisory Council (NSAC)?



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- The National Start-up Advisory Council has been constituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India.
- The main objective of this council is to provide necessary advice to the Government of India for creating a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and start-ups in the country.
- The National Start-up Advisory Council is chaired by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and includes both official and non-official members.

Source: The Hindu

LIC IPO worth Rs 21,000 crore opens for public subscription

Why in News

- The Initial Public Offering (IPO) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has opened for public subscription from May 04, 2022.
- It will remain open for subscription till 9th of May.
- LIC IPO is the biggest public offering in the country.



Key Points

- An Initial Public Offering (IPO) refers to the process of offering shares of a private corporation to the public in a new stock issuance.
- LIC has fixed the price band of 902 to 949 rupees per Equity Share for its maiden public offer.
- With this IPO, the government is looking to divest its 3.5 percent stake in the insurer by selling 22 crore 13 lakh shares.
- The Government aims to raise around 21 thousand crore rupees through IPO.

About Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC):

- It is an Indian statutory insurance and investment corporation.
- Chairperson:** M R Kumar
- Headquarters:** Mumbai
- Founder:** Government of India
- Founded:** 1 September 1956

Note: LIC is recognized as the third-strongest and 10th most-valuable global insurance brand as per the Insurance 100 2021 report released by Brand Finance.



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Source: newsonair

Polity

Sedition vs Civil Liberties:

Why In News:

- Recently Government of India has filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court of India regarding its review of Section 124A of IPC.



News In Detail:

- Ministry of Home Affairs has assured the Honorable Court that it will revisit the provisions of Section 124A of IPC.
- The above mentioned section incorporates the provisions regarding sedition against the nation.
- These provisions are considered to be against the civil liberties human rights.
- The Attorney General Venugopal affirmed before Court that Government is committed to re-examine the Section 124A in the wake of modern civil liberties and other rights.
- In the proceeding Supreme Court also asked Government whether it should review the 1962 Kedarnath Singh vs State of Bihar case.
- In its reply Attorney General said that the Court does not need to further review the above case.
- He requested Court to wait for some time.
- He assured the Court that essential amendments shall be done to strike a balance between the civil liberties and the security and integrity of the nation.

Section 124A:

- Section 124A of Indian Penal Code has not been drafted by the Indian Parliament as such.
- Instead it is of colonial origin.
- It was drafted by "Thomas Macaulay" in the year 1870.



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- The provisions under this section empowers the state to imprison any person for 3 years if found guilty of promoting hatred against the state.
- The provisions regarding above mentioned clause include use of words spoken or written and even the signs used to protest against the state.
- This makes the law vulnerable for misuse against the citizens protesting against the government or its policies even if they stand genuine.

Madhya Pradesh PRI Election Row:

Why In News:

- Recently Supreme Court of India ordered State Government to conduct Panchayati Raj Elections in the state without OBC reservations.



Details of the News:

- The honorable Court has directed Government to conduct the Urban Local Self Government and PRI elections without OBC reservation which earlier State Government provided for.
- The matter was under consideration before Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar, AS Oka and CT Ravikumar bench.
- Court asked Government to notify elections within two weeks.
- Court also mandated other states of the country to follow the verdict.
- It said that the above decision is not just restricted to MP and Maharashtra but to the entire nation.
- The further said that before implementing reservation provision the Government has to qualify "Tripple Test".
- This test includes appointment of panels, collection of relevant empirical data local body-wise and ensuring that the reservation does not exceed 50% ceiling.
- Court also reiterated that the election process cannot be delayed further as it is Constitutionally mandatory.

Government Stand:

- Government has shown signs of filling Review Petition before the Honorable Supreme Court.



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Expert Views:

- According to the legal and Constitutional experts there is hardly any chance that the Court would entertain any review petition on the decision.

Defence

The second vessel 'Directorship under the Survey Vessel (Major) Project

Why in News:

- Ship Director, the second of the four Survey Vessel (Major) projects under construction by GRSE in association with L&T Shipbuilding for the Indian Navy, was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai.



key points:

- The directorship is designed to operate at a cruise speed of 14 knots and a maximum speed of 18 knots (knots).
- The directorship is indigenously developed under the Make in India initiative and uses indigenously developed DMR 249-A steel.
- Under this project, the Indian Navy established its first water connectivity in the Bay of Bengal.
- Of the four SVL ships, three have been partially constructed at L&T at Kattupalli under a collaborative approach between GRSE and L&T Shipbuilding.
- Earlier the first-class ship 'Sandhyak' was launched at GRSE, Kolkata.

Source: PIB

Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy's bilateral naval exercise 'Bongosagar'

Why in News:

- The third edition of the bilateral naval exercise 'Bongosagar' between the Indian Navy (IN) and the Bangladesh Navy (BN) began on 24 May 2022 at Port Mongla, Bangladesh.



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key points:

- The harbor phase of the Bongosagar exercise has been scheduled from May 24 to 25, followed by a sea phase in the northern Bay of Bengal from May 26 to 27.
- The objective of the Bongosagar exercise is to develop a high level of interoperability and joint operational skills through maritime exercises and conduct a wide spectrum of warfare action between the navies of the two countries.
- Indian Naval Ship Kora, an indigenously built Guided Missile Corvette, and an indigenously built offshore patrol vessel Sumedha is involved in the Bongosagar exercise while the Bangladesh Navy is being represented by BNS Abu Ubaidah and Ali Haider, both of which are guided missiles. There are frigates.
- The sea phase of the Bongosagar exercise will facilitate the ships of both the navies to participate in intensive surface warfare exercises, weapon use, firing exercises, seafaring plan development, and coordinated air operations in a strategic scenario.

Source: PIB

Navy Foundation's 29th Governing Council Meeting

Why in News:

- Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral R. The 29th Governing Council meeting and Annual General Meeting was presided over by Hari Kumar as the Chairman of the Navy Foundation held on 22 May 2022 in Goa.



key points:

- Navy Foundation is a retired naval officers organization registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860.
- The Presidents/Vice Presidents/Secretaries of 16 Navy Foundation Chapters, along with the patrons of the Navy Foundation, represented the retired officers of their respective chapters.
- In the meeting, the Navy Foundation Governing Council gave its approval to include the 17th Chapter of the Naval Foundation in Bhopal.
- A web-enabled software application Handshake Portal was launched by the Chief of the Naval Staff in the meeting



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- The major objective of Handshake Portal is to facilitate interaction/locating of friends/course mates/batchmates between serving and retired personnel as well as retired personnel.

Source: The Hindu

NASM-SR missile successfully test-fired by the Indian Navy

Why in News:

- The Indian Navy successfully test-fired an indigenous Naval Anti-Ship Missile NASM-SR from a Seeking Helicopter at the Integrated Test Range in Balasore, Odisha.

key points:



- The NASM-SR missile has been developed by the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO).
- NASM-SR is a short-range missile that has a range of 55 km and weighs 385 kg.
- The NASM-SR missile will replace the Sea Eagle missiles currently in use with the Navy.
- The NASM-SR has a 100 kg warhead and has sub-sonic capabilities, meaning it is capable of flying below the speed of sound at Mach 0.8.
- The NASM-SR has a maximum launch height of 3 km and the missile can skim 5 meters above sea level from the final approach to the target.
- A key feature of the NASM-SR is that it can also be fired from shore to target ships at sea.

Source: Indian Express

Project Wardeck to train the Indian Army

Why in News:

- Army Training Command signed an MoU with National Defense University (RRU) in Gandhinagar to develop the 'Wargame Research and Development Centre' in New Delhi.



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key points:

- The 'Wargame Research and Development Centre' will be the first of its kind simulation-based training center in India to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to design virtual reality wargames.
- The Wargames Research and Development Centre will be used by the military to train soldiers and test soldiers' strategies through "Metaverse-enabled gameplay."
- The proposed warfare model will be designed for wars as well as counter-terrorism and counter-terrorism operations.
- The Wargame Research and Development Centre will be developed as a military area in New Delhi.

Source: Indian Express

Indian Navy P8I Aircraft

Why in News:

- Indian Defense Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh during his visit to Mumbai made a flight onboard the Indian Navy P8I Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance Anti-Submarine Warfare Aircraft, showcasing various capabilities by the Indian Navy.



key points:

- During the visit, the Indian Navy demonstrated long range surveillance, electronic warfare, imagery intelligence, ASW missions and search and rescue capabilities employing state-of-the-art mission suits and sensors.
- P8I aircraft were inducted into the Indian forces in 2013.
- The P-8I aircraft incorporates state-of-the-art sensors such as multi-mode radar, electronic intelligence system, sonobuoy, electro-optic, infrared cameras and advanced weaponry.
- P-8I aircraft have been used along the International Border, the Line of Control and the Line of Actual Control to monitor the movements of adversaries.

Source: PIB



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YAI Multiclass Sailing Championship (IN-MDL Cup 2022)

Why in News:

- Participants from the Sailing and Windsurfing teams of the Indian Navy have brought laurels to the Indian Navy by winning two Gold, one Silver and two bronze medals at the YAI Multiclass Sailing Championship (IN-MDL Cup 2022).



key points:

- YAI Multiclass Sailing Championship organized from 08 to 15 May 22 at Indian Naval Water Skills Training Center (INWTC) Mumbai under the aegis of Sailing Association of India (YAI) and Indian Naval Sailing Association (INSA) for Senior Olympic Classes of Yachts had gone.
- The YAI Multiclass Sailing Championship was organized by M/s Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and was a YAI ranking event as well as a selection test for the Asian Games.
- Vice Admiral K Swaminathan, AVSM, PVSM, Chief of Staff, HQWNC, INWTC (Mumbai) attended the Valedictory Ceremony held on 15 May 2022 as the Chief Guest.

Source PIB

NATO's Defender Europe 2022 and Swift Response 2022 exercises

Why in News

- NATO's Defender Europe 2022 and Swift Response 2022 exercises began on 1 May, 2022 in 9 European countries.



