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Important News: State

Mango Festival-2022

Why in News:

Mango Festival-2022 in Uttar Pradesh has been organized in Lucknow from July 4-7.



key points:

- A "mega cluster of mangoes" was also inaugurated during the conference.
- 700 varieties of mangoes and their by-products have been displayed at the convention.
- This festival has been organized with the aim of increasing the income of the farmers as well as increasing the production of mangoes.
- Mango Mahotsav-2022 aims to provide information about marketing strategies to farmers during the festival.
- India produces about 20.4 million tonnes of mangoes, which accounts for 65% of the global mango production, while Uttar Pradesh produces 4.5 million tonnes.

Source: Times of India

AKHIL BHARATIYA SHIKSHA SAMAGAM

Why in News:

• AKHIL BHARATIYA SHIKSHA SAMAGAM is inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi.









- The Samagam has been organized by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the University Grants Commission and Banaras Hindu University.
- The three-day event Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam is attended by over 300 Vice-Chancellors and Directors, academicians, policymakers, as well as industry representatives from public and private universities.
- The summit will act as a platform for leading Indian higher educational institutions to discuss, deliberate, and share insights on strategies, success stories, and best practices in implementing the National Education Policy-2020.
- The highlight of the Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam is the adoption of the Varanasi Declaration on Higher Education, which reflects India's expanded vision and a renewed commitment to helping the higher education system achieve its goals.

Source: PIB

Odisha tops state ranking for implementation of the National Food Security Act

Why in News:

• The 'State Ranking Index for NFSA 2022' has been released by the Union Minister of Food and Consumer Affairs during a conference of State Food Ministers on 'Food and Nutrition Security of India'.







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- Odisha ranks first in the state rankings, while Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh are ranked second and third respectively.
- Among the special category states (Northeast states, Himalayan states, and island states), Tripura has been ranked first, while Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim are in second and third places.
- As per the released index, most of the states and union territories have performed well, and most of the states and union territories have performed well in digitization, Aadhaar seeding, and EPOS installation.

Source: Indian Express

The 18th MyGov State instance

Why in News:

• 18th Illustration of MyGov State - MyGov Gujarat was launched.



key points:

- This citizen-centric platform has been launched with 4 major objectives, which include-
 - 1. Discussion forum to share rainwater harvesting and water-saving methods.
 - 2. Forum for discussion on Ease of Living through e-Governance.
 - 3. Voting on cleanliness campaign
 - 4. Blog on Digital Seva Setu.
- MyGov, the world's largest platform to connect citizens with each other, was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 26 July 2014 with the idea of connecting the government with the common man.
- MyGov is also available on almost all social media platforms popular among Indian youth, especially those living in remote areas of the country, with the aim of taking citizens' ideas and suggestions to the government.

Source: The Hindu







Agradoot group of newspapers

Why in News:

• The Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Agradoot group of newspapers were inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi through video conferencing.



key points:

- The Chief Minister of Assam, Dr. HimantaBiswaSarma, is the Chief Patron of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations Committee of the pioneer.
- The Agradoot started as a bi-weekly in the Assamese language.
- Agradoot newspaper was founded by Kanak Sen Deka, a senior journalist from Assam.
- In the year 1995, Dainik Aadhaar started publication as a regular daily newspaper and has emerged as a credible and influential voice of Assam.

Source: PIB

Kai Chutney: Odisha

Why in News:

• Scientific Kai Chutney has been submitted for Geographical Indication (GI) registry in Odisha.







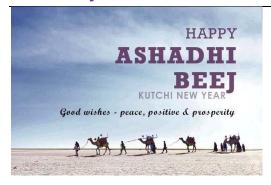
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- Kai Chutney is prepared from Weaver Ants and is very popular among the tribal people in the Mayurbhanj district of Odisha.
- Kai chutney is also used by the tribal community in the preparation of medicinal oil, which is used as baby oil and used externally to cure arthritis, ringworm, and other skin diseases.
- GI is an indicator used to identify goods with special characteristics originating from a certain geographical area.
- Moss ants, scientifically known as Ocophilasmaragdina, are found in abundance in Mayurbhanj throughout the year.
- In the year 2019, Odisha was given the GI tag for Odisha Rasgulla.

