

### NATIONAL

#### 1. Octave 2023

**Why in news** – Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi inaugurated the Octave 2023 in Chennai.

##### Key Points –

- Aim - to showcase the indigenous art and culture of the North East India.
- It was held under the aegis of the South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur.

#### 2. Sari Festival “VIRAASAT”

**Why in news** – The 2nd phase of the Sari Festival “VIRAASAT”- Celebrating 75 handwoven Saris of India concluded on Jan 17 2023 in New Delhi.

##### Key Points –

- The Ministry of Textiles organized the festival.

#### 3. North East Krishi Kumbha-2023

**Why in news** – Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the three-day 'Northeast Krishi Kumbh-2023' at Umiam in Meghalaya.

##### Key Points –

- Event held at ICAR Research Complex in Meghalaya from Jan 4-6, 2023.

#### 4. Bikaner Solar Power Project

**Why in news** – President Droupadi Murmu virtually laid the foundation stone of 1,000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project.

##### Key Points –

- It is being developed on 5000 acres of land near the village Banderwala, district Bikaner of Rajasthan.
- Cost of the project - ₹5492 crores.
- It is scheduled to be commissioned by March 2024.
- It would help achieve India's renewable target of 500 GW by 2030.

### Key Points –

- Anurag Singh Thakur launched the themes of Y20 summit, logo and website.
- India is hosting the Y20 summit for the first time.
- Themes of Y20
  - A. Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century skills
  - B. Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a way of life
  - C. Peace-building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an era of No War
  - D. Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance and Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth.

#### 2. 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

**Why in news** – PM Modi inaugurated the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD, Jan 8 to 10) convention in Indore on January 9, 2023.

##### Key Points –

##### Prominent participants –

- A. Mohammad Irfaan Ali (President of Guyana).
  - B. Chandrika Prasad Santokhi (President of Suriname).
  - C. Zaneta Mascarenhas (Member of Parliament of Australia).
- 9th January (1915) marks the return of Mahatma Gandhi to India.

### AWARDS & HONOURS

#### 1. Award for Global Leadership

**Why in news** – CJI D Y Chandrachud has been selected for the "Award for Global Leadership" by the Harvard Law School Centre.

##### Key Points –

- Reason - In recognition of his lifetime service to the legal profession in the country and around the world.
- He was sworn in as the 50th CJI on November 9, 2022.

### SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

#### 1. Y20 Summit

**Why in news** – The Curtain raising event of Y20 (Youth 20) Summit held in New Delhi.

### RANKS & INDICES

#### 1. PE Survey 2021-22

**Why in news** - Recently Public Enterprises Survey 2021-22 was published by Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance.

##### Key Points –

- Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (Power Grid), a Maharatna CPSE of Ministry of Power has been ranked 1st in the Services Sector.
- It has also been ranked 3rd amongst the Top 10 Profit Making CPSEs.

#### 2. Top Cities for Women in India report

**Why in news** – The study titled, Top Cities for Women in India was released by Avatar Group, a diversity, equity & inclusion solutions firm.

##### Key Points –

MOST WOMEN-INCLUSIVE CITIES					
With over 1 mn population		With <1 mn population			
Rank	Score	Rank	Score		
1	Chennai	78.41	1	Tiruchirappalli	71.61
2	Pune	69.44	2	Vellore	70.30
3	Bengaluru	64.48	3	Erode	66.50
4	Hyderabad	62.47	4	Salem	65.86
5	Mumbai	61.11	5	Tiruppur	64.21

- The report ranks 111 cities on parameters nurturing a conducive ecosystem for women's employment.
- Top 3 cities –
  - North - Delhi, Srinagar, and Amritsar.
  - South - Chennai, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad.
  - East – Kolkata, Dhanbad and Patna.
  - western - Pune, Mumbai, and Ahmedabad.
  - Central - Raipur, Indore, and Bhopal.

#### 3. Top-performing global airports of 2022

**Why in news** – Cerium Aviation Analytics released the list of the top-performing global airports of 2022.

##### Key Points –

- The top 3 best performing global airports –
  - Haneda Airport (Tokyo, Japan)
  - Kempegowda International Airport (Bengaluru, India)
  - Salt Lake City International Airport (Salt Lake City, USA)
- From India –
  - Bangalore's Kempegowda International Airport (Rank 2).
  - Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (Rank 7).
- Most punctual airline worldwide - Azul Airlines (Brazil).
- Global operational excellence - Delta Airlines.

#### 4. 3rd largest auto market

**Why in news** – As per Nikkei Asia report, India surpassed Japan and became the third largest auto market in the world.

##### Key Points –

- Total sales of new vehicles in India - 4.25 million units (Japan - 4.2 million).
- Other top markets – China and USA.

### PERSON IN NEWS

#### 1. Keshari Nath Tripathi

**Why in news** – Former Governor of West Bengal and three-time UP Assembly Speaker Keshari Nath Tripathi died.

##### Key Points –

- He had held additional charge as the Governor of Bihar, Meghalaya and Mizoram.
- He was jailed in 1953 for participating in the 'Kashmir Andolan' and again in 1990 for taking part in the Ram Janmabhoomi movement.

### SPORTS

#### 1. Belinda Clark

**Why in news** – Belinda Clark became the first female cricketer to be honoured with Bronze statue at Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) precinct.



### Key Points –

- She joined an elite list of 73 male cricketers who have statues in the precinct.
- She is a World Cup winner and a former Australian skipper.

### 2. Jaydev Unadkat

**Why in news** – Saurashtra team captain Jaydev Unadkat has created history by taking a hat-trick in his first over in the Ranji Trophy.

