

### NATIONAL

#### 1. SC status for Dalit converts

**Why in news**—M/o Social Justice and Empowerment, has appointed a 3-member commission headed by K G Balakrishnan.

#### Key Points

- Aim - to consider the possibility of granting SC status to “new persons” who have converted to religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism.
- Other members - Dr Ravinder Kumar Jain and Prof (Dr) Sushma Yadav.

<p><b>What does the law say now?</b> The 1950 law provides for only those belonging to Hindu, Sikh or Buddhist communities to be categorised as SCs</p>	<p><b>Centre's argument</b> The religions included as SCs under the law are branches of Hinduism. Dalits who converted to Islam or Christianity “cannot claim to be backward” since untouchability is a feature of Hindu religion and its branches alone</p>
<p><b>How were Sikhs and Buddhists included?</b> The Kalelkar panel report (1955) and the high-powered panel report (1983) were the basis for amending the Order to include Dalit Sikhs and Dalit Buddhists as SCs in 1956 and 1990 respectively</p>	<p>The three-member Commission is headed by ex-CJI K.G. Balakrishnan</p>



#### 2. National Dolphin Day

**Why in news** – The first 'National Dolphin Day' was celebrated on Oct 5, 2022.

#### Key Points -

- In 2009, 'Ganges Dolphin' was recognized as 'National Aquatic Animal'.
- IUCN - Endangered.

### ECONOMY

#### 1. DAKSH initiative

**Why in news** – RBI has launched a new “SupTech” initiative DAKSH.

#### Key Points -

- It is RBI’s Advanced Supervisory Monitoring System to make the supervisory processes more robust.

### AWARDS & HONOURS

#### 1. Nobel Prize 2022

**Why in news** – The winner was announced by Berit Reiss-Andersen, chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

#### Key Points –

- Nobel Peace Prize –
  - Ales Bialiatski (rights activist)
  - Memorial (Russian group)
  - Ukrainian organisation Center for Civil Liberties.
- Literature - Annie Ernaux.
- Physiology and Medicine - Prof Svante Pääbo.
- Physics - Alain Aspect, John Clauser and Anton Zeilinger.
- Chemistry - Carolyn Bertozzi, Morten Meldal and Barry Sharpless.

### GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

#### 1. CGSS

**Why in news** – The government has notified a new credit guarantee scheme for start-ups (CGSS).

#### Key Points -

- **Benefit** - Collateral-free loans up to Rs 10 crore to each eligible borrower.
- **Ministry** - Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (M/o Commerce and Industry).
- It would be backed by sovereign guarantee.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### 1. Air Force Day

**Why in news** – It is observed on October 8.

#### Key Points -

- Venue - Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh.
- The IAF was established on October 8, 1932.

### SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

#### 1. ISA assembly

**Why in news** – The 5th assembly of the International Solar Alliance is to be held in New Delhi.

#### Key Points –

- The Assembly would be presided over by R.K. Singh.



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- 3 analytical reports would also be launched –
  - A. World Solar Technology Report
  - B. World Solar Market Report
  - C. World Solar Investment Report
- ISA is an international organization with 109 member and signatory countries.
- ISA mission - to unlock US\$ 1 trillion of investments in solar by 2030.

## STATES/UTS

### 1. J&K bird festival

**Why in news** – Bird festival was inaugurated at Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Oct 6.

### 2. Gati Shakti Portal

**Why in news** – Gujarat has become the first state to launch Gati Shakti Portal at state level.

## BIHAR

### 1. Bihar police modernization

**Why in news** – Bihar Police would spend more than 45 crores on its infrastructure and other equipment.

#### Key Points –

- Funding – Center: State = 40: 60.



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### POINTERS

- Which campaign has been launched by the CBI to dismantle the drug network with international links - **Operation Garuda**
- Adani Green has commissioned the largest 600 MW wind-solar plant in which state – **Rajasthan**
- Who won the Changemaker Prize at the UN SDG Action Awards – **Srishti Bakshi**
- With which country India has recently signed an agreement for the export of missiles and weapon systems - **Armenia**
- Who has topped the list of top 25 startups in India released recently - **CRED**
- Who represented India in the 3rd G20 Sherpa meeting held in Indonesia recently - **Amitabh Kant**
- Which state is hosting the 36th National Games – **Gujarat**
- Which coal company has announced to install conveyor belt in its open-cast coal projects to reduce carbon emissions - **Coal India Limited**
- Who is the author of the book “Ambedkar: A Life”- **Shashi Tharoor**
- Who has been elected as the new President of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce - **Lalit Bhasin**



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