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NATIONAL

1. Indian Naval Ensign

Why in news - PM Modi will unveil the new naval ensign (flag) for the Indian Navy in Kochi on September 2, 2022.

Key Points –

- On Sept 2, PM Modi will commission India's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant at Cochin Shipyard Limited.

About the ensign –

- It will replace the present ensign that carries the Saint George's Cross.
- On Jan 26, 1950, Union Jack was replaced with the Tricolour and the George's Cross was retained.
- Changes in the naval ensign were made in 2001, 2004 and 2014.

2. Mandatory forensic investigation

Why in news - Delhi Police has become the first police force in the country to make a collection of forensic evidence mandatory.

Key Points –

- Applicable in crimes punishable by more than six years.
- Amit Shah while speaking at a Zonal Council meeting in Bhopal (Aug 22) called for the collection of forensic

evidence compulsory in criminal cases.

3. Temple of Vedic Planetarium

Why in news – The world's largest religious monument to open in West Bengal by 2024.

Key Points –

- Location - Mayapur (Nadia, WB).
- It is expected to cost \$100 million.
- It would replace Cambodia's 400-acre-large Angkor Wat temple complex.
- It would serve as the headquarters of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) and would have the world's biggest dome.
- It is inspired by the design of the Capitol building in the United States.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Flash appeal for \$160 million

Why in news - UN issued flash appeal for \$160 million to help Pakistan with floods.

Key Points –

- Floods have affected more than 33 million people or more than 15% of its population.
- Torrential rain has triggered flash floods that have crashed down from northern mountains.

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2. 'Man of The Hole' dies

Why in news - An unidentified indigenous man living in the Amazon Forest in Brazil has died.

Key Points –

- He was believed to be the last man in his tribe.
- He was known as Indio do Buraco (Indigenous man of the hole) for his inhabiting techniques which involved deep holes dug by him.

3. Suspension of foreign naval visits

Why in news - Solomon Islands suspended all visits from foreign Navies citing a need to review approval processes.

Key Points –

- Recently, a U.S. Coast Guard ship was unable to re-fuel at its port.
- Solomon Islands switched diplomatic recognition from Taipei to Beijing in 2019.
- It signed a security pact with China in April 2022.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. National Small Industry Day 2022

Why in news – It is observed on Aug 30 to encourage the rise and development of small-scale businesses.

Key Points –

- It was celebrated for the first time on August 30, 2001.
- In August 2000, government formulated a comprehensive policy package for small-scale industries (SSI).

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Miss Diva Universe 2022

Why in news – Divita Rai from Karnataka won the prestigious title of Miss Diva Universe 2022.

Key Points –

- She was crowned by the reigning Miss Universe 2021, Harnaaz Sandhu.
- At the 71st Miss Universe pageant, Rai would represent India.
- Pragnya Ayyagari was crowned as LIVAMiss Diva Supranational 2022.

2. Astronaut Nicole Aunapu Mann

Why in news – Nicole Mann to be the first Native American woman to go into space.

Key Points –

- On Oct 3, 2022 Mann would lead NASA's SpaceX Crew-5 mission.
- The first Native American to go into space was John Herrington (November 23-December 7, 2002).

REPORTS & INDICES

1. Bloomberg Billionaires Index

Why in news – The latest Bloomberg Billionaires Index was released on August 30, 2022.

Key Points –

- Top 3 - Elon Musk (\$251 billion) > Jeff Bezos (\$153 billion) > Gautam Adani (\$137 billion).
- Adani has surpassed Bernard Arnault to become the first Asian to make it to the top 3 of the Index.

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- India's second richest person Mukesh Ambani is at number 11 (\$91.9 billion).
- The Carmichael coal mine in Queensland, Australia is owned by the Adani Group.

SCIENCE – TECH

1. 500 Atal Tinkering Labs in J&K

Why in news – Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and NITI Aayog would establish more than 500 ATLs in J&K.