Key Points

- More than 7,000 troops from NATO and Partner countries and 3,000 units of equipment took part in the planned joint exercises in Poland.
- According to the Polish Ministry of National Defense, Defender Europe 2022 and Swift Response 2022 is being run from 1 to 27 May.
- Defender Europe and Swift Response are regular international exercise organized by the US Armed Forces to increase preparedness and interoperability between US and NATO allies and partners.



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About North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO):

- It is an intergovernmental military alliance between 30 member states, of which 28 are in Europe and the other 2 in North America.
- **Founded:** 4 April 1949
- **Headquarters:** Brussels, Belgium

Source: ET

Appointments/Resignations

Justice Sabina

- Justice Sabina has been appointed as Acting Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court.
- By the exercise of Article 223 of the Constitution of India, the President has appointed Justice Sabina as Acting Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.
- The newly appointed Justice Sabina will replace the current Chief Justice of the High Court, Mohammad Rafiq.
- Sabina is the senior-most judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court and will take charge from May 25.



Related Facts

What is Article 223?

- When the office of the Chief Justice of a High Court is vacant or when such Chief Justice is by reason of absence unable to perform the duties of his office, such one of the other Judges of the Court as the President may appoint for the purpose will perform the duties of the post.

Source: PIB



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Appointment of new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi

Why in News:

- Vinay Kumar Saxena, who is currently serving as the Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi.



key points:

- Served as Assistant Manager for 11 years with JK Group by Vinay Kumar Saxena and was later promoted to General Manager to look after the proposed port project in Gujarat.
- Vinay Kumar Saxena was appointed as the Chairman of KVIC in October 2015 before being appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.
- Over seven years, Vinay Kumar Saxena has rendered his service on schemes and products like 'Honey Mission', 'Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana', 'Empowerment of Leather Artisans', Khadi Nature Paints, Project.

Source: Indian Express

Rajiv Kumar Appointed As New Chief Election Commissioner:

Why In News:

- Recently Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar has been appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner of India.



Key Points:

- He will take over the office from 15th May.
- The 2024 general elections will be conducted under his supervision.
- Along with this he will also supervise the upcoming President and Vice President elections.
- He will replace Sushil Chandra as CEC.

About Election Commission of India:

- ECI is a Constitutional body having its provisions in Part -XV of Indian Constitution.
- It is a multi member body which is appointed by the President of India.



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- Its main function is to conduct free and fair elections in the country including that of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Vidhan Sabha, Vidhan Parishad, President and Vice President of India.

Source: PIB

Campbell Wilson To Take Charge As CEO Of Air India:

Why In News:

- Recently Campbell Wilson has been appointed as the new CEO of the Indian Aviation giant Air India.



Key Points:

- Campbell Wilson has been serving as the Chief of Singapore based Scoot Airlines.
- This is an airline known for its low cost world class service.
- Earlier Ilker Ayci was approached by the authorities to take over the charge.
- But after his refusal, Wilson's name has been finalized.

Other Facts:

- Air India is a Tata Group Company.
- Earlier it was owned by Government of India.

Source :Times Of India

Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia, Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala take oath as Supreme Court judges

Why in News

- Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala took oath as Supreme Court judges.

Key Points

- Chief Justice of India (CJI) N V Ramana** administered the oath of office to them.



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- Justice Dhulia was sworn in first followed by Justice Pardiwala. They would be judges 33 and 34, completing the sanctioned judicial strength of the court.
- The Supreme Court has a sanctioned strength of 34 judges.
- The Supreme Court Collegium headed by CJI Ramana and also comprising Justices U U Lalit, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud, and L Nageswara Rao had recommended the names of Justice Dhulia, who was Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, and Justice Pardiwala, who was a judge in the Gujarat High Court, for appointment.
- With Justices Dhulia and Pardiwala, the Ramana Collegium has successfully seen to the appointment of a total 11 judges to the Supreme Court since August 2021.
- Of the 11 judges, Justice B.V. Nagarathna, is in line to be the first woman Chief Justice of India, albeit for 36 days, in 2027.

Source: The Hindu

Former petroleum secretary Tarun Kapoor appointed adviser to PM

Why in News

- The Central government appointed former petroleum secretary **Tarun Kapoor** as adviser to the PM Narendra Modi.



Key Points

- Tarun Kapoor's appointment will be initially for a period of two years from the date of joining.
- Kapoor, a 1987-batch IAS officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre, superannuated as the secretary of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on November 30, 2021.

Note: Sangeeta Singh, a 1986 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer has been given additional charge of Chairman, **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**.

Source: TOI



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Lieutenant General Manoj Pande takes over as new Chief of Army Staff

Why in News

- General Manoj Pande took over as the new Chief of Army Staff.



Key Points

- General Manoj Pande succeeded General Manoj Mukund Naravane.
- General Pande is the 29th Army Chief and the first officer from the Corps of Engineers to get this opportunity.

Note: Lieutenant General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju also took over as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff.

Source: TOI

Important Personality

National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's 123rd Birth Anniversary

- Kazi Nazrul Islam was a staunch opponent of religious fanaticism, poet, musician and freedom fighter who gave a new direction to Bengali literature.
- Kazi Nazrul Islam was born in Churulia village in Asansol, West Bengal and his early education of Islam took place in the Madrassa of the Masjid.
- Kazi Nazrul Islam was awarded the then highest honor in 1945 by the University of Calcutta for his remarkable contribution to Bengali literature and after independence, the Government of India honored Kazi Nazrul Islam as 'Padma Bhushan' and the Government of Bangladesh as 'Mahakavi'.



Source: Jansatta



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Manik Saha sworn takes oath as new Chief Minister of Tripura

Why in News:

- Tripura BJP President and newly elected Rajya Sabha member Manik Saha took oath as the new Chief Minister of Tripura.

key points:

- Manik Saha is appointed as the new Chief Minister of Tripura following the resignation of outgoing Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb.
- Biplab Kumar Deb was appointed as the Chief Minister of Tripura after the BJP came to power in 2018 ending 25 years of rule in the state.
- Manik Saha was elected to the Rajya Sabha from the only seat of Tripura on 31 March before becoming the Chief Minister.



Source: The Hindu

UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan passes away

- On 3 November 2004, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan was elected as the President of the United Arab Emirates following the death of his father.
- Suffering from illness for several years in a row, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, has died at the age of 73.
- Sheikh Khalifa took over as the second President of the UAE in November 2004.



Source: The Hindu



Dr. Ramakant Shukla Passes Away:

Why In News:

- Yesterday PM Modi shown his grief over the sadful demise of Dr. Ramakant Shukla.



Key Points:

- Dr. Shukla was a renowned Sanskrit and Hindi scholar of India.
- Dr. Shukla was the resident of Uttar Pradesh.
- He was known for his literary contributions in the field of Sanskrit and Hindi.
- He was 81 years of age.
- He is known for his Sanskrit Television Series "Bharti Me Bharatam".
- Dr. Shukla was awarded Padma Shri in 2013.

Source: PIB

Pt. Shivkumar Sharma :

Why In News:

- Pt. Sharma passed away last night in Mumbai.

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Details Of The News:

- Shri Sharma was a renowned Santoor player.
- He suffered a cardiac arrest.
- He is survived by his wife Manorama and sons Rohit and Rahul Sharma.
- Santoor is a traditional musical instrument of Jammu and Kashmir.
- It was Sharma who popularized the trapezoidal instrument to its present level.

About Sharma:

- Sharma was born in Jammu of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State in the year 1938.
- He was a Kashmiri Pandit.



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- He was recipient of many awards like Sangeet Natak Akademy Award 1986, Padma Shri in 1991 and Padma Bhushan in 2001.
- He collaborated with famous Tabla player Zakir Hussain and flutist Hariprasad Chaurasia number of times.
- He also contributed in many Bollywood films like Silsila, Chandni etc.

Eminent Odia litterateur Rajat Kumar Kar passes away

- Eminent Odia litterateur and a Padma Shri awardee, **Dr. Rajat Kumar Kar** passed away.
- Rajat Kumar Kar was conferred with Padma Shri Award in 2021 for his significant contribution in literature and education.
- He was also instrumental in the revival of Odisha's dying Pala art.



Source: The Hindu

Awards & Honours

Sangeet Kalanidhi Award 2022

Why in News:

- The Sangeet Akademi announced to confer Sangeet Kalanidhi and other awards to various artists during the period 2020 to 2022, which were distributed by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin.



key points:

- Nagaswaram player Kizhavelur G. Ganesan received the Sangeeta Kala Acharya Award for 2020, singer and musicologist Reetha Rajan and musicologist Vainika R.S. for 2021. Awarded for Jayalakshmi 2020
- Renowned singer and guru Thamarkkad Govindan Namboodiri, versatile percussionist Nemani Somayazulu, and renowned kanjara artist AV Anand were presented with the T T K awards for 2020, 2021, and 2022 respectively.



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- The Musicologist Award for 2020 was presented to Dr. V Premalatha for the year 2020, Nritya Kalanidhi to Bharatanatyam exponent Ram Vaidyanathan (2020), and Narthaki Nataraja (2021).
- Widely respected acting expert and mentor, Bragha Bessel has been honored with the award in 2022.

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What is Sangeeta Kalanidhi Award?

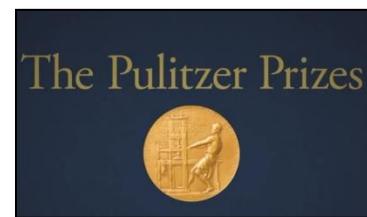
- The Sangeeta Kalanidhi Award, considered the highest honor in the field of Carnatic music, came into existence in 1942.
- Earlier, a senior musician/expert was invited to preside over the annual conference of the Sangeet Akademi.
- In 1942, it was decided that the musician thus invited would be conferred with the title of Sangeet Kalanidhi, an award consisting of a gold medal and a Birudu Patra (citation).
- Since 2005, Sangeeta Kalanidhi has also received the MS Subbulakshmi Award instituted by The Hindu.

