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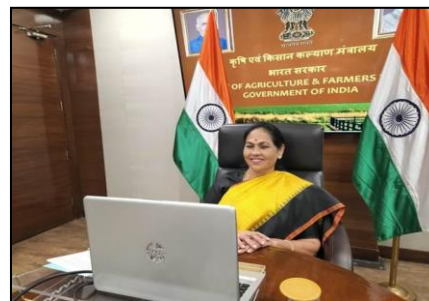
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International Relations

12th meeting of BRICS Agriculture Ministers

Why in News:

- In the 12th meeting of the BRICS Agriculture Ministers, India was represented by the Minister of State for Agriculture, Ms. Shobha Karandlaje.



key points:

- This year the 12th meeting of the BRICS Agriculture Ministers was held through a virtual medium in which the ministers of China, South Africa, Brazil, Russia, and India participated.
- The theme of the 12th meeting of BRICS Agriculture Ministers was "Strengthening BRICS Cooperation for Integrated Agriculture and Rural Development".
- During the 12th meeting of the BRICS Agriculture Ministers, the BRICS Strategy on Food Security Cooperation amongst the BRICS member countries along with the Joint Declaration of the 12th Meeting was also adopted by the member countries.
- This year India has emphasized its resolve to meet the Sustainable Development Goals of ending hunger and increasing production and productivity of agriculture through sustainable use of natural resources and called upon member countries to adopt the same.

Source: PIB

MoU between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Why in News:

- The Union Cabinet has approved a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on cooperation in the field of industry and developed technologies.



key points:



- A bilateral "Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement" (CEPA) was signed by India and the United Arab Emirates on 18 February 2022.
- The agreement aims to increase trade between India and the United Arab Emirates from US\$ 60 billion (Rs 4.57 lakh crore) to \$100 billion (Rs 7.63 lakh crore) over the next five years.
- The MoU signed between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) aims to strengthen and develop industries in both countries through investment, technology transfer, and deployment of key technologies in the industries, which can help create jobs in the economy.
- The United Arab Emirates is India's second-largest exporter (after the US) and also the eighth largest investor in India with an estimated investment of US\$18 billion (Rs 1.37 lakh crore).

Source: The Hindu

National

4th State Food Security Index

Why in News:

- The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has released the Fourth State Food Security Index (SFSI) for the year 2021-22.

key points:

- Tamil Nadu topped the list of large states for the year 2021-22 while Gujarat and Maharashtra stood second and third respectively.
- Goa has got first place in the list of small states, followed by Manipur and Sikkim.
- In the list of Union Territories, this year Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, and Chandigarh have secured first, second and third place respectively.
- The State Food Security Index was launched in 2018-19 with an objective to bring about a competitive and positive change in the food security ecosystem in the country.



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- The State Food Security Index ranks states on the basis of their performance on five parameters of food security set by the Ministry of Health.
- This ranking is done by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Source: The Hindu

Conference on "Entrepreneurial Freedom: Entry, Competition, and Exit"

Why in News:

- To mark the grand conclusion of the ongoing celebrations by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) at 75 locations across the country, a prestigious one-day event was organized at the Habitat Center in New Delhi.



key points:

- Markets require a wide range of freedoms in three phases of business – to start a business (free entry), to continue business (free competition), and to close business (free exit), the main objectives of this convention are to Detect improvement is the three phases of trading.
- IP Conclave was also organized during the conference in New Delhi.
- The conference on "Entrepreneur Freedom: Entry, Competition, and Exit" was attended by a large number of stakeholders from the IBC ecosystem, including insolvency professionals, registered valuers, economists, financial creditors, service providers, researchers, students, professionals, regulators, academia. were involved. experts and government officials. The conference was attended both in physical form and online mode.
- A publication titled "Research: Exploring New Perspectives on Insolvency" containing 26 research papers was also released during the conference.

