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International Relations

India-Japan Finance Dialogue held in New Delhi

Why in the news:

- The first India-Japan Finance Dialogue was held in New Delhi between Japan's Deputy Finance Minister for International Affairs, Mr. Masato Kanda, and Mr. Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.



key points:

- The Japanese delegation included representatives from the Ministry of Finance, the Financial Services Agency, and financial institutions, while on the Indian side, representatives from the Ministry of Finance, Reserve Bank of India, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, and Securities and Exchange Board of India and financial institutions also participated in these talks.
- The main objective of the Finance Dialogue is to advance the macroeconomic situation, financial system, financial digitization, and investment climate in the two countries.
- Various financial regulation issues towards further expansion of investment in India by participants including private financial institutions were also discussed in the Finance Dialogue held in New Delhi.
- During the finance talks, the participants agreed to hold the next round of talks in Tokyo.

Source: PIB

ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting

Why in News:

- The meeting of Foreign Ministers of ASEAN countries has been held in New Delhi.



key points:

- India will host a special meeting of foreign ministers of ASEAN countries, which is the first time India has hosted this meeting.
- Along with the meeting of Foreign Ministers of ASEAN countries, the 12th edition of the Delhi Dialogue was also organized in New Delhi.
- The theme of the 12th edition of Delhi Dialogue is "Interconnecting the Indo-Pacific Region".

Related facts

What is ASEAN?

- ASEAN is a regional organization of Southeast Asian countries established to promote political and social stability amid rising tensions between the colonial countries of the Asia-Pacific, whose secretariat is located in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta.
- ASEAN was formed with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration or Bangkok Declaration by the founding nations.

Source: Business Standard

The Proud Boys

Why in News:

- The Proud Boys, members of a far-right group, have been charged with seditious conspiracy to commit a "coordinated attack" on the US Capitol.



key points:

- The Proud Boys is an American far-right, neo-fascist, and exclusively male organization that promotes political violence in the United States.
- The Proud Boys are an extremist group formed during the 2016 US presidential elections.
- The Proud Boys group was founded by Vice Media co-founder and former commentator Gavin McInnes.



- Five members of The Proud Boys group, (including the former chairman) have been indicted on charges of seditious conspiracy in June 2022, for their alleged roles in the June 2022 United States Capitol attack.

Source: The Hindu

Way Finding Application

Why in News:

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi proposes to sign an agreement between the Government of India and the United Nations on the 'Way Finding Application' to be used at the United Nations Office (UNOG) at Palais des Nations, Geneva. Approval granted.



key points:

- The United Nations (UN) is an international organization established in the year 1945, India is a founding member of the United Nations and currently has 193 member countries.
- The project for the development of the 'Way Finding Application' was envisaged by the Government of India in 2020 as a donation to the United Nations on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.
- The project involves the development, deployment, and maintenance of a software-based 'wayfinding application' for the Directional Facility at UNLG's Palais des Nations campus within 21 floors spread across five UNG buildings. Users can be enabled to find their way from one place to another.
- The development of this app will be done by the Center for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), an autonomous telecom research and development center of the Department of Telecommunications (DOT), Government of India.

Source: The Hindu



Twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference

Why in News:

- The Twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference has been started on 12 June 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland after a gap of five years.



key points:

- The Indian delegation to the WTO Ministerial Conference was led by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.
- Key areas of discussion and dialogue at this year's conference include issues such as agriculture, including the WTO's pandemic response, fisheries subsidy negotiations, and public stockholding for food security.
- With regard to intellectual property, India has favored (i) identification of difficulties faced by developing countries and LDCs who are using TRIPS flexibility to address the COVID-19 pandemic, and (ii) TRIPS waiver decision. The responses under the Announcement have been re-confirmed.
- India is a founding member of the World Trade Organization since 1 January 1995 and a member of the GATT since 8 July 1948.