Source: The Hindu

Indian Journalist Danish Siddiqui Awarded Pulitzer Award:

Why In News:

- Recently four Indians were honoured with Pulitzer Award 2022 in the Feature Photography category.



Key Points:

- Danish Siddiqui, Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad and Amit Dave from Reuters News Agency have been awarded with the Prestigious Pulitzer Award for their outstanding contribution in the field of journalism.
- Danish was given this award posthumously as he died in Afghanistan while covering the news during Taliban invasion of Afghanistan.
- He has been globally acclaimed for his coverage of the war torn nation.
- He is also known for his aerial shoot of mass cremation in Delhi during peak of Covid wave in India.

Note : Danish died in July 2021 in Afghanistan.



Source: Times of India

Nepal's Kami Rita Sherpa climbs Mount Everest for 26th time to set new world record

Why in News

- Nepal's legendary climber **Kami Rita Sherpa** has climbed the **Mount Everest**, the tallest peak in the world for the 26th time to set a new world record.



Key Points

- Leading an 11-member rope fixing team, Kami Rita and his team reached the summit, breaking his own previous world record.
- He first climbed the Everest in May 1994.

About Mount Everest:

- Mount Everest is Earth's highest mountain above sea level, located in the Mahalangur Himal sub-range of the Himalayas.
- The China-Nepal border runs across its summit point. Its elevation (snow height) of 8,848.86 m was most recently established in 2020 by the Chinese and Nepali authorities.

Source: HT

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Cynthia Rosenzweig receives 2022 World Food Prize

Why in News

- Cynthia Rosenzweig**, a senior research scientist and head of the Climate Impacts Group at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, New York City, received the **2022 World Food Prize** from the World Food Prize Foundation.



Key Points

- World Food Prize** is an international award conceived as the "Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture" with a mission to elevate innovations and inspire action to sustainably increase the quality, quantity and availability of food for all.
- Rosenzweig was selected for the award for her research to understand the relationship between climate and food systems and forecast how both will change in the future.

Source: worldfoodprize.org



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India chosen as first Country of Honour ever at Cannes Film Market

Why in News

- Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur announced that **India will be the official Country of Honour at the upcoming Marché' Du Film**, organized alongside the 75th edition of Cannes Film Festival, in France.



Key Points

- The Minister said "It is the first time the Marché du Film has an official Country of Honour, and this special focus will continue annually with different nations in the spotlight at future editions."
- India is also a "**Country of Honour at the Cannes Next**", under which 5 new Start Ups would be given an opportunity to pitch to the Audio-Visual Industry.
- In another highlight of India's participation at this edition of Cannes Film Festival is the World Premier of the Movie "Rocketry" produced by R. Madhavan.

Source: PIB

Jain University becomes the overall winner of the KIUG 2021

- The host, **Jain University** became the overall winner of the **Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2021** with 20 gold medals along with 7 silver and 5 bronze.
- Lovely Professional University finished second. Panjab University finished third.
- Around 3,879 participants from around 190 universities competed for 257 gold medals in 20 disciplines in the second edition of the KIUG 2021 held at Bengaluru.



About Khelo India University Games (KIUG):

- It is a national level multi-sport event held in India, where athletes from universities across the country compete in different sports disciplines.
- It is organised by Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports along with Association of Indian Universities, Indian Olympic Association and National Sports Federation.



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Source: newsonair

Snow leopard expert Charudutt Mishra gets Whitley Gold Award 2022

Why in News

- Noted snow leopard expert and wildlife conservationist
- Charudutt Mishra** has won the prestigious **Whitley Gold Award 2022** for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation and recovery of big cat species in Asia's high mountain ecosystems.



Key Points

- This is his second Whitley Fund for Nature Award. He got the first in 2005.
- Mishra was given the award for his work in 12 snow leopard range countries.
- Mishra, who is also the co-founder of Bengaluru-based Nature Conservation Foundation, established India's first community scheme to save snow leopards over a decade ago.
- There are an estimated 6,500 wild snow leopards in the high mountains and plateaus of twelve countries including Russia, Afghanistan, China, Pakistan, India and Mongolia.

About Whitley Awards:

- The Awards are held annually by the Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN) to recognise and celebrate effective grassroots conservation leaders across the global south. The award is often referred to as the 'Green Oscars'.

Source: HT

Atal Tunnel receives 'Best Infrastructure Project' award

Why in News

- The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) engineering marvel, **Atal Tunnel**, built in Rohtang in Himachal Pradesh, received the Indian Building Congress' (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award.



Key Points

- More than thirty state-of-the-art infrastructure projects were nominated for the award.



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- The IBC jury selected the strategic tunnel as the 'Best Project for Excellence in Built Environment' in 2021.
- Atal Tunnel, built using the New Austrian Tunnelling Method, was dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 3, 2020.

Note: On February 9, 2022, the 9.02 km long, Atal Tunnel, which runs beneath the 'Rohtang Pass' on the Manali – Leh Highway, was officially certified by the World Book of Records as the 'World's Longest Highway Tunnel over 10,000 Feet.'

Source: India Today

Important Days

Commonwealth Day 2022

- Commonwealth Day is celebrated every year on 24 May.
- The theme of this year's Commonwealth Day is "Delivering a Common Future"
- Commonwealth Day is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of Queen Victoria of England (May 24, 1819)
- Commonwealth Day is celebrated mainly by all the countries that were once colonies of the British Empire.
- Commonwealth Day is celebrated on different dates all over the world like the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada celebrate this day on the second Monday of March, on the other hand, on the 24th of May, countries like India, and Belize observe Commonwealth Day.



Source: News on Air

World Turtle Day 2022

- Every year 23 May is celebrated as World Turtle Day.
- This year the theme of World Turtle Day 2022 is "Shelbreath".



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- World Turtle Day was first observed in 1990 by American Turtle Rescue (ATR), followed by World Turtle Day every year.
- is celebrated.
- It aims to protect turtles and tortoises from illegal trafficking, the exotic food industry, habitat destruction, global warming, and the pet trade.

Related Facts:

Measures were taken for the conservation of turtles in India

- Five species of turtles are found in India, which include Olive Ridley, Green Turtle, Loggerhead, Hawksbill, and Leatherback.
- The Olive Ridley, Leatherback, and Loggerhead are listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, while the Hawksbill Turtle is listed as 'Critically Endangered' and the Green Turtle is listed as IUCN Threatened Species. listed as. listed as. Listed as 'endangered' on the Red List.
- The conservation of turtles in India is done under the Indian Wildlife Protection Act 1972, Schedule I, and through the Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation Program, the turtles have been protected in India.

Source: Indian Express

World Bee Day

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- May 20 is celebrated every year as World Bee Day.
- The theme for this year's World Bee Day is "Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bees".
- On the occasion of World Bee Day this year, a large national program has been organized in Gujarat by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, whose main objective is to promote beekeeping and bring maximum benefits to the small farmers of the country.
- Honey Testing Lab and Processing Unit set up at Pulwama, Bandipora and Jammu in Jammu and Kashmir, Tumkur in Karnataka, Saharanpur and Pune in



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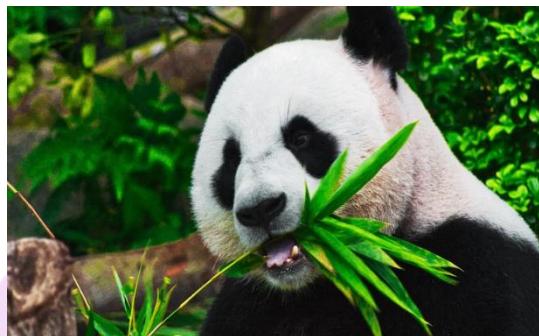
Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand by Union Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar in a conference organized on the occasion of World Bee Day. Virtual opening.

- Anton Jansa, the pioneer of beekeeping, was also born on 20 May 1734.
- After the proposal of Slovenia, in the year 2017, the United Nations declared 20 May as World Bee Day.

Source: PIB

National Endangered Species Day

- National Endangered Species Day is observed every year on the third Friday of May to highlight the growing need to protect endangered species across the world.
- The theme of National Endangered Species Day 2022 is "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration".
- The National Endangered Species Day initiative was launched in 2006 by David Robinson and the Endangered Species Coalition and established by the US Senate, the historic National Endangered Species Day came into existence in 2006.
- The main objective of this initiative is to raise awareness about the need to take action to protect and protect endangered species, their habitats.



Source: ENDANGERED SPECIES COALITION

International Museum Day

- International Museum Day is a global day observed annually on 18 May.
- International Museum Day is organized annually by the International Council of Museums.
- The Theme of International Museum Day 2022 is "The Power of Museums".
- International Museum Day was started in 1977 and was started by the International Council of Museums.



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- The main objective of International Museum Day is to provide an opportunity to end the various challenges faced by museums.

Related Information

Famous Museums in India

- National Museum, New Delhi
- National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru
- Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH), Kolkata
- Asiatic Society, Kolkata
- National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), New Delhi

Source: The Hindu

Sikkim State Foundation Day

Why in News:

- The 47th Foundation Day of Sikkim was celebrated on 16 May 2022, on which the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi greeted the residents of Sikkim.



key points:

- Amendment was introduced by the President on 15th May through which Sikkim was finally included in the Union of India as the 22nd state of the country on 16th May 1975.
- After the inclusion of Sikkim as a Union State of India, Dorji was made the Chief Minister of Sikkim and the monarchy was abolished.
- Sikkim is the first state in the country to become 100% organic.

Source: PIB

May 08, World Thalassaemia Day

Why in News

- World Thalassemia Day is observed on May 8 every year.