Source: The Hindu



National Awards Portal

Why in News:

- National Awards Portal was launched by the Government of India to invite nominations for various awards, which nominations for various awards have also started.



key points:

- Through the National Awards Portal, the Government aims to bring together all the awards of various Ministries/Departments/Agencies under a single digital platform to ensure transparency and public participation (Jan Bhagidari).
- The objective of the National Awards Portal is to facilitate citizens to nominate individuals/organizations for various awards instituted by the Government of India.
- Presently, the government has started nominations for the following awards on the National Awards Portal which include-
 - Padma Awards
 - Sardar Patel National Integration Award
 - Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award
 - Jeevan Raksha Padak Series Award
 - Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Skill Excellence Award

Source: PIB

NABL Accreditation for AYUSH Institute

Why in News:

- The Department of Biochemistry and Pathology, National Research Institute of Ayurveda (NARIP), Cheruthuruthi, Thrissur, Kerala has been awarded NABL M(EL)T Accreditation for clinical laboratory services for Panchakarma.



key points:

- It is the first institute under CCRAS to get NABL accreditation for its clinical laboratory services.



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- Laboratory accreditation is a process through which an authoritative body grants formal recognition of technical competence for specific tests/measurements based on third-party evaluation and following international standards.
- The certification is granted by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (a statutory board of the Quality Council of India).
- Its objective is to provide quality healthcare to the citizens especially those living in villages, and small towns.

Source: The Hindu

New Guinness World Record created by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

Why in News:

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has created a new Guinness World Record by laying 75 km of bituminous concrete in a single lane on NH53 in 105 hours 33 minutes.



key points:

- The total length of the single-lane continuous bituminous concrete road is 75 km equivalent to 37.5 km of two-lane paved shoulder road.
- Worked continuously for 4 days with 720 workers including a team of independent consultants to complete the project.
- Earlier, the Guinness World Record for continuous bituminous laying for the longest 25.275 km road was achieved in February 2019 in Doha, Qatar, which took 10 days to complete.
- NH 53, located in the Amravati to Akola section, is an important corridor connecting major cities like Kolkata, Raipur, Nagpur, and Surat.

Source: PIB



Biotech Startup Exhibition-2022

Why in News:

- The Biotech Startup Exhibition-2022 will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on June 09.



key points:

- Biotech Startup Exhibition-2022 is a two-day event to be held on 09th and 10th June.
- The Biotech Startup Exhibition is being organized by the Department of Biotechnology and Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
- The Biotech Startup Exhibition is being organized to commemorate the ten years of the establishment of BIRAC with the theme 'Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards a Self-reliant India'.
- The Biotech Startup Exhibition aims to act as a platform to connect entrepreneurs, investors, industry leaders, scientists, researchers, bio incubators, manufacturers, regulators, government officials, etc.
- This year 300 stalls will be set up at the Biotech Startup Exhibition, showcasing the applications of biotechnology in areas such as healthcare, genomics, biopharma, agriculture, industrial biotechnology, waste to value, and clean energy, among others.

Source: The Hindu

Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities and Directors of Institutions of National Importance

Why in News:

- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the conference of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities and Directors of Institutions of National Importance at President House.



key points:

- This year 35 institutes from India have been included in the quality ranking, out of which six institutes have been included in the top 300 institutes this year.



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- The Indian Institute of Science scored a full hundred in research this year, making the Indian Institute of Science at par with eight of the world's most prestigious institutions, including Princeton, Harvard, MIT, and Caltech.
- During the inaugural session, the President presented the Visitor Award for the year 2020 to Professor Mohammad Zahid Ashraf, Department of Biotechnology, Jamia Millia Islamia for his research on hypoxia-induced thrombosis.
- The Visitor Award for Technology Development for the year 2020 was presented to Professor Pritam Deb, Department of Physics, Tezpur University.
- The Visitor's Award for the year 2020 for Research in Physics during the conference will later be presented to Professor Anuneya Samanta, School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad, who has been recognized for his discovery of short-lived chemical species derived from light excitation of molecular structures. System and Materials. The award will be given for contributions to spectroscopy and dynamics.

