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Important News: National

"India ki Udaan" initiative

Why in News:

- 'India Ki Udaan' initiative launched by the Ministry of Culture and Google to celebrate India's Atal, Immortal Spirit, and its achievements.



key points:

- India Ki Udan Utsav kicked off with a special event in Delhi as part of a decade-long partnership between the Ministry of Culture and Google.
- India Ki Udaan Yojana has been organized under the aegis of Joint Venture Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- A special exhibition was unveiled by Google Arts & Culture, under India's UDAN scheme, designed by the Google team to honor the achievers and the moments that made a difference in the last 75 years.
- Organized by Google Arts & Culture, the exhibition showcases the country's biggest achievements using Augmented Reality technology, including Indian handicrafts and stories of women doing something special for the country.
- India's Udaan program featured a scintillating performance by India's Got Talent 2022 winners Divyansh and Manuraj and a special performance by Clinton Cerejo and his team, showing artists from different parts of the country the culture of their region and bringing to life the diverse sounds of India with music and were brought together to form the 'Sound of India'.

Source: PIB

Important News: State

Panchamrut Yojana

Why in News:

- The scheme to double the income of farmers was launched by the Uttar Pradesh government under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's Panchamrut Yojana'.





key points:

- The Panchamrut scheme has been launched by the UP government with the aim to achieve the goal of doubling farmers' income through the introduction of cost-effective technological measures and the promotion of the co-cropping method.
- Initially, a total of 2028 farmers in the state will be selected for developing model plots before the autumn season under this scheme.
- According to the press note released by the UP government, the Panchamrut scheme is to reduce the production cost of sugarcane as well as include an integrated trench method for sowing sugarcane through five techniques, management, waste mulching, drip irrigation, and co-cropping.
- UP government's 'Panchamrut Yojana' aims at reducing costs through saving water and optimum use of sugarcane straw and leaves, saving the use of fertilizers and pesticides, promoting the cultivation of more than one crop for higher productivity, and at the same time increasing the income of the farmers.
- Under this scheme, those farmers will also be honored by the government that implementing the Panchamrut scheme.
- The Uttar Pradesh government's Panchamrut Yojana aims to encourage farmers to adopt new farming techniques to reduce the cost of agriculture and increase their income.

Source: Livemint

Important News: Awards

'dPal rNgam Duston' Award

Why in News:

- Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama has been conferred with the 'dPal rNgam Duston' award, Ladakh's highest civilian honor.



key points:

- Dalai Lama has been given this award for his immense contribution to humanity, especially to the Union Territory.
- This is the sixth award given to the Dalai Lama, by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council.
- The Dalai Lama belongs to the Gelugpa tradition, the largest and most influential tradition in Tibet of Tibetan Buddhism.
- There have been 14 Dalai Lamas in the history of Tibetan Buddhism, the 14th and current Dalai Lama being Tenzin Gyatso.
- According to the history of Buddhism, the first and second Dalai Lamas were posthumously conferred the title of Dalai Lama.
- The Dalai Lama is chosen jointly by the High Lamas of the Gelugpa tradition and the Tibetan government.
- According to the tradition of Buddhism, the Dalai Lamas symbolize Avalokiteshvara and Chenrezig, the Bodhisattvas of compassion and the patron saint of Tibet.
- The Dalai Lama was escorted to India, the Dalai Lama came to India from Tibet with thousands of followers during the 1959 Tibetan Rebellion and was welcomed to India by the former Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and he sent the Dalai Lama to Dharamsala (Himachal). province) to form a Tibetan government in exile.

Source: The Hindu

Important Government Scheme

Parwaz Market Linkage Scheme

Why in News:

- “Parwaz Market Linkage Scheme” was launched by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.



key points:

- Parwaz Market Linkage Scheme is an innovative market linkage scheme, which incorporates measures to improve the economic condition of the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Parwaz Market Linkage Scheme has been launched with the objective to create market linkage support for the shipment of perishable agricultural and horticultural commodities from Jammu and Kashmir.

- Under this scheme, a subsidy of 25% will be provided by the government on freight charges for carrying perishable fruits through air cargo.
- The subsidy received from this scheme will be transferred to the farmers through a direct benefit transfer mode.
- Parwaz Market Linkage Scheme is implemented by Jammu and Kashmir Horticulture Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation.
- Parwaz Market Linkage Scheme aims at trying to benefit the farmers by doubling their income.

