

NATIONAL

1. National Commission for Women (NCW)

Why in news - President Droupadi Murmu graced the 31st Foundation Day Celebrations of National Commission for Women on Jan 31, 2023.

Key Points –

- Theme - 'Sashakt Nari Sashakt Bharat'.
- WCD Minister Smt Smriti Zubin Irani launched the Commission's journey book - "Sashakt Nari, Sashakt Bharat".
- NCW was founded in January 1992 as a statutory body under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.
- Current chairman of NCW - Rekha Sharma.
- First chairman of NCW - Mrs. Jayanti Patnaik.

2. President address to Parliament

Why in news - President Droupadi Murmu addressed the joint sitting of Parliament for the first time on Jan 31, 2023.

Key Points –

- In India, the practice of the President addressing Parliament was established after the promulgation of the Government of India Act in 1919.
- Article 87 provides two special occasions on which the President addresses a joint sitting –
 - A. Address the opening session of a new legislature after a general election.
 - B. First sitting of Parliament each year.
- January 31, 1950 - President Rajendra Prasad addressed members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha for the first time.
- After the President's address, the two Houses move a motion to thank the President for /his/ her speech.
- Prime Minister replies to the motion of thanks. The motion is then put to vote.

3. Peshawar Mosque attack

Why in news - More than 40 people were killed and around 100 injured after a suicide blast at a mosque in Pakistan's Peshawar.

Key Points –

- Peshawar is the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, which borders Afghanistan.

- It was carried out by Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).
- TTP was officially set up in 2007.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. Revamped Monument Mitra Scheme

Why in news - Private firms would soon be able to partner with the Archaeological Survey of India for the upkeep of 1,000 monuments.

Key Points –

- It involves adopting and maintaining heritage sites based on the Corporate Social Responsibility model.

About Monument Mitra Scheme –

- Monument Mitra - An entity partnering with the government under the 'Adopt A Heritage' project under Ministry of Culture.

ECONOMY

1. Sovereign green bond (SGrB)

Why in news - The maiden sovereign green bond (SGrB) auction of Rs 8,000 crore got oversubscribed owing to robust demand.

Key Points –

- Maturity period - 5-year (yield of 7.10%) and 10-year (yield of 7.29%).
- Greenium - Sovereign green bond was sold at premium.
- The proceeds from the sale of SGrB would be used to finance or refinance for various green projects, including in renewable energy, clean transportation etc.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. Model G-20 Summit

Why in news - The Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership (IIDL) has organized a first-of-its-kind Model G20 Summit.

Key Points –

- It was inaugurated by India's G20 Sherpa-Amitabh Kant and Guest of Honour-Eko Junor.
- Central theme – "Global Partnerships: Challenges & Opportunities".

REPORT & INDICES

1. AISHE 2020-21

Why in news - Ministry of Education released All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-2021.

Key Points –

- The Ministry has been conducting All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) since 2011.

Key Facts –

Student Enrolment

- Total enrolment in higher education - 4.14 crore in 2020-21 (21% increase since 2014-15).
- Female enrolment - 2.01 crore (28% increase since 2014-15).
- Gross enrolment ratio (GER) - 27.3 (25.6 in 2019-20).
- The ratio of female GER to male GER, has increased from 1 in 2017-18 to 1.05 in 2020-21.
- Top 5 States in terms of the number of students enrolled - Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka.

Number of Institutions

- The Institutes of National Importance (INIs) have almost doubled to 149 in 2020-21 (75 in 2014-15).
- Highest number of Universities - Rajasthan (92), Uttar Pradesh (84) and Gujarat (83).
- College Density – 31 (27 in 2014-15).
- Highest college density - Karnataka (62), Telangana (53) and Kerala (50).
- Districts with highest number of Colleges - Bangalore Urban (1058), Jaipur (671) and Hyderabad (488).

Faculty

- The female per 100 male faculty has improved to 75 in 2020-21 (74 in 2019-20).

2. Bloomberg Billionaires Index

Why in news - Gautam Adani (rank 11th) slipped out of the top 10 rankings of the world's richest list.

Key Points –

- Adani's net worth - \$84.4 billion.
- **Top 3 –**
 - A. Bernard Arnault (\$189 billion).
 - B. Elon Musk (\$160 billion)
 - C. Jeff Bezos (\$124 billion).

- Mukesh Ambani ranked 12th with the net worth of \$82.2 billion.
- Adani's net worth has slipped primarily after the release of a report by US-based short-seller Hindenburg Research.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

1. "The Poverty of Political Economics"

Why in news - British economist Meghnad Desai has authored a new book titled "The Poverty of Political Economy: How Economics Abandoned the Poor".

Key Points –

- It highlights how economics systematically kept the interests of the poor at the periphery.
- It was published by HarperCollins Publishers India.

SPORTS

1. Tata Steel Chess Masters 2023

Why in news - Anish Giri won the Tata Steel Chess Masters 2023.

Key Points –

- It is also known as the "Wimbledon of Chess".
- It is held annually in Wijk aan Zee in the Netherlands.

STATES/UTS

1. Project Aspiration

Why in news - Woxsen University has launched Project Aspiration to empower adolescent girls of standard 9-12, Telangana Model School.

Key Points –

- Woxsen's Centre of Excellence – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has conceptualized the project.
- Students were selected by the school principal to take part in 'Train the Trainer' workshop.

2. Visakhapatnam

Why in news - Andhra Pradesh CM Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy reiterated that Visakhapatnam would become the capital of the state.



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Key Points –

- His government repealed the “decentralised development” (3 capitals) law in November 2021.
- Also, earlier plans to develop Amaravati - on the banks of the Krishna river - as the capital city have been scrapped.

3. Aarohini campaign

Why in news - Uttar Pradesh has launched the Aarohini initiative training program to empower girls from the underprivileged class.

Key Points –

- Aim - Safety and security of girls in 746 Kasturba Gandhi Residential Girls Schools in the state.
- The Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan would work under the Aarohini Initiative.

4. Ladli Bahna Yojana

Why in news - Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced the Ladli Bahna Yojana for financially weak women.

Key Points –

- The scheme for married and unmarried (not for students) would guarantee Rs 1,000 monthly to all such women.



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POINTERS

- In which state has the swallowtail butterfly been spotted for the first time in India - **Arunachal Pradesh.**
- Where was the first meeting of the G-20 International Financial Architecture Working Group held – **Chandigarh.**
- Who has launched India's first AI-powered screening system to automatically identify chart patterns in various stocks – **StockEdge.**
- Which state government will host the 7th edition of the Nature and Birds Festival - **Uttar Pradesh (Vijay Sagar Bird Sanctuary, Bundelkhand).**
- Who has become the highest wicket-taker for India in T20 cricket history - **Yuzvendra Chahal.**
- Who has been honoured with the “International Hockey Federation (FIH) National Awards 2023” - **VK Pandian.**
- In which state the fifth "Khelo India Youth Games" has started - **Madhya Pradesh.**
- Who has been honoured with "Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Contribution Award 2022"? - **Sunil Krishnan (Global Entrepreneur).**
- Which sportsperson has been chosen as the brand ambassador of the sports brand Puma India - **Harmanpreet Kaur.**
- In which city 'Khadi Utsav 2023' has been inaugurated recently – **Mumbai.**



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