Source: PIB

National

Indian Standard for 'Clay Non-Electrical Cooling Cabinet'

Why in News:

- An Indian Standard - IS 17693: 2022 for 'Grains made from non-electrical cooling cabinets' has been developed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the national standards body of India.

key points:

- The clay non-electrical cooling cabinet named 'Mitticool Refrigerator', presents an eco-



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friendly technology and has been developed by Mr. Mansukhbhai Prajapati, an innovator from Gujarat.

- It is a natural clay refrigerator, primarily designed for the purpose of storing vegetables, fruits, and milk and for water cooling, with the help of which natural cooling is provided to the stored food items without the need for electricity. This allows fruits, vegetables, and milk to be kept fresh properly without degrading their quality.
- Miticool refrigerators can be used to store perishable foods without electricity.
- This standard allows the BIS to meet 6 of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (no poverty, no hunger, gender equality, affordable and clean energy, industry, innovation and infrastructure, and responsible consumption and production).

Source: The Hindu

'Bird Recognition and Basic Ornithology' course

Why in News:

- The fourth batch of the 'Bird Recognition and Basic Ornithology' course concluded.

key points:

- The initiative for skill development in the environment and forest sector was taken forward by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change with an aim to enable India's youth to get gainful employment under the Green skill development program, on the lines of the Prime Minister's Skill India Mission. And 30% of the students attending the courses have already been placed in the respective fields.
- The program endeavors to develop green skilled workers having technical knowledge and commitment to sustainable development for the attainment of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs), as well as Waste Management Rules (2016).
- The course is free of cost and fully funded by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).



Source: News on Air



International Literacy Festival Unmesh

Why in News:

- A three-day International Literacy Festival was organized in Unmesh, Himachal Pradesh at the historic Gaiety Theatre, Shimla, which was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Culture, Arjun Ram Meghwal.



key points:

- International Literacy Festival Unmesh is jointly organized by the Ministry of Culture and Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with the State Art and Culture Department under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- International Literacy Festival Unmesh organized for the first time in India is the biggest ever International Literacy Festival in the country.
- More than 425 writers, poets, translators, and critics have participated in the International Literacy Festival Unmesh.
- More than a thousand books depicting the freedom movement will be displayed during the festival and Booker Prize-winning author Gitanjali Shree will express her views on women's writings in Indian languages.

Source: Indian Express

Migration in India 2020-21 Report

Why in News:

- According to the Migration Report 2020-21 in India, from July 2020 to June 2021, 0.7 percent of the country's population were 'temporary visitors' to households.



key points:

- In India, the India Migration Report is released by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI).
- 'Temporary visitors' are classified as those who have arrived after March 2020 and have stayed in their home for 15 consecutive days or more but less than 6 months.



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- According to the International Organization for Migration, a migrant is defined as any person who is moving or has moved within an international border or state away from his place of residence.
- International Migrants Day is observed annually on 18 December by the United Nations with the aim of raising awareness about the challenges and difficulties of international migration.
- Of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the 11th Sustainable Development Goal includes targets and indicators relevant to migration or mobility.

Source: Indian Express

First National Conference of Chief Secretaries

Why in News:

- The first three-day National Conference of Chief Secretaries of the States was inaugurated by Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba at Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh.



key points:

- More than 200 delegates and experts from the Centre, States, and Union Territories have participated in the first National Conference.
- Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will preside over the conference.
- The main objective of this conference is to discuss the implementation of a new education policy, governance and crop diversification, and self-reliance in agriculture.
- The aim of the first National Conference of Chief Secretaries is to focus on rapid and sustainable economic development in partnership with the Center and the States.

