

NATIONAL

1. Essential drugs updated

Why in news - The Union Health Ministry launched the new National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM).

Key Points –

- It was updated for the first time since 2015.
- The updated list has deleted 26 drugs from the previous one and added 34 drugs, increasing the list to 384 drugs.
- The NLEM guides the government's procurement policy and decides the price cap for medicines.
- The NLEM was first formulated in 1996 and was revised in 2003, 2011, and 2015.
- Based on this list, the NPPA (National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority) would decide the ceiling prices.

INTERNATIONAL

1. G20 Summit

Why in news - India would host the G-20 leaders' summit in New Delhi on September 9 and 10 in 2023 under its Presidency.

Key Points –

- India would assume the Presidency for one year from Dec 1, 2022, to Nov 30, 2023.
- India would invite Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE as Guest countries.
- India, Indonesia and Brazil would form the troika. It refers to a grouping that consists of the current, previous and incoming G20 presidencies.
- G20 comprises 19 countries and the European Union (EU).
- The G20 currently comprises - Finance Track, Sherpa Track and 10 Engagement Groups of private sector/civil society/independent bodies.

2. Armenia, Azerbaijan clash

Why in news - Fighting on the border between Armenia and Azerbaijan killed about 100 troops.

Key Points –

- Both countries have been locked in a conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh.

- Nagorno-Karabakh is part of Azerbaijan but has been under the control of ethnic Armenian forces since 1994.

3. Financial Intermediary Fund

Why in news – World Bank has launched The Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF).

Key Points –

- Investment proposals would be invited for pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

4. Old name restored

Why in news – Kazakhstan has approved a proposal to restore the capital's previous name Astana.

Key Points –

- It was renamed Nur-Sultan in March 2019, in honour of outgoing president Nazarbayev.

ECONOMY

1. Vedanta semiconductor plant

Why in news - Vedanta and Foxconn signed an MoU with the Gujarat government to locate its project there.

Key Points –

- Proposed investment – Rs 1.54 lakh crores.
- Earlier, it was proposed to be set up in the Talegaon industrial area near Pune.
- Vedanta is the 3rd company to announce a chip plant location in India ISMC (in Karnataka) and IGSS Ventures (in Tamil Nadu).

SCIENCE – TECH

1. Dengue vaccine

Why in news - The Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL) has got permission for Phase-1 trial of dengue vaccine.

Key Points –

- IIL is developing the dengue vaccine in collaboration with the US-based National Institute of Health (NIH).
- There is no vaccine for dengue yet (in India).
- Dengue vaccine is also being developed by Panacea Biotec Limited and Sanofi India Private Limited.
- National Research Centre on Equines (NRCE, Hisar Haryana) and the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI, Izatnagar UP) have jointly developed Lumpi-ProVaCInd vaccine against Lumpy Skin disease.



IMPORTANT DAYS

1. Ayurveda Day 2022 program

Why in news - All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has launched the Ayurveda Day 2022 program.

Key Points –

- The 6-week long program would continue till Oct 23, 2022.
- Theme - Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda.
- Ayurveda Day is celebrated on Dhanvantari Jayanti and this year it falls on Oct 23.
- According to Vaishnava tradition, Dhanvantari is regarded as an avatar of Vishnu and the originator of the practice of Ayurveda.

SECURITY

1. JIMEX 2022

Why in news - The 6th edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2022 (JIMEX 22) began in the Bay of Bengal.

Key Points –

- Participants –
 - A. From Japan – Izumo (helicopter carrier) and Takanami (a guided missile destroyer).
 - B. From India – Sahyadri (stealth frigate), Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvettes Kadmat and Kavaratti.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

1. Damodaran panel

Why in news - The Finance Ministry constituted Meleveetil Damodaran panel to unravel regulatory hurdles for venture capital and private equity investors.

APPOINTMENTS

1. William Ruto

Why in news - William Ruto has been sworn in as Kenya's president. On Aug 9, he defeated Raila Odinga.

FESTIVALS

1. "Aheli Khadi" fashion show

Why in news – The show was organized by Khadi India at National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Gandhinagar.

Key Points –

- 'Aheli' khadi means pure khadi.
- Apparel for Yoga as "Swadha" chic was the major attraction of the fashion show.

STATES/UTS

1. Cinematic Tourism Policy 2022-2027

Why in news – Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel has announced Gujarat's first-ever 'Cinematic Tourism Policy'.

BIHAR

1. Archaeological atlas of Bihar

Why in news - Union culture secretary Govind Mohan launched an archaeological atlas prepared by the Bihar government in Patna.

Key Points –

- It has information on over 500 sites spread across the state.
- Previously, the KP Jaiswal Research Institute had published an archaeological gazetteer that documents over 6,000 sites across the state.

2. Delisting of Political parties

Why in news - Election Commission has freed the symbols of 9 Registered Unrecognized Political Parties (RUPP) of Bihar.

Key Points –

- Now, they would not be able to take advantage of the facility provided to political parties under the Symbol Allotment Rules 1968.
- RUPP are parties that are unable to secure a sufficient percentage of votes in the assembly elections or general elections to achieve the status of a state party.



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- Who is the author of the recently launched book "Forging Metal: Nripendra Rao and the Pennar Story" - **Pawan C. Lal.**
- Who has been honored with Lok Nayak Foundation Annual Literary Award recently - **Tanikella Bharani.**
- Which company has recently entered into a renewable agreement for the supply of energy power to the Armed Forces (Military Engineering Services) - **NTPC Limited.**
- Hardeep Singh Puri recently selected how many startups to help local civic bodies and water supply departments conserve water and resolve its scarcity - **76 Startups.**
- Who has been appointed as chairman of PMLA Appellate Tribunal - **Munishwar Nath Bhandari.**
- Which country has tested Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile - **USA.**
- Who has won Bronze Medal in WorldSkills Competition 2022 - **Likith YP.**
- **Recently, which Gurjar Muslim from J&K has been nominated by President Murmu to the Rajya Sabha - Ghulam Ali.**
- Which ministry has recently approved the new Coastal Zone Management Plan for the state of Karnataka - **M/oEFCC.**
- The world's first Sanskar Kendra will be opened in which district of Rajasthan - **Jhunjhunu.**



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