Key Points

- The event was first organised by the Thalassemia International Federation (TIF) in 1994, in memory of George Englezos, the son



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of TIF founder Panos Englezos. He had lost his life to the disease. Since then, the event is observed every year.

Thalassemia:

- Thalassemia is a blood disorder inherited by children from their parents.
- In this disease, the ability of an individual's body to produce haemoglobin and the red blood cells is affected severely.

Source: Business Standard

May 07, World Athletics Day

Why in News

- World Athletics Day is celebrated every year on May 7.

Key Points

- On this day, the **International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)**, formerly the International Amateur Athletic Federation, was created as a social responsibility project called 'Athletics for a Better World'.
- World Athletics Day was established in 1996 by then- IAAF President Primo Nebiolo.



Note: The **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** is the national governing body for athletics in India. AFI was established in 1946. It's a member of the IAAF, the Indian Olympic Association, and the Asian Athletics Association.

Source: India Today

May 3, World Press Freedom Day

Why in News

- May 3 is celebrated as World Press Freedom Day or Press Freedom Day.

Key Points

- The **theme** for World Press Freedom Day 2022 is "Journalism under digital siege".
- The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of press freedom in any democracy.

History:

- World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in December 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO's General Conference.



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- Since then, 3 May, the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day.

Source: un.org

May 01, International Labour Day

Why in News

- International Day of Workers or International Labour Day is celebrated on May 1 in most countries.
- It is also known as May Day.



Key Points

- Labour Day has its origins in the labour union movement in the United States in the 19th Century. In 1889, the Marxist International Socialist Congress adopted a resolution for a great international demonstration in which they demanded that the workers should not be made to work for more than 8 hours a day.
- May Day was first celebrated on May 1, 1890, after it was declared by the first International Congress of Socialist Parties in Europe on July 14, 1889.

Source: HT

Science & Technology

Param Porul Supercomputer at NIT, Tiruchirappalli

Why in News:

- Param Porul Supercomputing was inaugurated at NIT, Tiruchirappalli to facilitate computational research under Phase II of the National Supercomputing Mission to Facilitate Computational Research.



key points:

- The Param Porul Supercomputer established at NIT Tiruchirappalli is a state-of-the-art supercomputer dedicated to the nation.
- Most of the components used to build the PARAM PORUL supercomputing system have been fabricated and assembled in India and the indigenous



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software stack developed by C-DAC in line with the Make in India initiative has also been used in PARAM PORUL supercomputer.

- PARAM PORUL supercomputer system is a supercomputer based on direct contact liquid cooling technology to achieve high power utilization efficiency as well as reduce its operating cost.
- Under the National Supercomputing Mission, so far 15 supercomputers with a computing capacity of 24 petaflops have been installed across the country and all supercomputers have been manufactured in India.

Related Facts

What is National Supercomputing Mission?

- The 'National Supercomputing Mission' was announced in March 2015 for a period of 7 years.
- The National Supercomputing Mission seeks to empower India's national educational institutions and R&D institutions by establishing a vast supercomputing grid through over 70 high-performance supercomputers.

Source: PIB

BioRRAP, the 'Single National Portal for Biotech Researchers and Start-ups'

Why in News:

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal (BioRRAP), a 'single national portal' for biotech researchers and start-ups.



key points:

- Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal has been made to promote start-ups keeping in mind the spirit of "One Nation, One Portal".
- Presently India has over 2,700 biotech start-ups and over 2,500 biotech companies. India aims to be among the top 5 countries in the global bio-manufacturing sector by 2025.
- With the help of the Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal, each research that requires regulatory oversight will be identified by a unique ID called "BioRRAP ID".



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- The objective of the Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal is to provide a new direction to research activities in India.

Source: PIB

Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

Why in News:

- The Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) will be organized on 17 May 2022 in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend as the chief guest.

Key Point:



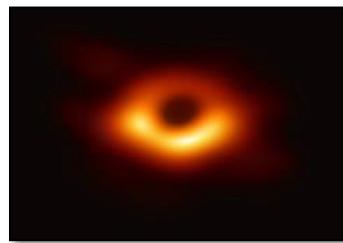
- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) was established in 1997 through the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.
- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is a regulatory authority of the telecom sector in India.
- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act was amended by an ordinance with effect from 24 January 2000.
- Through an amendment in the year 2000, a Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) was set up to handle the judicial and dispute functions from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

Source: PIB

First Picture Of Milky Way Black Hole:

Why In News:

- Recently an international team known as Event Horizon Telescope(EHT) released an image of black hole of our milky way.



Key Points:

- This is a massive black hole whose size is estimated to be four million times that of our Sun.
- This Black Hole has been named as "Sagittarius A".



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- This black hole is situated about 26000 light years away from our solar system.
- A light year is a unit of distance.
- One light year is equal to the distance travelled by light in one year.
- Prior to this discovery EHT also successfully pictured another black hole named as M87 in 2019.

Note:

- A black hole is a remnant of giant star after it collapses.
- It has very intense gravity and very high mass density.
- Anything which comes in its contact is grasped by it never to escape.

Source: BBC

ISRO plans mission to Venus

Why in News

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman S. Somnath said the **Venus mission** has been conceived and a project report made.



Key Points

- After sending missions to the Moon and Mars, the ISRO is now readying a spacecraft to orbit Venus to study what lies below the surface of the solar system's hottest planet, and also unravel the mysteries under the Sulfuric Acid clouds enveloping it.
- The space agency is eyeing the December 2024 window for its launch with orbital maneuvers planned for the following year when earth and Venus would be so aligned that the spacecraft could be put in the neighbouring planet's orbit using a minimum amount of propellant.
- The next similar window would be available in 2031.

About Venus:

- Venus is the second planet from the Sun and is named after the Roman goddess of love and beauty.
- As the brightest natural object in Earth's night sky after the Moon, Venus can cast shadows and can be visible to the naked eye in broad daylight.
- Venus orbits the Sun every 224.7 Earth days.
- Even though Mercury is closer to the Sun, Venus is the hottest planet in our solar system.



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- Its thick atmosphere is full of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide, and it has clouds of sulfuric acid.

Source: The Hindu

India to develop and build first indigenous Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vessel

Why in News

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways decided to develop and build India's first indigenous Hydrogen Fuelled Electric Vessels at Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL).



Key Points

- Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that the plan for building Hydrogen Fuelled Electric Vessels is keeping pace with the Global Maritime Green Transitions.
- The move is part of India's transformative efforts on the innovative and new technology front on green energy, sustainable cost-effective alternate fuel front.
- The Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vessel based on Low Temperature Proton Exchange Membrane Technology (LT-PEM) called Fuel Cell Electric Vessel (FCEV) is expected to cost around Rs. 17.50 crores of which 75 percent would be funded by the centre.
- Hydrogen Fuel cells can be used in a wide range of applications, including transportation, stationary, portable, material handling, and emergency backup power applications.
- Fuel cells operating on hydrogen fuel are an efficient, environmentally-friendly, zero emission, direct current (DC) power source already applied to heavy duty bus, truck, and train applications, and are now under development for marine applications.

Source: ET

C-DOT and C-DAC sign MoU to boost indigenous technology in telecom and ICT

Why in News

- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) have signed an MoU at the Semicon India 2022 event to boost indigenous technological design and development in telecom and ICT.



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Key Points

- Both C-DOT and C-DAC have agreed to collaborate and work jointly, in identification and development of activities in the areas of 4G/5G, Broadband, IOT/M2M, packet core, Computing etc.

About Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT):

- C-DOT is a premier telecom R&D organization under the Ministry of Communications, Government of India, carrying out advanced research and developmental activities in narrowband and broadband switching and transmission networks, terrestrial radio systems, satellite systems, optical communication equipment, network protocols, advanced security solutions and network management systems.

About Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC):

- C-DAC was set up to emerge as a premier R&D institution for the design, development and deployment of electronic and ICT technologies and applications for socio economic advancement.

Source: ET

Environment

E-Waste Management in India

Why in News:

- The Ministry of Environment has issued a notification to know the public's reaction to e-waste management in India.

key points:

- There is a formal set of rules available for e-waste management in India, which were first introduced in 2016 and revised in 2018.
- As per the new notification, consumer goods companies and manufacturers of electronics goods will have to ensure that at least 60% of their electronic waste is collected and recycled by 2023 and 70% and 80% of this portion by 2024 and 2025 respectively. The target has been set to increase to %.
- As per the new notification, companies will have to pay 'environmental compensation' for missed targets.



Source: The Hindu



Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary

Why in News:

- Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary has been notified as the 52nd Tiger Reserve of India.

key points:

- Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary is the fourth tiger reserve of Rajasthan after Ranthambore, Sariska and Mukundra.
- The newly notified Tiger Reserve includes the tiger habitat between Ranthambore Tiger Reserve in the northeast and Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve on the southern side.
- According to the "Status of Tigers in India" report released in 2019, there are a total of 2,967 tigers in 20 states of India.



Source: Times of India

Early Arrival of South West Monsoon:

Why In News:

- Recently the Indian Meteorological Department briefed that the South West Monsoon may arrive earlier than expected this year.



Key Points:

- IMD said that the Bay of Bengal branch of Indian Monsoon will strike Andaman and Nicobar by 15th May.
- It is also expected that the Monsoon winds might strike Kerala by May 26.
- Normally the Indian Monsoon arrives at Kerala around 1st of June every year.
- It is 4 days earlier this year.

Other Facts:

- The Indian Monsoon is popularly referred to as the "Real Finance Minister of India" because of its widespread impact on Indian Economy.



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- Indian Monsoon is the only rain system of the world which experiences “complete reversal” of wind system.
- In India maximum precipitation is concentrated in 4 months of the year.

Source : Times Of India

NGT Directed UP Government Not To Continue Sand Mining:

Why In News:

- Recently the National Green Tribunal has directed UP not to continue sand mining in the rivers until Sand Replenishment Report comes.



