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Important News: International

First Virtual Summit of I-2U-2 Leaders

Why in News:

- India, Israel, UAE, and the USA attended the first summit of the Leaders of the Group of I2U2 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

key points:

- The conference, which was organized through a virtual medium, was attended by the Prime Minister of Israel (Yair Lapid), the President of the United Arab Emirates (Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan) and the President of the United States of America (Joe Biden).
- The idea of setting up an I2U2 group was mooted during the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of these four countries on 18 October 2021.
- Sherpa level meetings are held at regular intervals by each country in the I2U2 grouping to discuss possible areas of cooperation.
- The objective of the I2U2 grouping is to promote joint investments in six sectors namely water, energy, transport, space, health, and food security.
- I2U2's goal is to use private sector capital and expertise to modernize infrastructure, find low-carbon solutions for industry, improve public health and promote the development of critical emerging green technology.

Source: PIB

Important News: National

'Har Ghar Tiranga' National Campaign

Why in News:

- On the occasion of 75th Independence Day, the Central Government has announced the launch of a national campaign for the **'Har Ghar Tiranga'** across the country.

key points:

- The Har Ghar Tiranga National Campaign will be launched by the Ministry of Culture under the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi.
- The objective of the Har Ghar Tiranga National Campaign is to inculcate the spirit of patriotism among the people and to create awareness about the tricolor.
- The rules for the use, display, and hoisting of the National Flag are detailed in the Flag Code of Conduct, 2002, which came into force on 26 January 2002.
- The Flag Code of India, 2002 is divided into three parts-
    - The general description of the national flag is given in the first part
    - In the second part, a complete description has been given of the display of the national flag by members of the public, private organizations, educational institutions, etc.
    - In the third part, information has been provided about the hoisting of the national flag by the central and state governments and their organizations and agencies.

Source: Times of India

The government removed data on NGOs from the FCRA site

Why in News:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs has removed some important data from its Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) website which includes a list of NGOs whose licenses have been canceled by the government.

key points:

- The data removed by the home ministry also includes annual returns of NGOs.
- Earlier, several changes in FCRA rules were notified by the ministry in an "effort to reduce the compliance burden on NGOs".
- At present rule 13 is applicable to NGOs which pertains to the "Declaration of receipt of foreign contribution".
- Earlier, the Ministry of Home Affairs rejected Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity and Oxfam India's applications for renewal of FCRA licenses and also canceled the license of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Polity

Arbitration Bill 2021

Why in News:

- Substantial changes to the Arbitration Bill have been recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Justice.

key points:

- The Arbitration Bill 2021 passed by Parliament recognizes the importance of institutions to train arbitrators and service providers to provide arbitrations structured under their rules.
- The applicable laws under the Arbitration Bill 2021 can be used for arbitration only in pre-litigation cases.
- The Arbitration Bill 2021 seeks to remove the confusion arising from using both the expressions "arbitration" and "conciliation" in various laws.
- Online dispute resolution has been recognized in the Arbitration Bill 2021 so that every citizen of India can get its benefit.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Health

Marburg virus disease

Why in News:

- According to the World Health Organization (WHO), once again the number of people suffering from Marburg virus disease is increasing in the world.

key points:

- Marburg virus disease is an infectious hemorrhagic fever related to the Ebola virus.
- Marburg virus is transmitted to humans through bats.
- People-to-people transmission of the Marburg virus is rapid if a person infected with the Marburg virus comes into direct contact with individuals.
- Marburg virus has an incubation period of 2-21 days, due to which the disease is very harmful and fatal.
- Marburg virus infection is currently a concern in Ghana, although there have previously been cases of Marburg virus disease in Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Kenya, and South Africa.
- Common symptoms of Marburg virus disease include high fever, severe malaise, severe headache, muscle pain, etc.
- There is currently no treatment or vaccine developed for Marburg virus.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Sports

First gold medal earned by Arjun Babuta

Why in News:

- Arjun Babuta of India has won his first gold medal in International Shooting Sports Federation-ISSF World Cup.

key points:

- Arjun Babuta won the gold medal by defeating Lukas Kozenisky of America 17-9 in the final held in Changwon, South Korea.
- Arjun Babuta secured the first position in the ranking round with a score of 261.1, while Lucas finished second with a score of 260.4.
- In the same competition, Israel's Sergei Richter won the bronze medal while India's Parth Makhija finished fourth in the competition.
- ISSF World Cup organized by International Shooting Sports Federation in Cairo being done.
- India is second in the medal tally in this World Cup with two gold and one bronze medal.

Source: News on Air

ISSF World Cup

Why in News:

- India's pair of Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar Mane won the gold medal at the International Shooting Sports Federation-ISSF World Cup stage.

key points:

- Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar won the gold medal by defeating the Hungarian pair of Isjter Meszaros and Eastvan Penn 17-13 in the final of the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event.
- In the same competition, another Indian pair of Palak and Shiva Narwal won the bronze medal in the 10-meter air pistol mixed event.

- This is Tushar's first gold medal at the senior level for India while Mehuli won the gold medal for the second time before Mehuli Ghosh won the gold medal for the first time at the 2019 South Asian Games in Kathmandu.
- Currently, India is at the second position in the medal tally in this World Cup with two gold and one bronze medal.

Source: News on Air

Important News: Social Issue

Interpol's ICSE Initiative on Child Sexual Abuse

Why in News:

- India's Central Bureau of Investigation has been included in Interpol's International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) initiative.

key points:

- The initiative allows India's Central Bureau of Investigation to collaborate with investigators in other countries to trace child sexual abuse online and identify abusers, victims, and crime scenes from audio-visual clips using specialized software.
- The International Child Sexual Abuse ICSE database uses video and image comparisons to analyze child sexual abuse material (CSEM) and build relationships between victims, abusers and locations.
- The initiative can help avoid duplication of database efforts, which will also save investigators time by telling investigators whether a series of images have already been discovered or identified in another country, or whether it contains similar images to other images.
- At present, according to government data, every 155 minutes in India, a girl child under the age of 16 is raped, many of which are not even reported.
- Earlier, the 'Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention/Detection (OCSAE)' unit was set up by the CBI to make use of the CSEM data.

Source: The Hindu