

NATIONAL

1. Dr Dilip Mahalanabis

Why in news - The physician, Dr. Dilip Mahalanabis, passed away at a Kolkata hospital on Oct 16.

Key Points –

- He pioneered Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) as a simple, effective remedy for dehydration.
- The Lancet called ORS as “the most important medical discovery of the 20th century.”
- In 2002, Dr Dilip Mahalanabis was awarded the Pollin Prize by Columbia University (equivalent of Nobel in paediatrics).

2. GI tag for Nihonshu

Why in news - The Embassy of Japan has filed an application seeking Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Nihonshu.

Key Points –

- Nihonshu/Japanese sake, an alcoholic beverage.
- This is the first time a product from Japan has filed for a tag at the Geographical Indication Registry in Chennai.

3. Closure of COFMOW

Why in news - The M/o Railways announced the closure of COFMOW, New Delhi, with effect from Dec 1, 2022.

Key Points –

- COFMOW - Central Organisation for Modernisation of Workshops.
- It is based on recommendations by Sanjeev Sanyal, member of the PM’s Economic Advisory Council.
- Next in line to be shut down is the Central Organisation for Railway Electrification by the end of 2023.

4. GI (Geographical Indication) Mahotsav

Why in news - The first-ever 'GI Mahotsav' began in Varanasi from Oct 16 to 21, 2022.

Key Points –

- It showcased the region-specific GI tagged products from 11 states/UTs of north India.
- It is being organised by department for the promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT), M/o commerce.
- 11 states/UTs - UP, MP, Rajasthan, Bihar, Jharkhand, HP, J&K, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Haryana.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Israel's capital

Why in news - Australia has reversed a previous government's recognition of West Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Key Points –

- It agreed to again recognize Tel Aviv as the capital.
- Former PM Scott Morrison formally recognized West Jerusalem as Israel's capital in December 2018.

2. Ulf Kristersson

Why in news - Sweden’s parliament elected Ulf Kristersson as the country’s new prime minister.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. Interpol’s 90th General Assembly

Why in news - The inaugural session of Interpol’s 90th General Assembly held in New Delhi.

Key Points –

- It is being held in India after 25 years (1st - 1997).
- Interpol recently declined to issue a Red Notice against Khalistani separatist Gurbantwant Singh Pannun (Chief Sikhs For Justice).

About Interpol (1923) –

- Full form - International Criminal Police Organisation.
- Facilitates criminal investigation of police forces across the globe.
- Hq - in Lyon, France.
- Current chief - Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi.

2. SCO coordinators meet

Why in news - India hosted the Shanghai Coordinators Organization national coordinator meeting in Delhi.

Key Points –

- India took over the presidency of the SCO at Samarkand in Uzbekistan in Sept 2022.
- India assumed the Chairmanship of SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of SCO from Oct 28, 2021 for a period of one year.

ECONOMY

1. MSP hike

Why in news - The government announced minimum support price (MSP) for rabi crops for 2023-24.

Key Points –

- MSP for wheat was hiked by Rs 110 to Rs 2,125 per quintal.
- It was approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by PM Modi.
- MSP is recommended by Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP).
- MSP is the rate at which the government buys grain from farmers.
- Currently, the government fixes MSPs for 23 crops grown in both the Kharif and rabi seasons.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Ballon d'Or awards

Why in news – The 66th edition of award was announced on Oct 17, 2022 in Paris, France.

Key Points –

- **Winners** –
 - Man - Karim Benzema (Real Madrid).
 - Woman - Alexia Putellas (Barcelona).
- Karim Benzema becomes only the 2nd player besides Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo to win the award since 2008.
- The greatest number of Ballon d'Or was received by Lionel Messi (7 times).

SECURITY

1. Joint Working Group (JWG)

Why in news - India and the U.K. to create a new Defence Industry JWG for more effective cooperation.

Key Points –

- The U.K. recently issued its first Open General Export License in the Indo-Pacific region to India.
- The inaugural meeting was held on the sidelines of DefExpo 2022 in Gandhinagar.

2. 12th DefExpo

Why in news – PM Modi inaugurated 'DefExpo 2022' in Gandhinagar, GJ.

Key Points –

- Theme - Path to Pride.
- Initiatives by PM Modi –
 - Unveiled HTT-40 – the indigenous trainer aircraft designed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
 - Launched Mission DefSpace – to develop innovative solutions for the Defence Forces in the Space domain.
 - Laid the foundation stone of 52 Wing Air Force Station Deesa.
- This year's DefExpo is the first-ever edition exclusively for Indian companies.

SCIENCE – TECH

1. World's largest genomic study

Why in news - Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad has become part of the study.

Key Points –

- The genomic study covers 54 lakh individuals.
- The study by name "A saturated map of common genetic variants associated with human height" was published in Nature science journal recently.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

1. Book 'Pandemic Disruptions and Odisha's Lessons in Governance'

Why in news - Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik released the book written by Dr. Amar Patnaik.

STATES/UTS

1. Restoration of waterbodies

Why in news - An expert committee to submit an action plan for the restoration of polluted waterbodies in Meghalaya.

Key Points –

- It is headed by B.K. Lyngwa.



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POINTERS

- In which state the Indian Navy Sailing Competition held recently - **Kerala**.
- Which country will host the 2023 Asian Cup football tournament recently – **Qatar**.
- Which country is set to scrap the remarriage ban on pregnant women – **Japan**.
- Which state government has recently abolished contractual recruitment system – **Odisha**.
- Who has taken charge as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) - **Ms. Bharti Das**.
- Coal India Limited (CIL) will set up 1190 MW solar power project in which state – **Rajasthan**.
- Where is the 22nd edition of the World Blockchain Summit being held from Oct (17 to 19) 2022 - **Atlantis, Dubai**.
- Which country has become the third largest producer of fish in the world – **India**.
- Which Indian submarine has successfully launched a Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) - **INS Arihant**.
- Recently, India-Africa Defence Dialogue (IADD) was held in which city - **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.



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