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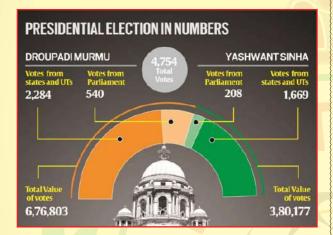
NATIONAL

1. Presidential Election 2022

Why in news - NDA Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu was elected the country's 15th President on July, 2022.

Key Points -

- She secured 64.03% of the total votes polled and defeated Yashwant Sinha.
- She is the first Adivasi and second woman (1st - Pratibha Devi Singh Patil) to become the nation's First Citizen.
- She was elected to two terms in the Odisha Assembly in 2000 and 2004.
- She was the first woman Governor of Jharkhand in 2015.



About Droupadi Murmu -

- Born on June 20, 1958 in Baidposi village of Mayurbhanj district of Odisha.
- Belongs to Santhal tribe.
- In 1997, she was elected councilor of the Rairangpur district of Odisha.
- She was awarded the Neelkanth award as the best MLA by the Odisha Legislative Assembly in the year 2007.

2. The Kali Bein (black rivulet)

Why in news - Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann was admitted to hospital, days after drinking a glass of water directly from the Kali Bein

Key Points –

• It is a 165 km long holy rivulet in Punjab.

- It starts from Hoshiarpur and meets the confluence of the rivers Beas and Sutlej in Kapurthala.
- The cleaning project had started on July 16, 2000.

Significance to Sikh religion -

 Guru Nanak Dev is said to have got enlightenment here.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)

Why in news - World Bank had granted a loan of USD \$1 billion to fund India's flagship PM-ABHIM.

Key Points -

- Funds will be utilized for
 - A. India's Enhanced Health Service Delivery Program
 - B. Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Program (PHSPP).

2. Nasha mukt Bharat abhiyaan

Why in news - The M/o Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing Nasha mukt Bharat abhiyan in the 272 most susceptible districts since August 2020.

SCIENCE - TECH

1. 94 YouTube channels blocked

Why in news - The government has blocked 94 YouTube channels, 19 social media accounts and 747 uniform resource locators (URLs) in 2021-22 for spreading fake news.

Key Points –

- Actions had been taken under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000.
- To check the spread of Covid-19-related fake news, a dedicated cell of the factchecking unit was created on March 31, 2020.



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ENVIRONMENT

1. "An An Panda"

Why in news - The world's oldest male giant panda died at age 35 in Ocean Park, Hong Kong.

Key Points -

- An An and Jia Jia (the world's oldest female giant panda) were gifts from the Chinese government in 1999.
- Ocean Park, which displays animals including walruses, penguins and dolphins has become an important base for panda conservation.

RANKS & INDICES

1. India Innovation Index 2021

Why in news - NITI Aayog released the third edition of India Innovation Index.

Key Points –

- Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh have topped in their respective categories.
- The number of indicators has increased from 36 (in 2020) to 66 (in 2021).

Category wise ranking -

Major States			
States	III 2021	Rank	
Karnataka	18.01	1	
Telangana	17.66	2	
Haryana	16.35	3	
Maharashtra	16.06	4	
Tamil Nadu	15.69	5	

NE and Hill states

States	III 2021	Rank	
Manipur	19.37	1	
Uttarakhand	17.67	2	
Meghalaya	16.00	3	
Arunachal Pradesh	15.46	4	
Himachal Pradesh	14.62	5	

UT and City states			
States	III 2021	Rank	
Chandigarh	27.88	1	
Delhi	27.00	2	
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	17.29	3	
Puducherry	15.88	4	
Goa	14.93	5	

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Brain Day

Why in news – It is observed on July 22 focusing on a good brain health.

Key Points –

- Theme 2022 Brain Health for all.
- World Federation of Neurology Hq -London, UK

AGREEMENTS

1. India and Namibia

Why in news – An MoU was signed with Namibia to bring back cheetahs to India.

Key Points –

- The MoU focuses on wildlife conservation and sustainable biodiversity utilisation between the two countries.
- The Kuno National Park, where the cheetahs will be kept, has the capacity to house 21 to 36 cheetahs.
- The Asiatic cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952.

SPORTS

1. ISSF Shooting World Cup 2022

Why in news — The event was organized in Changwon, South Korea from July 9 to July 21, 2022.

Key Points –

 India finished in the top spot on the table (15 medals) with 5 gold, 6 silver and 4 bronze medals.

- Top 3 India (15 medals), South Korea (12),
 Czech Republic.
- This is the second time this year that the Indian shooters had topped the ISSF World Cup medals table. (1st - ISSF World Cup in Cairo).

BIHAR

1. Beautification of Bramheshwar Nath temple

Why in news – Hon CM Nitish Kumar laid the foundation stone for the beautification work (Rs 8.75 crores) of Baba Brahmeshwar Nath Temple on July 21, 2022.

Key Points –

- The temple is located at Brahmpur, Buxar.
- The construction of a boundary wall of a

- more than 60 years old temple which is associated with the religious trust council started in 2016. Completed in 295 temples.
- Proposal to be sent to Union government to rename Raghunathpur station Baba Brahmeshwar Nath railway station.

2. Water to every farm by 2025

Why in news – Hon CM held a review meeting of "Har Khet tak Sinchai ka Pani" under Saat Nischay-2.

Key Points –

- He instructed the officials that by the year 2025, irrigation water should be provided to every field of the state.
- CM directed to build check dams in districts like Banka, Jamui, Bhagalpur, Aurangabad and Kaimur.



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POINTERS

- What is the name of India's first manned-carrying drone unveiled during the Swavalamban seminar - Varuna.
- Which country will become new member of the SCO at the Samarkand summit in September - Iran.
- Which data leak showed that Uber allegedly deployed kill switches to destroy sensitive data - Uber Files.
- Government approved how many electric vehicle charging stations in 68 cities across 25 states and union territories – 2877.
- Which ministry notified new rules for work from home in Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006 for all SEZs – M/o Commerce.
- Which country launched 'Aviation Passenger Charter' to help passengers know their rights - United Kingdom.
- Dinesh Ramdin and Lendl Simmons belongs to which country who have announced their retirement recently - West Indies.
- Which telecom company has recently successfully tested India's first 5G private network - Bharti Airtel.
- Jeddah summit has been organized in which country for security and development - Saudi Arabia.
- Recently, Army Chief General Manoj Pandey is on a 3-day visit to which country Bangladesh.

