

NATIONAL

1. New Chief Justice of India

Why in news - CJI N V Ramana recommended to the government the name of Justice Uday Umesh Lalit as his successor.

Key Points –

- Justice Lalit will be the 49th CJI.
- He was elevated directly to the Supreme Court from the Bar in August 2014.
- He was part of the 5 judge bench which in August 2017, “set aside” the centuries-old practice of instant triple talaq.
- He hails from Maharashtra.

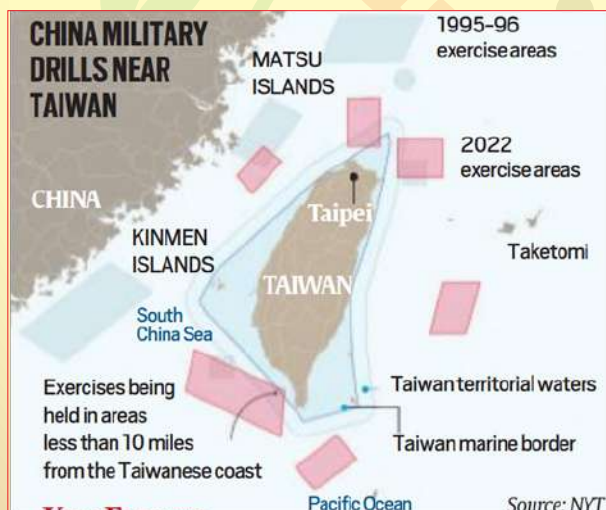
INTERNATIONAL

1. Chinese military drills near Taiwan

Why in news - China is staging live-fire military drills surrounding Taiwan in response to a visit by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan.

Key Points –

- Five ballistic missiles fired by China appear to have landed in Japan’s exclusive economic zone (EEZ).



2. Pakistan's role in US drone strike

Why in news - The US drone strike on Ayman al-Zawahiri has raised questions over Pakistan’s possible role in the raid.

Key Points –

- Reports suggest that the Pakistan's airspace could have been used for carrying out the precision strike.
- Reports claim that the attack was launched from Ganci Airbase (Kyrgyzstan).

ECONOMY

1. Recognition of startups

Why in news – Commerce & Industry minister Piyush Goyal has announced that 75000 startups have been recognized in the country.

Key Points –

- Out of the total –
 - A. IT services (12%)
 - B. Healthcare and Life Sciences (9%)
 - C. Education (7%)
 - D. Professional and commercial services (5%)
 - E. Agriculture (5%).
- 7.46 lakh jobs have been created by the Indian startup ecosystem so far.

RANKS & INDICES

1. Fortune Global 500 list

Why in news – The annual ranking of the 500 largest corporations across the world has been released.

Key Points –

- Top 5 – Walmart (1st), Amazon (2nd), State Grid (3rd), China National Petroleum (4th) and Sinopec (5th).
- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has been placed at the 98th position, making it the highest-ranked Indian company.
- LIC has a revenue of \$97.26 billion and a profit of \$553.8 million.
- 9 Indian companies have got rank in Top 500.
- Other Indian companies - Reliance Industries (Rank - 104), Indian Oil Corporation (142), ONGC (190), Tata Motors (370), Tata Steel (435) etc.



SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM)

Why in news - The 55th AMM was convened in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on August 3, 2022.

Key Points –

- Cambodia is the chair of ASEAN for 2022.
- ASEAN members - Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.
- A Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting (SAIFMM) held on 16-17 June to commemorate 30 years of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Agricultural Infrastructure Funds (AIF)

Why in news - Narendra Singh Tomar presented the award for the best state in the country in utilisation of Agriculture funds in the financial year 2021-22.

Key Points –

- Andhra Pradesh ranks first in utilisation of AIF.
- CEO of State Rythu Bazars B. Srinivasa Rao received the award.

SECURITY

1. Yudh Abhyas

Why in news - The 18th edition of exercise "Yudh Abhyas" is scheduled to take place from October 14 to 31, 2022.

Key Points –

- It is a joint military exercise between India and the US.
- Location - Auli, Uttarakhand.
- Last edition (2021) – Alaska, US.
- In June 2016, the US designated India a "Major Defence Partner".

2. All-women air crew

Why in news - In a first, all-women Navy crew completes a surveillance mission over the Arabian Sea.

Key Points –

- 5 women officers of INAS 314 completed the mission onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft.
- The aircraft was captained by Lt Commander Aanchal Sharma.
- Pilots — Lt Shivangi and Lt Apurva Gite.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Shweta Singh

Why in news - IFS officer Shweta Singh was appointed as a director in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

AGREEMENTS

1. Odisha and FICCI

Why in news - Odisha and FICCI signed an MoU for the next "Make in Odisha" summit in 2022.

STATES/UTS

1. CHEERAG scheme

Why in news - Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar launched the "Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)" scheme to provide help to study in private schools.

Key Points –

- The government will reimburse –
 - A. Rs 700 per student from Classes II to V
 - B. Rs 900 per student from Classes VI to VIII
 - C. Rs 1,100 per student from Classes IX to XII.

2. Poshaka Balyam

Why in news - Kerala has launched "Poshaka Balyam" (Nutritious Childhood) on August 2 to improve nutrition among children in the age group of 3-6.



Key Points –

- The Anganwadi and pre-school children will be provided with eggs and milk twice every week.
- Kerala is the first state to implement such a program in the country.

BIHAR

1. Langat Singh College

Why in news - The astronomical observatory at the Langat Singh College, Muzaffarpur is now included in the UNESCO list.

Key Points –

- It was included in the UNESCO list of Important Endangered Heritage observatories of the world.
- It was established in the college in 1916 (106-year-old).
- A planetarium was also set up in the college in 1946.

2. Natural farming

Why in news - Under the Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, 4,000 hectares have been identified in Muzaffarpur for natural farming.

Key Points –

- 4 clusters have been formed.
- In each cluster, at least 65% of the total beneficiary farmers would be from small and marginal category.
- **Benefits –**
 - A. Rs 2000 to farmers per hectare in the first year.
 - B. Rs 12,200 per hectare for three years for cluster construction, capacity building etc.
 - C. 2 crore 11 lakh to the district for the first year.

3. Atul Prasad

Why in news - Former IAS officer Atul Prasad has been appointed as the chairman of Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC). He would succeed RK Mahajan.





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POINTERS

- Who has become the first Indian to win a medal in the high jump at the Commonwealth Games - **Tejaswin Shankar.**
- Which scheme has been launched by the Union Government to create a strong R&D ecosystem - **State University Research Excellence Scheme.**
- Which state has signed a tripartite MoU with NITI Aayog for the transformation of school education - **Arunachal Pradesh.**
- Who has recently been honored with the “Dream SS 2022 Award” for promoting education - **Satyanarayan Moondayur.**
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and which department of Bangladesh have signed an MoU for emergency ferrying of petroleum products to the northeastern states of India - **Bangladesh Road and Highways Department.**
- Which aviation company has decided to increase the retirement age of pilots from 58 to 65 - **Air India.**
- ISRO will launch its new Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) on which date – **August 7, 2022.**
- Who is heading a special task force to monitor monkeypox in the country - **VK Paul.**
- Who has successfully predicted the structure of nearly all proteins known to science - **AlphaFold tool.**
- On which date, the Earth completed one rotation in 1.59 milliseconds less than 24 hours, marking the shortest day ever - **June 29.**



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