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Important News: International

Paraguay: Mahatma Gandhi's statue unveiled

Why in News:

- A statue of Mahatma Gandhi has been unveiled in Paraguay by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during his first official visit to South America.



key points:

- The decision of Asuncion Municipality to put up a statue of Mahatma Gandhi on the main bank of the city was also praised by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is on an official visit to Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina from 22-27 August.
- The newly opened Indian Embassy complex was inaugurated by S Jaishankar during his visit, which started functioning in January 2022 in Paraguay.
- During his visit to Paraguay, S Jaishankar also visited the historic Casa de la Independencias, from where the South American country's independence movement began more than two centuries ago.
- Mr. Jaishankar arrived in Brazil on the first leg of his six-day visit to South America, aimed at boosting overall bilateral ties with the region.
- Shri Jaishankar met envoys from Latin America and the Caribbean in New Delhi, with a focus on promoting holistic bilateral relations.
- The purpose of the External Affairs Minister's visit is to explore new areas of cooperation in the post-pandemic era.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: National

Super Vasuki: Longest Freight Train of Indian Railways

Why in News:

- Indian Railways has tested its latest train named Super Vasuki.



key points:

- Super Vasuki is operated by the Southeast Central Railway (SECR) zone of Indian Railways.
- The Southeast Central Railway had run a record long-distance goods train last year in Vasuki and Trisula and before that the 2.8 km long Sheshnag train.
- Super Vasuki has been established by merging five rakes of goods trains into a single unit which is 3.5 km in length.
- During the test run, the train carried six locos, 295 wagons, and a gross weight of 25,962 tons, making it the longest and heaviest freight train run by the Railways.
- The Super Vasuki is three times the capacity of the existing railway rakes (90 cars of 100 tons each), which can carry around 9,000 tons of coal in a single journey.
- During testing, the Super Vasuki train has taken 11.20 hours to cover a distance of 267 km.

Source: Indian Express

Navy unfurls flag in 6 time zones across 6 continents

Why in News:

- In a first-of-its-kind effort, Indian Naval Ships (INS) (Warships) traveled across 6 continents - North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia as a part of the celebration of 75 years of Amrit Mahotsav of Independence. travel has been done.



key points:

- The tricolor national flag of India was flown by Indian warships in 6 continents, 3 oceans, and 6 different time zones during this campaign.

- As a part of the celebration of India's independence, a coordinated effort of this magnitude is being undertaken for the first time with friendly nations and maritime allies.
- During this campaign, the United States (USA) (North America), Rio de Janeiro (South America) in Brazil, Mombasa in Kenya (Africa), Muscat in Oman and Singapore (Asia), United Kingdom (UK) (Europe) The tricolor has been hoisted in London, and in Perth in Western Australia (Australia).
- The countries where the tricolor was hoisted under this campaign include-
- Australia:
 - INS Sumedha participated in Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with Australian Naval Ship HMAS Anzac, an Anzac class warship of the Royal Australian Navy, on 17 August 2022.
- Asia:
 - INS Saryu entered Changi Naval Base in Singapore as part of the Indian Navy's initiative to hoist the tricolor across 6 continents.
- Africa:
 - Talwar-class frigate INS Tabar (F44) arrived in Mombasa, Kenya on 14 August 2022 and participated in several activities including flag hoisting ceremony.
- South America:
 - INS Tarkash docked at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 15 August 2022.
- North America:
 - INS Satpura docked at San Diego Harbor in the US on 13 August 2022.
- Europe:
 - Made-in-India by naval ship INS Tarangini, docked at Thames Quay in East London, UK.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: State

GI tag to Mithila Makhana of Bihar

Why in News:

- The Central Government has designated Mithila Makhana as a Geographical Indication (GI).