Source: Indian Express

AshadhiBij



- The **Kutchi community** of Gujarat celebrates its new year on this day.
- AshadhiBij is celebrated on the second day of Shukla Paksha of Ashadha month of the Hindu calendar.
- The AshadhiBij festival, which marks the beginning of rains in the Kutch region of Gujarat, is a traditional festival and is celebrated at home.
- During the AshadhiBij festival, the humidity in the atmosphere is checked to predict which crop will do best in the coming monsoon.
- Lord Ganesha, Goddess Lakshmi, and other regional deities are worshiped on the occasion of the AshadhiBij festival.

Source: LiveMint

Important News: India

Foreign Contribution Regulation Act

Why in News:

• The Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) has been amended by the Union Home Ministry to include provisions like **allowing relatives** to freely remit more money in India.









- As per the amended rule, now relatives have been allowed to send **Rs 10 lakh** without informing the government, if the amount exceeds, then individuals now have **three months** to inform the government **30 days** in advance.
- Under the amended rule, more time has been provided to organizations to inform the government about the opening of bank accounts for the utilization of funds received under the 'registration' or 'prior permission' category.
- The old provision where an organization/individual receiving foreign funds is required to declare such contribution every quarter on its official website has also been done away with in the new rule.

Source: Hindustan Times

Digital India Week-2022

Why in News:

• Digital India week 2022 was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.



- The objective of Digital India Week-2022 is to increase access to technology, streamline the service delivery system for ease of living and promote startups.
- The theme of Digital India Week-2022 is "New India Technology Inspiration".







• Launch of 'Indiastack.global' for major projects like Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker, Covin Vaccination Platform, Government E-Market Place, Diksha Platform, and Ayushman Bharat, Digital Health Mission being implemented under IndiaStack during the event by Prime Minister is also done.

Source: News on Air

Important News: World

Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

Why in News:

• Singapore's T. Raja Kumar has been appointed as the chairman of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), an anti-money laundering watchdog.



key points:

- Raja Kumar will replace current FATF President Marcus Player and has been appointed for a two-year term
- The Financial Action Task Force is also known in French as the Groupe d'action financial (GAFI).
- The FATF is an intergovernmental organization established in 1989 as an initiative of the G7 to develop policies and combat money laundering.
- The FATF functions with the objectives of establishing standards and promoting the effective implementation of legal, operational, and regulatory measures to combat terrorist financing, money laundering, and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.

Source: Business Times

Important News: Economy

Joint Conference of Indian Council and National Stock Exchange

Why in News:

• The joint conference of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations and the National Stock Exchange was launched virtual from Gwalior by the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.









- ICRIER is one of the leading economic think tanks in the country, and the world's largest exchange, NSE. The conference for the project on "Getting Right to Agricultural Markets" has been organized by
- The main objective of the conference is to make the farmers of the country aware of the benefits of organic and natural farming.
- Most of the population in India is dependent on agriculture, the goal of the joint conference organized by the Indian Council and the National Stock Exchange is to increase the income of the farmers and to make them familiar with the technology used in farming.

Source: PIB

Important News: Defense

Rimpack exercise

Why in News:

• INS Satpura and P8I of the Indian Navy participated in the harbor phase of the RIMPAC exercise.



key points:

• Indian Navy's indigenous warship INS Satpura and P8I LRMRASW aircraft are participating in one of the largest multilateral naval exercises - Rim of the Pacific at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, US.





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- Several seminars, exercise plan discussions, and sports competitions were organized as part of the harbor phase of the exercise.
- 28 countries, 38 warships, 9 armies, 31 unmanned systems, 170 aircraft, and over 25,000 personnel participated in this multi-faceted exercise.
- INS Satpura and a P8I maritime patrol aircraft participated in the exercise with over six weeks of intensive operational and training
- The objective of the RIMPAC exercise is to build interoperability and trust among friendly navies.

Source: PIB

ALH Squadron INAS 324 at Visakhapatnam

Why in News:

• Indian Naval Air Squadron 324 was inducted into the Indian Navy in an impressive commissioning ceremony held at INS Dega, Visakhapatnam in the presence of Vice-Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, AVSM, YSM, VSM, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command.



key points:

- The unit is the first squadron of the Navy to operate indigenously designed and manufactured Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk III (MR) helicopters on the Eastern Seaboard.
- INAS 324 codenamed "Kestrels" is a bird of prey and has good sensory capabilities which signify the aircraft and the intended role of this air squadron.
- The ALH Mk III helicopters are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment including state-of-the-art surveillance radars and electro-optical sensors.
- In addition to their core roles of Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR), these helicopters can be deployed for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations as well as special operations with Marine Commandos.

