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Important News: National

1. India will be sharing its AI-based language platform, Bhashini, with SCO member countries

Why in News:

- The PM has announced that India will be sharing its Bhashini platform with the SCO member countries to remove language barriers.

Key Points:

- Bhashini is an Artificial Intelligence based language translator which seeks to promote digital services in Indian languages. It also includes voice based access and aid citizens in creating digital content in Indian languages.
- This platform will promote greater integration of Indian society as well as all native languages.
- It seeks to promote AI and the Natural Language Processing (NLP) resources available to all through public domains, so that startups, industries and innovators can use it.
- The 8 full time members of SCO - China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan.
- Iran has recently become the 9th member of the SCO.



Source: Indian Express

2. Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Why in News:

- The ADB has recently approved a funding of USD 200 million for Rajasthan Town development plan to improve water supply and sanitation systems.

Key Points:

- The project further envisages attracting investment of private sector to improve and strengthen sanitation system in manufacturing areas of Rajasthan.
- ADB assists the member countries by providing loans, technical advice and equity investments to foster economic and social growth across Asia-Pacific regions.
- The bank was established on 19th December 1966 as a multilateral development bank.
- The bank has a total of 68 members—of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 are from outside this region.
- The Head-quarter of ADB is in the Manila, Philippines.



Source: Business Standard

3. Central Water Commission

Why in News:

- The Central Water Commission monitored 110 out of the 146 reservoirs in India and found that around 40% are running at low water levels which is below their capacities.



Key Points:

- The water levels below their capacities in reservoirs are a cause of concern for irrigation activities during rabi season and drinking water needs.
- The analysis done by CWC reported that 33% of 717 districts that were monitored received deficient rainfall. The deficiency ranges from 11 percent to 80 per cent as per IMD.
- The Central Water Commission is a Technical Organization of India in the field of water resources.
- The organization is currently working as an attached office of the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- The function of CWC is mainly related to initiating, coordinating and furthering in consultation of state government regarding proper utilization of water resources.



Source: Times of India

Important News: States

4. National Chambal Sanctuary

Why in News:

- A proposal in the regard to create a dolphin sanctuary area in the Sanctuary was sent to state government by deputy conservator of the forest.

Key Points:

- The Chambal Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary or the National Chambal Sanctuary is spread across 5400 sq km at the tri-junction of three states namely, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.



- The sanctuary aims to protect the critically endangered Gharial, Red-crowned roof turtle & endangered Ganges dolphin.
- The Chambal Sanctuary is listed as Important Bird Area (IBA), supporting largest population of the Gharials in the wild.
- The vegetation is a part of the Kathiar-Gir dry deciduous forest ecoregion. The topography is full of ravines, hills and sandy beaches.
- The sanctuary is drained by the Chambal River and its tributaries.



Source: Livemint

Important News: sports

5. SAFF Championship 2023

Why in News:

- Indian men football team defeated Kuwait to win SAFF Championship for the 9th time.

Key Points:

- The SAFF Football Championship, also known as the South Asian Football Federation Championship is a biennial event in which teams from South Asian countries participates. The championship aims to promote football in the same region.
- The inaugural session of SAFF Championship was held in Lahore, Pakistan in 1993 where India defeated Pakistan and emerged victorious.
- The best goal-keeper award was given to Anisur Rahman Zico, while Nepal team won the Fairplay Award.
- The highest goal scored award was given to Sunil Chhetri (6 Goals) and he also won the Most Valuable Player award.
- Kuwait was awarded with the runners-up title. The Indian team was awarded with a cash prize of USD 50,000, equivalent to INR 41 lakh.



Source: The Hindu



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Important News: states

6. SWARNIMA scheme for women

Why in News:

- The Ministry Of Women And Child Development has released a term loan scheme for supporting women entrepreneurs from backward classes.

Key Points:

- The scheme will offer social and financial security through term loans to empower women entrepreneurs.
- It will be implemented by the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC).
- The scheme provides for the loans up to ₹2,00,000/- at an interest rate of 5% per annum. The beneficiary is not required to fund into the project with cost upto ₹2,00,000/-.
- The applicant must be a female with age between 18 to 55 years and total family income must be less than ₹3,00,000/-.
- At the ground level State Channelising Agencies will implement the scheme.



New Swarnima Scheme For Women

New Swarnima Scheme for Women:
NBCFDC Loan Apply, Eligibility

Source: The Hindu



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Important News: Economy**7. International Conference on Green Hydrogen****Why in News:**

- The government of India will host the International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2023) in New Delhi from 5-7 July, 2023.

Key Points:

- The conference aims to bring together global leaders in scientific research, policy-making, academia, and industry to discuss and deliberate advancement in green hydrogen sector.
- The ministry of new and renewable energy will organized the conference in collaboration with the ministry of petroleum and natural gas, council of scientific and industrial research, office of the principal scientific advisor to the government, and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to promote sustainable development of Green hydrogen.
- India's National Green Hydrogen Mission was launched on January 4, 2023, the mission aims to position India as a global hub for green hydrogen production, utilization, and export, contributing to the country's target of achieving net zero by 2070.
- Green hydrogen is a type of hydrogen that is produced through the electrolysis of water using renewable energy sources such as solar or wind power. The electrolysis process splits water into hydrogen and oxygen, and the hydrogen produced can be used as a clean and renewable fuel.



Source: Indian Express



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Important News: Awards

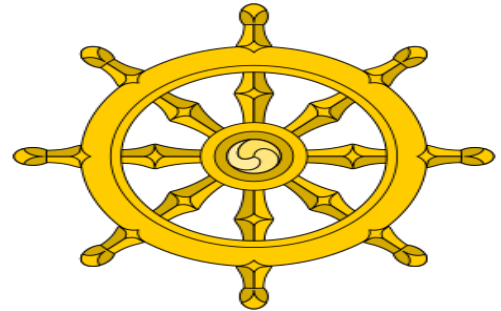
8. Dharma Chakra DAY

Why in News:

- The Ministry of Culture in partnership with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) has celebrated the Dharma Chakra day on July 4th.

Key Points:

- Dharma Chakra Day is celebrated to commemorate Buddha's first teaching after attaining enlightenment. It is observed on the full moon day of Asadha in the Indian sun calendar. It is also observed as Guru Purnima, a day to honour spiritual teachers, by both Buddhists and Hindus.
- The day highlights the beginning of the Rainy Season retreat for monks and nuns.
- The day commemorates the Dhamma Cakka-Pavattana Sutta, including the Four Noble Truths and Noble Eightfold Path



Source: Economic Times

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