

NATIONAL

1. India-Bhutan satellite

Why in news - The ground station of the jointly developed India-Bhutan satellite has been inaugurated in Thimpu.

Key Points –

- Inaugurated by - Dr Somanath, ISRO chairman.
- Bhutan would receive data from BhutanSat pertaining to its territory.
- BhutanSat (INS-2B) was launched on ISRO's PSLV C54 rocket on November 26, 2022.
- Parabolic antennae in Ground stations communicate with satellites by transmitting and receiving radio waves.
- In 2017, ISRO launched the SAARC satellite (geostationary satellite) meant for communications and meteorological purposes for South Asia region.

2. Statue of Knowledge

Why in news - The Maharashtra government has given approval for a 75-foot tall 'Statue of Knowledge'.

Key Points –

- Dedicated to - Dr B. R. Ambedkar in Latur city.
- The ground-breaking ceremony to be performed on April 14, Dr Ambedkar's birth anniversary.

- Headquarter – Hague, Netherlands.
- World's first permanent international criminal court.
- USA, Russia, China and India are not members.
- The court has no power to arrest sitting heads of state or bring them to trial.
- Previously, UN Nations Security Council had established ad hoc tribunals to address atrocities in former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

2. Afghanistan earthquake

Why in news - Northern India felt strong tremors of an earthquake that occurred in northeastern Afghanistan.

Key Points –

- Magnitude- 6.5. (originated 187 km below the surface)
- North-eastern Afghanistan (Hindu Kush ranges) is an earthquake-prone area.
- Deep earthquakes are also generally weaker. They are unlikely to be followed by aftershocks.

Why Earthquake Here –

- Hindu Kush region in Afghanistan experiences unique tectonic forces.
- One side - Indian tectonic plate getting under the Himalayas.
- Other side - Eurasian plate is subducting into the Pamir mountain ranges.
- In addition, there are local faultlines as well.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Warrant for Vladimir Putin

Why in news - The International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant for war crimes of President Vladimir Putin.

Key Points –

- It also issued a warrant for Maria Lvova-Belova, Russia's commissioner for children's rights.
- Reason - Putin bears individual criminal responsibility for deportation of Ukrainian children.

About ICC (1998) –

- Built under the Rome Statute.
- Entered into force on July 1, 2002.

3. Fumio Kishida's India visit

Why in news - Prime Minister Fumio Kishida of Japan paid a visit to Delhi on 19 and 20 March, 2023.

Key Points –

- PM Kishida extended a formal invite to PM Modi to attend the G7 Hiroshima Summit in May 2023.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. "Catch the Rain-2023" Campaign

Why in news - President Droupadi Murmu launched the "Catch the Rain-2023" for water conservation.

Key Points –

- Aim - to turn conservation of water into a mass campaign in the run-up to the monsoon season.
- Theme – “Source Sustainability for Drinking Water”.

APPS & PORTALS

1. ‘Call Before u Dig’ (CBuD) app

Why in news - PM Narendra Modi launched the ‘Call Before u Dig’ (CBuD) app.

Key Points –

- By - Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications).
- Aim - to prevent damage to underlying assets like optical fibre cables that occurs because of uncoordinated digging and excavation.
- It would connect excavators and asset owners through SMS/Email notifications and click-to-call.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Partnership for Healthy Cities Award 2023

Why in news - Bengaluru was honoured with the award for efforts in tobacco control, specifically, reducing smoking in public places.

Key Points –

- Other awardees - Montevideo (Uruguay), Mexico City (Mexico), Vancouver (Canada) and Athens (Greece).
- It was given at the inaugural Partnership for Healthy Cities Summit held in London.
- The summit was convened in London by Bloomberg Philanthropies, the WHO and Vital Strategies.
- Partnership for Healthy Cities (2017) is a global network comprising 70 cities working together to prevent noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and injuries.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1. Bharat’s 6G Vision Document

Why in news – PM Narendra Modi has unveiled a vision document for the rollout of 6G technology in India by 2030.

Key Points –

- Prepared by - Technology Innovation Group on 6G (TIG-6G).
- To be implemented in two phases.
- Recommended the creation of a corpus of Rs 10,000 crore to facilitate various funding instruments such as grants, loans etc. for the next 10 years
- PM Modi formally launched 5G services in October 2022.

What is 6G?

- Internet speeds up to 100 times faster than 5G.
- Ultra-low latency with speeds up to 1 terabits per second.
- It uses higher frequency bands e.g., 450-470 MHz, 526-612 MHz, 31-31.3 GHz, etc.

Uses –

- a) Remote-controlled factories
- b) Constantly communicating self-driven cars
- c) Smart wearables taking inputs directly from human senses.

2. ITU Area Office and Innovation Centre

Why in news – PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Area Office and Innovation Centre.

Key Points –

- Location - Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) building, New Delhi.
- It would serve India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Afghanistan and Iran.
- He also launched the 6G R&D Test Bed.

About ITU –

- United Nations’ specialized agency for information and communication technologies (ICTs).
- Headquarter – Geneva.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. India-UAE Investment Summit

Why in news – J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha addressed the summit at Srinagar.

Key Points –

- First FDI in J&K - 10 lakh sq ft mall (cost - Rs 500 crore) by Emaar in Srinagar.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Lion Translocation

Why in news – The Gujarat government has planned to translocate 40 adult and sub-adult lions to the Barda Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS) in the state.

Key Points –

- Barda WLS is about 100 kilometres away from Gir National Park (only home).
- Asiatic lions are currently found in nine districts of Gujarat, including Junagadh and Gir-Somnath.
- Members of the Maldhari community would also be relocated along with the big cats through incentivized voluntary relocation of forest villages.
- Maldharis are local pastoral communities settled within Gir Protected Areas and the Barda WLS.

- The report entitled “Lion at 2047: A Vision for Amrutkal” is prepared by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII).
- As per lion census 2020, there are 674 lions in the state.
- Asiatic Lion IUCN status – Endangered.

BIHAR

1. Bihar Diwas

Why in news – A program was organized on the occasion of Bihar Day at the Consulate General of India in New York.

Key Points –

- Hosted by - Bihar Foundation of USA (East Coast). (Chairman – Alok Kumar).
- 3 persons from Bihar were honored with the “Bihar Vishwa Gaurav” award –
 - a) Dr Vindeshwar Pthak
 - b) Ajay Singh
 - c) Lalit Jha.
- In Dubai (UAE), it was organised by India positive.
- March 22 has been observed as Bihar Diwas or Bihar Day since 2010.



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- World Consumer Rights Day is observed every year on which day - **March 15.**
- Which country became the first NATO member to give MiG-29 aircraft to Ukraine – **Poland.**
- Where will India's first behavioural laboratory be set up – **Jaipur.**
- India and which country has recently inaugurated the 'Geoffrey Bawa' exhibition in New Delhi - **Sri Lanka.**
- Who became No.1 bowler as per ICC Test rankings - **Ravichandran Ashwin.**
- Who is organizing the third edition of exercise "La Perouse" - **French Navy.**
- Who became the National Blind Chess Champion for the 7th time - **Kishan Gangoli.**
- Who became the new MD & CEO of IT company Tech Mahindra - **Mohit Joshi.**
- Who has been appointed as Chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) - **Deepak Mohanty.**
- The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved the merger of which two entities - **HDFC Ltd and HDFC Bank.**

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