Source: PIB

Hi-tech aircraft carrier Fujian

Why in News:

• China has unveiled its first new-generation indigenous aircraft carrier, the Type 003, Fujian.









- Fujian is named after the eastern coastal province of China which is located near Taiwan.
- The total weight of the Fujian is 80,000 tons, which is much higher than the Chinese carriers currently available in China and on par with the aircraft carriers of the US Navy.
- Fujian is currently joined by two other carriers Shandong and Liaoning, operated by China.
- Fujian is built with the latest launch technology the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System, first developed by the US Navy.

Source: Times of India

Science and Technology

Technology Innovation Center-Tihan

Why in News:

• The Technology Innovation Center on State-of-the-art Autonomous Navigation - Tihan to develop Unmanned Aerial Vehicles - was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Science and Technology at the IIT Hyderabad campus.



key points:

• The Ministry of Science and Technology has provided support for emerging IIT Hyderabad innovations in the field of next-generation smart mobility technologies.







- With the required focus on R&D of interdisciplinary technologies in the specific domain area of Autonomous Navigation and Data Acquisition Systems, the center also caters to the need for urgent solutions to various challenges related to Unmanned and Autonomous Vehicles.
- The Center for Technology Innovation based on Autonomous Navigation System or Autonomous Navigation System for Unmanned Aircraft and Remotely Controlled Vehicles is known as the 'Tihan Foundation' at IIT Hyderabad.
- It is a multi-disciplinary initiative involving researchers from Electrical, Computer Science, Mechanical & Aerospace, Civil, Mathematics, and Design at IIT Hyderabad with collaboration and support from reputed institutions and industries.
- This is an important step towards 'Self-reliant India', 'Skill India', and 'Digital India'.

Source: The Hindu

Infrared light

Why in News:

• Scientists have discovered a new material that can emit, discover and modify infrared light with high efficiency to make it useful for solar and thermal energy conservation and optical communication devices.



- Electromagnetic waves are renewable energy sources, used in power generation, telecommunications, defense and security technologies, sensors, and health services.
- Infrared light applications require intelligence and state-of-the-art materials that can enable excitation, modulation, and detection in the desired spectral range with high efficiencies.
- Bangalore-based Jawaharlal Nehru Center for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), an autonomous
 institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), has discovered a new material called
 single-crystalline scandium nitride (SCN) by researchers from this institute which has high efficiency. It
 can also emit, detect and modify infrared light.
- Like scandium nitride, this material is compliant with modern complementary-metal-oxide-semiconductor (CMOS) or Si-chip technology because of its affinity to the same family as gallium nitride (GaN).







Source: The Hindu

Space tourism

Why in News:

• A new study has found that rocket launches could negatively affect the climate and the ozone layer amid growing space tourism competition among commercial companies such as Virgin Galactic, SpaceX, and Blue Origin.



key points:

- Researchers found that soot emissions from rocket launches are far more effective at heating the atmosphere than other sources.
- Routine launches by the fast-growing space tourism industry "could undermine the progress made by the Montreal Protocol in reversing ozone depletion," according to researchers.
- The Montreal Protocol is a landmark international treaty that was adopted in Montreal in 1987 and aims to protect the Earth's ozone layer by regulating the production and consumption of about 100 chemicals called ozone-depleting substances (ODS).
- According to the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), without this treaty, ozone depletion would have increased more than ten times by 2050 compared to current levels.

Source: Indian Express

Environment

Nairobi flies

Why in News:

• Nearly 100 students in East Sikkim have contracted skin infections after coming in contact with Nairobi flies.









- Nairobi flies are an insect species endemic to East Africa, also known as Kenyan flies or dragon bugs.
- Two species are included in Nairobi flies-
 - 1. PedrusEximius.
 - 2. PederusSabius.
- Nairobi flies are orange and black in color thrive in areas of high rainfall and, like most insects, are attracted to bright light.
- Nairobi Several outbreaks of flies outside Africa in the past in countries such as India, Japan, and Paraguay.

Source: Livemint

Nitrate absorption in plants

Why in the news:

• A new pathway has been discovered by researchers led by researchers from the National Center of Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bengaluru (NCBS-TIFR) that regulates nitrate absorption in plants.



