

NATIONAL

1. Quota for "general" poor

Why in news - By a majority of 3:2, a 5-judge Bench of the Supreme Court has upheld the validity of the 103rd amendment.

Key Points –

- It came into effect from January 31, 2019.
- 103rd Amendment - Inserted Articles 15(6) and 16(6) to provide up to 10% reservation to EWS to non-OBC and non-SC/ST population.
- It empowered government to provide reservation on the basis of economic backwardness.
- SC said that the exclusion of classes covered in Article 15(4) and 16(4) i.e., OBCs and SC/STs does not damage the basic structure.
- Indra Sawhney judgment (1992) – SC imposed a 50% ceiling on reservations.

2. Vedic clock

Why in news – Ujjain (MP), the city of Mahakal is to get the world's first Vedic clock.

Key Points –

- It would be synced with the position of the Sun.
- Foundation stone of 300-year-old Jiwaji Observatory was laid in Ujjain.

3. Double-decker expressway

Why in news – Country's first double-decker expressway to be built on the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway.

Key Points –

- Project cost – Rs 2000 crores.

INTERNATIONAL

1. World travel market 2022

Why in news - India participated in World Travel Mart started in London (Nov 7-9).

Key Points –

- Theme - The Future of Travel Starts Now.
- The Indian delegation was led by Arvind Singh.
- In 2019, the contribution of travel and tourism to India's GDP was 5.19%.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. Guru Nanak Jayanti 2022

Why in news - PM Modi participated in the 553rd birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev.

Key Points –

- It marks the birth anniversary of the first Sikh guru and the founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
- He was born in Rai Bhoi Ki Talwandi (Nanakana Sahib), near Lahore (in Pakistan), in 1469.
- He advocated the 'Nirguna' (devotion to and worship of formless divine) form of bhakti.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Early Warning System

Why in news - World Meteorological Organisation unveiled a 5-year program to set up early warning systems across the world.

Key Points –

- Aim - to save lives and minimise destruction from growing number of climate disasters.
- It was launched by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres.
- It envisages an investment of \$ 3.1 billion between now and 2027.
- WMO Secretary-General Petteri Taalas.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. World radiography day 2022

Why in news – It is observed on Nov 8 to honour the discovery of X-radiation (X-rays).

Key Points –

- Theme - Radiographers at the Forefront of Patient Safety.
- Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen discovered X-rays in 1895.
- For this, he was awarded Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901.

2. 134th CV Raman birth anniversary

Why in news – India, on November 7, celebrated the 134th birthday of scientist CV Raman.

Key Points –

- He was first Asian physicist to receive the Nobel prize.
- He won Nobel for 'Raman Effect' or the Raman scattering' in 1930.
- He was born on November 7, 1888, in Tamil Nadu's Tiruchirappalli.

3. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

Why in news – M of Education to celebrate this day in educational institutions on November 15.

Key Points –

- November 15 is the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda who is revered as “Bhagwan” by tribal communities.

4. National Cancer Awareness Day

Why in news – It is observed on November 7 to highlight the significance of diagnosis, treatment, and early detection of the disease.

Key Points –

- It coincides with the birth anniversary of the Nobel scientist Madame Curie.
- She is remembered for her discovery of radium and polonium, and her huge contribution to the fight against cancer.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Kishore Kumar Basa

Why in news – He has been appointed as the chairman of the National Monuments Authority (NMA).

SPORTS

1. Asian Continental Chess Championship 2022

Why in news – R Praggnanandhaa and P V Nandhidhaa won the titles in the championship.

Key Points –

- R Praggnanandhaa - Open section.
- P V Nandhidhaa - Women's section.

STATES/UTS

1. Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman

Why in news – NSA Ajit Doval and late CDS General Bipin Rawat have been selected for the year 2022.

Key Points –

- Other awardees - Prasoon Joshi, Girish Chandra Tiwari and Viren Dangwal.
- The award began in 2021 and is the highest state-level civilian awards after Uttarakhand Ratna.

BIHAR

1. Pilot Baba Dham

Why in news – A 111 feet high statue of Lord Shiva was inaugurated in Pilot Baba Dham in Sasaram on Nov 7.

Key Points –

- It is the 4th tallest Shiva statue in the country and the tallest statue of Lord Shiva in Bihar.
- A new Somnath temple has been constructed in Pilot Baba ashram itself.
- The 2nd tallest Buddha statue (80 feet) of Bihar is also present in Pilot Baba Dham.



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POINTERS

- Recently State Bank of India (SBI) has started Gram Seva program in how many states of India – **6 states**.
- Recently, who has been declared as its National Icon by the Election Commission of India - **Pankaj Tripathi**.
- Which state has signed an MoU with Tata Technologies Limited to develop technical educational institutions (polytechnics and ITIs) into technological hubs – **Chhattisgarh**.
- Recently, the Dy Chief Minister of which state has launched Vande Mataram initiative – **Maharashtra**.
- Recently, UNCTAD has estimated the economic growth rate of India to be what percent – **5.7%**.
- Recently, whose book “Jeete ji Allahabad” has received the Valley of Words award – **Mamata Kalia**.
- Recently, who has been honored with the Global India Award in Canada – **Anil Agarwal**.
- Who been awarded the 32nd Bihari Award for his 2015 literary criticism book 'Pacharang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri' - **Madhav Hada**.
- The annual Joint Military Training (JMT) between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Singapore Air Force (RSAF) has commenced at which place - **Kalaikunda (WB)**.
- UIDAI has recently launched which chatbots for better user experience - **Aadhar mitra**.



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