Source: Indian Express

DD News Conclave 2022

Why in the news:

- A week-long news conclave is being organized by DD News from June 03 to 11, 2022 to commemorate the completion of eight years of the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.



key points:

- The theme of this year's DD News Conclave 2022 is 'Aach Saal Modi Sarkar: Sapne Kitne Hue Sakar'.
- The major initiatives of the Central Government, progress made in the last eight years, and the way forward will be discussed during the Conclave with direct interactions with Union Cabinet Ministers as well as panel discussions with experts in the field in the presence of the audience will go a live studio.
- The main objective of DD News Conclave 2022 is to discuss ideas like social empowerment, health for all, infrastructure development, defense indigenization, internal security, and India as Vishwaguru.

Source: PIB



National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI)

Why in News:

- The National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) was inaugurated in New Delhi by the Minister of Home and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, as a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.



key points:

- The National Tribal Research Institute will oversee the projects of research scholars from Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs), Centers of Excellence (CoEs), and NFS, as well as set benchmarks for improving the quality of research and training.
- More than 100 tribal artisans and tribal dance artists from across the country will also showcase their indigenous products and arts during the event.
- NTRI will be a premier national-level institution to bring tribal concerns, issues, and affairs to the main focus in the academic, executive, and legislative spheres.
- NTRI aims to provide collaboration and network with reputed research institutes, universities, organizations as well as academic bodies and resource centers.

Source: PIB

National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveler campaign launched

Why in News:

- The National Summit on Development of Sustainable and Responsible Tourist Destination has been organized by the Ministry of Tourism in partnership with the United Environment Program (UNEP) and the Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI).



key points:

- The National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveler campaign was also launched by the Ministry of Tourism during the National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveler campaign.
- The National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveler campaign aims to implement the processes of sustainable and responsible tourism through various projects and related aspects by Swadesh Darshan 2.0.
- Through the National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveler campaign, strategies for the promotion of the environment, conservation of biodiversity, promotion of economic sustainability, promotion of socio-cultural sustainability, promotion of sustainable tourism, etc. have been included.
- The National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveler campaign aims to increase India's capacity for non-fossil fuels to 500 GW by 2030 and meet 50% of its energy needs through renewable energy.

Source – PIB

'Life Movement' The Global Initiative

Why in News:

- A global initiative, “Lifestyle for the Environment” (Lifestyle for the Environment (Life) Movement) was launched by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, through video conferencing.



key points:

- The idea of 'LIFE' was introduced by the Prime Minister during the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) held in Glasgow which aims to promote an environmentally conscious lifestyle.
- The Life Movement focuses on "deliberate and thought-based use" rather than "considerable and destructive consumption".
- A 'Life Global Call for Papers' will also be launched through the Life Movement which aims to encourage individuals, communities, and organizations around the world to adopt an environmentally conscious lifestyle, as well as invite



suggestions to draw up ideas from academics, universities, and research institutions, etc.

Source: PIB

Sant Kabir Academy and Research Center and Swadesh Darshan Scheme

Why in News:

- Sant Kabir Academy and Research Center and Swadesh Darshan Yojna were inaugurated by President Shri Ram Nath Kovind while paying homage to Sant Kabir at Kabir Chaura Dham in Maghar, Uttar Pradesh.



key points:

- The objective of Sant Kabir Academy and Research Center is to promote research, survey, and publication of international standards in Maghar (Uttar Pradesh), the place of Nirvana of Sant Kabir, which will focus on the philosophy of life of Kabir.
- Sant Kabir Academy and Research Center will be constructed under the supervision of the State Archaeological Department.
- Tourism Department was made the nodal agency for this scheme and WAPCOS Limited has been selected as its subsidiary.

Source: News on Air

All India Rooftop Solar Awareness Campaign

Why in News:

- The All-India Rooftop Solar Awareness Campaign was launched by the Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy, Shri Bhagwant Khuba during an event in Bidar, Karnataka.



key points:

- The pan India rooftop solar awareness campaign named "Ghar ke op, solar is super" aims to mobilize local government, citizens, RWAs, and municipalities to spread awareness about solar rooftops.



