

NATIONAL

1. Republic Day guest

Why in news - Egypt's President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, the chief guest for the Republic Day 2023, landed in India on January 24.

Key Points –

- This is the first time that an Egyptian President has been invited as chief guest for the event.
- Jawaharlal Nehru and Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser were key in forming the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
- The India-Egypt bilateral trade agreement has been in operation since March 1978.
- A military contingent from the Egyptian Army will participate in the Republic Day parade.

2. International Craft Summit

Why in news - Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurated an 'International Craft Summit' in Jajpur.

Key Points –

- The main objective of the summit is to promote Odisha crafts in Rajasthan.
- Partners - 4 United Nations agencies and 5 UNESCO Creative Cities.

3. U-WIN program

Why in news - U-WIN program to digitise India's Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP).

Key Points –

- It has been launched in a pilot mode in two districts of each state and Union Territory.
- It would be used to register and vaccinate every pregnant woman, record her delivery outcome, register every newborn delivery, administer birth doses and all vaccination events thereafter.
- It replicates Co-WIN program which has served as the "digital backbone" for India's COVID-19 vaccination program.

been sworn in as the 41st Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Key Points –

- The move came after the surprise resignation of Jacinda Ardern.

2. Machu Picchu

Why in news - The popular tourist destination of Machu Picchu (Peru) has been indefinitely shut for visitors due to protests.

Key Points –

- Machu Picchu – It is described by UNESCO as the most significant tangible legacy of the Inca civilisation.
- Glencore's Antapaccay copper mine (Cusco) - One of the largest mines in Peru.
- Protesters are demanding the removal of Dina Boluarte, Peru's first woman president.

3. Meteorite in Antarctica

Why in news - Researchers discovered over five meteorites in Antarctica, including a rare hefty specimen that weighs over 7 kg.

Key Points –

- The meteorites were sent to the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences.
- Nearly 45,000 meteorites recovered to date from the icy wasteland of Antarctica.

4. Longest calligraphic mural

Why in news - The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) has installed the longest calligraphic mural in the world on King Abdul Aziz Street.

Key Points –

- King Abdul Aziz Street leads to Makkah's Grand Mosque.
- The 75-meter-long mural is designed by artist Amal Felemban.

5. Public health emergency

Why in news - Brazil's ministry of health has declared a medical emergency in the Yanomami territory.

Key Points –

- Reason - Children dying of malnutrition and other diseases caused by illegal gold mining.
- Yanomami is Brazil's largest indigenous gold reserve bordering Venezuela.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Chris Hipkins

Why in news - Labour leader Chris Hipkins has

ECONOMY

1. Organics International data

Why in news - IFOAM - Organics International recently released a study on organic farming.

Key Points –

- In 2020 the increase in global organic farming reached 3 million hectares.
- India among top 3 nations in expanding organic farming in 2020
- Highest increase in global organic farming –
 - A. Uruguay (5,89,000 hectares)
 - B. Argentina (7,81,000 hectares)
 - C. India (3,59,000 hectares).
- Of the world's total 74.9 mh under organic farming, Australia has the highest at 35.7 mh. whereas India has 2.8 mh.
- Sikkim is the first State in the world to become fully organic.
- Major organic exports from India are flax seeds, sesame, soybean, tea, medicinal plants, rice & pulses.
- Major exporting states: Assam, Mizoram, Manipur, & Nagaland.

RANKS & INDICES

1. Global Fire Power Index 2023

Why in news - The Global Firepower Report 2023 was released recently.

Key Points –

- India ranked as the 4th most powerful army in the world.
- Top 5 - United States of America (1st), Russia (2nd), China (3rd), India (4th) and United Kingdom (5th).
- Most powerful in the Middle East and North African region –
 - A. Turkey (rank - 11)
 - B. Egypt (rank - 14)
 - C. Iran (rank - 17)

2. Annual ranking of police station 2022

Why in news - Union Ministry of Home Affairs conducted the annual exercise of ranking of police stations.

Key Points –

- Best police station - Aska police station (94.54%), Ganjam district (OD)
- Pragati dashboard was used to rank police stations on their performances. It was developed by the State Crime Records Bureau.

SECURITY

1. 'Ops Alert' exercise

Why in news - BSF has started an "Ops Alert" exercise to enhance security along the India-Pakistan border in Kutch (GJ) and Barmer (RJ).

