

NATIONAL

1. Ludhiana gas leak

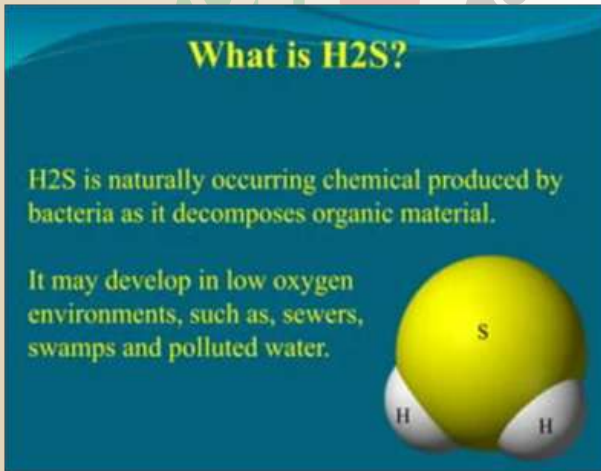
Why in news – On April 30, 2023, 11 people died due to a gas leak in the Giaspura area of Ludhiana, Punjab.

Key Points –

- Gas detected - Hydrogen Sulphide (H₂S) (neurotoxin).

About Neurotoxins –

- Poisonous substances which can directly affect the nervous system.
- Neurotoxic gases - Hydrogen sulphide, Carbon monoxide etc.
- Hydrogen sulphide has a pungent odour.
- To remove hydrogen sulphide from wastewater, chemical oxidation is done, where oxidants such as hydrogen peroxide are added to the wastewater.



2. "Mata Ni Pachedi" textile art

Why in news - Gujarat's ancient textile folk art, Mata Ni Pachedi, was awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

Key Points –

- "Pachedi" is a religious textile folk art.
- It features Mother Goddess at the centre and her stories and legends filling the remaining cloth.
- Hand-painted or block-printed on cotton.
- Natural and mineral colours are utilized for filling the spaces and in the dyeing process.



3. 100W FM Transmitters

Why in news – PM Narendra Modi commissioned Low Power FM Transmitters of the capacity of 100 Watt at 91 locations.

Key Points –

- Installed in 84 districts of 18 States and 2 Union Territories adding 2 crore listeners.
- With this, the network of transmitters with All India Radio has increased from 524 to 615.
- It further boosted the coverage of AIR to 73.5% of the population of the country.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. Mahila Samman Savings Certificate 2023

Why in news - The union finance ministry has released the notification for the scheme.

Key Points –

- It was introduced during the 2023-24 budget speech.

About the scheme –

- One-time small savings plan for girls and women.
- Offers a fixed interest rate of 7.5% over a 24-month tenure (April 2023 to March 2025).
- Implemented through - State-owned banks beginning April 1, 2023.
- One can deposit a maximum of Rs.2 lakh.
- It would be available in over 1.59 lakh post offices across the country.

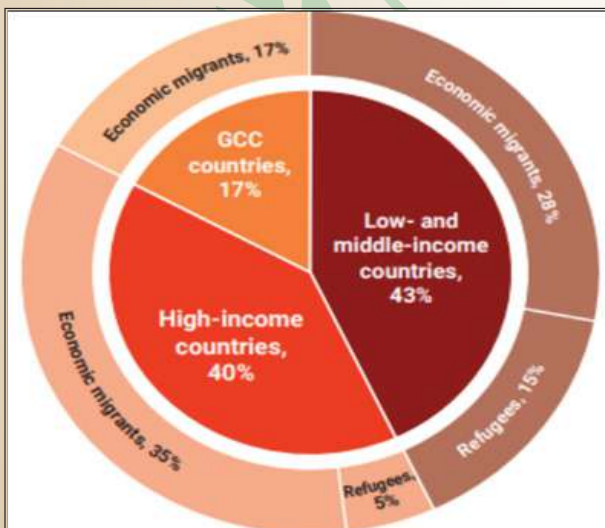
REPORTS & INDICES

1. World Development Report 2023

Why in news - World Bank released the World Development Report 2023: Migrants, Refugees, and Societies.

