

NATIONAL

1. Mopa airport

Why in news – Mopa airport has been named as Manohar International Airport.

Key Points –

- The airport was inaugurated by PM Modi in December 2022.
- Manohar Parrikar was former defence minister and four-time chief minister of Goa.

2. Sunni Hydroelectric Project

Why in news – CCEA has approved Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project in Himachal Pradesh.

Key Points –

- It is a run-of-the-river type scheme situated on river Satluj.
- To set up 382 MW project.
- Project cost - Rs 2,614.51 crore.

3. Eat Right Station

Why in news – Varanasi railway station has been awarded a 5- star 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI.

Key Points –

- It is given to railway stations that set benchmarks as per the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 in providing safe food to passengers.
- FSSAI is an autonomous statutory body established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

4. Largest Women Peacekeepers

Why in news – India would deploy a platoon of women peacekeepers to UN Mission in Sudan.

Key Points –

- This would be India's largest single unit of women Peacekeepers in a UN Mission.
- India deployed the first-ever all-women contingent in Liberia in 2007.
- As of Oct 31, 2022, India is the second largest contributor to UN peacekeeping missions (5,887 troops) (1st – Bangladesh, 7,017 troops).
- UN peacekeepers are often referred to as Blue Berets or Blue Helmets.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Vaccine for honeybees

Why in news – World's first vaccine for honeybees gets conditional nod in USA.

Key Points –

- It aims to curb American foulbrood (AFB), a fatal bacterial disease for the insect.
- AFB is caused by the spore-forming bacterium *Paenibacillus larvae*.
- Infected broods usually die at the pre-pupal or pupal stage.
- The license has been granted to American biotech company Dalan Animal Health Inc.
- The deadly disease originated in the US but has now spread globally.

2. Freedom Caucus group

Why in news – Due to Freedom Caucus group Republicans in the House of Representatives failed for a second straight day to elect a leader.

Key Points –

About Freedom Caucus –

- It is considered to be the most conservative, far-right caucus of the Republican Party in the US House of Representatives.
- It emerged from the Tea Party Movement, a fiscally conservative political movement (2009).

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. Microsoft Future-Ready Technology Summit 2023

Why in news – Microsoft held its 2023 edition of the Future-Ready Technology Summit in Bengaluru.

Key Points –

- Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella showcased some of the real-world applications of tools like ChatGPT and Dall-E powered by OpenAI.
- Microsoft has signed an MoU with ISRO to fuel space tech startups.
- With the help of Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub, space tech startup founders in India will have free access to the tech tools, and resources they need to build and run their businesses.