- The gene transcription factor MADS27, which regulates nitrate absorption, root development, and stress tolerance, is activated by the micro-RNA, miR444.
- The new discovery suggests that 'miR444' may be used to enhance nitrate absorption, enhance root development and help the plant tolerate greater stress.





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- Nitrogen is one of the most important macronutrients necessary for a plant's growth.
- Nitrates also play a role in controlling genome-wide gene expression that controls root system architecture, flowering time, leaf development, etc.
- Overuse of nitrates in fertilizers leads to the accumulation of nitrates in water and soil. This accumulation reduces soil and water pollution as well as increases the contribution of greenhouse gases.

Source: The Hindu

Schemes

Mission Vatsalya Yojana

Why in News:

• Guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of Women and Child Development regarding "Mission Vatsalya Yojana" which will be applicable from 1st April 2022.



key points:

- A centrally sponsored scheme "Mission Vatsalya" i.e., Child Protection Service Scheme was started by the Ministry of Women and Child Development from the year 2009-10 for the welfare and rehabilitation of children.
- Mission Vatsalya aims at ensuring a healthy and happy childhood for every child in India, providing
 them opportunities to realize their full potential, supporting development in every field, and creating a
 sensitive, supportive, and syncretic ecosystem for them.
- The main tasks of "Mission Vatsalya" include improving the functioning of constitutional bodies, strengthening the service delivery framework, increasing the standard of institutional care and services, promoting non-institutional community-based care, and providing emergency access training, training, and capacity building.
- "Mission Vatsalya" will be implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in accordance with the prescribed cost-sharing ratio between the Center and the State/UT Governments.

Source: The Hindu

'Women's tribute' scheme

Why in News:





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• The "Nari Ko Naman" scheme is launched by the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Jai Ram Thakur for the women of the state.



key points:

- Under this scheme, the Himachal Pradesh government has announced a 50% discount on ticket prices for women in state government buses.
- Under this scheme, along with giving concessions to women in tickets, it was also announced by the government reduced the minimum fare in HRTC buses from Rs 7 to Rs 5.
- HRTC is a state-owned road transport corporation in Himachal Pradesh, HRTC is one of the first RTCs in India to provide the facility of online booking of tickets in all types of buses.
- HRTC was established in the year 1958 by the Government of Himachal Pradesh, the Government of Punjab, and Railways as "Mandi-Kullu Road Transport Corporation".
- On October 2, 1974, this corporation was merged with the Government of Himachal Pradesh, and its name was changed to Himachal Road Transport Corporation.

Source: Indian Express

DBT scheme launched for direct financial assistance to trainees

why in News:

• The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was made a part of the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) program by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), with the help of which direct government financial assistance will be provided to all the trainees.









- The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was launched on 19 August 2016 with the objective of promoting apprenticeship and training programs in the country and providing financial assistance to training establishments.
- The objective of this scheme is to promote apprenticeship under Skill India and help in realizing its potential.
- The program aims to motivate employers to hire apprentices and help them find the right jobs while maximizing their capabilities through intensive skill development.
- With the introduction of the DBT scheme by the government, its contribution will be directly transferred to the bank accounts of the trainees through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), which will be payable up to 25% of the scholarship i.e., up to Rs 1500 per month.
- DBT was introduced on January 1, 2013, with the main objective of revamping the existing process in welfare schemes by improving the delivery system of the government and speeding up the flow of money and information, providing security, and reducing the number of frauds.

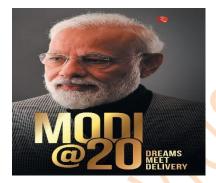
Source: Indian Express

Books and Authors

Book 'Modi at Twenty: Dreams Meet Delivery'

Why in News:

• A special discussion program was organized on the book 'Modi at Twenty: Dreams Meet Delivery' at Delhi University.



- The book 'Modi at Twenty: Dreams Meet Delivery' is not a biography of the current Prime Minister but an extraordinary book, which has been written jointly by the ministers of the current cabinet, the National Security Advisor, and people from many walks of life.
- The book Dreams Meet Delivery is funded by Bluecraft Digital Foundation and published by Roopa.
- This book was written by Amit Shah, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, N.S.A. It is a compilation of 21 articles written by Ajit Doval, Nandan Nilekani, Sudha Murthy of Infosys, Uday Kotak of Kotak Mahindra Bank, and shuttler PV Sindhu among others.