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- India aims to achieve 500 GW of non-fossil by 2030, in this scheme farmers will be provided a 30% subsidy for installing solar pumps by Center and State each.
- Under the NSEFI Sequa KVP program in collaboration with the German Solar Association (BSW) and Germany's Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), a three-year pan-India rooftop awareness program has been launched with the aim of raising awareness about solar energy.
- The All-India Rooftop Solar Awareness Campaign aims to spread awareness about solar rooftops in 100 Indian towns and cities, especially in tier II and III cities.

Source: Times of India

State

Gujarat Pride Campaign Program

Why in News:

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, participated in the Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan program.



key points:

- During the conference, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated development projects worth about three thousand 50 crores in Khudvel, a tribal area of Navsari district.
- During this campaign, the Prime Minister also performed Bhoomi Pujan of 13 water supply projects for the residents of Tapi, Navsari, and Surat districts and on the same occasion, the Prime Minister also performed Bhoomi Pujan of Medical College in Navsari district.
- Other projects such as AM Naik Health Care Complex in Navsari and Nirali Multi-Specialty Hospital, Bopal, and the headquarters of the Indian National Center for Space Enhancement and Authorization in Ahmedabad will also be inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his Gujarat visit.

Source: News on Air



Kheer Bhavani Fair

Why in News:

- On the auspicious occasion of Jyestha Ashtami, around 18,000 Kashmiri Pandits and devotees visit the famous Mata Kheer Bhavani temple as well as the Kheer Bhavani fair at Mata Kheer Bhavani temple in Ganderbal, Tulmulla, in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, on this auspicious day.



key points:

- The festival is celebrated with lakhs of Hindu pilgrims from across the country, especially by the Kashmiri Pandit community at the famous Ragna Devi temple in Ganderbal district, also known locally as 'Mata Kheer Bhavani'.
- This festival and fair are celebrated on the day of 'Jeshtha Ashtami' according to the Hindu calendar.
- The word 'Kheer' means 'rice pudding' which is offered in spring to please the goddess, Kheer Bhavani is considered the family deity of Kashmiri Pandits.

Source: News on Air

Marine Lifeguard Training Program

Why in News:

- The Marine Lifeguard Training Program was inaugurated by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin.



key points:

- The main objective of the Marine Life Saving Training Program is to save people from drowning.
- Marine Life Saving Training Program is a statewide training program during which one thousand young fishermen from fourteen coastal districts of the state will be trained to rescue people in distress in the sea or other water bodies.



- A lifeguard is responsible for the safety of people in an area of water, whose priority is to ensure that no harm is caused to users in the area for which they are responsible.
- The coastline of the state of Tamil Nadu is 1076 km, in which there are 608 fishermen settlements in which about 10 lakh 48 thousand people live, so the marine life-saving training program is aimed at protecting the lives of these individuals.

Source: News on Air

Sital Shashthi Festival

Why in News:

- Sital Shashthi Mahotsav, the holy festival of Hindus, has been organized in Odisha.



key points:

- The seven-day-long Sital Shashthi festival is celebrated every year to commemorate the marriage of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati.
- According to the Hindu calendar, the festival of Sital Shashti is organized on the sixth day of Shukla Paksha of Jyeshtha month.
- According to beliefs, Lord Shiva is the embodiment of scorching heat and Goddess Parvati is the symbol of the first rain, so this festival is celebrated every year in anticipation of a grand marriage of Shiva-Parvati and a good monsoon.

Source: All India Radio

Maharashtra ranks first in the medal tally of Khelo India Youth Games 2021

Why in News:

- In the medal tally of Khelo India Youth Games-2021, Maharashtra is at the first position with nine gold medals.



key points:

- The host state of Haryana finished second in the Khelo India Youth Games-2021 by winning six gold medals.
- On the other hand, Manipur state finished third in the medal tally with six medals including four gold.



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- Manipur has won four gold medals in the Thang-Ta competition, Thang-Ta is a local sport of Manipur state which was included in Khelo India for the first time.
- In this grand event, 25 types of sports including five traditional games namely Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta, Malkhamb, and Yogasan were organized in which more than 8,000 athletes participated.
- Khelo India is a part of an important initiative of the Government of India to promote sports at the grassroots level and identify young talent from across the country.

