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NATIONAL

1. Bharat Ratna for Dalai Lama

Why in news - The All-Party Indian Parliamentary Forum for Tibet is to urge the government to confer the Bharat Ratna on the Dalai Lama.

Key Points –

- Other proposals –
 - A. A joint session of Parliament to be addressed by Dalai Lama.
 - B. Adoption of a policy on the lines of the United States' Tibetan Policy and Support Act.
- Tibetan Democracy Day - Sept 2.

2. Swachhata Pakhawada

Why in news - Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) is organizing Swachhata Pakhawada from August 16 to 31, 2022.

Key Points –

- It was started in April 2016.
- Aim - to bring an intense focus on the issues and practices of Swachhata by engaging GOI Ministries/Departments.

3. Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) 2023

Why in news - The 17th PBD 2023 will be held at Indore in Jan 2023.

Key Points –

- It is celebrated on Jan 9 to mark the

contribution of the overseas Indians in the development of India.

- It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on Jan 9, 1915.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Spanish Stonehenge

Why in news - Spain sees mysterious underwater "Stonehenge" emerging from drought-hit dam.

Key Points –

- Official name - Dolmen of Guadalperal.
- It is a circle of dozens of megalithic stones which supposedly date back to 5000 BC (prehistoric).
- It is now fully exposed in one corner of the Valdecanas reservoir, Spain.
- It was discovered by Hugo Obermaier in 1926.

2. Human milk bank "Amrit Kosh"

Why in news - The first-ever human milk bank in Nepal was inaugurated in Kathmandu.

Key Points –

- Aim - to give premature and other at-risk infants access to breast milk.
- The government of Nepal, EU and UNICEF have set up the bank in partnership.

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- The neonatal mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births in the first 28 days) in Nepal is 16.

ECONOMY

1. Startup Good fellows

Why in news - Ratan Tata invested in India's first senior citizen companionship startup Good fellows.

Key Points –

- The company was founded by his assistant Shantanu Naidu.
- Good fellows provides authentic companionship to seniors through young, educated graduates having emotional intelligence.

SCIENCE – TECH

1. First steel slag road in AR

Why in news - Border Road Organization to build steel slag road in Arunachal Pradesh on a pilot project.

Key Points –

- A steel slag road connecting the port with the city was opened in Surat, Gujarat, in June 2022.
- Slag is a by-product of the production of steel.
- NHAI would also use steel slag for the construction of a portion of the Mumbai-Goa highway.

RANKS & INDICES

1. Monthly oil report

Why in news – OPEC released its monthly oil report.

Key Points –

- India's demand for petroleum would grow by 7.73% in 2022 (fastest in world).
- It is projected to rise to 5.14 million bpd in 2022 (4.77 mn barrels bpd in 2021).
- Demand rises in other economies also – Europe (4.62%) > US (3.39%) > China (1.23%).
- India is the world's third largest oil importing and consuming nation behind the US and China.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. World Humanitarian Day

Why in news – It is observed on August 19 to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service.

Key Points –

- It commemorates the death of Sergio Vieira de Mello in the bombing of the Baghdad headquarters of the UN (19 August 2003).

AGREEMENTS

1. Mastercard partners with leading badminton players

Why in news – Mastercard partnered with leading badminton players to promote digital payments in India.

Key Points –

- Mastercard has appointed Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty as brand ambassadors in India.
- Aim – To spread awareness about the safety, security and convenience of

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digital payments in India.

2. Paytm and Samsung

Why in news – Paytm partnered with Samsung stores to facilitate smart payments as well as its loan service through deployment of point of sale devices.

3. TCS and Five Star Bank

Why in news – TCS partnered with “Five Star Bank” to offer hyper-personalized customer experience on its digital transformation journey.

4. IRCTC and BSF

Why in news – BSF has signed an MoU with the IRCTC to ensure the safety and security of booking data.

