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NATIONAL

1. Him Drone-a-thon

Why in news – The Indian Army has launched the 'Him Drone-a-thon' program on 08 August 22.

Key Points –

- Collaborating partner - Drone Federation of India.
- Aim – to support indigenous drone ecosystem.
- Home grown company like idea Forge demonstrated capability for military grade drone aircraft.
- Indian imported drone (Israel)- Heron I, Searcher MK II, Harop loitering munition
- On February 9, 2022, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) prohibited the import of drones in India in -Completely Built Up (CBU), Completely Knocked Down (CKD) and Semi Knocked Down (SKD) forms.

2. Indo-Israel CoE for Vegetables

Key Points – Narendra Singh Tomar laid the cornerstone for the Center of Excellence for Vegetables in Chandauli, UP.

Key Points –

- Israel is providing the technology as part of the India-Israel Action Plan (IIAP).
- Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is funding the construction of the infrastructure.

3. India Ki Udaan

Why in news – Google launched “India Ki Udaan” to mark 75 years of Independence.

Key Points –

- To be executed by Google Arts & Culture.
- It is “themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years”.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Langya virus

Why in news – On August 8, China confirmed 35 human infections with the zoonotic Langya virus (LayV).

Key Points –

- The cases were discovered in Shandong and Henan provinces.
- Symptoms - fever, fatigue, cough, loss of appetite, muscle pain, nausea, headache and vomiting.

2. The Chips and Science Act

Why in news – President Joe Biden signed a USD 280 billion bipartisan bill to boost domestic high-tech manufacturing.

Key Points –

- Aim – to incentivize investments in the American semiconductor industry.
- The law sets aside USD 52 billion specifically to bolster the U.S. computer chip sector.

3. AGM-88 HARM

Why in news – United States has supplied AGM-88 HARM missiles to Ukraine.

Key Points –

About AGM-88 HARM –

- HARM - High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile.
- Air-to-surface missile.
- It is produced by Raytheon Corporation.

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SECURITY

1. Ex Vajra Prahar 2022

Why in news – India and the US commenced a military exercise named “Ex Vajra Prahar 2022” in Himachal Pradesh's Bakloh.

Key Points –

- It is 13th edition of the exercise.
- 12th edition - Joint Base Lewis Mcchord, Washington (USA).
- The Indian Army contingent is represented by drawing Special Forces personnel under the aegis of SFTS.

ECONOMY

1. Payment Gateway on TIN 2.0 platform

Why in news – Federal Bank has become the first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the TIN 2.0 platform.

Key points –

- The TIN 2.0 platform went live on July 1, 2022.
- TIN 2.0 was launched by Income Tax Department.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. World Biofuel Day 2022

Why in news – It is celebrated annually on August 10 to raise awareness about the use of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuel.

Key Points –

- Sources of bio-fuel - Animal waste, algae, industrial and agricultural waste.
- On August 10, 1893, Sir Rudolf Diesel successfully ran his diesel engine on peanut oil.
- On June 5, 2022, India had achieved the target of blending 10% ethanol with petrol.

PLACES IN NEWS

1. Saky airbase

Why in news –The Russian Saky air base in the annexed Crimean peninsula was rocked by blasts.

Key Points –

- Location –Novofedorivka, Crimea.
- Novofedorivka and Saky are around 50 km (30 miles) north of Sevastopol, home of Russia's Black Sea Fleet.



OBITUARY

1. Issey Miyake

Why in news - Japanese fashion designer Issey Miyake, aged 84, has died

2. Olivia Newton-John

Why in news - Singer Olivia Newton-John died at the age of 73 at her home in Southern California.

STATES/UTs

1. Baansera

Why in news - L-G V K Saxena laid the foundation stone of Delhi's first bamboo park 'Baansera'.

Key Points –

- Bamboo produces about 30% more oxygen, consumes far less water and enriches the soil
- More than 25,000 special varieties of bamboo saplings, brought from Assam, will be planted.

2. 100% NEP in higher education

Why in news - Goa to implement 100% of the syllabus in higher education institutes along the lines of the National Education Policy (NEP) from 2023.

Key Points –

- Uttarakhand is the first state to implement NEP in primary education (July 12, 2022).

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3. PARVAZ Market Linkage scheme

Why in news – The government of Jammu & Kashmir launched the scheme recently.

Key Points –

- Aim – to create market linkage support for shipment of Agriculture & Horticulture perishables from J&K.
- Government will provide a subsidy of 25% on freight charges to carry perishable fruits through Air Cargo.

BIHAR

1. Mahagathbandhan government in Bihar

Why in news – On August 9, 2022 Nitish Kumar resigned from the post of Chief Minister amid the ongoing political crisis in Bihar.

Key Points –

- Nitish Kumar will take oath as the Chief Minister and Tejashwi Yadav the Deputy CM on August 10, 2022.
- 7 parties (164 MLAs) have come together to form the government.

- 164 MLAs (Party)–79 (RJD), 45 (JDU), 19 (Congress), 12 (CPI ML), 4 (HAM), 2 (CPM), 2 (CPI) and 1(independent).
- It will be Nitish Kumar's 8th time swearing in ceremony.
 - A. 1st – Mar 3, 2000.
 - B. 2nd – Nov 24, 2005.
 - C. 3rd – Nov 26, 2010
 - D. 4th – Feb 22, 2015
 - E. 5th – Nov 20, 2015
 - F. 6th – July 27, 2017
 - G. 7th – Nov 16, 2020
 - H. 8th – Aug 10, 2022

2. Herbal Park in Bhagalpur Jail

Why in news – The prisoners in the special central jail in Bhagalpur have converted small beds of medicinal plants into gardens.

Key Points –

- There are 25 varieties of medicinal plants in the garden, including gooseberry, turmeric, curry leaves, aloe vera, amla, mint etc.



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- Who has secured the world's largest social loan of USD 1 billion to finance affordable housing, underscoring the potential for stable financing – **HDFC.**
- In August 2022, Gustavo Petro became the President of which country – **Colombia.**
- Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Karnataka together account for how much rupees of power subsidy bill - **Rs 48,248 crore (36.4%).**
- In which year, National Handloom Day was celebrated for the first time in India – **2015.**
- Who has become the first Indian to win gold medal in men's triple jump at the Commonwealth Games 2022 – **Eldhose Paul.**
- Recently, which Indian has been awarded the Knight of the Order of the Merit (Chevalier Award) by the French government – **Kannan Sundaram.**
- Which bank has been fined Rs 32 lakh by RBI for non-compliance of instructions – **Indian Bank.**
- Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Unity Small Finance Bank Limited - **Inderjit Camotra.**
- Which Indian golfer recently won the Mandiri Indonesia Open golf tournament - **Gaganjeet Bhullar.**
- Who released the Odia version of the book titled 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery' recently - **Amit Shah.**

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