Source: Times of India

Khelo India Youth Games

Why in News:

- The fourth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games was launched in Haryana by Home Minister Amit Shah.



key points:

- Under Khelo India Youth Games, competitions will be organized in Panchkula, Ambala, Shahbad, Chandigarh and Delhi, taking the total number of games to 25.
- The Khelo India Youth Games will be organized from June 04 to June 13.
- The first edition of Khelo India Youth Games was organized by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 31 January 2018 at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi.
- The headquarters of Khelo India Youth Games is located in New Delhi.
- The objective of the Khelo India Youth Games program is to promote sports among the youth of the country and encourage various sports.
- A total of 4,700 athletes including 2,262 girls will compete for 269 gold, 269 silver, and 358 bronze medals in 25 sports under the Khelo India Youth Games.

Source: Indian Express



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Economy

Conference on "Wealth Creation through Markets"

Why in News:

- A conference on "Wealth Creation through Markets" was organized as a prestigious event in 75 cities across the country by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM).



key points:

- The objective of the conference on "Wealth Creation through Markets" is to educate, encourage and empower people about the steps taken by the Government to ensure the financial growth of citizens along with investment and wealth creation in 75 cities of India. have to make.
- The conference on "Wealth Creation through Markets" covers the following topics-
 1. Evolution of Indian Capital Market over the last 75 years
 2. Emerging women as independent investors
 3. The role of government and other market leaders in improving market confidence
 4. Financial Literacy - The Path to Financial Well-being
 5. Includes the future of the Indian capital market i.e. Amrit Kaal etc.
- The "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" is being celebrated to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's independence and the glorious history, culture, and achievements of its people. It is a celebration of our collective achievements as a 75-year-old independent country with a legacy of more than 5000 years of ancient history.

Source: PIB



According to the World Bank, India's economic growth rate for the financial year 2023

Why in News:

- The World Bank has slashed India's economic growth forecast for the financial year 2023 to 7.5 percent, mainly due to rising inflation, supply chain disruptions and geopolitical tensions, etc.



key points:

- This is the second time that the World Bank has revised its GDP growth forecast for India in the current fiscal year 2022-23 (April 2022 to March 2023).
- Earlier in April, the World Bank had reduced India's economic growth forecast from 8.7 percent to 8 percent, which has been revised again by the World Bank. At present, according to the World Bank, the economic growth rate is estimated to be 7.5 percent. Is.
- Along with this, according to the World Bank, India's growth rate is estimated to slow down to 7.1 percent in the financial year 2023-24.
- The rise in prices of all commodities from fuel to vegetables and cooking oil pushed wholesale price-based inflation to a record high of 15.08 percent in April and retail inflation to an almost eight-year high of 7.7 percent.

Source: Indian Express

Inauguration of the Iconic Week Celebrations of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs

Why in News:

- The Iconic Week celebrations of the Ministries of Finance and Corporate Affairs were inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.



key points:

- The Iconic Week is being celebrated from 6th to 11th June 2022 as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' (AKAM).



- The National Portal for Credit Linked Government Schemes – Jan Samarth Portal was also launched by the Prime Minister during the Iconic Week celebrations which is a one-stop digital portal linking Government Credit Schemes. It is a first-of-its-kind platform that directly connects the beneficiaries with the lenders.
- The main objective of the Jan Samarth Portal is to guide the inclusive growth and progress of various sectors with the right kind of government benefits through simple and easy digital processes.
- A digital exhibition was also inaugurated by the Prime Minister during the ceremony which traces the journey of both the Ministries over the last eight years.
- A special series of coins of Re 1, Rs 2, Rs 5, Rs 10 and Rs 20 were also released by the Prime Minister at the Iconic Week celebrations, these special series of coins will have the theme of the logo of KAM and are easily recognizable by visually impaired persons.