Key Points:



- The addition of a Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Mithila Makhana will allow growers to maximize the value of their quality supply.
- No one or corporation may sell anything identical to a product that has gotten this tag.
- The Geographical Indication (GI) label is valid for ten years and can be renewed.
- Other advantages of GI registration include legal protection for the commodity, restriction of unauthorized use by others, and export promotion.
- A Geographical Indication, sometimes known as a GI, is a term or indication given to particular items that are associated with a certain geographical location or origin of a region, city, or country.
- The use of geographical indications is seen as proof that a specific product is manufactured using traditional methods, has certain distinguishing characteristics, or has a special reputation due to its geographical origin.
- Wine and spirit drinks, cuisine, agricultural products, handicrafts, and industrial products are all examples of geographical indicators.
- The GI tag ensures that no one can use a popular product name after those who have been registered as approved users.

Source: Livemint

Important Government Scheme

Rural Entrepreneur Project - Phase 2

Why in News:

- Phase II of the Rural Entrepreneurs Project at Ranchi (Jharkhand) by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in collaboration with Sewa Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society, with an aim to promote skill development and entrepreneurship among tribal youth and to promote Skill India Mission, has been launched.



key points:

- Participants from rural and tribal areas of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat were included in the first phase of the Rural Entrepreneurs Project.
- Under the first phase of the Rural Entrepreneur Project, training of 157 participants in seven groups was started in May 2022 at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh in which about 133 participants successfully completed the training on June 27, 2022.
- The second phase of the Rural Entrepreneur Project has been started in Ranchi.

- The objective of this training program is to empower tribal youth for skill development and entrepreneurship.
- Under the Rural Entrepreneur Project, the government aims to make India self-reliant in rural areas as well.
- Another major component of this project is to provide quality education to the tribal communities.
- The main objective of the Rural Entrepreneur Project is to boost the rural/local economy, increase employment opportunities so as to reduce forced migration due to lack of local opportunities, and also conserve natural resources.
- Presently, the project is being implemented in six states- Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Gujarat.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Sports

UEFA League

Why in News:

- Young striker Manisha Kalyan has become the first Indian footballer to play in the UEFA Women's Champions League.



key points:

- Manisha Kalyan made her debut for Apollon Ladies FC at the European club competition in Angomi, Cyprus.
- Earlier in November 2021, Manisha Kalyan, the 20-year-old became the first Indian footballer to score a goal in the AFC Women's Club Championship.
- There was an impressive performance by Manisha Kalyan for the national team and Gokulam Kerala in the Indian Women's League (IWL).
- Manisha Kalyan Gokulam is the second player from Kerala to have signed for an overseas club after Dangme Grace joined Uzbek outfit FC Nassau.
- Earlier Manisha Kalyan was awarded the AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year for the year 2021-22 season.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: Defence

Composite Indoor Shooting Range is inaugurated at INS Karna

Why in News:

- The first of its kind Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR) is inaugurated at INS Karna on the Eastern Seaboard by Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command.



key points:

- Presently the CISR Navy has a state-of-the-art, self-contained, 25 m, six-lane, live firing range for all primary and secondary weapons.
- The associated control software, as well as advanced aiming systems, will enable the range personnel to hone their firing skills, enabling them to challenge and face adversaries in challenging scenarios.
- The range has been established by an Indian firm in line with contemporary international standards and is touted as an example of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative in the year of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- INS Karna is the first in the Navy and the only military unit in the country to have established and utilized such a facility.
- The government aims to significantly enhance the operational efficiency of the ENC naval personnel with this facility.

Source: The Hindu

Important Days

17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023

Why in News:

- The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 will be held in Indore in January 2023, according to Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Arindam Bagchi.



Key Points:

- Every year on January 9, Pravasi Bharatiya Divas commemorates the contribution of the abroad Indian population to the growth of India.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is observed on January 9, 1915, to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa.
- Its format has been changed in 2015 to celebrate Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) every two years.
- The 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was held in Varanasi from 21 to 23 January 2019, with Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth as the main guest.
- The decision to mark Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was made in response to the recommendations of the Government of India's High-Level Committee (HLC) on the Indian Diaspora, which was chaired by LM Singhvi.
- The then-Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, presented the committee's findings during a public gathering at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on 8 January 2002 and announced 9 January 2002 as "Pravasi Bharatiya Divas" (PBD).

Source: News on Air