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NATIONAL

1. 3 IAF officers sacked

Why in news – 3 IAF officers dismissed over the accidental firing of Brahmos missile.

Key Points –

- It was fired from a base in Haryana and landed in Pakistan near the town of Mian Channu.
- The Court of Inquiry into the incident was presided upon by Air Vice Marshal RK Sinha.
- It was accidentally fired on March 9, 2022.

2. Adani steps into NDTV

Why in news – Adani Group acquired 29.18% stake in television channel NDTV Ltd.

Key Points –

- Further, it would launch an open offer to buy another 26% in the company.
- NDTV founders Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy continue to hold 32.26% share in NDTV.

3. Vizhinjam port

Why in news – Fisherfolk in Kerala are

protesting Adani's under-construction Vizhinjam port.

Key Points –

About Vizhinjam port –

- It is an international transshipment Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport Project taken up by Kerala.
- It is being developed in landlord model with a PPP component on a design, build, finance, operate and transfer (“DBFOT”) basis.
- M/s Adani Vizhinjam Port Private limited has commenced construction on Dec 5, 2015.



REPORTS & INDICES

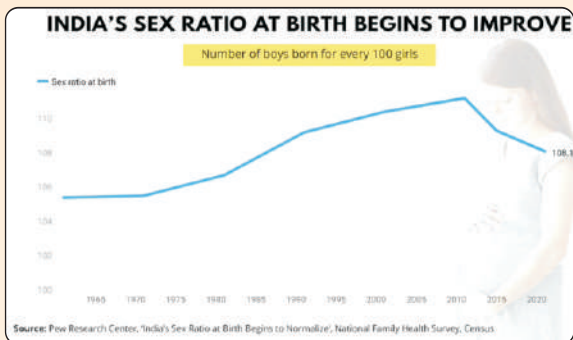
1. 'India's sex ratio at birth begin to normalise' report

Why in news – The report was released by American think tank Pew Research Centre.

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Key Points –

- Overall, the number has gone down to 108 boys born for every 100 girls in 2019-21. (110 in 2001).



- “Missing” baby girls in the country fell from 480,000 in 2010 to 410,000 in 2019.
- “Missing” refers to how many more female births would have occurred if there were no female selective abortion.
- The number of boys born for every 100 girls has come down to 111 (Punjab) and 112 (Haryana) in 2019-21. [127 (in both) in 2001].
- Sex ratio at birth improved in the northern states but deteriorated in the southern and eastern states.
- Data used for report -5 rounds NFHS and census data until 2011.

SCIENCE – TECH

1. Jupiter through the Webb telescope

Why in news – The James Webb Space Telescope has captured new images of Jupiter.

Key Points –

- Jupiter has a famous Great Red Spot, a storm so big that it could swallow Earth.

- It has two small moons — Amalthea and Adrastea.



The Webb telescope (\$10 billion) –

- It was developed with the assistance of the European Space Agency and the Canadian Space Agency.
- It was launched to space on December 25, 2021 and is currently observing from Lagrange point 2 around the Sun.
- It released its first image on July 11, 2022.

2. Space Situational Awareness (SSA) observatory

Why in news – India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory would be set up in the Garhwal, Uttarakhand.

Key Points –

- To be setup by Digantara, a space sector start-up.
- Aim - To track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth

IMPORTANT DATES

1. International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

Why in news – It is celebrated on Aug

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23 to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade.

Key Points –

- Theme for 2022 - Decolonisation.
- The international slave trade was first eradicated in the year 1807.

In India –

- The Charter Act of 1833 provided for the mitigation of slavery in India.
- Slavery was abolished in India in 1843 with the Indian Slavery Act 1843 (also known as Act V of 1843).

ENVIRONMENT

1. All things EV

Why in news – HDFC EGRO launched India's first electronic vehicle ecosystem, "All things EV".

Key Points –

- The “All things EV” would create awareness among the people and increase potential customer awareness.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. GARBA in UNESCO's heritage list

Why in news – India has nominated the dance form Garba to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list.

Key Points –

- UNESCO (Hq – Paris) Director - Eric Falt.
- Durga Puja was included in the list in 2021.

2. International Astronomy & Astrophysics Olympiad (IOAA)

Why in news – India registered a brilliant performance at the 15th IOAA.

Key Points –

- Venue – Kutaisi, Georgia. (from August 14 to 21).
- All the 5 participants from India won a medal at the competition.
- Top 3 – Iran (official team) >Iran (guest team) >India and Singapore (jointly).

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference

Why in news - The 65th conference held in Halifax, Canada from August 20 to 26, 2022.

Key Points –

- The Indian Parliamentary delegation was led by LS Speaker Om Birla.
- It was attended by 23 Presiding Officers and 16 Secretaries from State Legislatures in India.
- Om Birla would participate as a panellist in Workshop 'C' titled “A People's Parliament: Accessibility through Innovation”.
- Sunita Duggal attended the meeting of the “Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Steering Committee”.

2. National Seed Congress

Why in news – Agriculture Minister

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Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the 11th National Seed Congress.

Key Points –

- Venue - Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agricultural University, Gwalior.
- The State Academy of Agricultural and Allied Sciences (SAAS) was established.

SPORTS

1. Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games

Why in news - On August 22, 2022, CM Ashok Gehlot unveiled the mascot “Sheru”.

Key Points –

- Games to be held in the indoor hall of Sawai Mansingh Stadium.
- Budget provision - Rs. 40 crores.

Persons in News

1. Samar Banerjee

Why in news - Former India football team captain, Samar “Badru” Banerjee, has passed away recently.

Key Points –

- He led the country to a historic 4th-place finish in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.
- He was bestowed with the Mohun Bagan Ratna in 2009.

- He has won the Santosh Trophy twice as a player in 1953 & 1955 and once as a coach in 1962.

- The West Bengal Government honoured Badru Banerjee with the Lifetime Achievement Award in sports in 2017.

2. Syed Sibtey Razi

Why in news - Former Jharkhand Governor (2004- 2009), Syed Sibtey Razi has passed away.

BIHAR

1. BIA's special campaign

Why in news - Bihar Industries Association (BIA) would make entrepreneurs aware of the development of MSMEs in the state.

Key Points –

- Industry Minister Samir Mahaseth flagged off the BIA awareness campaign Rath on Aug 23, 2022.
- Industry dialogue cum awareness program would start from August 27 in 7 districts.

2. Book “Sone ka haath”

Why in news – Hon' CM Nitish Kumar launched the book authored by Dr. Raj Vardhan Azad.



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- Union Government signed loan agreement with whom to provide drinking water in Himachal Pradesh - **Asian Development Bank.**
- Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 23rd meeting of Central Zonal Council in which city - **Bhopal.**
- Who has been re-appointed as the MD and CEO of Paytm - **Vijay Shekhar Sharma.**
- Which company has launched a Blockchain Centre of Excellence (CoE) for airports - **GMR Group.**
- How many medals have been won by India in Thailand Para-Badminton International 2022 - **17 medals.**
- Which state is planning to set up an education township in the state for the first time - **Uttar Pradesh.**
- Who created history by defeating 5-time world chess champion Magnus Carlsen by winning three consecutive games in the FTX Crypto Cup - **Rameshbabu Pragyanand.**
- What is the name of the autobiography of Benjamin Netanyahu, the former Prime Minister of Israel - **Bibi: My Story.**
- Kerala's first tribal novelist and short story writer who passed away recently - **Narayan.**
- Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Bajaj Electricals recently - **RamKrishna Bajaj.**

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