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Important News: National

UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee

Why in News:

- India has been elected as a member of the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage for the year 2022-2026.

key points:

- India has previously served as a member of the ICH Committee twice, from 2006 to 2010 and from 2014 to 2018.
- India is also a member of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee (2021-2025).
- The 2003 Convention for the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage was ratified by India in September 2005.
- The Intergovernmental Committee constituted under the 2003 Convention consists of 24 members and is elected to the Assembly of the Convention in accordance with the principles of equal geographical representation and rotation.
- The member states of the committee are elected for a term of four years.
- With 14 inscriptions on the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, India also ranks high in the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Source: The Hindu

National Monuments Authority

Why in News:

- The National Monument Authority has recommended two sites associated with the architect of the Constitution, Babasaheb Ambedkar, be declared monuments of national importance.

key points:

- This recommendation has been made by the National Monuments Authority for the Sankalp Bhoomi Banyan Tree Complex in Vadodara, at the same place where Babasaheb took a pledge to eradicate untouchability on 23rd September 1917.
- It has also been recommended for the site of Satara in Maharashtra where Dr. Ambedkar received his primary education in high school by Pratap Rao Bhosle.
- The National Monuments Authority has been set up under the Ministry of Culture in accordance with the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Recognition) Act which was enacted in March 2010.

- The National Monuments Authority undertakes tasks such as considering granting permission to applicants for construction-related activities in restricted and regulated areas.

Source: Livemint

India Animal Health Summit 2022

Why in News:

- India's 1st Animal Health Summit 2022 was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying in New Delhi.

key points:

- Organized by the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) and the Agriculture Today Group, this is India's first animal health summit.
- The aim of the Animal Health Summit is to make the general public aware of the importance of animal health towards the overarching objective of the country's food and nutritional security, rural income and prosperity, and overall economic development.
- The two-day event will cover topics ranging from animal health policy initiatives to the occupational environment and investment opportunities in

the animal health sector, and the discussions developed will later be documented and presented to the authorities.

- The Animal Health Summit aims to understand the importance of animal health for the country's food and nutritional security, rural income and prosperity, and for achieving overall economic development.

Source: Indian Express

Startup School India

Why in News:

- The 'Startup School India' initiative was launched by Google.

key points:

- The Startup School India initiative has been set up with the objective of collecting relevant information on startups and tailoring it into a systematic curriculum.
- Startup School India program will be conducted in virtual mode for 9 weeks.
- The Google Startup School India initiative covers a wide range of topics including fintech, language, job search, social media and networking, business-to-consumer e-commerce, and business-to-business e-commerce.
- Startup School India aims to provide flexibility to the virtual curriculum.
- Startup School India initiative provides pick and choose modules to the people
- India is the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world.

Source: The Hindu

Mangarh Hill

Why in News:

- A report by the National Monuments Authority (NMA) has announced to name of the top of Mangarh hill in Rajasthan as a national monument in honor of 1500 Bhil tribal freedom fighters.

key points:

- Mangarh hill, located on the Gujarat-Rajasthan border, is the site of a tribal revolt where more than 1500 Bhil tribal freedom fighters were killed in the year 1913.
- Mangarh hill is also known as tribal Jallianwala.
- On November 17, 1913, the British army opened fire on tribals gathering in protest, led by a leader of the Govind Guru community, killing more than 1,500 people.
- The Bhils, commonly known as the Dhanushdharis of Rajasthan, are the largest tribal community in India.
- The Bhils are a member of the pre-Aryan race, and the Bhil community is the largest tribe in South Asia.
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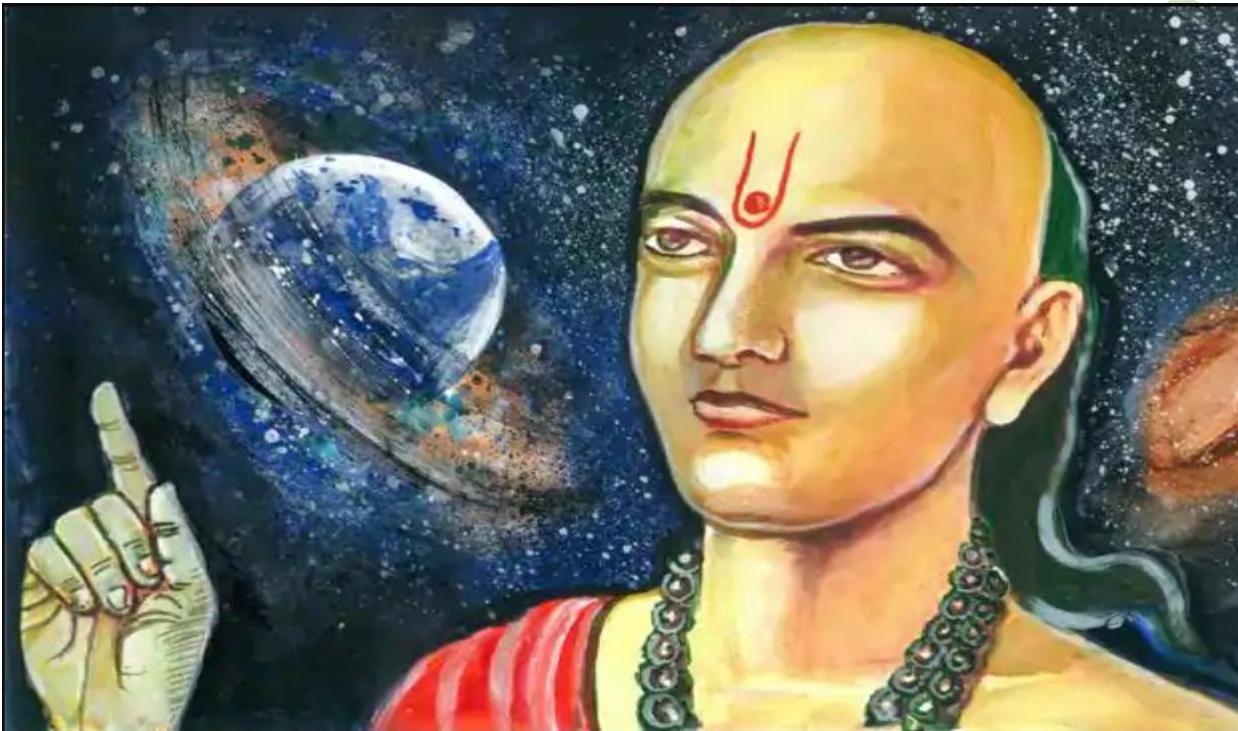
Source: PIB

Important News: Science & Tech

Aryabhata-1

Why in News:

- A prototype of an analog chipset named "Aryabhata-1" has been developed by the researchers of IISc.

key points:

- Aryabhata-1 chipset can work faster, and it will use less power as compared to digital processors used in various electronic gadgets.
- Aryabhata-1 has been designed by Prateek Kumar, who holds a Ph.D. in IISc. are students.
- Aryabhata-1 stands for "Analog Reconfigurable Technology and Bias-scalable Hardware for AI Tasks".
- The Aryabhata-1 chipset will also prove useful for applications based on Artificial Intelligence (AI) such as object or speech recognition apps including Alexa.
- According to the researchers, Aryabhata is capable of being configured with multiple machine learning architectures, such as being able to work with digital CPUs as well as operating at different temperature ranges.

Source: Indian Express

Important Personality

Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

Why in News:

- Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was shot dead on July 8, 2022.

key points:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has condoled the death of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and a day of national mourning has been declared in India on July 9, 2022.
- Shinzo Abe was the longest-serving prime minister in the history of Japan, serving from 2006-2007 and from 2012-2020.
- The concept of Abenomics was provided by Shinzo Abe, which includes policies to increase the money supply in the country, implement reforms, to increase government spending.
- The concept of Abenomics includes three main points-
    - Focusing on achieving the inflation target of 2%,
    - flexible fiscal policy,
    - Development Strategy.
- Shinzo Abe was the first Japanese Prime Minister to participate in India's Republic Day parade as the chief guest, as well as the relations between India and Japan have strengthened during Shinzo Abe's tenure.

Source: Times of India

Important News: Environment

Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

Why in News:

- Guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change proposing amendments to the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

key points:

- The Environment (Protection) Act "establishes a framework for the study, planning, and implementation of the long-term requirements of environmental protection as well as a system of rapid and adequate response to situations endangering the environment."
- As a set of amendments, it has been proposed by the Environment Ministry to modify the provisions of the Environment Protection Act (EPA).
- The proposed changes also include the appointment of an 'Adjudication Officer' whose main function is to determine punishments in cases of environmental violations.
- The amount collected as a penalty shall be earned in the "Environmental Protection Fund" and in case of violation of the Act, the penalty may range from five lakhs to five crores.

Source: The Hindu