Source: News on Air

Department of Economic Affairs Training Program

Why in News:

- A training program has been organized by the Department of Economic Affairs as part of the Capacity Building Initiative in the infrastructure sector in collaboration with IIM Kozhikode.



key points:

- This 5-day (14 to 18 June) residential training program is being organized in partnership with the Indian Institute of Management at their Kozhikode campus.
- A capacity-building plan has been prepared by the Department of Economic Affairs in collaboration with the capacity-building Commission, with the objective of augmenting relevant capacities in the extended ecosystem of the concerned Ministries, State Governments and enhancing infrastructure performance in the country including offline and online training programs.
- The objective of the Capacity Augmentation Scheme through the proposed training programs is to upgrade the capabilities of the officers involved in the planning, implementation, and implementation of infrastructure projects.
- So far this year, six training programs have been conducted in partnership with IIM-B Bangalore, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, Infrastructure and Projects Authority, Foreign Office, Commonwealth, and Development Office, UNESCAP, All India Management Association, and World Bank. Nominations of more than five office bearers have been received.

Source: PIB

Jagadguru Sreesanth Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir

Why in the news:

- Jagadguru Sreesanth Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in Dehu, Pune

**key points:**

- Sant Tukaram was born in the year 1598 in Dehu village of Pune district, his father's name was Bolhoba and his mother's name was Kankai.
- Due to family discord over their second wife, Saint Tukaram went to the Manantirtha mountain north of the Narayani River and began to perform bhajans, where he composed the devotional poem 'Abhyanga'.
- Sant Tukaram Varkari was a saint and poet, known for community-centered worship through abhyanga devotional poetry and spiritual songs known as kirtan, a rock temple built after the death of Jagadguru Sreesanth Tukaram Maharaj, but it was not formal, although not originally created. As a temple, this



temple is built through stone masonry with 36 peaks in which the statue of Sant Tukaram is present.

- He is worshiped by the people of the Warkari community in Maharashtra.

Source: PIB

Project Information and Management Module of Single Window Solution System (SWCS) launched by the Ministry of Coal

Why in News:

- The Project Information and Management module of the Single Window Resolution System (SWCS) was launched by the Ministry of Coal in New Delhi.



key points:

- The Project Information and Management module of the Single Window Solution System (SWCS) has been developed by the Ministry of Coal as an integrated platform to facilitate ease of doing business.
- The Coal Holding Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957, for Telangana and West Bengal, for integration with the already operational module and for approval of mining plan in SWCS module, time-bound completion plan and entry portal, digital acceptance of objection included under section. 8(1) Consent Management System.
- The objective of this project is to complete the digital linkage between the mine allottee and the Information and Management module of the Ministry and provide digital solutions in respect of the respective blocks.
- Various features have been included in the SWCS module which includes various features like Bank Guarantee, Advance Payment, Basic Sanctions, Show Cause Notice, and Court Case Management.

Source: PIB



Io-tech-world receive first type certificate

Why in News:

- Gurugram-based IO-Tech-world awarded the first-of-its-kind certificate by Union Civil Aviation Minister under Drone Rules, 2021.



key points:

- Such a certificate has been given to io-tech-world 34 days after the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) submitted his online application on the Digital Sky platform.
- The Drone Rules, 2021 was notified on 25th August 2021 and the 'Certification Scheme for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (CSUAS) for obtaining Type Certificate (TC) for Drones' was notified on 26th January 2022.
- There are three world-renowned certification bodies (CBs) approved by the Quality Council of India - TQ CERT, UL India, and Bureau Veritas, and drone manufacturers are free to approach any certification body for testing their drone prototypes.
- Drones offer tremendous benefits in almost all sectors of the economy, including agriculture, mining, infrastructure, surveillance, emergency response, transportation, geospatial mapping, defense, and law enforcement.

Source: Indian Express

CiSS Application

Why in News:

- The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has launched a “CiSS Application” under Bal Swaraj Portal to help in the process of rehabilitation of children in road conditions.



key points:

- This portal has been launched by NCPCR for CISSS, Bal Swaraj, online tracking, and digital real-time monitoring mechanisms of children in need of care and protection.
- Bal Swaraj Portal has two major functions - COVID Care and CiSS



- COVID Care Link serves children who have lost one or both of their parents to COVID-19 or other causes after March 2020.
- CISS application is used to obtain data on children in road conditions from all states and union territories and track their rescue and rehabilitation process.
- The CISSS initiative has been launched under the direction of the Supreme Court of India.