Source: Indian Express

Important Days

International cooperative day

Why in News:

 Marked by cooperatives around the world since 1923 and officially declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 1995 on the centenary of the ICA, International Day of Co-operatives is celebrated annually on the first Saturday of July.



key points:

- This year, International Cooperative Day is celebrated on **2nd July** with the aim of highlighting the contribution of the cooperative movement.
- The theme of this year's International Cooperative Day is 'Cooperatives Build a Better World'.
- The purpose of the International Day of Co-operatives is to raise awareness of cooperatives and to promote the movement's ideas of international solidarity, economic efficiency, equality, and world peace.

Source: The Hindu

World sports journalist day









- World Sports Journalists Day also known as International Sports Journalists Day is observed on **2 July** every year.
- World Sports Journalists Day was first celebrated in the year 1994 when the International Sports Press Association decided to celebrate it in honor of its 70th anniversary.
- World Sports Journalists Day is celebrated with the aim of honoring all the sports journalists of the world.
- Sports journalism began to develop during the 19th century, but it focused on elite sports.
- The 20th century saw a turning point in the popularity of sports journalism. In 1880, only 0.4 percent of newspaper space was devoted to sports, but by the 1920s this figure had risen to 20 percent, as newspapers exclusively covered sports.

Source: Navbharat Times

Sports

JaspritBumrah



- India's stand-in captain JaspritBumrah holds the world record for most runs in an over in Test cricket by scoring **29 runs** in an over by England's Stuart Broad, breaking Brian Lara's record by one run.
- The world record was held by Lara for 18 years in a Test match in 2003-04, he made 28 runs in an over-off South African left-arm spinner Robin Peterson, in which he hit four fours and two runs in 6 balls. Scored 28 runs with sixes.
- Former Australia player **George Bailey** also scored 28 runs in an over, but he was behind Lara in terms of boundary count.

Source: Times of India

New National Record in Los Angeles by Parul Choudhary



• Indian sprinter Parul Choudhary set a national record during the sound running meet in Los Angeles and became the first athlete in the country to take less **than nine minutes** in the **women's 3000m event**.







- The **third place** in the competition was secured by **Parul** with a timing of **8 minutes 57.19 seconds.**
- Parul broke the new world record six years ago in New Delhi by breaking **Surya Longanathan's** record of 9 minutes and 4.5 seconds.
- Earlier, Parul Choudhary had won the women's 3000m steeplechase title at the National Championships in Chennai.

Source: News on Air

Reports and Indexes

Global Findex Database 2021

Why in News:

• Global Findex Database 2021 released by World Bank.



key points:

- The World Bank's Global Findex database surveyed how people in 123 economies use formal and informal financial services such as cards, ATMs, mobile phones, and the Internet.
- Globally, in 2021, 76 percent of adults had an account with a bank or regulated institution such as a credit union, microfinance institution, or mobile money service provider, according to the report.
- According to the Global Findex Database 2021, mobile money has become a key enabler of financial inclusion especially for women.
- According to the report, India has low access to formal banking and a lack of trust.
- Drop-in Frauds and Leakage: The transition from cash to biometric smart cards has resulted in a 47% reduction in drop-in frauds in pension payments.

Source: Indian Express

States Startup Ranking 2021







Why in News:

• The results of the 3rd edition of Startup Ranking of States have been released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry with an aim to support the startup ecosystem.



key points:

- According to the States' Startup Ranking 2021, the states of Gujarat and Karnataka have been placed at the top in the Best Performer category, while Meghalaya has topped the UTs and Northeastern States category.
- The Startup India initiative of the Government of India envisages building a strong startup ecosystem in the country with the objective of promoting innovation and providing opportunities to budding entrepreneurs.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry releases the startup rankings of the states from the year 2018.
- The Startup Ranking of the States is of utmost importance in highlighting the progress made by the States/UTs in promoting the Startup Ecosystem.
- State Startup Ranking 2021 aims to facilitate States/UTs to identify, learn and replicate good practices.

Source: Indian Express

QS Best Student Cities Ranking, 2023

Why in News:

• The QS Best Student Cities Rankings, 2023 were released by London-based global higher education analyst 'Quacquarelli Symonds (QS).