Source: The Hindu

Polity

Chief of Defense Staff (CDS)

Why in News:

- The CDS eligibility has been amended by the government under which serving or retired three-star army lieutenant generals, air marshals, and vice admirals can also be appointed for this post.



key points:

- Three separate notifications have been issued by the Defense Ministry amending the rules of the Army, Navy, and Air Force for the appointment of the next Chief of Defense Staff (CDS).
- As per the notifications issued, three-star officers serving in the Army, Air Marshals in the Air Force, Vice-Admirals in the Navy, or retired service



chiefs or three-star officers, if deemed so, shall be appointed as Chiefs of Defense Staff. can be appointed. necessary in the public interest. Is.

- As per the notification released at present, the maximum age limit for the appointment of CDS has been fixed at 65 years.

Source: Indian Express

Defense

Multinational Peace Exercise-X Khan Quest-2022

Why in News:

- Multinational peace exercise - X Khan Quest-2022 has been started in Mongolia with troops from 16 countries including India.



key points:

- The exercise has been inaugurated by Mongolian President Ukhnaagin Khuralsukh.
- From the Indian side, a team of Ladakh Scouts of the Indian Army will participate in the multinational peace exercise - Ex Khan Quest-2022.
- The 14-day multinational peace exercise - Ax Khan Quest-2022 aims to promote interoperability among the participating countries, build ties between forces, conduct peacekeeping, and develop military preparedness.
- The aim of the multinational peace exercise - Ex Khan Quest-2022 is to increase the level of defense cooperation among the participating countries in the exercise.

Source: Indian Express

Ex SAMPRITI-X

Why in News:

- As part of India-Bangladesh bilateral defense cooperation, formerly SAMPRITI-X, a joint military training exercise conducted at



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Jashore Military Station, Bangladesh, has been conducted from 05 June to 16 June 2022.

key points:

- The Indian contingent in the Ex SAMPRITI-X exercise will be represented by a battalion of the Dogra Regiment
- The exercise is an important bilateral defense cooperation effort undertaken by the two countries in turn with an aim to strengthen and broaden the aspects of interoperability and cooperation between the armies of the two countries.
- During the joint military exercise Ex SAMPRITI-X, the armies of both the countries will share expertise in a range of scenarios such as terrorism, humanitarian aid, and disaster relief under the mandate of the United Nations.

Source: All India Radio

Important Personality

Shreyas Hosur

- Shreyas Hosur, Deputy FA & CAO, Southwestern Railway has created a record by becoming the first railway officer to complete the tough 'Ironman' triathlon and the first officer from the civil services without a uniform.
- The triathlon event comprised 3.8 km swimming, 180 km cycling, and 42.2 km running, which Shreyas completed in 13 hours 26 minutes in Hamburg, Germany.
- Individuals who complete a triathlon event are known as 'ironmen', corresponding to the mental and physical strength required for the event.



Source: PIB



Important News: Agriculture

Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Kharif crops for the marketing season 2022-23

Why in News:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) of all mandated Kharif crops for the marketing season 2022-23.



key points:

- Increase in MSP of Kharif crops for the year 2022-23 during the marketing season, in line with the announcement in the Union Budget of 2018-19 to fix MSP at least 50 percent profit over All India Weighted Average Cost of Production (COP) has gone.
- According to the release announcement, the profit on MSP of Bajra, Tur, Urad, Sunflower Seed, Soyabean, and Groundnut for the year 2022-2023 is 50 percent more than the All India Weighted Average Cost of Production which is 85%, 60%, 59%, 56 %, respectively. %, 53% and 51%.
- The main goal of the new MSP prices is to encourage farmers to adopt the best technology and farming practices while taking them to the extended area under these crops.