Source: PIB

Startup for railways

Why in News:

- Indian Railways Innovation Policy - "Startup for Railways" was launched by Shri Ashwini Vaishnav.



key points:

- Startup Policy for Railways aims at leveraging innovative technologies developed by Indian Startups/MSMEs/Innovators/Entrepreneurs to improve the operational efficiency and safety of Indian Railways.
- The Startup Policy for Railways aims to bring scale and efficiency in the areas of operation, maintenance, and infrastructure creation through the participation of the very large and untapped startup ecosystem.
- Around 160 problem statements have been received so far under Startup for Railways. Initially, 11 problem statements have been identified to tackle the problem through the new innovation policy, which has been uploaded on the portal.

Source: The Hindu

Prime Minister's National Trainee Fair organized

Why in News:

- The Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Mela was organized by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship at more than 200 places across the country.



key points:

- The Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Fair will be organized every month by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to provide more opportunities for on-field training to the youth and increase employment opportunities in the corporate world.
- Under the Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Fair, more than a thousand companies from more than 36 sectors participated and trainees were selected for imparting training in the company.
- 5th to 12th class pass certificate holders, skill development certificate holders, ITI diploma holders, or graduate degree holders can appear for interviews for available opportunities under Prime Minister National Trainee Mela.
- Under this scheme, candidates will also be given a certificate of apprenticeship recognized by the National Council of Vocational Education and Training on completion of the training period, so that apprentices can be recognized in industries.

Source: News on Air

Child Labor Eradication Week

Why in News:

- The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has organized Child Labor Elimination Week at 75 places from 12 to 20 June as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate World Prohibition of Child Labor Day.



key points:

- Under Child Labor Elimination Week, rescue operations will be conducted at 75 places across the country where children are involved in labor work.
- The objective of the Child Labor Elimination Week is to give importance to the task of addressing the problem of child labor in different districts and finding ways to eliminate it.
- The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has been constituted by the Government of India as a statutory body under Section 3 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005, which deals with the protection of child rights.



- The Child Labor Elimination Week aims to simplify the understanding of the procedure laid down for the investigation and rehabilitation of children victims of child labor cases.

Source: Jansatta

National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment- 2021

Why in News:

- The second edition of the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment-2021 is released by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.



key points:

- The NESDA 2021 report has been prepared covering the assessment of States/UTs with an aim to focus on the effectiveness of Central Ministries in delivering online services to citizens.
- The objective of the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment- 2021 is to give suggestions to the governments to further improve their e-governance service delivery system.
- The National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment-2021 covers seven sectors of services - finance, labor and employment, education, local governance and utility services, social welfare, environment, and tourism.
- This year's assessment includes 56 essential services for each state and union territory and 27 services for key central ministries, eight state/UT level services, and four central ministry services. -Government is involved in service delivery evaluation.

Source: The Hindu

25th meeting of the Western Zonal Council

Why in News:

- The 25th meeting of the Western Zonal Council was presided over by the Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah in Diu.



key points:

- For the first time, the Western Zonal Council meeting has been held in Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman, and Diu.
- Six nationally important themes have been identified in the 25th meeting of the Western Regional Council, which include improving banking services in rural areas, and monitoring cases of rape and sexual offenses against women and children. Includes implementation of fast-track courts, verification of identities of marine fishermen at sea, development of local contingency plans by coastal states for large-scale rescue operations at sea, and promotion of Make in India through preference in public procurement.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, on the initiative of the Standing Committee in the Regional Council meeting, has set up a framework for uploading the identification and notifications of non-forest land for enhancement in compensatory, in its Parivartan portal. Afforestation in the form of Reserved Forest/Protected Forest. The inclusion of Windows has also been announced.
- The objective of the Western Zonal Council meeting is to demonstrate the resolve and commitment of the Government to the all-round development of the nation in the spirit of cooperative federalism.