Key Points:

- NGT asked Government to carry on scientific investigations on the status of recycling of sand in the riverbed before allowing its mining.
- NGT further said that this investigation must be done by a Credible Institution.
- This investigation should be done in accordance with Enforcement and Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020
- It also asked the Government to properly empower and equipment the regulatory authorities to cut down the sand mining menace in the state.

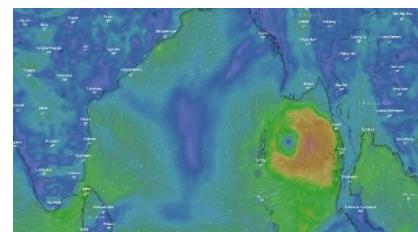
Note: There were instances of illegal sand mining reported in the areas of Banda District of Uttar Pradesh.

Source: Down to Earth

Cyclone Asani:

Why In News:

- It is estimated that cyclone Asani today itself.



Details Of The News:

- It is a tropical cyclone.
- It has changed its direction and is now set to strike the regions around Kakinada and Vishakhapatnam.



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- Earlier due to its influence there has been rainfall in the coastal areas of Odisha.
- The Director General of Meteorology Mrityunjay Mahapatra has informed that the cyclone has been consistently loosing energy and by the time it strikes the Andhra coast it will have speed of 60-70 kmph.
- The coastal official are already set on alert.
- Warnings have been issued to the fishermen to avoid going into deep sea for fishing.

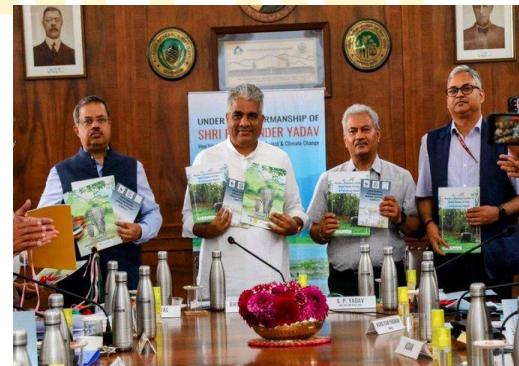
Tropical Cyclone:

- A tropical cyclone is a rotating wind system which accompanies weatherchange along with it.
- It is a low pressure system with spiraling high speed winds.
- The low pressure center of the cyclone is popularly known as the "Eye of Cyclone".
- These cyclones are developed between (8-10) degrees North and South of the Equator in summer season.

Bhupender Yadav launches field manual for forest staffers to manage human-elephant conflict

Why in News

- Recently, Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched a field manual in India to guide forest staffers dealing with human-elephant conflict (HEC) in major elephant range states.
- He chaired the 16th Steering Committee meeting of Project Elephant at the Forest Research Institute (FRI) in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- The name of manual is "**Field Manual for Managing Human-Elephant Conflicts**".



Key Points

- Besides the manual, Yadav also released the Preliminary Report on Human Elephant Conflict and a booklet titled Trumpet.
- The manual has been prepared by the ministry, along with the Wildlife Institute of India (WWI) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF India).



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- India is home to approximately around 27,000 Asian Elephants.
- As per Elephant Census (2017), Karnataka has the highest number of elephants (6,049).

About Asian Elephants:

- There are three subspecies of Asian elephant which are the Indian, Sumatran and Sri Lankan.
- **Global Population:** Estimated 20,000 to 40,000.

Protection Status:

- IUCN Red List: Endangered
- Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule I
- CITES: Appendix I

Source: DTE

Sports

India's first 'Olympic Value Education Program'

Why in News:

- India's first 'Olympic Value Education Program' (OVEP) by International Olympic Committee (IOC) was launched by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in Odisha in collaboration with Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust (ABFT).



key points:

- The Olympic Value Education Program will be integrated into the school education system of Odisha which will be a value-based curriculum.
- The Olympic Value Education Program will be initially implemented in 90 schools in Rourkela and Bhubaneswar, covering about 32,000 children.
- The Olympic Values Education Program is a practical application of resources designed by the International Olympic Committee to introduce youth to the values of excellence, dignity, and Olympics Values.
- The Olympic Values Education Program was developed in the year 2006 to address the challenges of a sedentary lifestyle, lack of concentration, and dropout of adolescents.



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Source: The Hindu

Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen won the gold medal in the World Boxing Championship

Why in News:

- Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen has won the gold medal in the flyweight (52kg) category of the Women's World Championships in Istanbul.



key points

- After winning this title, Nikhat Zareen has become the 5th Indian female boxer from India to become the world champion.
- Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen has won the title by defeating Thailand's Jitpong Jutamus 5-0.
- Earlier Nikhat Zareen became the first Indian woman boxer to win two gold medals at the prestigious Strandja Memorial in February.
- Prior to Nikhat Zareen, MC Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL and Lekha KC have won gold medals for India in women's boxing.

Source: All India Radio

Concludes of Deaflympics Games 2021

Why in News:

- India registered its best performance in Deaflympics by winning 16 medals at the Deaflympics Games held from 1st May 2022 to 15th May 2022.



key points:

- India selected 65 athletes to participate in the Deaflympics 2021 Games.
- Best ever performance by India in Deaflympics 2021. India won a total of 16 medals including 8 gold medals in Deaflympics 2021.
- India won 3 gold medals in shooting, 3 in badminton and 1-1 in wrestling and golf.
- A total of 11 categories were participated by India in the Deaflympics 2021 Games.



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- This year the Deaflympics 2021 was held at the Festa da Uva Main Pavilion in the city of Caxias do Sul, southern Brazil.
- In Deaflympics 2021 Around 2,100 athletes from 72 countries participated in the Deaflympics 2021 Games this year.

Related Information

what are Deaflympics

- The Deaflympics is an international multi-sport event organized by the International Committee for Sport for the Deaf (ICSD).
- Deaflympics are held every 4 years.
- Deaflympics is the oldest multi-sport event after the Olympic Games.
- The Deaflympics was earlier called the International Games for the Deaf but
- In 2001 the name of the International Games for the Deaf was changed to Deaflympics.
- In the year 1924, the first edition of the Deaflympics was organized in Paris.

Source: PIB

Indian badminton team won the Thomas Cup badminton title for the first time

Why in News:

The Indian team made a historic performance as India defeated Indonesia 3-0 in the final match of the Thomas Cup.

key points:

- Indian badminton team has won this tournament for the first time in the history of 73 years.
- The Indian men's badminton team had previously reached the semi-finals of the Thomas Cup in the years 1952, 1955 and 1979 but could not achieve the Thomas Cup title.
- Indonesia team is one of the most successful teams having won the Thomas Cup tournament 14 times.
- The Thomas Cup is held once every 2 years since 1982.
- The Thomas Cup is also known as the men's team world cup of badminton.



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Source: PIB

Ronnie O'Sullivan wins record 7th World Snooker Championship 2022 title

Why in News

- England's Ronnie O'Sullivan has won record 7th World Snooker Championship 2022 title.



Key Points

- Ronnie O'Sullivan joined Stephen Hendry in holding the modern-day record, adding to his world titles from 2001, '04, '08, '12, '13 and '20.
- The **2022 World Snooker Championship** (officially the 2022 Betfred World Snooker Championship) was a professional snooker tournament that took place at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England.

Source: HT

Kerala beat West Bengal to win their 7th Santosh Trophy 2022 title

Why in News

- Kerala beat West Bengal in the penalty shootout to win the Santosh Trophy 2022 at the Manjeri Payyanad Stadium in Malappuram, Kerala.



Key Points

- This was Kerala's 7th Santosh Trophy title.
- The 2022 Santosh Trophy is the 75th edition of the Santosh Trophy, the premier competition in India for teams representing their regional and state football associations.

Source: The Hindu

Harshada Sharad Garud becomes first Indian to win gold at Junior World Weightlifting Championship

Why in News

- Harshada Sharad Garud became first Indian to win a gold medal at the **IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships 2022** in Heraklion, Greece.



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Key Points

- Harshada Sharad Garud lifted 153-kilogram in the 45-kg weight category.
- Before Harshada, there are only two Indians to win a medal in IWF Junior World Championships.
- Mirabai Chanu had won a bronze in 2013 and Achinta Sheuli won a silver medal in 2021.

Source: TOI

Books & Authors

Devendra Fadnavis releases a Marathi book on Union Home Minister Amit Shah

Why in News

- Maharashtra BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis released a Marathi book, titled '**Amit Shah Ani Bhajapachi Vatchal**' on Union Home Minister Amit Shah.



Key Points

- The book documents the life and journey of Shah and his contribution in building the BJP.
- The book, originally written by Dr Anirban Ganguly and Shivanand Dwivedi, has been translated into Marathi by Dr Jyostna Kolhatkar.

Source: Business Standard



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1. Consider the following statement regarding the With reference to the World Economic Forum:

- 1). The annual meeting of the World Economic Forum was held in Davos, Switzerland from 22 May 2022 to 26 May 2022
- 2). The theme of the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum held this year is 'History at a turning point'.

Which of the above statements 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 Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy-

1. The 200th birth anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy will be celebrated from 22 May 2022 to 22 May 2023
2. The Brahmo Samaj was founded by Raja Ram Mohan Roy in 1828

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
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- D. Neither 1 nor 2



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3.Which state topped with a 38% share in the total FDI equity inflows during the financial year 2021-22?

