

### NATIONAL

#### 1. 4th Vande Bharat Express

**Why in news** - PM Modi on Octo 13 flagged off the inaugural run of the latest Vande Bharat Express train.

#### Key Points –

- It will travel from Una (HP) to New Delhi.
- Vande Bharat 2.0 trains come fitted with the Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) called KAVACH.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. Russia's annexation

**Why in news** - India abstained on a vote for a resolution that rejected Russia's annexation of four Ukrainian regions.

#### Key Points –

- 143 states voted for the proposal, 35 abstained, while only 4 nations backed Russia.
- Resolution, title - "Territorial Integrity of Ukraine: Defending the Principles of the UN Charter".
- Russia annexed Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia.

### GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

#### 1. PM-DevINE

**Why in news** - Cabinet approved Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme.

#### Key Points –

- It was announced in the Union Budget 2022-23 to address development gaps in the North Eastern Region (NER).

#### About PM-DevINE –

- Central Sector Scheme (100% Central funding).
- Duration - 2022-23 to 2025-26.
- Outlay - Rs.6,600 crore.
- To be implemented by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

### SUMMIT & CONFERENCES

#### 1. 6th CICA Summit 2022

**Why in news** - The Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) was held in Astana, Kazakhstan.

#### Key Points –

- Chairman - President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.
- It led to adoption of the Astana Declaration to address issues of regional stability and security.
- Kuwait was been granted membership in 2022.
- Meenakshi Lekhi represented India at the summit.

### RANKS & INDICES

#### 1. Global Pension Index

**Why in news** - Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index was released recently.

#### Key Points –

- Top 3 - Iceland, the Netherlands and Denmark.
- India rank - 41st.
- Other countries - USA (20th), Mexico (29th), China (36th), Thailand (44th, last).

#### 2. Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index (CRII)

**Why in news** – The report was released recently.

#### Key Points –

- India's rank - 123rd in 2022 (129th in 2020).
- Top 3 - Norway (1st), Germany (2nd) and Australia (3rd).
- Prepared by - Oxfam International and Development Finance International (DFI).
- It measures government spending in 3 areas –
  - Education
  - Health
  - Social protection.

#### 3. THE World University Rankings 2023

**Why in news** – The Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023 has been released.



### Key Points –

- Top 3 –
  - A. University of Oxford (UK).
  - B. University of Harvard (US).
  - C. University of Cambridge (UK).
- The United States is the most-represented country in the ranking list.
- India is the sixth most represented country in the 2023 with 75 ranked universities.
- Shoolini University (HP) has been ranked Number 1 among private universities.
- 1,799 universities across 104 countries were assessed based on 13 indicators.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### 1. World Sloth Bear Day

**Why in news** - The first World Sloth Bear Day was observed on Oct 12, 2022.

#### Key Points –

- It was proposed by Wildlife SOS India.
- In India, it was celebrated in Agra in collaboration with IUCN and the UP Forest Department.

#### About Sloth Bear –

- Alternative name - “honey bear”.
- Conservation –
  - IUCN: Vulnerable.
  - Wildlife Protection Act (1972): Schedule I.
  - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES): Appendix I.

### SECURITY

#### 1. IBSAMAR maritime exercise

**Why in news** - INS Tarkash reached Port Greqhrea (Port Elizabeth), South Africa to participate in the 7th IBSAMAR.

### Key Points –

- It is a joint maritime exercise between Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies.
- Previous edition (2018) of IBSAMAR - Simons Town, South Africa.

### SCIENCE – TECH

#### 1. Param-Kamrupa

**Why in news** - President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated supercomputer Param-Kamrupa at IIT Guwahati.

#### Key Points –

- She also inaugurated a high power active and passive component laboratory called SAMEER.

### BIHAR

#### 1. JP Narayan statue

**Why in news** - Amit Shah unveiled 14 feet high statue of JP Narayan at Sitab-diara in Saran district.

#### Key Points –

- JP Narayan ancestral village - Sitabdiara.
- He was awarded Bharat Ratna Award in 1999 (Posthumously).

#### 2. Drought-hit villages

**Why in news** - 7841 villages of 11 districts of Bihar have been declared drought-hit.

#### Key Points –

- 11 districts - Jehanabad, Gaya, Aurangabad, Sheikhpura, Nawada, Munger, Lakhisarai, Bhagalpur, Banka, Jamui and Nalanda.
- In these areas, rainfall deficit of more than 30% and less than 70% of the area under cultivation has been cropped.
- Government will give Rs 3500 as special assistance to each family of the drought-hit village.
- Rs 500 crore has been approved from Bihar Contingency Fund.



### CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS

### POINTERS

- Recently, which state has announced the “mental health and social care policy” for the first time – **Meghalaya**.
- Where will the fast-track mechanism be set up to help Indian investors – **UAE**.
- Who has recently taken charge as a whole-time member of SEBI) - **AN Gopalakrishnan**.
- Which state will set up horticulture estates in 4 districts – **Punjab**.
- Who has launched Toyota's first of its kind pilot project on Flexi-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles in India - **Nitin Gadkari**.
- Which state has ordered Ola, Uber, Rapido to stop auto services from October 12 on charges of overcharging - **Karnataka**.
- With whom has FIFA launched the “Football for Schools” campaign in India – **AIFF**.
- Which academician has recently won the UAE's Top Alternative Medicine Award - **Wajahat Hussain**.
- Which international airport has completely switched to green energy sources for power consumption needs, making it one of the 100% sustainable airports in India - **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport**.
- The 2nd United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress held in which city of India – **Hyderabad**.