Source: Indian Express

Spreading literacy among children through games, puzzles, and comics

Why in News:

- Income Tax Department aims to spread tax literacy among children through "games, puzzles, and comics".



key points:

- The new product introduces concepts related to taxation, often considered complex, to high school students through games, puzzles, and comics.
- A range of communication and public outreach products aimed at spreading financial and tax awareness have also been launched by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at the closing ceremony of the prestigious week of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in Panaji, Goa during the event.
- Among the new products introduced by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) under Games, Puzzles, and Comics-
 - Snakes, Ladders, and Taxes



- construction of India
- India Gate - 3D Puzzle
- Digital comic books included.
- These products, presented under Games, Puzzles, and Comics, will initially be distributed to schools through a network of Income Tax offices spread across the country.

Source: PIB

State

Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani Plan

Why in News:

- A unique initiative Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani Scheme has been launched by the Union Territory Administration with an aim to increase transparency in the land records maintenance system in Jammu and Kashmir.



key points:

- The objective of the 'Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani' scheme is to facilitate easy online access to the system to view or monitor the status of revenue records.
- A CIS portal has been started under Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani Scheme, with the help of which citizens can now get information about their land sitting at home.
- Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani Scheme has been launched as a part of the Digital India Land Records Modernization Program (DILRMP).

Source: All India Radio



Dholera Airport

Why in News:

- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for the first phase of development of a new greenfield airport at Dholera, Gujarat at an estimated cost of Rs 1305 crore.



key points:

- The project will be implemented by Dholera International Airport Company Limited (DIACL), a joint venture company comprising the Airports Authority of India, the Government of Gujarat, and the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust, in the ratio of 51:33:16.
- Dholera airport is being developed with an aim to make it a major cargo hub to serve the industrial sector.
- This airport will also cater to the needs of the surrounding area and will act as the second airport for Ahmedabad.

Source: Economic Times

Wine bottle buyback plan

Why in News:

- A month after the launch of the scheme to buy back old liquor bottles at TASMAC shops in the Nilgiris, the scheme yielded good results.



key points:

- The scheme was implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu with the help of Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited (TASMAC) with an aim to eliminate the dumping of used liquor bottles in forest areas and negate the dangers posed by them to wildlife.
- Under this scheme, a provision was made to give 10 rupees to the returnees of old bottles for each bottle returned at TASMAC shops across the district.
- Under this scheme, there has been a drastic reduction in the number of bottles thrown in the open across the district. However, the district administration and TASMAC are facing another problem as to what to do with the bottles deposited at the TASMAC shops in the Nilgiris.



Source: The Hindu

National Customs and GST Museum in Goa - 'Heritage'

Why in News:

- The Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman dedicated the National Customs and GST Museum, Dharohar to the nation in Panaji, Goa.



key points:

- The two-storey 'Blue Building', formerly known as Alfandega during the period of Portuguese rule in Goa, has stood on the banks of the Mandovi River in Panaji for over 400 years.
- Virasat is of its kind museum in the country which not only displays the artifacts confiscated by the Indian Customs but also showcases various aspects of the work done by the Customs Department.
- The 'Heritage' consists of eight galleries: Introductory Gallery, Taxation History Gallery, Our Economic Frontier Patron Gallery, Guardians of Our Art and Heritage, Guardians of Flora and Fauna, Guardians of Our Social Welfare, Travel of Indirect Taxes – Salt Tax GST and GST gallery, while the GST Gallery is a new addition gallery to the Heritage Museum.
- This is a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country which has gone through the long and arduous journey of GST in two decades.