Crop	MSP 2014-15	MSP 2021-22	MSP 2022-23
Paddy (Common)	1360	1940	2040
Paddy (Grade A)	1400	1960	2060
Jowar (Hybrid)	1530	2738	2970
Jowar (Maldandi)	1550	2758	2990



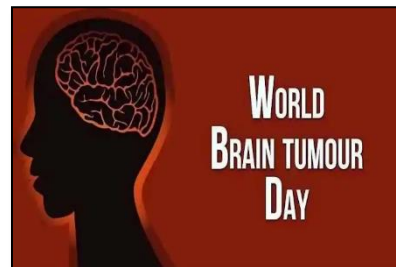
Bajra	1250	2250	2350
Ragi	1550	3377	3578
Maize	1310	1870	1962
Tur (Arhar)	4350	6300	6600
Moong	4600	7275	7755
Urad	4350	6300	6600
Groundnut	4000	5550	5850
Sunflower Seed	3750	6015	6400
Soyabean (yellow)	2560	3950	4300
Sesamum	4600	7307	7830
Nigerseed	3600	6930	7287
Cotton (Medium Staple)	3750	5726	6080
Cotton (Long Staple)	4050	6025	6380

Source: PIB

Important Days

World brain tumor day 2022

- World Brain Tumor Day is observed every year on 8 June with the aim of raising worldwide awareness about brain tumors.
- This year the theme of World Brain Tumor Day 2022 is "Together We Are Stronger".
- In the year 2000, World Brain Tumor Day was declared an International Day of Remembrance by Deutsche Hartentumorthilfe. Currently, World Brain Tumor Day is observed annually on 8 June as a tribute to all brain tumor patients and their families.



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- A brain tumor can be simply defined as a massive growth of abnormal cells in the brain, there are different types of brain tumors, some of which are benign or non-cancerous, as well as some malignant or cancerous.

Source: National Health Portal

Drug Destruction Day

- As a part of the prestigious week of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" (AKAM) of the Ministry of Finance to mark the 75th year of India's Independence, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) will be celebrating 'Drugs' on 08th June. 'Destruction Day'.
- Around 42000 kg of narcotics have been destroyed at 14 locations across the country under the Drug Destruction Day.
- On the day of Drug Destruction Day, the Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman virtually witnessed the destruction process being organized in Guwahati, Lucknow, Mumbai, Mundra/Kandla, Patna, and Siliguri.



Source: PIB

World Environment Day

- World Environment Day is celebrated on 5 June every year since 1973 as part of the United Nations Environment Program to create awareness to save life on earth.
- World Environment Day is celebrated to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect the earth.
- World Environment Day was established by the United Nations in 1972 as a result of discussions on the integration of human interactions and the environment at the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment (5-16 June 1972).
- The theme of this year's World Environment Day is "Only One Earth".



Source: Times of India



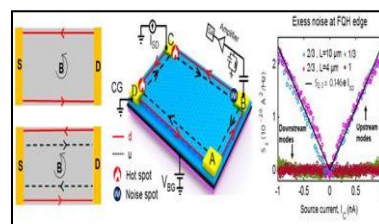
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Science & Technology

Neutral electron flow found in graphene

Why in News:

- In graphene, physicists have detected two-layered counter-propagation channels in which some neutral quasiparticles move in opposite directions, breaking conventional norms, and making future quantum calculations possible.



key points:

- When a strong magnetic field is applied to a 2D material or gas, some electrons at the interface, in contrast to the electrons moving around in the group, are free to move along the edges called edge modes or channels. To an extent, highways are limited in lanes. This phenomenon of particles is called the quantum Hall effect.
- However, for conventional electrons, the current only flows in one direction which is determined by the magnetic field ('downstream').
- To detect these modes or channels, the team of physicists used a new method employing electrical noise—a fluctuation in the output signal due to heat dissipation. Electricity doesn't flow.

Source: PIB



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Environment

Ban on use of coal in Delhi-NCR

Why in News:

- The Air Quality Management Commission (CAQM) has ordered a ban on the use of coal for industrial, domestic, and other miscellaneous applications across the Delhi-NCR region with effect from January 1, 2023.



key points:

- The Air Quality Management Commission (CAQM) has been exempted from the ban on the use of coal as well as the use of low sulfur coal in thermal power plants.
- It aims to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases in Delhi NCR.
- Delhi was recently placed on the list of most polluted cities according to the pollution index, so this move will help in improving the ranking of the capital Delhi and will also save around 17 lakh tonnes of coal annually.