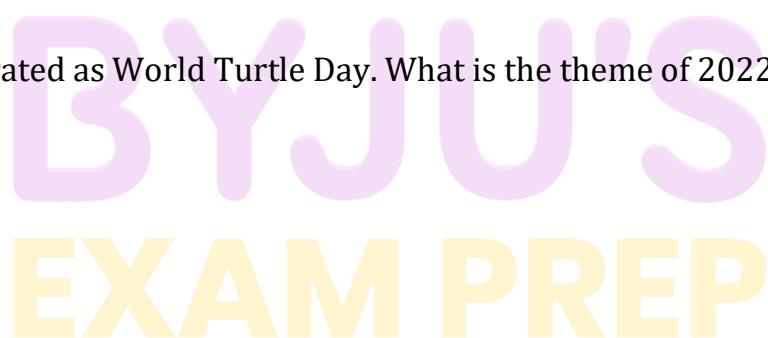
- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Delhi
- D. Uttar Pradesh

4.All India Consumer Price Index for agriculture and rural workers was released by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of agriculture
- B. Ministry of labour and Employment
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Home affair

5.Every year 23 May is celebrated as World Turtle Day. What is the theme of 2022 this year?

- A. Turtles Rock
- B. Adopt Don't Shop
- C. Shelbreath
- D. Save Turtles



6.From where did the Indian Navy successfully test-fire an indigenous Naval Anti-Ship Missile NASM-SR from a Seaking Helicopter at the Integrated Test Range?

- A. Balasore
- B. Chandipur
- C. Pokhran
- D. Wheeler Island

7.Consider the following statement-

- 1). Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the Business Round Table Conference held in Tokyo on May 23, 2022.
2. India has received a record FDI of USD 95 billion in the financial year 2020 - 2021 which shows confidence in India's economic potential.



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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

8. Consider the following statement regarding the "Green India through Renewables"-

- 1). A workshop on "Green India through Renewables" was organized by the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)
- 2). India has set an ambitious target of 350 GW of non-fossil energy capacity by 2030.

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. Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi?

- A. Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- B. Vinay Kumar Saxena
- C. Sunil Arora
- D. Anil Baijal

10. Commonwealth Day is celebrated every year on 24 May, this day is celebrated to commemorate whose birthday?

- A. Queen Victoria
- B. William IV
- C. Elizabeth I
- D. Edward VIII



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11.Which Governing Council meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Navy Foundation was chaired?

- A. 26th
- B. 27th
- C. 28th
- D. 29th

12.The Sangeeta Kalanidhi Award, which is considered the highest honor in the field of music, is given by which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Kerala
- D. Tamil Nadu

13.Consider the following statement regarding the Quad Leaders' Summit-

- 1) The Quad Group is an informal strategic dialogue forum between India, the US, Japan, and China.
- 2) This was the second individual meeting of the heads of the Quad countries, while a total of four meetings of the Quad have been held so far.

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

14.Consider the following statement regarding the World Economic Forum to accelerate climate action in India-

- 1) The Indian arm, as part of the World Economic Forum's Climate Task Force, aims to achieve the goals set in the White Paper Mission 2070.
- 2) India aims to become a low-carbon country by 2050.

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

15.The Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal (FIF), which replaced the Foreign Investment Promotion Board, has completed how many years of its work?

- A. 3 Year
- B. 4 Year
- C. 5 Year
- D. 6 Year

16.Who has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court?

- A. Ajoy Nath Ray
- B. Aravind Kumar
- C. Sabina
- D. Tarlok Singh Chauhan



17.Which mobile application has been announced for the maintenance of health records under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission?

- A. ABHA
- B. HealthVault
- C. MTBC PHR
- D. myPHR

18.Which of the following state has organized the fourth edition of Shirui Lily Festival 2022?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Kerala
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Manipur

19.Consider the following statement regarding the Monkeypox



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- 1) The study published in The Lancet, patients' responses to two antiviral drugs – brincidofovir and tecovirimat – have been documented.
- 2) Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by a virus, but there are currently no licensed treatments for such rare diseases as monkeypox.

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

20. Consider the following statement regarding the Quadrilateral agreement for the development and management of sewage infrastructure at Maheshtala-

- 1) Quadrilateral agreements have been signed by National Mission for Clean Ganga for sewage infrastructure development and management at Maheshtala, West Bengal under Hybrid Annuity (Annuity) mode.
- 2) Maheshtala Wastewater Management Pvt Ltd will be financed by the Asian Development Bank.

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

21. Which birth anniversary of the national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was celebrated?

- A. 75th
- B. 100th
- C. 123rd
- D. 125th

22. Param Porul Supercomputing was inaugurated at which of the following NIT to facilitate computational research under Phase-II of the National Supercomputing Mission to Facilitate Computational Research?



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- A. NIT Tiruchirappalli
- B. NIT Surathkal
- C. NIT Rourkela
- D. NIT Warangal

23.Which of the following ministry has issued a notification to know the public's feedback on e-waste management in India?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

24.Which edition of the bilateral naval exercise Bongosagar between the Indian Navy (IN) and the Bangladesh Navy (BN) took place?

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth



25.Consider the following statement regarding the National Achievement Survey (NAS) Report 2021

- 1). The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education released the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report.
- 2). According to the National Achievement Survey, about 50% of students who attended home during the pandemic felt that they learned better in school with the help of peers.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

26.Consider the following statement regarding the Aarohan 4.0-



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1). A two-day meeting of senior officers of the Department of Posts and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) was inaugurated in Shimla.

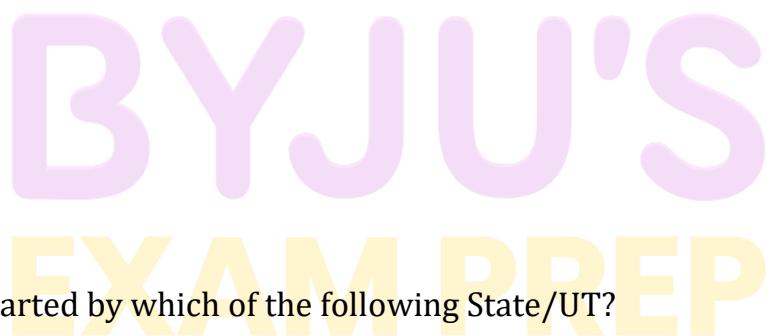
2). IPPB was launched on 1st September 2016 by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

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.In which of the following state/UT, a two-day lavender festival was organized by the Council of Science and Technology Research under the aegis of the Ministry of Science and Technology?

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



28.Project 'Nigah' has been started by which of the following State/UT?

- A. Haryana
- B. Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Chandigarh

29.How many crore rupees have been allocated by Uttar Pradesh Finance Minister Suresh Khanna under the new budget of 2022 to form a board to oversee the welfare of old saints and priests in the state?

- A. 1 crore
- B. 3 crores
- C. 5 crores
- D. 10 crores



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30. Ship Director, the second of the four Survey Vessel (Mass) project under construction in collaboration with GRSE and which company for the Indian Navy, was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai?

- A. Cochin Shipyard Ltd
- B. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- C. Shahi Shipping Ltd
- D. L&T Shipbuilding Limited

31. Consider the following statement regarding the First International Migration Review Forum-

- 1) India's Minister of State for External Affairs Shri V. Muraleedharan will lead the Indian delegation to the first International Migration Review Forum.
- 2) The first International Migration Review Forum will consist of four interactive multi-stakeholders round tables, policy dialogue and a plenary.

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 Jamaica Visit by Indian President

- 1) Indian President Ram Nath Kovind is on a state visit to two Caribbean countries, Jamaica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- 2) During the visit of the Indian President to Jamaica, he will inaugurate a road named after Mahatma Gandhi and a garden dedicated to Indo-Jamaican friendship.

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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33.Which of the following foundation day of Sikkim was celebrated on 16th May 2022?

- A. 38th
- B. 40th
- C. 41st
- D. 47th

34.The Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) will be organized on 17th May 2022, when was the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) established?

- A. 1995
- B. 1996
- C. 1997
- D. 1998

35.Which of the following tiger reserve has been recently notified as the 52nd tiger reserve of India?

- A. Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary
- B. Orang Tiger Reserve
- C. Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary
- D. DudhwaTiger Reserve

36.Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi attend the "foundation" ceremony for the construction of the India International Center for Buddhist Culture and Heritage?

- A. Bodhgaya
- B. Thailand
- C. Nepal
- D. Bhutan

37.Consider the following statement regarding the Cannes Film Festival 2022-

- 1) Cannes Film Festival will be organized in France from May 17 to 28, 2022



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2) Folk artist Mr. Mame Khan got the opportunity to be the first member of the Indian contingent to lead the red carpet.

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 National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT)-

1) The Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Communications and Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, on 17 May 2022 inaugurated the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) Center Laddakh.

2) The main objective of NIELIT is to become the single source of assurance of quality computer education for the informal institutions of the nation.

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 number of meetings of the National Startup Advisory Council (NSAC) was held under the chairmanship of Shri Piyush Goyal, Cabinet Minister in the Government of India?

- A. First
- B. Third
- C. Fourth
- D. Fifth

40. How many gold medals did India win in Deflympics 2021, making India's best-ever performance in Deflympics 2021?



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- A. 6
- B. 8
- C. 10
- D. 12

41.The services of Composite Regional Center (CRC) for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Virtually for which city was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Pratima Bhowmik?

- A. Shillong
- B. Mawsynram
- C. Aizawl
- D. Tawang

42.International Museum Day is celebrated every year on 18th May, what is the theme of 2022 this time?

- A. Museums as Cultural Hubs
- B. Museums for Equality
- C. The Power of Museums
- D. The Future of Museums

43.Consider the following statements regarding the BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting-

- 1). BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting has been held in China to prepare for the 14th BRICS summit.
- 2). The theme of the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting is "Intra-BRICS cooperation for continuity, consolidation, and consensus,".

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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44. Consider the following statement regarding the National Commission for Women

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- 1). Workshop organized by National Commission for Women in Delhi to focus on issues related to women and representation of women in media.
- 2). The National Commission for Women was set up as a statutory body in January 1991 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990

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. Indian Defense Minister Shri Rajnath Singh made a flight on which anti-submarine warfare aircraft of the Indian Navy during his visit to Mumbai?