Source: Times of India

Mission Vatsalya Yojana

Why in News:

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has implemented the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Mission Vatsalya" erstwhile Child Protection Service Scheme from the year 2009-10 for the welfare and rehabilitation of children.



key points:

- Mission Vatsalya aims to secure a healthy and happy childhood for every child in India.
- Mission Vatsalya aims at ensuring opportunities to enable children to realize their full potential while also helping them to thrive in a sustainable manner in all respects, a sensitive, supportive, and synchronous ecosystem for the development of children, to assist the States/UTs in fulfilling the mandate of the Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and achieving the SDG targets.
- The Integrated Child Protection Scheme was started by the government in the year 2010, which was renamed as "Child Protection Service Scheme" by the government in the year 2017, and again in the year 2021-22 the name of this scheme was named as Mission Vatsalya.
- Mission Vatsalya promotes family-based non-institutional care of children in difficult situations based on the principle of institutionalization of children as a last resort.
- Mission Vatsalya is implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme as per the cost-sharing ratio fixed between the Central and State/UT Governments.

Source: PIB

Important Appointment

CSIR appoints Nallathambi Kalaiseelvi as its first woman Director General

Why in News:

- Senior Electrochemical Scientist, Nallathambi Kalaiseelvi has been appointed as the first woman Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.



key points:

- The appointment of Nallathambi Kalaiseelvi will be from the date on which he assumes charge of the post or until further orders, or for a period of two years, whichever is earlier.
- Nallathambi Kalaiseelvi will succeed Shekhar Mande, the current Chairman of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.
- Prior to this appointment, Kalaiseelvi has spent more than 25 years of research work primarily on electrochemical power systems and in particular, electrochemical evaluation of in-house prepared electrode materials for the development of electrode materials and their suitability in energy storage device assemblies.
- Nallathambi Kalaiseelvi's research has ranged from lithium and lithium batteries to supercapacitors and waste-to-money powered electrodes and electrolytes for energy storage and electrocatalytic applications.
- The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is a pan-India institute comprising an active network of 37 national laboratories, 39 remote centers, 3 innovative campuses, and 5 units.
- CSIR was established on 26 September 1942 as an autonomous body under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, and its headquarters is located in New Delhi.
- The ex-officio chairman of CSIR or Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is the Prime Minister of India.

Source: Indian Express

Important Days

Nation celebrates 80th anniversary of Quit India Movement

Why in News:

- On 8 August 2022, the 80th anniversary of the Quit India Movement, which is considered an important milestone in the history of the freedom struggle, has been made across the nation.



key points:

- The Quit India Movement is considered to be a peaceful and non-violent movement whose aim was only to urge the British to leave India and provide independence.
- On August 8, 1942, Mahatma Gandhi called for the end of British rule and with this, the Quit India Movement was started in the session of the All-India Congress Committee in Mumbai.
- During the Quit India Movement, Gandhiji gave the slogan "Do or Die" to the people of India in his speech at Gwalia Tank Maidan, presently known as August Kranti Maidan.
- Quit India Movement was started all over India in three phases in which-
 - The first phase of the movement included urban uprisings, strikes, boycotts, and dharnas.
 - In the second phase of the movement, rural areas were included in the movement.
 - The third and final phase of the movement involved the formation of national governments or parallel governments in different areas such as Ballia, Tamluk, Satara, etc.
- The main demands of the Quit India Movement included the demand to end the British rule in India with immediate effect to get the support of Indians in the Second World War against fascism and to form an interim government after the British left India.

Source: The Hindu

National Handloom Day

Why in News:

- In India, National Handloom Day is celebrated every year on 7 August with the aim of honoring the handloom weavers.



key points:

- Handloom is a symbol of our cultural heritage and is also an important source of livelihood.
- National Handloom Day of the year 2022 is the 8th National Handloom Day.
- This year the theme of National Handloom Day 2022 is "Handloom, an Indian Heritage".
- The Government of India has taken several initiatives aimed at promoting the handloom industry in India, which include government schemes like the Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, National Handloom Development Programme, and Comprehensive Welfare Scheme for Handloom Weavers and Yarn Supply Scheme.
- The objective of National Handloom Day is to bring awareness to the handloom industry as well as to honor the weavers.
- Handloom industry is the largest industry in India which is an important source of employment in rural areas of India.
- Indian handloom sector exports its products to more than 20 countries of the world like the UK, USA, France, Germany, and South Africa.
- At present 70% of all weavers and allied workers in the handloom industry in India are women.
- In the year 1905, on 7th August, the Swadeshi Movement was started in Calcutta Town Hall in protest against the partition of Bengal by the British Government. declared as.

Source: Hindustan Times