Key Points –

- Aim - to create and promote an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship.
- AIM cover 34 states and UTs to leverage India's demographic dividend by inspiring greater participation in the innovation ecosystem.

FESTIVALS

1. Shumang Leela

Why in news – The 50th Shumang Leela Festival kicked off in Imphal.

Key Points –

- Shumang Leela is a traditional form of theatre in Manipur.
- The roles of female artists are all played by male actors and male characters are played by female artists.

SPORTS

1. James Anderson

Why in news – England's James Anderson became the first-ever fast bowler to complete 950 wickets in international cricket.

Key Points –

- He attained this historic feat against South Africa.
- He broke the record of Australia's Glenn McGrath (949 wickets).
- The most successful bowlers are Muttiah Muralitharan (1,347 wickets), Shane Warne (1,001 wickets) and Anil Kumble (956 wickets).

PERSONS/PLACES IN NEWS

1. Abhijit Sen

Why in news - Abhijit Sen, the renowned agriculture economist and former member of the Planning Commission, passed away.

Key Points –

- He was chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) in NDA-I government.
- His “C2” cost of production for MSPs paved the way for the “Swaminathan formula”.
- He was a strong advocate of public distribution system of food grains.

STATES/UTs

1. Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana

Why in news – Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the scheme on the occasion of National Sports Day.

Key Points –

- A sports scholarship of Rs 1500 per month would be given to budding sportspersons.
- Malchang game would be included in the game policy.

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BIHAR

1. 20 scrap centers in Bihar

Why in news – To destroy old and worn vehicles, 20 scrap centers would be started in the state.

Key Points –

- The Transport Department has given permission to open 20 scrap centers in 15 districts.
- The maximum 5 scrap centers are in Patna.
- Commercial vehicles (>15 years old) or private vehicles (>20 years old) which have not been re-registered, would be scrapped.
- License of the scrap center would be issued for a maximum period of 10 years, after which it can be renewed.
- For non-commercial vehicles, a tax rebate of 25% on the purchase of a new vehicle while 15% in the case of commercial vehicles would be provided.

2. NCRB data 2021

Why in news – As per NCRB Data 2021, in the overall crime in the country, Bihar is in the 7th position (1.86 lakh IPC cases).

Key Points –

- Bihar is at the top in crime per lakh.
- Bihar is the 2nd dangerous state in the country in terms of murder (1st - UP).
- Most of the disputes for land in the country take place in Bihar (total - 3336 cases) (land dispute rate per lakh - 2.7).
- In case of theft, Bihar is at 3rd place with 38,277 cases.

3. Investment of Rs 1077 crores approved

Why in news – The State Investment Promotion Board has approved 48 investment proposals worth Rs 1077 crores in the state.

Key Points –

Product/Industry	District
Ethanol Project	Muzaffarpur and Gopalganj
Biscuit, nutrition powder and tomato ketchup factory	Muzaffarpur
70 bed hospital	Darbhanga
Makhan Processing Unit	Samastipur and Sitamarhi
Stone Chips-Building Material	Sheikhpura
Meat Unit under Food Processing	Araria

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- Who has been elected as a full-time member of SEBI - **A.N Gopala Krishna.**
- Which has become the first state in India to launch Shoe and Leather Products Policy 2022 - **Tamil Nadu.**
- Which event is being organized from 23 August to September 1, 2022 - **Stockholm World Water Week**
- In which district the first "Divyang Park" of Maharashtra state will be set up - **Nagpur.**
- Which Indian Chess Grandmaster has won the 28th Abu Dhabi Masters by defeating David Anton of Spain - **Arjun Erigaisi.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director of National Institute of Immunology (NII) - **Debasisa Mohanty.**
- India's first "Regional National Center for Disease Control" is to be built in which city - **Bhopal.**
- Who has launched the ASEAN-India Network of Universities during his visit to Indonesia - **Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.**
- Who has written a book called 'India's Economy from Nehru to Modi: A Brief History' - **Pulapre Balakrishnan.**
- Asia Cup is being hosted by which country - **United Arab Emirates (UAE).**

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