



CURRENT AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL

1. NIA, ED raids on PFI

Why in news - National Investigation Agency launched a massive nationwide search operation in connection with anti-terror activities.

Key Points –

- It is the “largest ever” operation across 10 states that led to the arrest of as many as 100 people of PFI
- PFI chairman - O M A Salam

About Popular Front of India (PFI) –

- It was created on Feb 16, 2007 through the merger of 3 Muslim organisations in southern India.
- In 2009, a political outfit named Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) evolved out of the PFI.

2. Price rise of rice

Why in news - The Food Ministry said the domestic prices of rice are showing “increasing trend” and it may “continue to increase”.

Key Points –

- Reason - Lower production forecast and the higher non-basmati export.
- Kharif rice output (1st Advance Estimates 2022-23) - 104.99 million

tonnes (111.76 mt in last kharif season).



- The government had banned the export of broken rice on Sept 9, 2022.

3. Assamese dictionary “Hemkosh”

Why in news - PM Modi received a copy of the Braille version of the Assamese dictionary “Hemkosh”.

Key Points –

- Hemkosh was among the earliest Assamese dictionaries dating back to the 19th century.
- Hemkosh was first published in the year 1919 by Hemchandra Barua.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Dvorak technique

Why in news - On Sept 20, the American meteorologist Vernon Dvorak passed away at the age of 100.

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Key Points –

- He is best credited for developing the Dvorak (read as Dvo-rak) technique in the early 1970s.
- Dvorak technique is a cloud pattern recognition technique based on a concept model of the development and decay of the tropical cyclone
- In 2002, he received a Special Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Weather Association.

ECONOMY

1. REC gets “Maharatna” status

Why in news - REC Ltd. has been accorded the status of a “Maharatna” Central Public Sector Enterprise.

Key Points –

- Maharatna' CPSE can make equity investments subject to a ceiling of 15% of the net worth of the CPSE concerned, limited to ₹5,000 crore in one project.
- REC is the 12th company to get the title of Maharatna.
- REC is a Non-Banking Financial Company.
- **Maharatna status eligibility –**
 - A. Having Navratna status.
 - B. Listed on Indian stock exchange with minimum prescribed public shareholding under SEBI regulations.
 - C. An average annual turnover of more than Rs 25,000 crore during the last 3 years.

- D. An average annual net worth of more than Rs 15,000 crore during the last three years.
- E. An average annual net profit after tax of more than Rs 5,000 crore during the last three years.
- F. Should have significant global presence/international operations.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. International Day of Peace 2022

Why in news – It is observed on Sept 21 around the world.

Key Points –

- Theme - End racism, Build peace.
- It was established by the UNGA in 1981.

SECURITY

1. DSVs “Nistar” and “Nipun”

Why in news – The Indian Navy launched two Diving Support Vessels (DSVs) - Nistar and Nipun in Visakhapatnam.

Key Points –

- Indigenously designed and built at Hindustan Shipyard Ltd, Vishakapatnam.
- They were launched by Kala Hari Kumar, President of the Navy Wellness and Welfare Association (NWWA).

ENVIRONMENT

1. Amazon solar farms

Why in news – Amazon to set up 3 solar farms in Rajasthan.

Key Points –

- Combined capacity-420 megawatt (MW).

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- This would be the first time that the e-commerce major is setting up a solar farm in India.
- Further, Amazon would set up 23 new solar rooftop project (4.09 MW) across 14 cities in India.
- Amazon has also set up solar farms in Brazil and Poland.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. UN award for Hypertension Control

Why in news – India won a UN award for India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI) under its National Health Mission (NHM).

Key Points –

- According to WHO, one in every four adults in India suffers from hypertension and only 12% of these adults have hypertension under control.
- Award name - UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award 2022.
- India is set to achieve a 25% reduction in the cases of hypertension by 2025.

- IHCI is an initiative of M/o Health & Family Welfare, ICMR, WHO India and Resolve to Save Lives (Technical partner).

SPORTS

1. Satendra Singh Lohia

Why in news – Satendra Singh Lohia has become the first Para Swimmer from Asia to cross the North Channel.

Key Points –

- He set a world record by crossing the North Channel in 14 hours 39 minutes.
- North Channel is a strait between north-eastern Northern Ireland and south-western Scotland.

BIHAR

1. Land survey and settlement

Why in news – The ongoing Bihar Special Survey and Endowment work in the state will be completed by Nov 2024.

Key Points –

- More than 60% of crimes are due to land disputes.



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- Which state will host the 83rd National Table Tennis Championship 2022 – **Meghalaya**
- Which state has partially lifted the prohibition of liquor in the state – **Manipur**
- Who has successfully tested a hybrid motor to power future rockets – **ISRO**
- Which actress has been honoured with the prestigious Smita Patil Memorial Award – **Alia Bhatt.**
- Which bank announced digitization of Kisan Credit Card – **Union Bank of India**
- Defence Ministry signs MoU with which banks to connect pensioners through over 14,000 bank branches across the country – **Bank of Baroda and HDFC Bank**
- Which became the first state/UT in India to achieve 100% coverage of precautionary dose – **A&N islands**
- Recently which state Prisons Department has launched Mobile Attendance Application – **Nagaland**
- Which state government has recently announced to change the name of "Daulatabad Fort" to "Devagiri Fort" – **Maharashtra**
- Who has been appointed by RBI as the non-executive chairman of Yes Bank – **Rama Subramaniam Gandhi**

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