



CURRENT AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL

1. Pandurang Khankhoje (1883-1967)

Why in news – LS Speaker Om Birla would unveil a statue of the freedom fighter Khankhoje during his visit to Mexico.

Key Points –

- He would also unveil statues of Swami Vivekananda.
- He was currently in Canada for the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference.

About Khankhoje –

- He was a Maharashtra-born (Wardha) freedom fighter and agriculturalist.
- He sought refuge in Mexico due to his association with Ghadar Party.
- He was an ardent admirer of the French Revolution and of the American War of Independence.
- He was one of the founding members of the Ghadar Party (1914).

2. Football CoA dissolved

Why in news - The Supreme Court dissolved the Committee of Administrators (CoA) appointed to look after the daily affairs of AIFF.

Key Points –

- It paved the way for FIFA to lift suspension imposed on AIFF.
- CoA was a 3-member body headed by Sunando Dhar.

3. Mystery paddy dwarfing

Why in news - Scientists tracked the cause of paddy dwarfing in Punjab and Haryana.

Key Points –

- IARI has undertaken electron microscopy analysis and DNA isolation through PCR (polymerase chain reaction) technique.
- Reason for dwarfing - Either grassy stunt virus or phytoplasma bacteria.
- Vector - Brown plant hopper.

4. Tomato Flu

Why in news - India has recorded cases of tomato flu in Kerala.

Key Points –

- It was first identified in Kerala's Kollam district on May 6, 2022.
- Symptoms - rashes, skin irritation and dehydration.
- It could be an after-effect of chikungunya or dengue fever in children.

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INTERNATIONAL

1. IS bomber detained

Why in news – Russia has detained an Islamic State (IS) suicide bomber planning to target a key Indian politician.

Key Points –

- He was detained by Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB).
- Mouthpiece of Islamic State Khurasan Province (ISKP) - AlAzaim Foundation.

2. Soviet-era obelisk

Why in news – Latvia to tear down a Soviet-era monument that commemorates the Red Army's victory over Nazi Germany.

Key Points –

- It has an 80-meter (260-foot) concrete spire with a Soviet star on top.
- It was built in 1985 while Latvia (Capital-Riga) was still part of the Soviet Union.
- Last week, Estonia (capital-Tallinn) removed a Soviet-era monument.

3. Unveiling of bust of Mahatma Gandhi

Why in news – EAM S Jaishankar has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay.

Key Points –

- He also visited the historic Casa de la Independencia from where Paraguay's Independence movement started.
- S. Jaishankar is on a visit to Paraguay and Argentina.

SCIENCE – TECH

1. Hydrogen fuel cell bus

Why in news – Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen fuel cell bus in Pune.

Key Points –

- It was developed by KPIT-CSIR.
- He also inaugurated the Bisphenol-A pilot plant in CSIR-NCL.
- 12-14% of CO₂ emissions and particulate emissions come from diesel-powered heavy commercial vehicles.

2. Monkeypox test kit

Why in news – India's first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing Monkeypox was launched at the Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone (AMTZ).

Key Points –

- Name - Transasia-Erba monkeypox RT-PCR kit.
- It was developed by Transasia Bio-Medicals.
- It was unveiled by Principal Scientific Adviser Ajay Kumar Sood.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Night Safari

Why in news – India's first night safari to come up in Lucknow.

Key Points –

- It would be developed in 350 acres in the Kukrail forest area.

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- There are 13-day safaris in the country but no night safari.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. Silk Mark Expo

Why in news – Union Minister Darshana Jardosh inaugurated the Silk Mark Expo in New Delhi.

Key Points –

- It was organized by the Silk Mark Organisation of India under Central Silk Board (Hq - Bangalore).
- Silk mark scheme was launched for generic promotion of Silk and building brand equity of Indian Silk at home and abroad.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. World Senior Citizen's Day 2022

Why in news – It is celebrated on August 21 to highlight the contribution of elderly individuals to humankind.

Key Points –

- It was instituted by Ronald Reagan in 1988.

SECURITY

1. Ulchi Freedom Shield exercise

Why in news – USA and South Korea began their biggest combined military training.

Key Points –

- Duration – Aug 22 to Sept 1, 2022.
- Location – Paju, South Korea.

AGREEMENTS

1. Seafarer pact

Why in news – India and Iran signed bilateral seafarer pact amid Chabahar Port talks.

Key Points –

- Sarbananda Sonowal is on a 4-day visit to Iran to review the progress of the Shahid Behesti terminal of Chabahar Port.
- Behesti terminal is a crucial cog in the International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC).
- Chabahar Port is currently operated by state-owned India Ports Global.

RESIGNATIONS

1. Anthony Fauci

Why in news – Dr. Anthony Fauci would step down from his positions as director of NIAID and chief medical adviser to Joe Biden.

Key Points –

- NIAID - National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.
- He has been the NIAID director since 1984.
- In 2020, he was the face of the US government's efforts to contain the Covid-19 pandemic.

BIHAR

1. Low rainfall in Bihar

Why in news - Monsoon has lost its way due to which there was less rain in Jharkhand and Bihar.

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Key Points –

- The Monsoon low pressure and high pressure forming in the Bay of Bengal is moving westwards through the southern part of the state.
- All the five monsoon systems formed in this season left Chhattisgarh, touching the southern part of the state.



inspected the state's 1st rubber dam being built in the Falgu river.

Key Points –

- It has been constructed by the Water Resources Department at a cost of Rs 266 crores.
- Construction started in September 2020.

2. Patna to Pakistan on bicycle

Why in news – Govindam alias Naksh has returned after traveling 1700 km from Patna to Pakistan.

Key Points –

- This journey was named “Burn Fat-Save Fuel”.
- He travelled from Patna to Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan in a month.
- He started the journey on June 14.

2. Rubber dam on Falgu river

Why in news – Honourable CM



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- Which airline overtook SpiceJet to become India's second largest domestic airline – **Vistara**.
- Who has released a report titled 'Good Governance, Efficiency and Soundness of Indian Banks' - **Reserve Bank of India**.
- Who has announced its exit from the European Union's 'advanced surveillance' framework – **Greece**.
- How many villages in India have been declared ODF plus villages in India - **1,01,462**.
- Who became the first Indian woman wrestler to be crowned U-20 world champion - **Antim Panghal**.
- Which state became the first in India to implement blockchain technology in the agricultural sector – **Jharkhand**.
- Which state will take a loan of Rs 4000 crore from the Asian Development Bank for the establishment of a medical college – **Maharashtra**.
- What is the name of BIMSTEC Secretary General who arrived in Delhi on a four-day official visit - **Tenzin Lekphel**.
- Who has been appointed by HDFC Bank for its campaign 'Vigil Aunty' which promotes safe banking habits among citizens - **Anuradha Menon**.
- Which international airport is named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh – **Chandigarh International Airport**.

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