5. Axis Bank and FCI

Why in news – Axis Bank has signed an MoU with Food Corporation of India to provide “Ultima Salary Package”, a best-in-class salary account with exclusive benefits.

SPORTS

1. FIBA U-18 Women's Asian Championship

Why in news – The International Basketball Federation (FIBA) is scheduled to host the event in Bengaluru.

Key Points –

- Venue - Sree Kanteerva and Koramangala Indoor stadiums, Bengaluru.
- Duration - September 5 to 11, 2022.
- 16 countries would participate in the event.

STATES/UTs

1. Vidya Rath: School on Wheels project

Why in news – Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the Vidya Rath project on Aug 15, 2022.

Key Points –

- Aim - Imparting elementary education to economically challenged children of the society.
- It is for 10 months after which children would be integrated into the general system of education.

2. Adventure sport tag to “Dahi Handi”

Why in news – “Dahi Handi” got adventure sport status in Maharashtra.

Key Points –

- Participants (Govindas) can apply for government jobs under the sports quota.
- Compensation for accidents during the formation of human pyramids –
 - A. Death – Rs 10 lakhs.
 - B. Serious injuries - Rs 7 lakh
 - C. Fractures - Rs 5 lakh.

BIHAR

1. Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal Yojana

Why in news – Under “Saat Nischay”, the government has provided tap water to 1.63 crore families.

Key Points –

- The target of providing tap water from 2%(2015) to 99% (2022) has also been achieved.
- To achieve the target, the government has invested Rs 29,245 crores.
- It is operated by three departments -

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- A. Public Health Engineering
- B. Panchayati Raj
- C. Urban Development and Housing Department.

2. Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana

Why in news – Till Aug 17, 2022, 10,000 people have been transferred Rs 4,00,000 each under this scheme.

Key Points –

- An amount of Rs 10,00,000 is to be given for purchase of machines.
- Out of Rs 10,00,000, Rs 5,00,000 is in the form of subsidy.
- It has 4 components –
 - A. Scheduled Caste-Tribe Entrepreneur
 - B. Extremely Backward Class Entrepreneur,
 - C. Women Entrepreneur
 - D. Youth Entrepreneur Scheme.

3. Relief amid drought in Bihar

Why in news – MP and UP have released 10,000 cusecs of water from Bansagar and Rihand reservoirs respectively.

Key Points –

- It benefitted farmers of South Bihar (irrigation).
- This monsoon, Bihar recorded about 40% less rainfall than normal.

4. Arun Agarwal

Why in news – The current president of Bihar Industries Association (BIA), Arun Agarwal has been re-elected for 2022-23.

Key Points –

- He got elected for the fourth time.
- General secretary - Gaurav Shah. He succeeded Ashish Rohatgi.
- Treasurer - Manish Kumar.



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- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has announced the opening of its first international marketing and sales office in which country – **Malaysia.**
- Where was the 4th India-Philippines Strategic Dialogue held on 18 August 2022 – **Manila.**
- Which Union Minister has launched an online marketplace application 'Aqua Bazaar' – **Parshottam Rupala.**
- Who has been recommended by the Bureau of Financial Services Institutions (FSIB) for the post of Chairman of NABARD – **Mohammad Mustafa.**
- Who has won gold medal in 2022 WSPS Shooting World Cup in Changwon, South Korea in August 2022 – **Rahul Jakhar.**
- Who becomes India's 106th unicorn after raising \$33.5 million in funding round – **Shiprocket.**
- Who became the first Indian footballer to play in the UEFA Women's Champions League – **Manisha Kalyan.**
- Which state accounts for the highest share in the total cost of projects sanctioned by banks and financial institutions in 2021-22 – **Rajasthan.**
- Which bank has introduced a new term deposit scheme called KBL Amrit Samriddhi - **Karnataka Bank.**
- At which place Vietnam and India bilateral military exercise Vinbax 2022 was concluded – **Chandimandir, Haryana.**

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