



NATIONAL

1. Bedti-Varada river interlinking project

Why in news - Environmental groups in Karnataka have criticized the project calling it unscientific and a waste of public money.

Key Points –

- The plan aims to link the Bedti (drain into the Arabian Sea) with the Varada (a tributary of the Tungabhadra river).
- It was envisaged in 1992 to pump about 524 million cubic meters of water from Sirsi in Uttara Kannada to the arid regions of Raichur and Koppal districts.
- Dams to be built at - Hirevadatti (Gadag district), Menasagoda (Sirsi, Uttara Kannada district).

2. Garuda Aerospace

Why in news - India's Garuda Aerospace has teamed up with Malaysia-based HiilSE Drones to invest Rs 115 crore in Malaysia to set up a 2.42-hectare drone factory.

Key Points –

- Mahendra Singh Dhoni is a shareholder and brand ambassador for the company.
- Founder and CEO of Garuda Aerospace - Agnishwar Jayaprakash.

- First G7 summit took place in Puerto Rico (USA) in 1976.
- Russia joined in 1997 and became the G-8.
- Russia was ousted as a member in 2014 and again became G-7.

2. Zuljanah

Why in news - Iran has tested its Zuljanah satellite launcher for a second time.

Key Points –

- It is capable of putting payloads weighing up to 220 kg into the orbit at an altitude of 500 km.
- In March, Iran launched military satellite Noor 2 into orbit.

3. Yaogan-35

Why in news - Three new remote sensing satellites were successfully launched by China as part of the Yaogan-35 family.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. National MSME Award 2022

Why in news - Ministry of MSME (GoI) has announced National Awards 2022 for the MSMEs.

Key Points –

- MSMEs department of Odisha has been awarded first prize in the category National MSME Award 2022 to States/UTs for outstanding contribution.
- 'National MSME Award 2022 to Aspirational districts for outstanding contribution in the promotion and development of MSME Sector' – Kalahandi (3rd prize).

2. Golden Achievement Award

Why in news - India's Vijay Amritraj has been named the 2021 recipient of the Golden Achievement Award.

Key Points –

- Awarded by the International Tennis Hall of Fame and International Tennis Federation.

INTERNATIONAL

1. G7 Summit 2022

Why in news - PM Narendra Modi attended the 48th G7 Summit (June 26-27) in Munich, Germany.

Key Points –

- Special invitees - Argentina, India, Indonesia, Senegal, South Africa and Ukraine.
- G7 chair 2022 - German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.
- Britain, the United States, Japan and Canada agreed to ban on new Russian gold imports.
- The G7 leaders launched 'The Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment' to raise \$600 billion for developing countries to counter China's growing influence.

About G7 –

- Members - Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.
- G6 was founded in 1975 by France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Canada joined in 1976.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Shyam Saran

Why in news - Former foreign secretary Shyam Saran appointed as the new president of the India International Centre. He succeeded N N Vohra.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Siren for elephants

Why in news - The Odisha forest department plans to install automatic sirens near its national highway to protect elephants from accidents.

Key Points –

- The sensor-based sirens would alert drivers within a distance of up to 1 km.
- Initiative by 'Change' and Dhenkanal Forest Department.
- First siren tower is located along Dhenkanal-Anugul NH 55.

2. Udaipur's 'bird village'

Why in news – Menar village in Udaipur district is set to be notified as Rajasthan's new wetland.

Key Points –

- Brahma and Dhandh lakes in the village host a large number of migratory birds during the winter season.
- It will help in getting the Ramsar site status under the Ramsar convention, 1971.
- Both freshwater lakes would get protection under the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2019.
- Keoladeo Ghana (Bharatpur) and Sambhar Salt (Jaipur) lake are two Ramsar sites in Rajasthan.

- Man of the Tournament - Sarfaraz Khan (Mumbai). Scored 982 runs at an average of 122.75.
- Mumbai has won this tournament the most by 41 times.
- The competition is named after the first Indian cricketer Ranjit Singh, who played international cricket.

BIHAR

1. 4th National Wheel Chair Rugby Championship 2022

Why in news – The national event concluded at Patliputra Sports Complex indoor stadium, Patna.

Key Points –

- Karnataka won the championship title defeating Bihar by 19-16.
- Top 3 – Karnataka (1st), Bihar (2nd), Haryana (3rd).
- Education Minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary handed over the trophy to the Karnataka Wheelchair Rugby team.

2. Amrit Sarovar

Why in news – 2852 Amrit Sarovar would be developed in all 38 districts of Bihar.

Key Points –

- Construction work on 1050 ponds have been started.
- Development of 75-75 ponds is to be done on an average at state level under MNREGA scheme.
- Maximum – Katihar (101 ponds), Minimum – Sheohar (27).

3. India Today MDR 2022 Survey

Why in news – India Today MDR 2022 survey prepared data on top educational institutions in the country.

Key Points –

- In arts category, Patna Women's College got the first rank in the eastern region (30th in country).
- In Science category, AN College ranked first in Bihar (42nd in country).

OBITUARIES

1. Zhang Jun

Why in news – Chinese paid emotional tribute to Zhang Jun (1933-2012), China's legendary dancer of Bharatanatyam, Kathak and Odissi.

SPORTS

1. Ranji Trophy 2022

Why in news – Madhya Pradesh won their maiden Ranji Trophy title beating 41-time champion Mumbai by 6 wickets in the final.

Key Points –

- Venue - M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.
- MP captain - Aditya Shrivastava, Coach - Chandrakant Pandit.





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POINTERS

- The country which has been retained in the 'Grey List' of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) – **Pakistan.**
- Recently, fast bowler Katherine Brunt of which country has announced retirement from Test cricket – **England.**
- The player who has recently become the oldest Indian player to score T20 half-century - **Dinesh Karthik.**
- Recently, the city in which India has approved the establishment of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Center - **Colombo, Sri Lanka.**
- Who has recently won gold medal in Under-15 Asian Junior Squash Championship - **Anahat Singh.**
- Which ministry has approved setting up of 'BRO Cafe' in 75 border areas of 12 States/UTs - **Ministry of Defense.**
- Recently, the BJP-led NDA has nominated whom for the Presidential election- **Draupadi Murmu.**
- Recently, which the organization has approved a loan of \$ 245 million to modernize the freight and logistics infrastructure of the Indian Railways - **World Bank.**
- The leading Indian-American legal expert has been named General Counsel in the Department of Veterans Affairs by US President Joe Biden - **Anjali Chaturvedi.**
- CPCB has prepared to ban how many items related to Single Use Plastic (SUP) from July **1– 19.**
- Recently, which country has successfully launched 'Nuri Rocket' - **South Korea.**