



CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1. Har Ghar Dastak

About:

- Nationwide Vaccination Campaign 'Har Ghar Dastak' have made positive impact in increasing the vaccination coverage across the country.
- The country has achieved a significant milestone by administering over 125 crore COVID vaccine doses to the beneficiaries so far.
- More than 84 per cent adult population have been administered first dose whereas 49 per cent adults have been administered second dose.

2. Mahaparinirvana Diwas

About:

- The Nation is paying tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr B R Ambedkar on his 65th Mahaparinirvan Diwas or death anniversary today.
- A number of functions are being organised all over the country to highlight the contribution of Dr Ambedkar in nation-building.

Significance:

The term 'parinirvan' has a deep meaning in Buddhist traditions and refers to someone who has attained nirvana in his lifetime and after death.

December 6 is observed to commemorate his unfathomable contribution to society and his achievements. Millions of people and followers assemble at the Chaitya Bhoomi (Dadar Chowpatty Beach in Mumbai), on this day.

Buddhist monks are reciting Dhamma Puja, and special songs dedicated to Dr Ambedkar are being performed in the Parliament by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's Song and Drama Division.

3. SRESHTA Scheme

About:

- Social Justice and Empowerment Minister today launched Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SRESHTA) for socio-economic upliftment and overall development of Scheduled Castes students.
- The scheme was launched on the occasion of Mahaparinirvan Diwas of Dr B R Ambedkar in New Delhi. The scheme will enable bright SC students to have a better future by getting high-quality education.
- It will also aid in controlling dropout rates of SC students from class 9th to 12th. In the next five year the Ministry

will extend support to around 25 thousand meritorious SC students involving 300 crore rupees for providing them quality residential education.

- The Ministry also transferred Post Matric Scholarship to more than four lakh SC and ST students through Direct Benefit Transfer amounting to over 245 crore rupees. 50 percent of these beneficiaries are women.

4. **First Maitri Diwas**

About:

The first Maitri Diwas to mark the recognition of Bangladesh as an independent and sovereign nation by India and Bhutan in 1971 was celebrated in Bangladesh on Monday, 6 December.

India accords the highest priority to celebrate the 50th anniversary of liberation of Bangladesh.

The decision to mark December 6 as Maitree Diwas was taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during the State Visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Bangladesh in March this year.

5. **Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2021**

Why in news?

The Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2021, has been introduced by the Minister of State in the PMO Dr Jitendra Singh in the Lok Sabha today.

About:

- The Bills seek to replace two Ordinances promulgated by the Centre on November 14 this year amending the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 and the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.
- They provide for the tenure of the Directors of the CVC and the CBI to be extended by up to one year at a time, till the completion of five years from the initial appointment.

6. **100 glorious years of PAC**

Why in news?

The Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament is going to celebrate 100th year of its establishment from tomorrow.

The celebrations include four thematic sessions on Functioning of PACs in Present Times, Challenges and Way Forward; Realigning the PAC's Approach; Collecting information from Non-Governmental Sources and Assessing Outcome Programmes, Schemes, and Projects; Implementation of Recommendations of PAC Adherence to Timelines and Mechanisms for strict compliance.

About:

- The PAC is formed every year with a strength of not more than 22 members of which 15 are from Lok Sabha and 7 from Rajya Sabha.
- The term of office of the members is one year.

- The Chairman is appointed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha. Since 1967, the chairman of the committee is selected from the opposition.
- Being only an executive body; it cannot issue an order. Only the Parliament can take a final decision on its findings.
- It is the oldest of all House panels. The Committee on Public Accounts was first set up in 1921 in the wake of the Montague-Chelmsford Reforms.

7. **3rd India-Republic of Korea Strategic Dialogue**

About:

Within the framework of the close and strategic partnership between India and the Republic of Korea, the two sides held in-depth discussions to further enhance the Special Strategic Partnership.

Both sides agreed to further strengthen and deepen mutually beneficial strategic cooperation in areas of bilateral, regional, and global interest.

Indigenisation, joint development, and joint production in the defence sector between India and Republic of Korea was emphasized upon.

The partnership is critical and high technologies and supply chain resilience were also discussed.

The two sides identified areas of cooperation in Cyber Security and Information Technology, Maritime Security, and threats and challenges from terrorism, extremism and

radicalization.

It was agreed to strengthen synergies between India's Act East Policy and Republic of Korea's New Southern Policy.

8. **AK-203**

Why in news?

India- Russia Joint venture is all set to give a big boost to self-reliance in defence. Under a project, over five lakh AK-203 Rifles will be produced at Amethi in Uttar Pradesh giving a boost to Make in India and paving the way for Uttar Pradesh to become a defence manufacturing hub of India.

India- Russia partnership in various sectors, especially defence has grown manifold over the years. In yet another example, the two countries have joined hands to produce over five lakh AK-203 assault rifles at Korwa in Amethi district of Uttar Pradesh.

The project will be implemented by a special purpose Joint Venture called Indo- Russian Rifles Private Ltd. It has been created with the Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited and Munitions India Limited from the Indian side and Rosoboronexport (RoE) and concern Kalashnikov of Russia.

About:

The 7.62 X 39 m.m. caliber AK-203 Rifles will replace in-service INSAS Rifle inducted over three decades back. AK-203 Assault Rifles, with an effective range of 300 metres, are light weight, robust and easy to use Modern

Assault Rifles with proven technology. It will enhance the combat potential of soldiers to meet the operational challenges and the increasing the effectiveness of Counter-Insurgency or Counter-Terrorism operations.

Significance

The project will provide business opportunities to various MSMEs and other defence industries for supply of raw material and components. It will in turn lead to generation of new employment opportunities.

The project marks a significant stride towards making Uttar Pradesh a key contributor in the defence manufacturing prowess of India.

9. Sandhayak

About:

- GRSE launched sandhayak the 'First Of Class' Indigenous Survey Vessel.
- The 'Launch' symbolizes the “birth” of the ship as she makes her first contact with water and is floated out for from her building berth.
- These ships are also capable of undertaking survey of Maritime limits and collection of Oceanographic & Geographical data for Defence applications, thus boost the maritime capabilities of the country.
- These ships are propelled by two Marine Diesel Engines combined with Fixed Pitch Propellers and fitted with Bow & Stern Thrusters for maneuvering at low speeds during surveys.

- The ships are fully designed by the Design team of GRSE to meet the requirements of the Indian Navy and are being built & outfitted utilising the concepts of 'Integrated Construction' and in compliance with applicable provisions and regulations of the Classification Society (IRS).

10. EKUVERIN

Why in news?

The 11th edition of Exercise EKUVERIN between India and Maldives will be conducted at Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives from tomorrow. It will conclude on the 19th of this month.

About:

The exercise will enhance synergy and inter-operability between the Armed Forces of both nations in terms of understanding transnational terrorism both on land and at sea, conducting Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Insurgency Operations and sharing best military practices and experiences.

Besides rigorous training, the joint military exercise will also include cultural and sports activities to enhance defence cooperation and bilateral relations.

The exercise will go a long way in strengthening India's relations with the Maldives amidst emerging security dynamics in the Indian Ocean Region.