- London has been ranked as the best city in the QS Best Student Cities Ranking, 2023, while Seoul and Munich are ranked second and third.
- Buenos Aires is ranked top among Latin American countries according to the QS Best Student Cities Ranking, 2023.
- According to the QS Best Student Cities Ranking, 2023, the highest-ranked city in India is Mumbai, which is ranked 103rd globally.
- Mumbai is followed by Bangalore at 114th position this year, while Chennai and Delhi have been ranked 125th and 129th respectively in the list.
- The QS Best Student Cities Ranking provides independent data on factors that are relevant to a student's decision to study, including university standards, affordability, quality of life, views of past students studying in that destination, etc.

Source: Times of India

New Appointments

Junior Ferdinand Marcos

Why in News:

• Junior Ferdinand Marcos was sworn in as the 17th President of the Philippines in Manila.



- Junior Ferdinand Marcos succeeded President Rodrigo Duterte and Rodrigo Duterte's daughter Sarah Duterte was sworn in as the Vice President.
- The 64-year-old Marcos will have to face challenges like pandemics, high inflation, and a rising debt burden in the country.
- According to the Constitution of the Philippines, the term of the President is six years.
- India increased its partnership with ASEAN with the introduction of the Look East Policy in 1992, which in turn accelerated bilateral and regional relations with the Philippines.
- India-Philippines relations have seen greater diversity under the Act East Policy and currently India has a positive trade balance with the Philippines.







Source: Times of India

Important Personality

Swami Ramanujacharya

Why in News:

• The statue of Swami Ramanujacharya "Statue of Peace" was unveiled by the union home minister through video conference in Srinagar, Jammu, and Kashmir.



key points:

- Swami Ramanujacharya was a Vedic philosopher and social reformer who traveled across India and emphasized the principles of equality and social justice.
- Ramanujacharya's teachings inspired the saints of the Bhakti movement, and his disciple Ramananda started the Bhakti movement.
- The works of medieval saint poets Annamacharya, Bhakt Ramdas, Tyagraj, Kabir, and Mirabai have been influenced by his philosophy.
- Efforts have been made by Ramanujacharya to take education to those people who were deprived of it.
- Ramanujacharya's greatest contribution is the promotion of the concept of 'VasudhaivaKutumbakam', which is often translated as 'the whole universe is one family'.

Source: Livemint

Dalai Lama

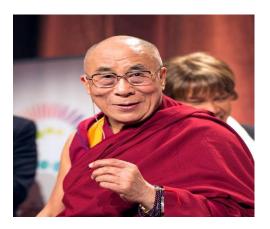
Why in News:

• The Dalai Lama was greeted by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on his 87th birthday.









- The Dalai Lama belongs to the Gelugpa tradition of Tibetan Buddhism, the largest and most influential tradition in Tibet.
- There has been a total of 14 Dalai Lamas in the history of Tibetan Buddhism, and the first and second Dalai Lamas were given this title posthumously.
- The 14th and current Dalai Lama is Tenzin Gyatso.
- Bodhisattvas are beings motivated by the desire to attain Buddhahood for the benefit of all sentient beings.
- The Dalai Lama emigrated to India from Tibet with thousands of followers during the 1959 Tibetan uprising, where he was welcomed by the former Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and allowed him to form a Tibetan government in exile in Dharamsala (Himachal Pradesh)

Source: Times of India

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee (6 July 1901 - 23 June 1953)

Why in News:

• Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee's birth anniversary was celebrated on 6th July and the Prime Minister of India paid tribute to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee on his birth anniversary.









- Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was born on July 6, 1901, in Calcutta.
- Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee was the founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh and was appointed as the President of 'Hindu Mahasabha' in the year 1944.
- In the year 1921, Dr. Mukherjee graduated in English from Calcutta and after graduating, in the year 1923, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee obtained a master's degree in Bengali language and literature from Calcutta itself.
- In the year 1951, 'Bharatiya Jana Sangh' was established in Delhi by Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee.
- Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee was vocal for the abolition of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and gave the slogan of Ek Nishan, Ek Vidhana, Ek Pradhan for this.

Source: Indian Express

Freedom Fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju

Why in News:

• The 125th birth anniversary celebrations of freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju were inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh on July 4, 2022.









