

NATIONAL

1. Monkeypox disease renamed

Why in news - World Health Organisation has changed the name of the disease Monkeypox to Mpx.

Key Points –

- The name "mpox" was submitted by Samuel Miriello, director of the REZO men's health organization.
- Monkeypox was given its name in 1970 (after the virus that causes the disease was discovered in captive monkeys in 1958).
- The naming of viruses is the responsibility of the International Committee on the Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV).

2. Ni-Kshay Mitra

Why in news - Deepa Malik became Ni-Kshay Mitra and national ambassador for TB Mukta Bharat Campaign.

Key Points –

- Ni-Kshay Mitra - to provide aid to TB-afflicted patients at three levels – nutritional, additional diagnostic and vocational support.
- She is India's First Woman Paralympic Medalist and President of the Paralympic Committee of India.
- TB Mukta Bharat campaign was launched by PM Modi in March 2018.
- India aims to be TB Free by 2025.

3. Himalayan yak

Why in news - The Himalayan Yak has been accepted as food animal by Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI).

Key Points –

- It belongs to the Bovini tribe (e.g., bison, buffaloes, and cattle).
- Yak-rearing states - Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.
- According to a census in 2019, India has some 58,000 yaks.
- Protection –
 - A. IUCN – Vulnerable
 - B. CITES - Appendix I
 - C. WPA 1972 - Schedule I.

4. Animal Quarantine Certification Services (AQCS)

Why in news - As part of the National Milk Day celebrations, AQCS was organized in Bengaluru.

Key Points –

- AQCS, Bangalore was initiated in August 2009.

5. Ravish Kumar resigned

Why in news - Senior journalist Ravish Kumar resigned from NDTV amid Adani takeover.

Key Points –

- He has been conferred with the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay award and Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Award.
- This came after the Adani Group acquired over 29.18% stake in NDTV by acquiring 99.5% in RRPR, the promoter firm of NDTV Ltd.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Mauna Loa volcano

Why in news - Mauna Loa on Hawaii's Big Island erupted after 38 years (last eruption - 1984) on Nov 27, 2022.

Key Points –

- It is the world's largest active volcano.
- Volcanic Explosivity Index (VEI) - To measure the explosivity of a volcano. It has a range of 1 to 8 (Higher VEI indicates more explosivity).
- Mauna Loa rises 13,679 ft above the Pacific Ocean, part of the chain of volcanoes that formed the islands of Hawaii.

2. Mahatma Gandhi's bust

Why in news – A bust of Mahatma Gandhi would be inaugurated at the United Nations in Jan 2023.

Key Points –

- The bust was made by Padma Shree awardee Ram Sutar.
- The bust would be the 1st Gandhi sculpture to be installed in the UN headquarters.

3. Gaslighting

Why in news – "Gaslighting" named Merriam-Webster's word of the year for 2022.

Key Points –

- Gaslighting meaning - Practice of grossly misleading someone especially for one's own advantage.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. Re-Hab Project

Why in news - KVIC chairman Manoj Kumar inaugurated Re-Hab Project at Chausla village (Nainital, UK).

Key Points –

- Aim - to safeguard humans and farmers' crops from elephant attacks.
- Re-Hab - Reducing Human Attacks using Honey Bees.
- KVIC is running the project in 7 states including Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Assam and Orissa.
- Project RE-HAB is a sub-mission of KVIC's National Honey Mission.
- 'Sweet Revolution' - to emphasize the increase in honey production.

SCIENCE – TECH

1. iNOVACC

Why in news - Intranasal vaccine iNOVACC against coronavirus disease has received approval from Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO).

Key Points –

- It is approved under Restricted Use in Emergency Situation for all adults in India, for heterologous booster doses.
- It is the world's first intranasal Covid vaccine to receive approval for the primary 2-dose schedule and heterologous booster dose.
- It is developed by Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL).

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. 59th ABU General Assembly 2022

Why in news - 59th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union

assembly held from Nov 25 to 30, 2022 in New Delhi.

Key Points –

- It was hosted by Prasar Bharati.
- Theme - Serving the People: Media's Role in Times of Crisis.
- Prasar Bharati controls All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD).

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World AIDS Day

Why in news – It is commemorated every year on December 1 globally.

Key Points –

- Theme - Putting Ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV.
- World AIDS Day report is published by UNAIDS.
- United Nations has set the goal of eliminating AIDS by 2030.
- It was first designated in Aug 1988 by James W. Bunn and Thomas Netter.

2. Red Planet Day

Why in news – Nov 28 is marked as Red Planet Day.

Key Points –

- On Nov 28, 1964, the USA launched the space probe Mariner 4 on a course toward Mars.
- This was the first time that a spacecraft undertook the first flyby of the red planet.
- In 2001, the Gamma Ray Spectrometer on board the Mars Odyssey spacecraft detected a fascinating hydrogen signature that seemed to indicate the presence of water ice.

STATES/UTS

1. Praseon Joshi

Why in news – Praseon Joshi has been appointed by Uttarakhand as the state's brand ambassador.

Key Points –

- He is currently the Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification.



- He has received Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2006.

BIHAR

1. **Urja sabhagar**

Why in news – Hon' CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated the work of installing prepaid smart meters in rural areas in the energy auditorium.

Key Points –

- He announced to deliver smart meters to every household by 2025.
- He also laid the foundation stone of BREDAs Grid Connected Ground Mounted Solar Power Plant Scheme at a cost of 1579.37 crores.
- He also inaugurated the grid-connected floating power plant built at a cost of 11.55 crores.





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POINTERS

- To which country India will send helicopters for UN peacekeeping operations – **Mali**.
- By what name has the Indian Navy launched a new 'Survey Ship' built by GRSE/L&T – **Ikshak**.
- Which country has recently launched the 'Indo Pacific Strategy' to boost national security - **Canada**.
- Which ministry has launched a plan to supply 4,500 MW power for 5 years under the Shakti Policy - **Ministry of Energy**.
- The book "India the Mother of Democracy" has been released by which Union Minister - **Dharmendra Pradhan**.
- Which state government has launched a new scheme to promote Dalit businesses – **Rajasthan**.
- 'Operation Turtle Shield' has been launched by which country to conserve tortoises - **India**.
- Karnataka government has announced a special grant to Kannada schools of which state - **Maharashtra**.
- With which country Qatar has signed the world's longest gas supply deal - **China**.
- Which cricketer has become the first player to hit 7 sixes in an over - **Rituraj Gaikwad**.



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