

### NATIONAL

#### 1. National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)

**Why in news** – PM Modi reviewed the construction of the NMHC site at Gujarat's Lothal.

##### Key Points –

**About Lothal (2,200 BC, port city) –**

- Located in the Bhāl region of Gujarat.
- Lothal meaning (Gujarati) - "the mound of the dead". (Mohenjo-daro also means the same in Sindhi).
- It was nominated in April 2014 as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Other Indus port towns - Balakot (Pakistan), Khirasa (in Gujarat's Kutch) and Kuntasi (in Rajkot).

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. Blacklisting terrorists

**Why in news** – China puts hold on proposal by India, US at UN to blacklist LeT terrorist Hafiz Talah Saeed.

##### Key Points –

- In April 2022, he had been declared a terrorist by the Indian government.

### ECONOMY

#### 1. Imported inflation

**Why in news** - Rupee falls to record 83.02 against the US dollar causing an increased risk of imported inflation.

##### Key Points –

- Retail inflation hit 7.4% in Sept 2022.
- On Oct 7, 2022, India's foreign exchange reserve stood at \$532.868 billion (depleted by \$109.58 bn in the last 13 months).
- India's import cover (Sept 2022) - about 8.9 months.

##### Imported inflation –

- General price level rises in a country because of the rise in prices of imported commodities.

- Causes - Rise in crude oil and gold prices, depleting forex reserves and aggressive global monetary tightening cycle.

### SECURITY

#### 1. Make in India in defence

**Why in news** – PM Modi announced the 'Fourth Positive Indigenisation List' of 101 items.

##### Key Points –

- It includes next generation frigates, SAM Pralay and ship-borne unmanned aerial systems.
- All items included in the list will be procured as per provisions in the Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020.

#### 2. Deesa Air Base

**Why in news** – PM Modi laid the foundation stone for IAF's new airbase at Deesa in Banaskantha district of Gujarat.

##### Key Points –

- It is 130 kms from the Indo-Pak border.
- It is expected to be operational by 2024.

### ENVIRONMENT

#### 1. Saving vultures

**Why in news** – Tamil Nadu has formed a state-level committee for the effective conservation of vultures.

##### Key Points –

- India's vulture population declined by 96% between 1993 and 2003.
- IUCN - Critically endangered.
- Ongoing plan at central government - 2020-2025.

### SCIENCE – TECH

#### 1. SemiconIndia FutureDesign roadshow

**Why in news** – Rajeev Chandrasekhar flagged off the first SemiconIndia FutureDesign roadshow in Gujarat.

##### Key Points –

- He also launched the ISRO tested and qualified NavIC Receiver Chipsets.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### 1. World Statistics Day 2022

**Why in news** – It is celebrated on Oct 20 to recognize the importance of statistics in our daily lives.

##### Key Points –

- Theme - “Data for Sustainable Development”.
- It marks the foundation of the United Nations Statistical Commission in 1947.
- India observes National Statistics Day on June 29 to honour PC Mahalanobis.

### FESTIVALS

#### 1. Kati Bihu festival 2022

**Why in news** – It is celebrated on the first day of the Kati month in the Assamese calendar.

##### Key Points –

- It is also known as Kongali Bihu.
- It marks the fresh start of the harvest season and the relocation time of rice saplings.

### BIHAR

#### 1. Rabi Mahabhiyan 2022

**Why in news** – Hon’ CM Nitish Kumar launched Rabi Mahabhiyan 2022 on Oct 19, 2022.

##### Key Points –

- Farmers would be informed about all the schemes of agriculture department related to Rabi season.
- Kisan Choupal would be organized from Nov 15 to Dec 5 in the panchayats of all the districts.

#### 2. Extremely backward commission (EBC)

**Why in news** – The Bihar government informed Patna High Court that it is going to constitute the above commission.

##### Key Points –

- Headed by - Dr. Naveen Kumar Arya (JDU).
- Other members - Arvind Nishad, Gyanchandra Patel and Tarakeswar Thakur.
- It would recommend reservation for the EBCs in civic elections as per the guidelines of the Supreme Court (triple test criteria).
- Bihar EBC Commission came into existence in 2005.

### ➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

### POINTERS

- Which actor has been made the brand ambassador of National Basketball Association – **Ranbir Singh**
- Government and private sector will jointly invest how much rupees in Aviation Sector in next four years - Rs 95 thousand crore
- According to the EY-CII report, India will attract how much FDI in the next five years - **\$475 billion.**
- Boxing Federation of India appointed whom as director of high performance - **Bernard Dunne**
- First National Coal Conclave & Exhibition held in which city - **New Delhi**
- Who has launched a unified portal aimed at ensuring “ease of living” for central government pensioners - **Jitendra Singh**
- Who has topped all the ministries and departments in resolving public grievances for the month of Sept 2022 – **UIDAI**
- Who has won a Silver in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior event of ISSF World Championship in Cairo, Egypt – **Sameer**
- Who has recently won the Jeev Milkha Singh International Golf Tournament in Chandigarh - **Gaganjeet Bhullar.**
- Who has released Hindi textbooks for medical studies in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh - **Amit Shah.**

