



CURRENT AFFAIRS



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NATIONAL

1. Namsai Declaration

Why in news - Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma and his Arunachal Pradesh counterpart Pema Khandu signed an agreement on July 15 to end border issues between the two states.

Key Points –

- They met at Namsai in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Both decided to “restrict” the number of disputed villages to 86 instead of 123.
- Both states share an 804.1 km-long border.

2. Ripudaman Singh Malik

Why in news – The accused in the 1985 Air India bombing (acquitted in 2005) was shot dead in Surrey in Canada.

Key Points –

- A suitcase bomb was loaded into Air India Flight 182 which exploded off the coast of Ireland, killing 329 passengers and crew.
- Talwinder Singh Parmar was the alleged mastermind of the Air India bombing.

3. “Jagriti” mascot

Why in news – The Department of Consumer Affairs has launched “Jagriti”, a mascot for empowering consumers and generating awareness towards their rights.

INTERNATIONAL

1. CAATSA sanctions waiver

Why in news - The US House of Representatives has approved a waiver to India against the punitive CAATSA sanctions for its purchase of the S-400 (USD 5 billion) from Russia.

Key Points –

- The amendment was introduced by Indian-American Congressman Ro Khanna.

About CAATSA –

- CAATSA - Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act.
- It is a US federal law enacted in 2017.
- It is aimed at enforcing sanctions against Russia, Iran and North Korea.
- It contains 12 types of sanctions.

2. Croatia to adopt Euro as currency

Why in news - European Union has given Croatia the final approval to adopt the euro, replacing the Croatian kuna.

Key Points –

- Croatia became the 20th country to join the eurozone.
- It will be implemented from January 1, 2023.

3. USA tested hypersonic missile

Why in news - The U.S. Air Force successfully tested a Lockheed Martin Corp hypersonic missile from Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Key Points –

- Name - Air-Launched Rapid Response Weapon (ARRW).
- Hypersonic missiles travel at speeds of more than five times the speed of sound or about 6,200 km (3,853 miles) per hour.

4. Gotabaya Rajapaksa resigned

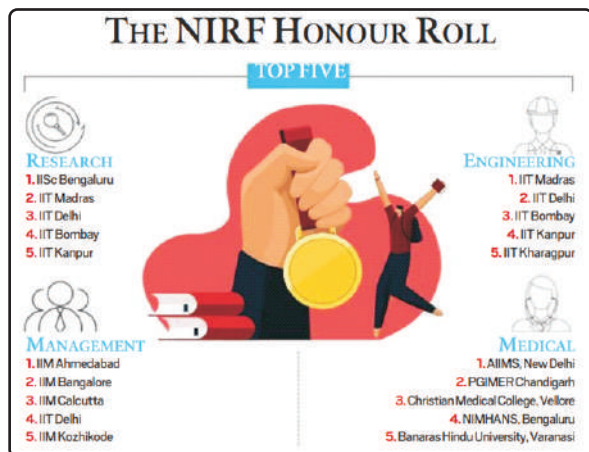
Why in news - Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has resigned. PM Ranil Wickremesinghe appointed as acting President.

RANKS & INDICES

1. NIRF India Rankings 2022

Why in news - Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan released the 7th edition of the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings 2022.

Key Points –



- Top-ranked private institutions - Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (16), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (17), Vellore Institute of Technology (18).
- Top law institutions - The National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, National Law University, New Delhi and Symbiosis Law School, Pune.
- IISc topped the universities category for the seventh consecutive year.
- NIRF was launched by the Ministry of Human

Resource Development in September 2015.

2. Time Out 2022 index

Why in news - Time Out released the 5th edition of the World's Best Cities Index.

Key Points –

- Top 3 – Edinburgh (1st), Chicago (2nd) Medellin (3rd).
- From India - Mumbai (14th), Delhi (26th).

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. National Conference of State Agriculture & Horticulture Ministers

Why in news – The conference was organised by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare in Bengaluru on July 14-15, 2022.

Key Points –

- Technical sessions were held under nine thematic areas.
- Union Minister of Agriculture Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched the Platform of Platforms (POPs) under the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM).

