

NATIONAL

1. Drone-mediated livestock vaccine delivery

Why in news - Arunachal Pradesh conducted the world's first vaccine delivery for Animal Husbandry.

Key Points –

- It was carried out by TechEagle startup.
- Drone name - Vertiplane X3.
- It took place from Kangkong to Paglam in Lower Dibang Valley district.
- TechEagle has successfully completed Asia's first cold chain Vaccine delivery by Drones in Telangana with WEF's- Medicine from the Sky Project.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Nepal Elections

Why in news - CEC Rajiv Kumar has been invited as international observer for forthcoming elections in Nepal.

Key Points –

- ECI's India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) has by far trained more than 2200 officers from 109 countries.
- ECI had been chairing the Association of World Election Bodies since Sept 2019 to October 2022.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. 23rd SCO summit 2023

Why in news - India has launched the official website and theme of SCO 2023.

Key Points –

- Theme - "For a SECURE SCO".
- PM Modi floated the concept of SECURE at the SCO summit in China in 2018.
- 'S' - Security for citizens, 'E' - Economic development, 'C' - connectivity, 'U' - unity, 'R' - respect of sovereignty, and 'E' - Environment protection.
- India received the presidency of the SCO for a year until September 2023.

ENVIRONMENT

1. COP19 of CITES

Why in news - The 19th Conference of the Parties (COP19) to CITES held in Panama.

Key Points –

- The COP19 to the CITES is also known as the World Wildlife Conference.
- India has put forward a proposal to better protect the red-crowned roofed turtle (Batagur kachuga) under CITES.
- It has voted to limit or regulate trade in nearly 100 species of sharks and rays
- CITES - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.
- CITES is also known as the Washington Convention.

2. Elephant death audit framework

Why in news - TN CM MK Stalin released the framework during the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL).

Key Points –

- Tamil Nadu became the first State in the country to bring out the audit framework.
- It promises thorough investigation and scientific documentation of every jumbo death.

3. "Loss and damage" fund

Why in news - Countries agreed at the COP27 climate summit to set up "Loss and damage" fund.

Key Points –

- Aim - to help poor countries being battered by climate disasters.

What is "loss and damage"?

The phrase refers to costs already being incurred from climate-fuelled weather extremes or impacts, like rising sea levels



- Climate funding so far has focused on cutting CO2 emissions, while a third of it went towards helping communities adapt to future impacts
- Loss and damage funding is expected to cover the cost of damage that countries cannot avoid or adapt to
- A report by 55 vulnerable countries estimated that their combined climate-linked losses in the last two decades totalled \$525 billion, or 20% of their collective GDP. This could go upto \$580 billion per year by 2030
- Vulnerable countries and campaigners argue that rich countries that caused the bulk of climate change with their historical greenhouse gas emissions should pay

Source: Reuters

- A "transitional committee" would make recommendations for countries to adopt it at the COP28 summit in Nov 2023.
- EU and UK are extremely disappointed with the Sharm El Sheikh package.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Lance Naik Manju

Why in news - With 10,000 ft jump, Lance Naik Manju became Indian Army's first woman skydiver.

Key Points –

- She jumped off a ALH Dhruv chopper (Advanced Light Helicopter).
- In May 2022, Captain Abhilasha Barak became the first woman combat aviator.
- Maya Sudan became the first female fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF).

2. Excellence in Leadership in Family Planning (EXCELL) Awards-2022

Why in news - India won the EXCELL awards-2022 at International Conference on Family Planning in Pattaya city, Thailand.

Key Points –

- India is the only country to have received the award in 'country' category.
- As per NFHS-5 data, the overall Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) has increased from 54% to 67% in the country (NFHS-4).
- Mission Parivar Vikas –
 - o To improve access to contraceptives through delivering assured services to bring down the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) to 2.1.
 - o It is being implemented in 146 high-focus districts that house 44% of the country's population, with the highest TFR of 3 and more in the country.

3. 47th ICQCC-2022

Why in news - NTPC's QC Team from Unchahar ABHYUDAYA has won the "GOLD" award in 47th ICQCC-2022.

Key Points –

- ICQCC - International Convention on Quality Control Circle.

- Theme - "Built Back Better through Quality Efforts".
- It is being held from Nov 15-18 in Jakarta.
- In March 2022, NTPC had been declared the "Dream Employer of the Year" at the 30th Session of the World HRD Congress.
- NTPC was selected as a 2022 ATD BEST award winner by The Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA.

4. 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI)

Why in news - Chiranjeevi was named the Indian Film Personality of the Year at the opening ceremony of IFFI 2022.

Key Points –

- He was honoured with the Padma Bhushan in 2006.
- His debut film - Punadhirallu (1978).

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. National Newborn Week 2022

Why in news - In India, it is celebrated from Nov 15 to 21.

Key Points –

- Theme - Safety, Quality and Nurturing Care – Every Newborn's Birth Right.
- The neonatal period (first 28 days of life) is the most crucial period for child survival.
- India Newborn Action Plan (INAP, 2014): to attain
 - o 'Single Digit Neo-natal Mortality Rate (NMR) by 2030', and
 - o 'Single Digit Still Birth Rate (SBR) by 2030'.

2. World Children's Day 2022

Why in news – It is celebrated on Nov 20 to promote international togetherness and awareness among children.

Key Points –

- Theme - "Inclusion, for every child".
- In 2022, UNICEF wants to remind world leaders to "fulfil the promise of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child".



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SPORTS

1. North East Olympic Games

Why in news - The 2nd edition of the North East Olympic Games concluded in Shillong, Meghalaya.

Key Points –

- **Top 3 –**
 - o Manipur (240 medals, 88 G, 75 S and 77 B).
 - o Assam (203 medals, 79 G, 61 S and 63 B).
 - o Arunachal Pradesh (112 medals, 39 G, 36 S and 37 B).
- Nagaland would host the next edition of the Northeast Olympic Games.

2. FIFA World Cup 2022

Why in news - It kicked off at the Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor in Qatar on Nov 20, 2022.

Key Points –

- Host-nation – Qatar.

- Official song of FIFA World Cup 2022 – Dreamers.
- Official mascot - La'eeb.
- Name of the football to be used during the world cup - Al Rihla. (Journey in Arabic).
- FIFA President - Gianni Infantino.

STATES/UTS

1. "Amar Sarkar" portal

Why in news - Tripura CM Dr Manik Saha has launched 'Amar Sarkar' portal.

Key Points –

- Aim - to ensure all central and state-sponsored schemes reach every doorstep.
- In Sept 2022, it had launched the 'Har Ghar Sushasan' initiative to mark the birthday of PM Modi.

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- Who became the first Indian to be chosen to the International Table Tennis Federation's Athletes' Commission (ITTF) - **Achanta Sharath Kamal.**
- Who has recently launched the fourth phase of Digital Shakti Abhiyan - **Rekha Sharma.**
- Arjuna Awardee Abbas Mutasir has passed away recently. He was associated with which game - **Basketball player.**
- Who has been appointed as the new chief of Oil Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) recently - **Arun Kumar Singh.**
- Which state has topped in opening 60,000 new companies recently after Corona – **Maharashtra.**
- Where has the 8th Norway-India Joint Working Group Maritime Meeting been held – **Mumbai (Maharashtra).**
- From where has Skyroot Aerospace successfully launched the first private rocket? Answer – **Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh).**
- Recently India and which country has organized the fifth bilateral cyber policy dialogue in New Delhi – **Australia.**
- Which company has recently become the first Indian company to set up the European Works Council – **Wipro.**
- Who has been named as the next Indian ambassador to Comoros - **Bandaru Wilsonbabu.**



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