Source: PIB

Economy

Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2022-23

Why in News:

- The Government of India, in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India, has decided to issue the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme in two phases from June 2022 to August 2022.



key points:

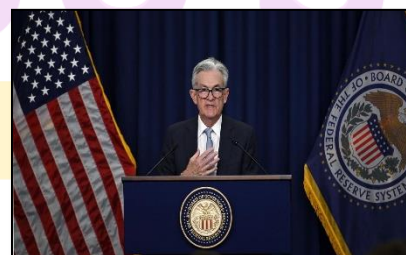
- Bonds issued under the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme are sold by scheduled banks (except small finance banks and payments banks), Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited, designated post offices, and recognized stock exchanges like National Stock Exchange of India Limited and Bombay Stock Exchange Limited.
- The Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme was launched by the Government of India in November 2015 with an objective to reduce the demand for gold and convert a portion of household savings into financial savings.
- Sovereign Gold Bonds are issued by the Reserve Bank of India on behalf of the Government of India and the sale of these bonds is limited to resident individuals, Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs), trusts/trusts, and universities and charitable institutions.

Source: Indian Express

U.S. Fed's policy to control inflation

Why in News:

- The most aggressive interest rate hike was announced by the US Federal Reserve in nearly 30 years, raising the benchmark lending rate by 0.75 percent.



key points:

- Rising interest rates will make US bonds more attractive to the public, allowing investors and citizens to invest more in US bonds than they can afford.
- Borrowing from the new benchmark rate will become costlier, with the help of which inflation can be controlled.
- The new benchmark rates will affect the stock market, allowing FIIs to withdraw their money from emerging markets and FIIs to invest in US bonds, making the US currency stronger than in other countries.
- The new benchmark rates will have a three-pronged impact on India. Higher returns in US debt markets could also lead to an exodus of foreign investors from India and weaken the Indian currency against the US dollar.

Source: Economic Times



Polity

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Individuals) Regulations, 2016

Why in News:

- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Individuals) Regulations, 2016 as amended by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.



key points:

- A portion of Form GSTR-1, Form GSTR-3B, and E-way Bill, wherever applicable, along with the application filed under Section 9 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code for Operational Creditors, 2016, currently under the new rules Presentation provided.
- Sections 7 and 9 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Individuals) Regulations, 2016 have also been amended to ensure smooth correspondence for creditors in filing applications under existing sections 7 or 9 and it is necessary to submit the details of your email id and Pan Card.
- The amendment includes the definition of a significant difference in valuation during CIRP that enables the committee of creditors to request a resolution professional regarding the appointment of a third assessor.
- The new amendment also added a clarification on the issue of redressal applications filed with the Adjudicating Authority after the closure of the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP).

Source: The Hindu



Defense

The successfully test-fired short-range ballistic missile, Prithvi II

- The short-range ballistic missile, Prithvi-II, is successfully test-fired at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha.
- Prithvi II is the first missile to be developed indigenously by DRDO under Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme.
- Prithvi II missile is a surface-to-surface medium-range ballistic missile with a range of 350 km.
- Prithvi II is a single-stage missile that falls under the liquid fuel category and was first used by the Indian Air Force.



Source: PIB

'Agnepath' scheme

Why in News:

- In a transformational reform, the cabinet has approved the 'Agnepath' scheme for the recruitment of youth in the armed forces.



key points:

- In the 'Agnepath' scheme, Agniveers will be enrolled for four years under the respective Service Acts.
- The objective of the 'Agnepath' scheme is to provide opportunities to such youth who may be willing to wear uniforms by attracting young talents from the society and who are in line with the contemporary technological trends and cater to skilled, disciplined, and motivated manpower in the society.
- Agniveers will be provided with an attractive customized monthly package with risk and hardship allowances as applicable across the three Services and on completion of the tenure of four years, Agniveers will be paid a lump sum 'Service Fund' package, which will include their contribution as well as Interest



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earned thereon and contribution equal to the accumulated amount of their contribution from the government will also be included.

