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NATIONAL

1. Amnesty UK routed Rs 51 crore to India

Why in news - The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has told that Amnesty International UK illegally directed over Rs 51 crore to its Indian unit in the guise of export of services.

Key Points –

- Aim – To fund projects like “Kashmir: Access to Justice” and “Justice for 1984 Sikh Massacre”.
- The actions were taken under FEMA 1999

2. Flag Code of India 2002

Why in news - Ministry of Home Affairs amended the Flag Code of India 2002 to allow for the national flag to be flown even at night.

Key Points –

- Clause XI of paragraph 2.2 of the Flag Code was amended
- In 2021, paragraph 1.2 of Part I of the flag code to allow for machine-made and polyester flags to be used
- Central government would launch the “Har Ghar Tiranga campaign” on 13 August 2022.

INTERNATIONAL

1. China launches second lab module

Why in news - China launched the second lab module of its space station named Wentian.

Key Points –

- Launched from the Long March-5B Y3 carrier rocket.
- China's Tiangong space station is expected to be completed this year.
- Tiangong has three modules — the core

module, Tianhe and two lab modules, Wentian and Mengtian.

2. Sakurajima volcano

Why in news - The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said that the eruption expelled large volcanic rocks around a distance of 2.5 km.

Key Points –

Sakurajima Volcano –

- It is located on the western island of Kyushu near the city of Kagoshima.
- Fukutoku-Okanoba is a submarine volcano in Japan.
- **Other active volcanoes in the world** –
 - A. Mount Etna (Sicily, Italy)
 - B. Kīlauea (Hawaiian Islands, USA)
 - C. Mauna Loa (Hawaiian Islands, USA)
 - D. Mount Vesuvius (Campania, Italy)
 - E. Mount Merapi (Indonesia)
 - F. Mount Nyiragongo (DRC)
 - G. Mount Yasur (Vanuatu)
 - H. Pacaya Volcano (Guatemala)
 - I. Mount Erebus (Antarctica)
 - J. Eyjafjallajökull (Iceland).

3. Yosemite National Park, California

Why in news - A destructive wildfire near Yosemite National Park has grown into one of California's biggest blazes of the year.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. Strengthening Pharmaceuticals Industry (SPI)

Why in news - Union minister for Chemical and Fertilizers Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launched three schemes to strengthen MSMEs in the pharmaceutical sector.

Key Points –

- **Three schemes –**
- A. Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (PTUAS)
- To facilitate pharmaceutical MSMEs to upgrade their technology.
 - Capital subsidy of 10%
 - Interest subvention of up to 5%.
- B. Assistance to Pharma Industries for Common Facilities Scheme (API-CF)
- To strengthen the existing pharmaceutical clusters' capacity.
 - Provides for an assistance of up to 70% of the approved project cost.
- C. Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Promotion and Development Scheme (PMPDS)
- To create a database of pharma and medical device sectors.

SCIENCE - TECH

1. **GDERD (Gross Domestic Expenditure on R&D)**

Why in news - As per NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index 2021, GDERD in India is the lowest in the world.

Key Points –

- India's GDERD - About 0.7% (or USD 43 per capita).
- Other BRICS countries – Brazil (1.2%), Russia (1.1%), China (2%), and South Africa (0.8%).
- India's GDERD should touch at least 2% to achieve the goal of a \$5 trillion economy.
- Only Mexico (0.31%) had a lower share of GERD than India.

AGREEMENTS

1. **ONGC and GAIL India & AGCL**

Why in news - The ONGC has inked gas sale agreements with GAIL India and Assam Gas Company Ltd (AGCL) to monetize its upcoming field at Khubal in Tripura.

Key Points –

- GAIL and AGCL would receive 50,000 standard cubic metre of gas.
- Khubal would be the 10th producing field of ONGC in Tripura.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. **UAE's Golden Visa**

Why in news - Kamal Haasan has been given the prestigious Golden Visa by the United Arab Emirates.

Key Points –

- **Previous recipients** - Nasser, Mammooty, Mohanlal, Tovino Thomas, Parthiepan, Amala Paul, and Shah Rukh Khan.

SPORTS

1. **World Athletic Championship 2022**

Why in news – The event was held in Eugene, Oregon (USA) from July 15 to 24, 2022.

Key Points –

- Neeraj Chopra bagged the silver medal at the event after throwing a javelin at a distance of 88.13m.
- **Top 3 (Javelin throw)** - Anderson Peters (90.54m), Neeraj Chopra (88.13m), Jakub Vadlejch (88.09 m).
- Chopra became only the second Indian and first male track and field athlete to win a medal at the World Athletics Championships. Long jumper Anju Bobby George won bronze in 2003.
- Rohit Yadav finished 10th with a best throw of 78.72m.

BIHAR

1. **Presidential polls**

Why in news – At least 8 MLAs of opposition parties in Bihar cross-voted in favour of the NDA nominee Droupadi Murmu.

Key Points –

- There were 241 votes cast in the 243-member Assembly.
- Ms Murmu got 133 votes (value - 23009) while Yashwant Sinha got just 106 (value - 18338).

- Two votes (value -346) were declared invalid in Bihar.
- BJP's Subhash Singh did not vote as he was admitted to a hospital.
- In Bihar assembly, the ruling coalition has 127 MLAs. The BJP has 77, JD(U) 45, HAM (S) four and one Independent.
- In the President's election, no whip is issued and no EVM is used. It is a secret ballot.

2. Bijli Mahotsav

Why in news – Union ministry of power and Bihar government to organise Bijli Mahotsav from July 25 to 30, 2022 in all the 38 districts.

Key Points –

- It would be organised at two places in each district.

- Sital Kumar has been named the state nodal officer for Bihar.
- It is organised under the umbrella of "Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya – Power@2047".

3. Mansa Devi Temple

Why in news – The sanctum sanctorum of Mansa Devi temple at Haripur Bakshi toll of Madhubani district has been completed.

Key Points –

- It is being built on the lines of the Lingaraj temple of Bhubaneswar.
- Statue of Mansa Mata would be similar to the statue installed in the Mansa Devi temple of Haridwar.
- Swami Nischalanand Saraswati himself would inaugurate it.



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- Where will the first "Khelo India Fencing Women's League" be held from 25 to 29 July 2022 - **New Delhi.**
- Who has approved Open, Cashfree Payment, Nearbuy and Fairex for cross border payments under "Sandbox" - **Reserve Bank of India.**
- Mario Draghi was the Prime Minister of which country who has resigned recently - **Italy.**
- Which union minister has recently launched the e-FIR system in Gandhinagar - **Amit Shah.**
- Rakesh Jhunjhunwala's airline company Akasa Air will start operations from which date - **August 7, 2022.**
- Which country has recently recorded the first case of polio after a decade - **USA.**
- Which institute has developed indigenous technology to convert sea water into potable water - **National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).**
- Which organization released a report on digital banks on July 20 - **NITI Aayog.**
- Which edition of the ASEAN-India Meeting of Senior Officials on International Crimes was held virtually on July 20, 2022 - **9th.**
- Which union minister has launched the National Standard for Civil Services Training Institute (NSTI) in July 2022 - **Jitendra Singh.**

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