- A 30 feet tall bronze statue of Alluri Sitarama Raju was also unveiled by Prime Minister Modi on the occasion.
- Alluri Sitarama Raju was born on July 4, 1897.
- Alluri Sitarama Raju fought against the British government in the Eastern Ghats region to protect the interests of the tribal community and led the Rampa rebellion of 1922.
- He was nicknamed "ManyamVeerudu" (hero of the forest) by the local villagers for his heroic deeds.
- In the year 1924, Alluri Sitarama Raju was taken into police custody and publicly shot after being tied to a tree and the armed rebellion was effectively put to an end.
- The government has approved the construction of the Alluri Meditation Temple in Mogallu, in which the statue of Alluri Sitarama Raju will be installed, and documentaries based on his biography will be made.

Source: PIB

Miscellaneous

Pasmanda community

Why in News:

• Attempts have been made by the Pasmanda community to attract the attention of many political parties for inclusive development and eradication of inter-caste discrimination.



key points:

- 'Pasmanda', a Persian word meaning "those who are left behind," is used for Muslims belonging to the Shudra (backward) and Ati-Shudra (Dalit) castes.
- Pasmanda includes people who are socially, educationally and economically backward and form the majority of the Muslim community in the country.
- The term "Pasmanda" is used by Muslim unions in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and other parts of India to define themselves as historically and socially oppressed Muslim communities by caste.

Source: The Hindu

'Pariksha Sangam Portal'







Why in News:

• The 'Pariksha Sangam' portal has been launched by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).



CBSE Pariksha Sangam Portal Result

key points:

- All types of information issued by the school, regional offices, and the headquarters of CBSE for the students through the Pariksha Sangam portal will be made available in one place in this portal.
- The Pariksha Sangam portal will help in integrating the examination-related processes, which can be conducted by the regional offices of the schools and the headquarters of the CBSE Board.
- Pariksha Sangam portal will also help the students to check their 10th and 12th class board results easily.
- Pariksha Sangam Portal is a one-stop portal for all activities related to CBSE Board Exams.
- Pariksha Sangam Portal is categorized into three main sections: 1. School (Ganga) Section, 2. Regional Office (Yamuna) Section, 3. Head Office (Saraswati) Section.

Source: Times of India

Hariyali Mahotsav

Why in News:

• Under the spirit of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, "Hariyali Mahotsav" will be organized on July 8, 2022, at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi.









- Hariyali Mahotsav- "Tree Mahotsav" is being organized with an aim to raise awareness about the importance of trees in not only sustaining the lives of the present generation but also securing the future of the generations to come.
- Hariyali Mahotsav 2022 will be organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change in collaboration with the state governments, police institutions, and schools of Delhi to conduct a tree plantation campaign on this occasion.
- As part of the festival, a ceremonial tree plantation drive will be organized at 75 degraded plantation sites across the country with the participation of 75 city forests, 75 police stations and 75 schools in Delhi/NCR and in different states.

Source: Times of India

Capacity Building Training Program

Why in News:

• A one-day 'Capacity Building Training Program' was organized by the National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with the State Women's Commission for the overall development of the women traders of Manipur and to create more and more entrepreneurial opportunities for them.



key points:

- Ima Keithel in Manipur is said to be the largest women's market in Asia, where a large number of women manage their stalls.
- The training program was divided into three technical sessions, the first session on the topic 'Knowledge of relevant banking schemes and how to use online banking' while the second session on 'Knowledge of tax laws/GST laws and tax compliances' and the third session on Based on the theme 'e-commerce performance'.
- Various government departments and eminent personalities from the banking sector have been invited by the commission as resource persons to inform and educate women on important topics like e-commerce, banking, tax laws.

Source: Indian Express







Drass Cycle Campaign

Why in News:

• The historic cycling campaign from Delhi to Dras was started by the Indian Army and Air Force simultaneously on the occasion of 75 years of independence of the country.



key points:

- The Drass Cycle Expedition team will consist of **twenty soldiers and airmen**, which will be led by **two talented women officers** from the **Armed Forces and the Air Force.**
- The campaign was flagged off from the **National War Memorial** in New Delhi and this team will cover a distance of **one thousand six hundred kilometers** by cycle in **24 days**.
- The campaign will be held on the **26th of this month** at the **Kargil Summer Memorial in Dras** to honor the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the Kargil War.
- The main objective of Drass Cycle Abhiyan is to inculcate the **feeling of nationalism** among Indian youth. During the cyclist campaign, interactions will be held with school children at various places.

Source: PIB







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