- A. Dornier 228
- B. IL 38
- C. UAV Heron
- D. Boeing P-8I

46. With an aim to involve more and more youth in social service and nation-building, which temple organized 'Yuva Shivir'?

- A. Shree Swaminarayan Mandir
- B. Shri Tirupati Balaji Mandir
- C. Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra
- D. Sangameshwar Temple Trust

47. In which of the following Indian state is the strategically important Sela Tunnel project being constructed?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Sikkim
- C. Kashmir
- D. Laddakh



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48.Karnataka State After adopting MyGov portal, Karnataka became the which state in India to adopt MyGov initiative?

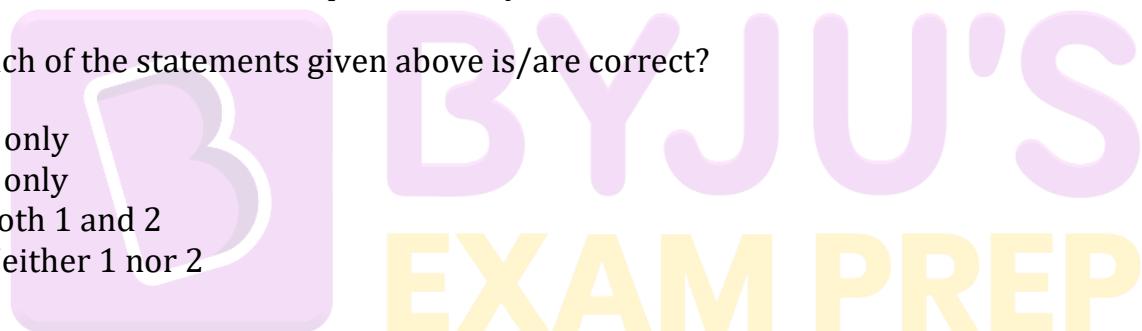
- A. 12th
- B. 14th
- C. 17th
- D. 20th

49.Consider the following statement regarding the Status Report of Inequality in India-

- 1) The report 'State of Inequality in India' has been released by the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog.
- 2) According to the Inequality Status report, India's rural areas have a 44.4% higher wealth concentration compared to only 7.1% in urban 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



50.Consider the following statement regarding the Hunar Haat-

- 1) The 41st "Hunar Haat", "Kaushal Kuber Ke Kumbh" ceremony was formally inaugurated by the Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi.
- 2) More than 800 artisans and craftsmen from 32 states and union territories of the country will participate in the 12-day "Hunar Haat".

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. When is the National Endangered Species Day observed in the month of May every year?

- A. First Friday of May
- B. First Monday of May
- C. Second Friday of May
- D. Third Friday of May

52. World Bee Day is celebrated every year on 20th May, this time what is the theme of World Bee Day 2022?

- A. Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bees
- B. Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems
- C. Save the Bees
- D. Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees

53. Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen has won the gold medal in the flyweight (52kg) category of the Women's World Championships by defeating whom?

- A. Caroline De Almeida
- B. Zhaina Shekerbekova
- C. Charley-Sian Taylor
- D. Jitpong Jutamus

54. Which annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the New Development Bank has been held recently?

- A. Fifth
- B. Seventh
- C. Eighth
- D. Tenth

55. Consider the following statement regarding the National Family Health Survey report-

- 1). Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the National Report of the fifth round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5).



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2). NFHS-5 provides information on important indicators which are helpful in tracking the progress of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 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

56. Consider the following statement regarding the Sagarmala projects-

- 1). The Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways has formulated a plan under the Sagarmala Programme for carrying out "Holistic Development of Coastal Districts".
- 2). There are 802 projects worth Rs. 5.5 lakh Crore under the Sagarmala program targeted to be executed by 2035.

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. When is World Athletics Day celebrated every year?

- A. 4 May
- B. 7 May
- C. 8 May
- D. 9 May

58. Which of the following minister released the book titled 'Indo-Pak War 1971 - Remembrance of Air Warriors' at 37th Air Chief Marshal PC Lal Memorial Lecture in New Delhi?

- A. Raj Nath Singh
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Narendra Modi



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D. Nitin Jairam Gadkari

59.Which scientist has been given the World Food Prize 2022 by the World Food Prize Foundation?

- A. Lucy McFadden
- B. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted
- C. A. K. Mohanty
- D. Cynthia Rosenzweig

60.According to the information of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), which cyclone will make landfall between Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and Bhubaneswar in Odisha from May 8 to 10?

- A. Sitrang
- B. Asani
- C. Mandous
- D. Mocha

61.Consider the following statement regarding the Government scheme-

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) complete 6 years of providing social security net.
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) is a one-year life insurance scheme renewable from year to year with Life cover of Rs. 2 Lakh in case of death due to any reason against a premium of Rs. 230/- per annum.

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 monkeypox-



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- 1) Health authorities in the United Kingdom (UK) have confirmed a case of monkeypox, a rare viral infection similar to smallpox.
- 2) Monkeypox is a zoonosis, that is, a disease that is transmitted from infected animals to humans.

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. Ladli Laxmi Yojana-2.0 has been launched by which state, in which it has been announced that the state government will pay the full fees of Ladli Lakshmi on taking admission in medical, IIT, IIM or any institute.

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Orissa
- E. None of the above/more than one of the above

64. Which other judge along with Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia was sworn in as judge of the Supreme Court by Chief Justice of India (CJI) NV Ramana?

- A. Jamshed burjor Pardiwala
- B. N. V. Ramana
- C. U. U. Lalit
- D. A . M. Khanwilkar

65. Which mountaineer has created a new world record by climbing the world's highest peak Mount Everest for the 26th time?

- A. Denis Urubko
- B. Andrzej Bargiel
- C. Kami Rita Sherpa
- D. Will Gadd



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66. Eminent Oriya litterateur Dr Rajat Kumar Kar, who passed away recently, was honored with which award in 2021 for his significant contribution to literature and education?

- A. Sahitya academy
- B. Padam shri
- C. Padam vibhushan
- D. Saraswati samman
- E. None of the above/more than one of the above

67. Consider the following statement regarding India's Population Census -

- 1) Recently Home Minister Shri Amit Shah has announced that next census of India shall be done 100% digitally.
- 2) According to the new census, arrangements have been made to link the birth and death related data directly with the census.

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 Shri Lanka Financial Crisis-

- 1) IMF and World Bank have warned that soon Shri Lanka will face bankruptcy.
- 2) Former Prime Minister Gotabaya Rajapaksa has taken refuge in a naval base with his family.

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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69.Recently, the Supreme Court has directed the Madhya Pradesh government to conduct panchayat and urban body elections without the reservation of which caste?

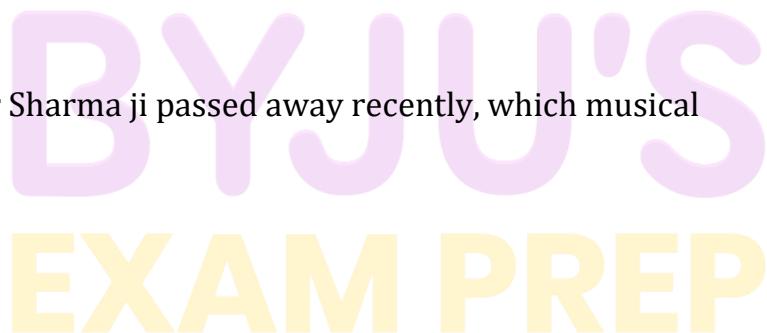
- A. Scheduled Caste
- B. Scheduled Tribe
- C. Other Backward Caste
- D. All of the above

70.Recently, the Government of India has filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court to assure the review of which section?

- A. 123 A
- B. 124 A
- C. 124 B
- D. 125 C

71.Famous Pandit Shivkumar Sharma ji passed away recently, which musical instrument did he use?

- A. Tabla
- B. Piano
- C. Santoor
- D. Harmonium



72.On which of the following coast of India will Cyclone Aasani make its first knock?

- A. Orrisa Coast
- B. Andhra Coast
- C. Malabar Coast
- D. West Bengal Coast

73.Consider the following statement regarding the Mission Amrit Sarovar-

- 1) A high-level meeting was presided over by Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development was held to review the progress of the Mission Amrit Sarovar.
- 2) Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched by PM Narendra Modi on 24th of April 2021



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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

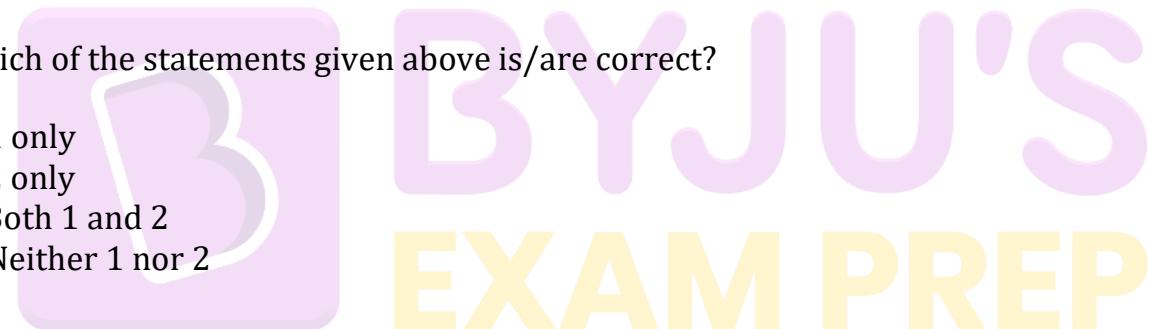
- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

74. Consider the following statement regarding the Speed-Up Approval of Indian Pharmaceutical Products with the Oman Nation-

- 1. On 11th May a joint commission meeting of India-Oman was organise in the national capital Delhi To Speed-Up Approval Of Indian Pharmaceutical Products Registered With USFDA, UKMHRA and EMA."
- 2. The meeting was co-chaired by Union Minister Dr. S Jaishankar and his counterpart Mr. Qais bin Mohammed al Yousef.

