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Important News: National

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

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.



key points:

- 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

Nairobi flies

Why in News:

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



key points:

- 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. Pedrus Eximius.
 2. Pederus Sabius.
- 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.

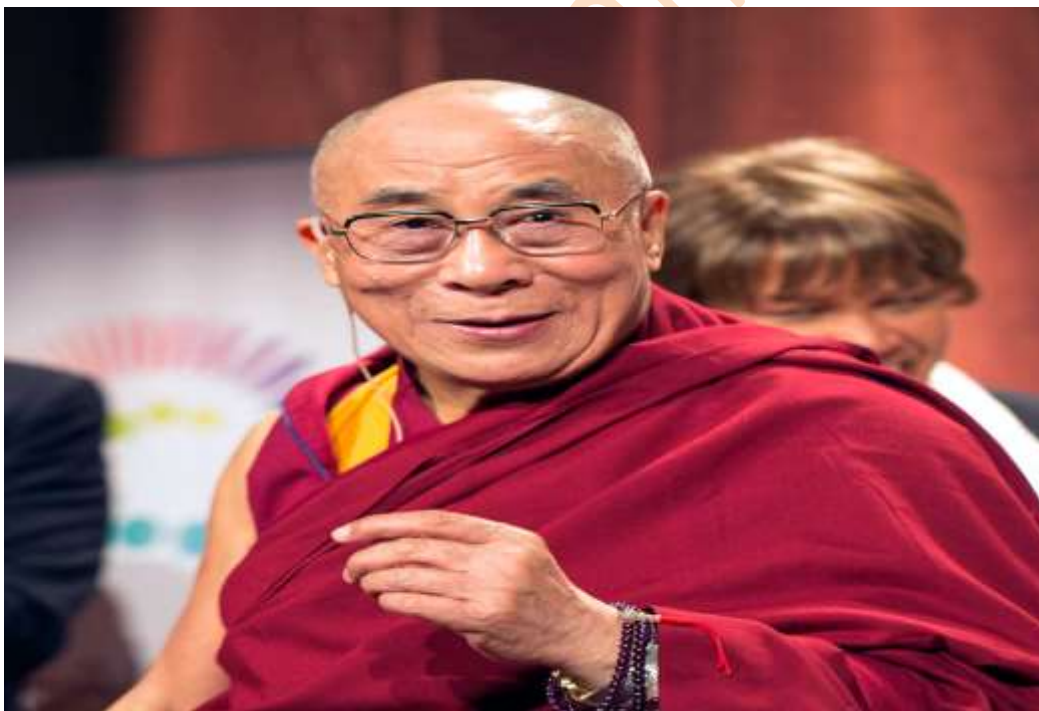
Source: Livemint

Important Personality

Dalai Lama

Why in News:

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



key points:



- 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)

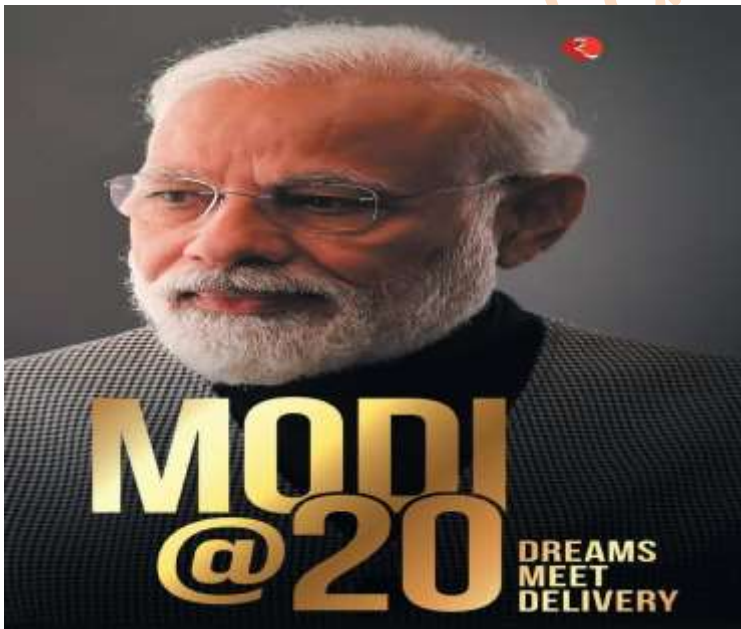
Source: Times of India

Important Books

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.



key points:



- 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 Appointment

Junior Ferdinand Marcos

Why in News:

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



key points:

- 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