Key Points –

- Aim - to "thwart any ill designs of anti-national elements" during the Republic Day celebrations.
- Harami Nala (near Bhuj in Kutch of Gujarat) is a prohibited zone where fishing is not allowed as the area is contested by both India and Pakistan.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. India in the Oscars

Why in news - The final nominations list at the 95th edition of the Academy Awards was released recently.

Key Points –

Final nominations from India –

- A. Song - 'Naatu Naatu' (Best Original song category)
 - B. Two documentaries - 'All That Breathes' and 'The Elephant Whisperers'.
- RRR bagged an Oscar nomination in the category of Best Original song.
 - 'All That Breathes' is also nominated for a BAFTA Award. It previously won the 'World Cinema Grand Jury Prize: Documentary' at this year's Sundance Film Festival.

- India's official entry Chhello Show (Last Film Show) did not score a nomination in the Best International Feature category.
- The Academy Awards ceremony would be held on March 13 at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles with Jimmy Kimmel as the host.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. 13th National Voters' Day (NVD)

Why in news – Election Commission of India celebrated the 13th National Voters' Day on 25th January 2023.

Key Points –

- Theme 2023 - Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure.
- ECI song- "Main Bharat Hoon- Hum Bharat Ke Matdata Hain".
- Matdata Junction - A yearlong Voter Awareness Program by ECI in collaboration with All India Radio.
- "National icon" of Election Commission - Pankaj Tripathi.

SPORTS

1. Sports federation following

Why in news – The study of the most followed international sports federations on social media was released by BCW Sports.

Key Points –

- The International Cricket Council's (ICC) is the most followed international sports federation on social media.
- Top 3 (followers) –
 - A. International Cricket Council (92.2 million).
 - B. FIFA (51.4 million)
 - C. International Basketball Federation (15.5 million)
- The International Automobile Federation (FIA) is a new entry in the top ten, placing ninth with 3.7 million followers.

STATES/UTS

1. "Schools of Eminence" project

Why in news - Punjab has launched the 'Schools of Eminence' project at the Indian School of Business (ISB) in Mohali.

Key Points –

- 117 schools of eminence in Punjab were inaugurated.

2. ULPIN in Ladakh

Why in news - Ladakh Lt Governor R K Mathur launched the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) in Ladakh.

Key Points –

- The 14-digit ULPIN would help in the digitisation of land records and also reaching a conclusive land titling.
- The next step in 'SVAMITVA' for digitisation and computerisation of land revenue records.

BIHAR

1. Karpoori Thakur Jayanti

Why in news - Jan Nayak Karpuri Thakur's 99th birth anniversary was celebrated on January 24 in Bihar.

Key Points –

- He was the Chief Minister of Bihar twice (Dec 1970 to June 1971 and Dec 1977 to April 1979) and once the Deputy Chief Minister.
- He won the assembly elections for the first time in 1952.
- He was the first non-Congress Chief Minister of Bihar.
- He implemented the Mungeri Lal Commission report in 1977 that recommended reservations for Backward Castes in government jobs.
- He was born in Pitaujhiya village of Samastipur district.
- He was popularly known as Jan Nayak.



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POINTERS

- How many islands of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been named after Paramveer awardees recently – **21 islands.**
- Where will the G-20 Environment Working Group meeting be held recently – **Bengaluru, Karnataka.**
- Who has been appointed as the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) recently – **Vikram Devdutt.**
- Recently, which company's CEO "Reed Settings" has resigned from the post of CEO – **Netflix.**
- Where has the International Trade Fair 'Millets & Organics 2023' event held recently – **Bangalore.**
- Who has recently been conferred with the Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia Lifetime Achievement Award - **Dr. Prabha Atre (Hindustani vocalist Padma Vibhushan).**
- Who has recently released the book "India's Knowledge Supremacy: The New Dawn" - **Dr. Ashwin Fernandes.**
- In which state the Business 20 Inception meeting is being organized – **Gujarat (Gandhinagar).**
- Which British Indian entrepreneur has been honoured with the Freedom of the City of London Award - **Manish Tiwari.**
- Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) - **Inger Andersen.**



NEW BATCH STARTING FROM 1st FEBRUARY (ENGLISH MEDIUM)