- The 'Service Fund' constituted under the 'Agneepath' scheme will be exempted from income tax and will not be entitled to gratuity and pensionary benefits, but Agniveers will be provided with a non-contributory life insurance cover of Rs 48 lakh for their tenure in the Indian Armed Forces. Will be done.
- Note- A total of 46,000 firefighters will be recruited this year under the 'Agneepath' scheme.

Source: News on Air

38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol Program

Why in News:

- The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol Program (IND-INDO CORPAT) between the Indian Naval units of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) and the Indonesian Navy has been conducted in the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca from June 13 to June 24, June 2022.



key points:

- This is the first coordinated patrol between the two countries after the Covid epidemic.
- Visit of Indonesian Naval units of ANC at Port Blair from 13th June to 15th June 2022 as part of 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol Program followed by sea phase at Sabang (Indonesia) in the Andaman Sea and IN from 23rd to 24th June 2022. Includes travel units.
- The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol Program is aimed at enhancing understanding and inter-operability between the two navies.
- The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol Program aims to facilitate measures to prevent and suppress illegal unreported unregulated (IUU) fishing, and drug trafficking.

Source: Indian Express



28th Joint Civil-Military Training Program

Why in News:

- The 28th Joint Civil-Military Training Program was inaugurated by Defense Minister Shri Rajnath Singh at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand.



key points:

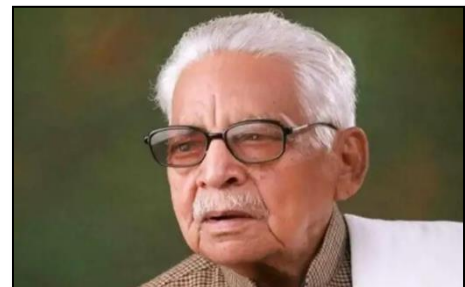
- The Joint Civil-Military Program was launched in 2001 with the aim of promoting a structured interface between civil servants and officers of the armed forces for a joint understanding of national security.
- The objective of the Joint Civil-Military Training Program is to introduce participants to the challenges of managing national security, the emerging external and internal security environment, and the effects of globalization.
- Under the Joint Civil-Military Training Programme, participants are provided with the opportunity to interact and exchange views on the subject, as well as make them aware of the imperatives of civil-military coordination.
- The Joint Civil-Military Training Program aims to further strengthen national security and enhance greater cooperation of the civil administration and the armed forces to meet the challenges of the future.

Source: Indian Express

Important Personality

Baba Yogendra passed away

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi condoled the demise of Baba Yogendra, the National Patron of Padma Shri and Sanskar Bharati.
- Baba Yogendra, a founding member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)



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cultural wing Sanskar Bharati, passed away at the age of 98 in Lucknow.

- Baba Yogendra was born in the Basti district of Uttar Pradesh.
- After coming in contact with Baba Yogendra Nanaji Deshmukh, Baba Yogendra became a pracharak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

Source: News on Air

Health

"Har Ghar Dastak II Phase" Campaign

Why in discussion:

- The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, chaired a meeting through video conference (VC) of the second phase of the vaccination program Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyan, in which Health Ministers and senior officials of the States and Union Territories (UTs) were involved.



key points:

- The "Har Ghar Dastak Ke Second Phase" campaign aims to focus on increasing the COVID vaccination coverage for school-going children across states and the precautionary dosage for the elderly.
- The objective of the "Har Ghar Dastak Ke Second Charan" campaign is to achieve 100% coverage among the eligible population to ensure extended protection against COVID.
- The "Har Ghar Dastak Ke Second Phase" campaign, which will run till July 31, aims to provide a precautionary dose of anti-coronavirus vaccine to 47 million people above the age of 60 years.