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. The National Green Tribunal has directed to ban sand mining in which of the following state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Andra Pradesh

76. Recently a bench of the High Court of which state has given a split verdict regarding rape after marriage?

- A. Allahabad High Court
- B. Gujarat High Court
- C. Karnataka High Court
- D. Delhi High Court



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77.Which of the following Indian journalist has not been awarded the Pulitzer Prize 2022 in the feature photography category recently?

- A. Danish Siddiqui
- B. Adnan Abidi
- C. Amit Dave
- D. Gitika Talukdar

78.Recently, from which state did Home Minister Amit Shah talk about taking a decision to remove AFSPA in its entirety?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur
- D. Nagaland

79.Consider the following statement regarding the Allahabad High Court

- 1) The Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court rejected a PIL filed to open 22 doors of Taj Mahal.
- 2) This PIL was filed in this behalf by Rajneesh Singh.

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 black hole of milky way

- 1) An international team known as Event Horizon Telescope(EHT) released an image of black hole of our milky way.
- 2) This Black Hole has been named as "Sagittarius M".

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. Recently Dr. Ramakant Shukla ji passed away, he was related to which field?

- A. Sanskrit and Hindi Literature
- B. music
- C. classical dance
- D. Politics

82. Who has been appointed as the CEO of Air India?

- A. Pushp Kumar Joshi
- B. Alkesh Kumar Sharma
- C. Andy Jassy
- D. Campbell Wilson

83. Who has been appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner of India recently?

- A. Arvind Krishna
- B. Shri Rajiv Kumar
- C. Pushp Kumar Joshi
- D. Rajesh Unni

84. Who has recently assumed the office as the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?

- A. Ranil Wickeemesinghe
- B. John Amaratunga
- C. Joseph Michael Perera
- D. Mangala Samaraweera

85. Consider the following statement regarding the Atal New India Challenge 2.0 (ANIC 2.0)

1) Atal Innovation Mission launched the phase 1 of the 2nd edition of the Atal New India Challenge (ANIC 2.0).



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2) One of the primary goals of the ANIC program is to support innovations in areas critical to India's development and growth – Education, Health, Water and Sanitation, Agriculture, Food Processing, Housing, Energy, Mobility, Space Application etc.

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 the MSME Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme-

- 1) Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Narayan Rane launched the MSME Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme.
- 2) Under the Scheme, MSMEs will get subsidy as per the following structure, on the cost of ZED certification: Micro Enterprises: 60%, Small Enterprises: 40% and Medium Enterprises: 50%.

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. International Workers' Day or International Workers' Day is celebrated on which of the following date?

- A. 28 April
- B. 30 April
- C. 01 May
- D. 02 May

88. Who recently took over as the new Chief of Army Staff?



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- A. Kuldeep Singh
- B. Ravin Khosla
- C. Manoj Pandey
- D. Kunwar Pal Singh

89.In which of the following city did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate India's first Semicon India Conference 2022?

- A. Lucknow
- B. Delhi
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Bangalore

90.Which infrastructure projects received the Indian Building Congress (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award?

- A. Atal Tunnel
- B. Setu Bhartam
- C. Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor
- D. Bharatmala Project

91.Consider the following statement regarding the State of the World's Forests 2022 Report-

- 1). According to the 2022 edition of The State of the World's Forests (SOFO) Report, the world has lost 15.34 percent of its total forest area in the last 30 years.
- 2). The annual global consumption of all natural resources combined is expected to more than double from 92 billion tonnes in 2017 to 190 billion tonnes in 2060 due to increases in population size and affluence.

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 Kisan Drone-



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- 1). Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has approved the use of 'Kisan Drone' for the convenience of the farmers, to reduce the cost and increase the income.
- 2). The government is providing 50% or maximum Rs. 5 lakh subsidy to SC-ST, small and marginal, women and farmers of northeastern states to buy drones. For other farmers, financial assistance will be given upto 40% or maximum Rs.4 lakh

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.NATO's Defender Europe 2022 and Swift Response 2022 exercises began on May 1, 2022 in how many European countries?

- A. 05
- B. 08
- C. 09
- D. 15

94.In which shipyard the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways decided to develop and build India's first indigenous hydrogen fueled electric vessel.

- A. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- B. Goa Shipyard Limited
- C. Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- D. Bharati Shipyard Limited

95.Kerala won its 7th Santosh Trophy 2022 title by defeating whom?

- A. Manipur
- B. West Bengal
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha



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96. Who has become the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championship 2022?

- A. Mirabai Chanu
- B. Gyaneshwari Yadav
- C. Harshada Sharad Garud
- D. Achinta Sheuli

97. Consider the following statement regarding the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)-

- 1). The United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has decided to shut down the world's largest flying telescope "James Webb Space Telescope" that confirmed the presence of water on the Moon.
- 2). Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA)" is a collaboration between NASA and the German Space Agency.

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 Civil Registration System (CRS) report 2020-

- 1). The State government has released the Civil Registration System (CRS) report 2020 based on birth and death reports.
- 2). The number of registered births has decreased from 2.48 crore in 2019 to 2.42 crore in the year 2020 showing a decrease of about 2.40 percent.

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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99. Who has won the title of World Snooker Championship 2022?

- A. Barry Hawkins
- B. Neil Robertson
- C. Ronnie O'Sullivan
- D. Ricky Walden

100. Who has been appointed as the advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by the Central Government?

- A. Bhaskar Khulbe
- B. S. Gopalakrishnan
- C. Amit Khare
- D. Tarun Kapoor

101. What has been renamed as 'Mian Ka Bada' railway station in Barmer district of Rajasthan?

- A. Mahesh Nagar Halt
- B. Rani Laxmibai
- C. Ayodhya Cantt
- D. Prayagraj Junction

102. In which state India's first greenfield ethanol plant has been inaugurated?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Bihar
- D. Kerala

103. Consider the following statement Global Network Against Food Crises report-

- 1) The Global Network Against Food Crises (GNAFC) is an international alliance of the United Nations, the European Union, governmental and non-governmental agencies working to tackle food crises together.
- 2) The report by GNAFC, some 40 million more people globally experienced acute food insecurity at crisis or worse levels in 2020 than in 2021



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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

104. Consider the following statement regarding the PLASTINDIA 2023

- 1) Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers Shri Pashu Pati Kumar Paras launched PLASTINDIA 2023-11th International Plastic Exhibition & Conference.
- 2) Exports of Indian Chemicals have registered growth of 106% in 2021-22 over 2013-14

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. Which of the following country will be officially 'Honored Country' in the upcoming Marche du Film held in conjunction with the 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival in France.

- A. United States of America
- B. France
- C. India
- D. Britain

106. According to the report released by Reporters Without Borders (RSF), what is the ranking of India in the 2022 World Press Freedom Index (20th edition)?

- A. 142
- B. 135
- C. 150
- D. 110



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107.Which university has emerged as the overall winner of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2021?



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- A. Lovely Professional University
- B. Panjab University
- C. Guru Nanak Dev University
- D. Jain University

108.Under whose chairmanship the Delimitation Commission, whose ex-officio members are Sushil Chandra , and KK Sharma to finalize the delimitation order for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Was the meeting held?

- A. Indu Malhotra
- B. Deepak Gupta
- C. Ranjana Prakash Desai
- D. Venkate Gopala Gowda

1. Ans. C.	21. Ans. C.	41. Ans. A.	61. Ans. D.	81. Ans. A.	101. Ans. A.
2. Ans. B.	22. Ans. A.	42. Ans. C.	62. Ans. C.	82. Ans. D.	102. Ans. C.
3. Ans. B.	23. Ans. C.	43. Ans. A.	63. Ans. C.	83. Ans. B.	103. Ans. A.
4. Ans. B.	24. Ans. C.	44. Ans. A.	64. Ans. A.	84. Ans. A.	104. Ans. B.
5. Ans. C.	25. Ans. B.	45. Ans. D.	65. Ans. C.	85. Ans. C.	105. Ans. C.
6. Ans. A.	26. Ans. A.	46. Ans. A.	66. Ans. B.	86. Ans. A.	106. Ans. C.
7. Ans. A.	27. Ans. C.	47. Ans. A.	67. Ans. C.	87. Ans. C.	107. Ans. D.
8. Ans. A.	28. Ans. A.	48. Ans. C.	68. Ans. A.	88. Ans. C.	108. Ans. C.
9. Ans. B.	29. Ans. A.	49. Ans. B.	69. Ans. C.	89. Ans. D.	



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10. Ans. A.	30. Ans. D.	50. Ans. C.	70. Ans. B.	90. Ans. A.	
11. Ans. D.	31. Ans. C.	51. Ans. D.	71. Ans. C.	91. Ans. B.	
12. Ans. D.	32. Ans. A.	52. Ans. A.	72. Ans. B.	92. Ans. C.	
13. Ans. B.	33. Ans. D.	53. Ans. D.	73. Ans. D.	93. Ans. C.	
14. Ans. A.	34. Ans. C.	54. Ans. B.	74. Ans. A.	94. Ans. A.	
15. Ans. C.	35. Ans. A.	55. Ans. B.	75. Ans. C.	95. Ans. B.	
16. Ans. C.	36. Ans. C.	56. Ans. C.	76. Ans. D.	96. Ans. C.	
17. Ans. A.	37. Ans. C.	57. Ans. B.	77. Ans. D.	97. Ans. B.	
18. Ans. D.	38. Ans. B.	58. Ans. A.	78. Ans. B.	98. Ans. B.	
19. Ans. C.	39. Ans. C.	59. Ans. D.	79. Ans. C.	99. Ans. C.	
20. Ans. A.	40. Ans. B.	60. Ans. B.	80. Ans. A.	100. Ans. D.	



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