SECURITY

1. Dunagiri

Why in news - Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the second P17A stealth frigate 'Dunagiri' into the Hooghly river in Kolkata on July 15, 2022.

Key Points –

- It was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders Limited (GRSE).
- It is named after a mountain range in Uttarakhand.

ENVIRONMENT

1. E-waste eco park

Why in news - India's first e-waste eco park would be developed in Holambi Kalan in Delhi in an area of about 21 acres.

Key Points -

- Delhi is the 5th largest producer of e-waste in India, after Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

- Delhi produces over 2 lakh tonnes of e-waste every year (about 9.5% of total produced in India).

SCIENCE – TECH

1. DRAM chip

Why in news - Samsung created a new graphics dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) chip with increased speed and power efficiency. The 24-gigabit Graphics Double Data Rate 6 (GDDR6) uses 3rd generation, 10-nanometer technology.

2. NMC 2170

Why in news - Ola Electric has unveiled the country's first indigenously developed lithium-ion cell - NMC 2170. Its mass production would start from its Chennai-based Gigafactory by 2023.

3. Agnikul Cosmos

Why in news - Space tech startup, Agnikul Cosmos has inaugurated India's first-ever factory to manufacture 3D-printed rocket engines in Chennai.

Key Points –

- Factory can produce eight engines every month.
- Agnibaan is Agnikul's two-stage launch vehicle.
- Agnibaan is an ultra-light launch vehicle that is even lighter than ISRO's SSLV.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Mother Teresa memorial award

Why in news - Governor of Maharashtra Bhagat Singh Koshyari presented Mother Teresa memorial award to Dia Mirza & Afroz Shah.

Key Points -

- Dia Mirza is UNEP National goodwill ambassador.
- They were awarded for their notable achievements in Environmental Sustainability.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Youth Skills Day 2022

Why in news – It is celebrated every year on July 15 to mark the “strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment”.

Key Points –

- Theme for 2022 - Transforming youth skills for the future.
- Initiatives by Indian government - Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Advanced Vocational Training Scheme (AVTS), Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK), Skill Strength for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE).

BIHAR

1. NIRF ranking 2022

Why in news - Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan released the 7th edition of the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings 2022.

Key Points –

- IIT Patna is the only institute from Bihar on the overall list of NIRF 2022.
- Ranking -

CATEGORY	INSTITUTE	RANK	SCORE
Overall	IIT Patna	59 th	49.47
Engineering	IIT Patna, NIT Patna	33 rd and 63 rd respectively	-
Research	IIT Patna	41 st	41.19
Architecture	NIT Patna	30 th	46.28
Management	IIM Bodh Gaya	73 rd	45.82
Pharmacy	National Institute of Pharmacy Education and Research, Hajipur	75 th	40.77

2. Danapur-Bihta elevated road

Why in news - Road Construction Minister Nitin Naveen said that the way for road construction has been cleared.

Key Points –

- Length- 25.08 km, Cost - Rs.3737.51 crore.
- It is part of the Prime Minister's Package, 2015 announced for the state of Bihar.

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PERFECTION IAS

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- Who has been appointed as the Ambassador of India to Bhutan – **Sudhakar Dalela.**
- Israel sold Haifa Port, a major trade center on its Mediterranean coast, to whom for \$2 billion – **Adani Ports.**
- Who has been suspended for a period of ten months after being found guilty of violating Article 1 of the ICC Anti-Doping Code – **Shahidul Islam.**
- India's first e-waste eco-park is being developed in which city – **Delhi.**
- India and which other country have signed an MoU on tele-education & tele-medicine – **Madagascar.**
- The National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) has hosted the meeting of the Expert Group on Cyber Security Cooperation of which grouping in July 2022 – **BIMSTEC.**
- The central government has extended the Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) Scheme till – **March 31, 2024.**
- A committee to develop a framework for the right to repair is headed by whom – **Nidhi Khare.**
- Cabinet approves Taranga Hill-Ambaji-Abu Road new rail line to provide connectivity and improve movement in between which two states – **Gujarat and Rajasthan.**
- Who has been recently selected by PESB as the CMD of RailTel – **Sanjay Kumar.**