### Key Points –

- He has become the first bowler in this domestic tournament to take a hat-trick in the first over of the match.
- He took hat-trick against Delhi.

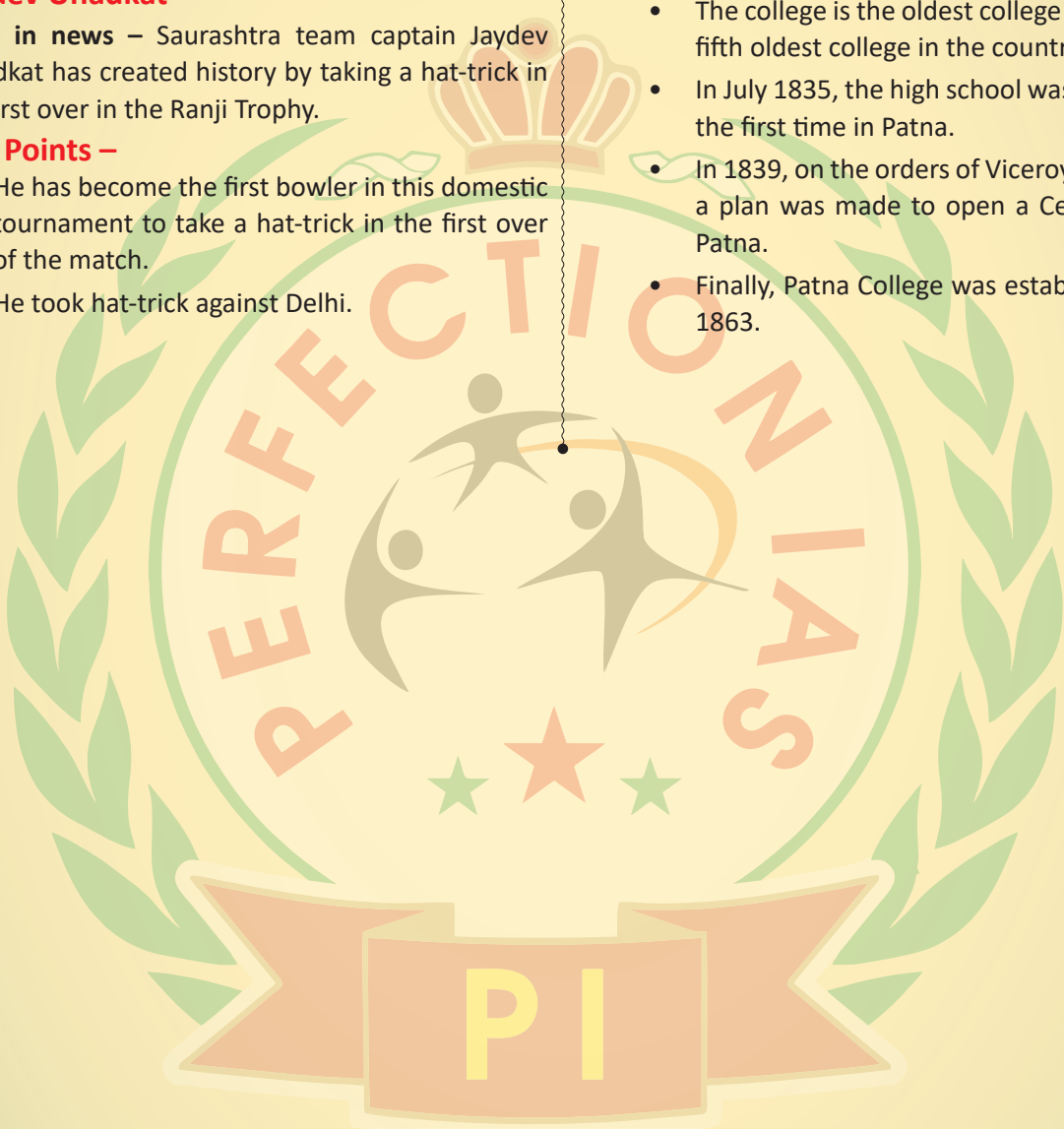
### BIHAR

### 1. 161st foundation day of Patna College

**Why in news** – The 161st foundation day of Patna College was celebrated on January 9, 2023.

### Key Points –

- The college is the oldest college in Bihar and the fifth oldest college in the country.
- In July 1835, the high school was established for the first time in Patna.
- In 1839, on the orders of Viceroy Lord Auckland, a plan was made to open a Central College in Patna.
- Finally, Patna College was established on Jan 9, 1863.





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### POINTERS

- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated National Genome Editing & Training Centre (NGETC) in which state - **Mohali, Punjab.**
- Who has signed an agreement to become the network partner of Manchester City FC in India - **Jio Platforms.**
- Who has inaugurated the 18th National Jamboree of "Bharat Scouts and Guides" in Pali, Rajasthan - **President Draupadi Murmu.**
- In which state Amit Shah has inaugurated a 120 feet tall statue of a polo player riding a pony - **Manipur.**
- Which Union Minister has participated in credit outreach program in Kota, Rajasthan - **Nirmala Sitharaman.**
- Which bank has launched the 'Jahan Bandhan, Vahan Trust' campaign - **Bandhan Bank.**
- Which state has signed a Rs 2275 crore agreement with ADB to improve power distribution network - **Tripura.**
- According to the National Statistical Organization (NSO), the economic growth rate is estimated to be what percent in 2022-23 - **7%.**
- Who has written the new book 'Breaking Barriers' - **Kaki Madhav Rao.**
- Which state government has decided to give chicken and fruits to the children in the mid-day meal - **West Bengal.**



**NEW UPSC ENGLISH MEDIUM BATCH STARTING FROM 8TH FEBRUARY 2023**