Source: Indian Express

State of India's Environment Report 2022

Why in News:

- According to the 2022 environmental report by environmental NGO, Center for Science, three out of every four river monitoring stations in India have posted dangerous levels of heavy toxic metals such as lead, iron, nickel, cadmium, arsenic, chromium, and copper.



Key Point:

- The report is an annual collection of eco-development data sourced from public sources.



- According to the report, out of 588 water quality stations monitored for pollution, 239 and 88 stations in 21 states had a high demand for total coliform and biochemical oxygen.
- According to the report, India dumps 72% of its sewage like this without treatment. According to the Central Pollution Control Board, ten states in India do not treat their sewage.
- More than a third of India's coastline, which covers 6,907 km, has seen some degree of erosion between 1990 and 2018, with West Bengal being the worst affected state, with more than 60% of its coastline cut.
- Causes of coastal erosion include increased frequency of cyclones and sea-level rise and activities such as the construction of ports, beach mining, and construction of dams.

Source: The Hindu

Save Soil movement

Why in News:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participates in a program on 'Save Soil Movement, in New Delhi on the occasion of World Environment Day.



key points:

- To save the soil, it was suggested by the Prime Minister to focus on five major things, in which-
 1. How to make soil chemical-free.
 2. How to save the organisms that live in the soil, which are called soil organic matter in technical language.
 3. How to maintain soil moisture, and how to increase the availability of water till it.
 4. How to remove the damage that is being done to the soil due to low groundwater.
 5. How to stop the continuous erosion of soil due to the reduction of forest cover.
- Save Soil Andolan is a global movement to raise awareness about the deteriorating health of soils and to bring about conscious feedback for soil improvement.



- The movement was started by Sadhguru in March this year, who embarked on a 100-day motorcycle journey through 27 countries.

Source: Business Standard

Sports

Para-shooting World Cup

- Indian pair of Manish Narwal and Rubina Francis won the gold medal in the 10m P-6 Air Pistol event at the Para-shooting World Cup held in Chateau, France.
- The pair of Manish and Rubina defeated the Chinese pair of Yang Chao and Min Lee 17-11 in the final.
- In the same event, the pair of Manish and Rubina also created a new world record for entering the finals with a score of 565 in the qualifying round.
- This is India's third gold medal in Para-shooting World Cup. Earlier, Sriharsha Devrudi Ramakrishna won the gold medal in the mixed 10m air rifle SH2 event and Avani Lekhara in the R2 women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event.



Source: Jansatta

Para Shooting World Cup Held in Chatillon, France

Why in News:

- India's shooter Avani Lekhara has won the gold medal with a record score in the Para Shooting World Cup held in Chatillon, France.

key points:

- With this medal, Avani has also qualified for the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games by breaking her own world record of 249.6.
- Avani created a new world record in the women's 10m Air Rifle SH-1 event with a score of 250.6.



- Earlier, India's shooter Avani Lekhara also won a gold medal at the Tokyo Paralympic Games.
- In rifle competition, the SH-1 class is for athletes who have a low body mass.

Source: News on Air

French Open (tennis)

Why in News:

- At the French Open, Spain's Rafael Nadal defeated Casper Rood of Norway 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 in the final to win his 14th singles title of the tournament.



key points:

- With this win, 36-year-old Nadal is the oldest player to compete at Roland Garros.
- Rafael Nadal has won the 22nd Grand Slam title this year.
- In women's singles, world number one tennis player Inga Swietake defeated American teenager Coco Gauff to win this year's title in Paris.
- The 21-year-old Polish player won his second Grand Slam title in straight sets 6-1, 6-3 on Gauff.

Source: All India Radio

FIH Hockey 5-S Championship

Why in News:

- India has won the title of FIH Hockey 5-S Championship organized for the first time.

key points:

- India won the title by defeating Poland 6-4 in the final held in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- The Indian team has not lost a single match in the tournament, in this five-team tournament, India finished first with 10 points after league matches, with the Indian team winning three matches and a draw.
- Hockey 5-s is a newer and smaller form of hockey that is played with high speed and high skill, with a duration of 20 minutes and five players on each team.



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- The hockey 5-s match was first played at the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games in 2014.

Source: Indian Express

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