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NATIONAL

1. Rs 1.64 lakh crore for BSNL

Why in news - The union cabinet cleared a Rs 1.64-lakh crore package for the revival of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL).

Key Points –

- It is a 4 year revival strategy.
- The telecom department has proposed the merger of Bharat Broadband Nigam Ltd (BBNL) with BSNL.
- In 2019 the government gave a Rs 70,000 crore package to cover a voluntary retirement scheme for BSNL employees.

2. Suspension of MPs

Why in news - Over this week, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have suspended 4 and 23 MPs respectively under Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business.

Key Points –

- The presiding officers can direct an MP to withdraw from the House for any disorderly conduct.
- After that, the House (both) can move a motion to suspend the MP until the end of the session.
- In 2001, Speaker was given more powers. The Speaker can “name” an MP, who shall then automatically stand suspended for five days.

INTERNATIONAL

1. “Every woman's body is a beach body”

Why in news - Spain launched the summer campaign encouraging women to reject “stereotypes” and “aesthetical violence”.

Key Points –

- Slogan - “Summer belongs to us, too.”
- To reject social pressure about ages, sizes and skin colour.

2. Chess Olympiad 2022

Why in news - Pakistan has withdrawn from the 44th Chess Olympiad which began in Chennai on July 28, 2022.

Key Points –

- Reason - India's torch relay through Kashmir on July 21.
- The event is being hosted by India for the first time.

3. Manisha Ropeta

Why in news - Manisha Ropeta became the first woman from the minority Hindu community in Pakistan to become a Deputy Superintendent of Police.

AGREEMENTS

1. Women's Financial Institution

Why in news - The first all-women-run financial institution in the cooperative sector to come up in Rajasthan.

Key Points -

- Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council and Streenidhi Telangana signed an MoU for this.
- It will be Rajasthan's first and the country's third “Women's Financial Institution”.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. International Ranger Award 2022

Why in news - Orang National Park and Tiger

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Reserve (ONPTR) in the Darrang district (AS) has been honoured with the award.

Key Points -

- The award was given by IUCN and the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).
- ONPTR is the only winner in the country and among 12 winners in the four continents of the world.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Nature Conservation Day 2022

Why in news – It is celebrated on July 28 every year to safeguard our natural resources.

Key Points –

- Theme - “Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet”.
- As per “Forest and Trees: At the heart of land degradation neutrality” report (by UNCCD), indigenous communities are the custodians of around 40% of protected and ecologically intact landscapes.
- Indigenous communities (India) – Bishnoi, Khasi, Van Gujjars, Idu Mishmis, Apatanis etc.

2. International Tiger Day 2022

Why in news – It is observed globally on July 29 every year.

Key Points –

- Theme - “India launches Project Tiger to revive the tiger population”.
- Conservation status –
 - A. Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 - Schedule I
 - B. IUCN – Endangered
 - C. CITES - Appendix I.
- As per the 4th tiger census 2018, India has 2,967 tigers.
- According to a government report, India lost 329 tigers in the last 3 years due to poaching, natural and unnatural causes.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

1. Three books on President Kovind

Why in news – Union minister Anurag Thakur

has released 3 books showcasing photographs of outgoing President Ram Nath Kovind and his predecessors.

Key Points –

- The books are –
 - A. Moods, Moments and Memories.
 - B. The First Citizen.
 - C. Interpreting Geometries – Flooring of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

FESTIVALS

1. Hareli festival

Why in news – Chhattisgarh (CH) celebrated “Hareli Tihar” on July 28, 2022.

Key Points-

- CH has launched Godhan Nyay Yojana in the year 2020 on the occasion of Hareli

SPORTS

1. World Athletics Championships 2022

Why in news – The 18th edition of the championship concluded in Eugene and Oregon, United States.

Key Points –

- Winners' list –

Rank	Country	Medals
1	United States	33
2	Ethiopia	10
3	Jamaica	10
33	India	1

- Algeria, Burkina Faso, Croatia, Greece, and South Korea have tied with India in 33rd position.
- India ranked 4th in Asia behind China, Japan and Kazakhstan.
- Mascot – Legend the Bigfoot.

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2. New members of ICC

Why in news – The International Cricket Council (ICC) granted membership to 3 new countries - Cambodia and Uzbekistan from Asia, and Cote D'Ivoire from Africa.

Key Points –

- The number of ICC's total members increased to 108 countries. (Asia – 25, Africa - 21).

OBITUARIES

1. Sushovan Bandyopadhyay

Why in news - Sushovan Bandyopadhyay famous as Bengal's 'one rupee doctor' passed away in Kolkata.

Key Points –

- He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2020.
- In 2020, his name was recorded in the Guinness World Records for treating the maximum number of patients.

STATES/UTs

1. Mukhyamantri Sarathi Yojana

Why in news – Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren has announced the launch of 'Mukhya mantri Sarathi Yojana'.

Key Points –

- The state government will bear the cost of coaching for the preparation of UPSC, JPSC and other competitive examinations.

BIHAR

1. Tigers in Bihar

Why in news – The number of tigers in the state has increased to 67.

Key Points –

Location	No. of tigers
Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR)	56
Patna zoo	09
Rajgir zoo safari	02

Tigers in VTR (as per Tiger census)	No. of tigers
2006-10	10
2010-14	22
2014-18	33
2018-22	50 (expected)

2. Biomedical sensor

Why in news – Dr. Sudip Shekhar has created a biomedical sensor which can make medical examination faster, easier and cheaper.

Key Points –

- He has received the Global Schmidt Science Polymaths 2022 award for this invention.
- He is the first Canadian professor of Indian origin to receive this prestigious award.
- He used to be a Kankarbagh (Patna) resident.

3. Headman (Mukhiya) accountable for child marriage

Why in news – The government has taken a new initiative to prohibit child marriage and dowry system in Bihar.

Key Points –

- The headman will now be directly held responsible for child marriage in rural areas.
- Under the Bihar Panchayat Raj Act, the headman has been marked as a medium to receive and forward the information of child marriage.
- SDO and BDO have been marked as Child Marriage Prohibition Officer.
- In the Bihar Marriage Registration Rules, 2006, the headman has been given the responsibility of registering the marriage.

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- England's Leicester cricket ground has been named after which Indian cricketer - **Sunil Gavaskar.**
- As per Science magazine, which place is the “epicenter” of Covid-19 outbreak - **Huanan seafood market, Wuhan (China)**
- Who has been awarded with the UK's Churchill Leadership award - **Volodymyr Zelensky.**
- BCCI introduced a new A+ category for – **Umpires.**
- Government approved signing of guarantee to host which event in India - **FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022.**
- Who has launched a program called “Nirman” - **IIT Kanpur.**
- Who has been appointed as CEO of Paytm Payments Services Limited - **Nakul Jain.**
- Which bank has launched its mobile app named "Canara AI 1" - **Canara Bank.**
- Who has chaired a seminar on safe use of chemicals at workplace in New Delhi - **Mansukh Mandaviya.**
- The Union Cabinet has approved a project for saturation of 4G mobile services in unserved villages with a total cost of - **Rs 26,316 crore.**

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