

NATIONAL

1. Suicide Prevention Policy

Why in news - The M/o Health and Family Welfare announced a National Suicide Prevention Strategy.

Key Points –

- It is the first of its kind in the country.
- It aims to achieve a reduction in suicide mortality by 10% 2030.
- SDG 3.4 aims to reduce premature mortality from non-communicable diseases by one-third.

Other initiatives –

- Manodarpan Initiative - To provide psychosocial support to students for their mental health and well-being.
- Kiran Helpline - to provide early screening, first-aid, psychological support, distress management, mental well-being, and psychological crisis management.

2. CoE for Green Port & Shipping

Why in news - Sarbananda Sonowal announced India's first National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS).

Key Points –

- Aim - Alternate technology adoption for green shipping to foster carbon neutrality and circular economy (CE) in the shipping sector in India.
- India intends to increase the share of renewable energy to 60% of the total power demand of each of its major ports. (Present - less than 10%).
- India has been selected as the first country under the IMO Green Voyage 2050 project to conduct a pilot project related to Green Shipping.
- The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is the knowledge and implementation partner for this project.

3. Fertilizers import to India

Why in news - Russia became the biggest fertilizer supplier to India in the first half of the 2022-23 fiscal year (1/5th market share).

Key Points –

- India's fertilizer imports from Russia surged 371% to a record 2.15 million tonnes.
- Russia surpassed China as the biggest supplier to India.

- Other top exporting countries – China, Jordan, Egypt and UAE.

4. Tawang war memorial

Why in news - AR CM Pema Khandu dedicated the extended and renovated war memorial at Tawang.

Key Points –

- It commemorated the martyred soldiers of the 1962 war.
- CM also inaugurated the newly constructed 'Veer-Aangan' or courtyard of bravehearts alongside the War Memorial.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Hwasong-17

Why in news - North Korea test-fired its massive new Hwasong-17 intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).

Key Points –

- It is nuclear-armed North Korea's biggest missile yet.
- It is the largest road-mobile, liquid-fuelled ICBM in the world.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. Shaheedi Divas of Guru Tegh Bahadur

Why in news - Nov 24 is commemorated as the Shaheedi Divas of Guru Tegh Bahadur.

Key Points –

- He was the 9th guru of the Sikhs and was executed on the orders of Aurangzeb in 1675.
- At the site of Guru Tegh Bahadur's execution stands Gurdwara Sis Ganj Sahib (1783) in Delhi's chandni chowk.
- His childhood name - Tyag Mal.
- Gur Bilas Patshahi Dasmi - A biography of Guru Gobind Singh.

2. Lachit Borphukan

Why in news - Assam celebrated the 400th birth anniversary of Borphukan which culminated in New Delhi.

Key Points –

- He was a 17th century Ahom general.
- Battle of Saraighat (1671) - Borphukan inflicted a crushing defeat on the Mughals.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Jumbo trails

Why in news - The Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) has launched 'jumbo trails' at Coimbatore, TN.

Key Points –

- Aim - to educate visitors to the tiger reserve about elephants, the flora and fauna of ATR.
- The first jumbo trail will happen on November 26.
- The program is organised by the Advanced Wildlife Management Training Centre (Attakatti) and implemented by Keelponachi Eco Development Committee.

REPORTS & INDICES

1. World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) report

Why in news – It was released by World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) recently.

Key Points –

- Global intellectual property filings of patents, trademarks, and designs-reached record levels in 2021.
- Growth - India (+5.5%), China (+5.5%) and the Republic of Korea (+2.5%).
- Decline - U.S. (-1.2%), Japan (-1.7%) and Germany (-3.9%).
- WIPO (Hq - Geneva, Switzerland) is one of the 15 specialized agencies of the United Nations (UN).

2. Handbook of Statistics on Indian States, 2021-22

Why in news - The 7th edition of the report was released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Key Points –

- Two new sections have been included in the recent edition – health and environment.
- Maximum factories (Top 5) - Tamil Nadu (15.7%), Gujarat (11.5%), Maharashtra (10.3%), Andhra Pradesh (6.8%), and Uttar Pradesh (6.5%).
- Least factories – Ladakh, A&N islands, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya.

SECURITY

1. Exercise 'Shatru Nash'

Why in news - Indian Army conducted integrated firepower exercise 'Shatru Nash' in Thar Desert in Sriganganagar, RJ.

Key Points –

- The tanks equipped with radars also participated in the military drill in the border state.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Vineet Kumar

Why in news - Vineet Kumar has taken over as CEO of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

APPS & PORTALS

1. "GHAR - Go Home and Re-Unite" portal

Why in news - National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has launched a web portal "GHAR" on Nov 20.

Key Points –

- Aim - Digital tracking and monitoring of children from every district to smoothen the process of their repatriation.
- NCPCR is a statutory body constituted under Section 3 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005.
- NCPCR is mandated to monitor the proper and effective implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act 2015, POCSO Act, 2012 and RTE Act, 2009.

PERSON IN NEWS

1. Babu Mani

Why in news - Babu Mani passed away after a prolonged battle with liver-related issues.

Key Points –

- He was an integral part of the Indian football team in the 1980s.
- He was a part of the first Indian team that qualified for the AFC Asian Cup in 1984.



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POINTERS

- Who has defeated Norway's Casper Ruud to collect a record-equalling sixth ATP Finals title in Turin, Italy - **Novak Djokovic**.
- Who became the first Indian paddler to win a medal in the ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup - **Manika Batra**.
- Who has been re-elected as the President of Kazakhstan on Nov 20, 2022 - **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev**.
- Which Bollywood megastar has been honored by Saudi Arabia's Red Sea Film Festival with a career award - **Shah Rukh Khan**.
- Which minister has launched '53-Hour Challenge' for the '75 Creative Minds Tomorrow' - **Anurag Singh Thakur**.
- Which state has introduced an award to promote good governance and reward innovative human resources who make extraordinary efforts at workplace - **Haryana**.
- Buddhavanam, the first-of-its-kind Buddhist Heritage Theme Park project is located in which state - **Telangana**.
- Which Indian-origin pediatrician has won 2023 Victorian Australian of the Year Award - **Dr Anraj Khillan**.
- In the 15th Asian Airgun Championships in South Korea, India won how many gold medals - **25**.
- Canada's which city got first turbaned Sikh Harkirat Singh as deputy mayor - **Brampton**.



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