

### NATIONAL

#### 1. "Saptarishi" (7 priorities)

**Why in news** - Ms. Sitharaman revealed the seven priorities of the Union Budget 2023-24.

##### Key Points –

- **7 Priorities are –**
  - Inclusive development
  - Reaching the last mile
  - Infrastructure and investment
  - Unleashing potential
  - Green growth
  - Youth Power
  - Financial Sector
- Amrit Kaal - 25-year period culminating in the centenary of India's independence.
- As per Economic Survey, India's GDP is expected to grow in the range of 6 - 6.8% in financial year 2023-24.

#### 2. Passive euthanasia

**Why in news** – Supreme Court has relaxed the guidelines for 'advance medical directive' that it issued in its 2018 judgment.

##### Key Points –

- Common Cause vs. Union of India & Anr (2018) - SC had legalized passive euthanasia under certain circumstances. It laid down guidelines for 'living wills'.
- Aruna Ramchandra Shanbaug case (2011) - The SC allowed passive euthanasia for Aruna Shanbaug; a nurse who had been sexually assaulted in Mumbai in 1973.
- Euthanasia - Practice of an individual deliberately ending their life, to get relief from an incurable condition.
- Active euthanasia - Active intervention to end a person's life with external force, e.g., lethal injection.
- Passive euthanasia - Withdrawing life support essential to keep a terminally ill person alive.

#### 3. Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)

**Why in news** - The Opposition has demanded a probe by a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) into the allegations of fraud against the Adani Group.

##### Key Points –

- There have been six JPCs set up so far.
- Since 2014, no JPC has been set up.

##### About JPC –

- It is set up by the Parliament for a special purpose, like for the detailed scrutiny of a subject.
- It has members from both the Houses and from both the ruling parties and the opposition.
- It is dissolved after its term ends or its task has been completed.
- Members of the JPC are decided by the Parliament.
- The number of members can vary. (No fixed number).
- Recommendations of a JPC are not binding on the government.

#### 4. Pen monument

**Why in news** - A planned offshore memorial to the late DMK patriarch M Karunanidhi was opposed by some environmental groups.

##### Key Points –

- Proposed name - 'Muthamizh Arignar Dr Kalaignar Pen Monument'.
- Location - off Marina beach (360 m from the coast in the Bay of Bengal).
- It pays tribute to Karunanidhi (5-time Tamil Nadu CM).
- Sikku Kolam - A traditional drawing made by Tamil women. A geometric shape is created using dots and circles.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. Madrid International Book Fair 2025

**Why in news** - India would be invited as the focal country at the Madrid International Book Fair in 2025.

##### Key Points –

- Spain is the theme country at the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair.

### GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

#### 1. National Mission on Edible Oil – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)

**Why in news** - Patanjali Group signed an MoU with the Nagaland government for oil palm production under NMEO-OP.

### Key Points –

- The state has covered 5,423 hectares of area under oil palm cultivation under NMEO-OP.
- India imports palm oil from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.
- Soyabean oil comes from Argentina and Brazil.
- Sunflower oil comes from Ukraine and Russia.

### About NMEO-OP (2021)–

- Aim - To raise the domestic production of palm oil by 3 times to 11.20 lakh tonnes by 2025-26

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## SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

### 1. Sustainable Financial Working Group

**Why in news** - Assam hosted its first G20 meeting on the Sustainable Financial Working Group meeting on Feb 2 and 3.

### Key Points –

- Assam has been chosen to host 5 G20 events.
- G20 theme - 'One Earth. One Family. One Future' (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam).

## RANKS & INDICES

### 1. MBA Rankings 2023

**Why in news** - The Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) has released the top business and management schools of 2023.

### Key Points –

- B-Schools in India

GOVERNMENT	PRIVATE
Indian Institute of Management, (IIM) Ahmedabad	Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI), Jamshedpur
Indian Institute of Management, (IIM) Bengaluru	Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon
Indian Institute of Management, (IIM) Kolkata	Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Pune

## SCIENCE – TECH

### 1. Liquid windows

**Why in news** - Engineers at the University of Toronto created a prototype for "liquid windows".

### Key Points –

- They can shift the wavelength, intensity, and distribution of light transmitted through those windows, thereby saving energy costs.

## PERSON IN NEWS

### 1. Shanti Bhushan

**Why in news** - Former Union Law Minister and veteran lawyer Shanti Bhushan died at 97.

### Key Points –

- In 1977, Bhushan was appointed Law Minister when Janata Party came to power.
- Bhushan founded the Campaign for Judicial Accountability and Judicial Reform.

## STATES/UTS

### 1. Vision for All School Eye Health program

**Why in news** - Goa has launched the Vision for All School Eye Health program.

### Key Points –

- Focus - Training 2000 teachers on basic visual acuity tests for the children in their respective school.



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## BIHAR

### 1. National Children's Science Congress (NCSC)

**Why in news** – Pranav Suman from Bihar has been selected among a total of 16 child scientists across the country in NCSC

#### Key Points –

- He has prepared a project on making pits for growing paddy seeds.
- Pit is made from coconut, onion, and almond peel. It improves seed germination.
- The 5-Day NCSC concluded at the Science City in Ahmedabad.



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### POINTERS

- Which British Indian has been honoured with the 'Freedom of the City of London' award - **Manish Tiwari**.
- Which state police has launched the 'Cyber Congress initiative' – **Telangana**.
- Which company has launched the second phase of Girls4Tech STEM initiative in India – **Mastercard**.
- Recently, which state government has launched the first survey of Migrants – **Jharkhand**.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has increased the exemption limit for private taxpayers from Rs 5 lakh to how much – **Rs 7 lakh**.
- Reliance Retail has tied up with which country's biscuit maker Maliban - **Sri Lanka**.
- In the budget of 2023-24, how many rupees have been allocated for the defence sector of India - **Rs 5.94 lakh crores**.
- Which state/UT "Har Gaon Hariyali" initiative has created a record of planting 90 lakh saplings - **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Which scheme has been announced to be launched for the farmers in the budget 2023-24 - **"Shri Anna Yojana"**.
- Who has been appointed as the first CEO of Gujarat Maritime Cluster - **Madhavendra Singh**.



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