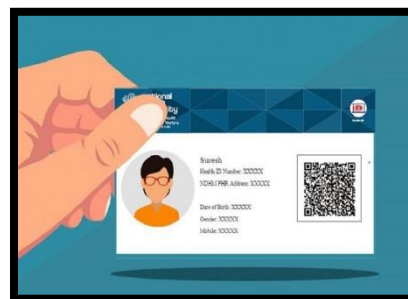
Source: PIB



Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) - Revolution in Digital Health

Why in News:

- National Health Authority (NHA) and NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies) jointly organized Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission – NHA – NASSCOM Conference – 2022 with an aim to revolutionize digital health.



key points:

- The conference was organized in a hybrid (physical/virtual) mode, with the participation of over 400 stakeholders from India's healthcare and technology sector and industry.
- The objective of the NHA- NASSCOM conference is to help the health system focus on preventive health and encouragement to focus on future health.
- The objective of the NHA- NASSCOM conference is to make various facilities like teleconsultation, online appointment booking, easily accessible health information and access to experts, etc. accessible to every citizen.

Source: Jansatta

Environment

Environmental performance index

Why in News:

- The Environmental Performance Index for the year 2022 was jointly released by Yale and Columbia Universities.



key points:

- This year, India is ranked 180th on the Environmental Performance Index with a score of 18.9, which comes after Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, and Myanmar.



- This year Denmark has topped the Environmental Performance Index with a score of 77.9, while the United Kingdom and Finland are ranked second and third respectively.
- The Environmental Performance Index is an international ranking system of countries based on their environmental health.
- It is a biennial index, first introduced as the Environmental Sustainability Index in 2002 by the World Economic Forum in collaboration with the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and the Columbia University Center for International Earth Information Network.
- This year's Environmental Performance Index uses 40 performance indicators to assess and rank 180 countries that fall under the broad categories of climate change performance, environmental health and ecosystem vitality.

Source: Indian Express

Sports

Asia Oceania Open Championship

- Indian para lifters Manpreet Kaur and Paramjit Kumar won bronze medals at the Asia Oceania Open Championship of World Para Powerlifting held in South Korea.
- In this weightlifting competition, Manpreet Kaur won a bronze medal in the women's 41 kg weight category by lifting 88 kg and she has lifted a total of 173 kg in this championship.
- In the men's section of the Asia Oceania Open Championship, Paramjeet Kumar won the medal in the 49kg category lifting 160 and 163kg in two rounds, as well as his best-ever performance at the Asia Oceania Open Championship.



Source: News on Air

Khelo India Youth Games concludes

Why in News:

- The Khelo India Youth Games concluded at Indradhanush Auditorium, Panchkula, Haryana.



key points:

- Under Khelo India Youth Games this year various competitions were organized in Panchkula, Ambala, Chandigarh, Delhi, and Shahbad in Haryana in 25 categories.
- Under Khelo India Youth Games, 8500 players from different states including 528 players from Haryana participated in various games this year.
- In the points table of the Khelo India Youth Games, Haryana stood first with 41 gold, 35 silver, and 42 bronze medals, making a total of 118 medals in this competition, while Maharashtra stood second with 41 gold, 35 silver, and 30 bronze medals. Stay on This year the points table remained
- Karnataka ranks third with 21 gold, 16 silver, and 23 bronze medals, Manipur fourth with 17 gold, 3 silver, and 5 bronze medals, while Kerala with 16 gold, 16 silver, and 13 bronze medals in this year's Khelo India Youth Games ranked fifth. in the points table.

Source: Akashvani

Youth Weightlifting World Championship

- India's Akanksha Vihavare won the silver medal in the Youth Weightlifting World Championships.
- Akanksha has won this medal in the Women's 40kg category at the Youth Weightlifting World Championships held in Mexico by lifting a total of 127kg.
- In the snatch, Akanksha secured the first position with a lift of 59 kg, while in clean and jerk, Akanksha secured the third position with a lift of 68 kg.
- In the Youth Weightlifting World Championship, Vijay Prajapati (men's 49 kg weight category) has also won the silver medal in this championship.
- Akanksha is a trainee of the National Center of Excellence (NCE, Aurangabad) of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Vijay is in the Patiala unit of The National Center of Excellence of Sports Authority of India (SAI).



Source: News on Air

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