Key Points –

- People living outside their country of nationality - About 2.3% of the world's population i.e., 184 million people (37 million refugees).
- Around 120% surge in income has been recorded among Indians working overseas as compared to a 40% increase due to internal migration
- Low-skilled Indians who migrated to the United States tended to see a significant gain in their income of around 500%.
- It categorised the migrants into 4 types –
 - a) Refugees with skills in demand
 - b) Economic migrants with skills that match with demand
 - c) Distressed migrants
 - d) Refugees.
- **Top migrant corridors** - India-US, India-Bangladesh and India-GCC.



Key Points –

- They are –
 - a) Sorsan in Baran
 - b) Khichan in Jodhpur
 - c) Hamirgarh in Bhilwara.
- Sorsan is an important conservation reserve for the Great Indian Bustard (IUCN - Critically endangered).
- Khichan is now India's first conservation reserve for Demoiselle cranes.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Arjun Vajpai

Why in news - Indian professional mountaineer Arjun Vajpai has become the first Indian man to summit Mt. Annapurna.

Key Points –

- Mt. Annapurnais the 10th highest mountain in the world at 8,091 metres (26,545 ft) above sea level in Nepal.
- He has now become the first Indian mountaineer to scale 7x8000m peaks.
- Mt. Annapurna happens to be the most dangerous mountain out of the 14x8000m Summit Mountains.
- Earlier, he was roped in as a Fit India Champion in 2023.



ENVIRONMENT

1. 3 new wildlife reserves

Why in news - The Rajasthan Forest Department declared three new wildlife conservation reserves.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. International Labour Day 2023

Why in news - It is celebrated every year on May 1 to commemorate the struggles and sacrifices of the workers' and labours' movement.

Key Points –

- It is also known as May Day.

About Labour Day –

- On May 1, 1886 workers in Chicago organized a strike to demand an eight-hour workday.
- Haymarket affair, 1886 (Chicago, USA)- A peaceful rally in support of workers led to a violent clash with the police.
- In 1889, the 2nd International congress of socialist parties met in Paris and decided to celebrate Labour Day on May 1.

Labour Day in India –

- First celebrated on May 1, 1923.
- Organized by - Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan (leader - Comrade Singaravelar).
- Singaravelu Chettiar is one of the leaders of the Self Respect movement in the Madras Presidency.

SECURITY

1. Cybersecurity Skilling Program

Why in news - IIT Kanpur to launch a Cybersecurity Skilling Programme in collaboration with its cybersecurity Technology and Innovation Hub (C3iHub).

Key Points –

- It is supported by the Department of Science and Technology under NM-ICPS Mission.
- National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) – It aims to create an ecosystem that fosters entrepreneurship, develops next-generation skilled manpower, catalyses translational research, and promotes the commercialization of CPS technologies.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. 68th Filmfare Awards 2023

Why in news - The 68th annual Filmfare Awards ceremony was concluded in Mumbai.

Key Points –

- Hosted by- Salman Khan, Ayushmann Khurrana and Manish Paul.

Award winners –

- Best Film: Gangubai Kathiawadi.
- Best Film (Critics'): Badhaai Do.
- Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male): Rajkummar Rao for Badhaai Do
- Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female): Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Prem Chopra.

BIHAR

1. Darbhanga airport

Why in news - Darbhanga airport has emerged as the top airport in the country under the regional air connectivity scheme UDAN.

Key Points –

- It has handled 14,13,510 passengers and 9,610 flights in 2.5 years till April 15, 2023.
- The airport was inaugurated on November 8, 2020.
- It has the longest runway of 9,000 feet in the state and is under the control of IAF.

About UDAN (October 21, 2016) –

- UDAN – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik.
- Launched by - Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- Aim - to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses.
- First flight under UDAN - Between Delhi and Shimla (April 27, 2017).





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- Who has written the book titled "A Resurgent Northeast: Natives of Change" - **Ashish Kundra.**
- Which union minister has opened a Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) account by visiting Sansad Marg Head Post Office in New Delhi - **Smriti Irani.**
- Who became the youngest fast bowler to take 200 T20 wickets - **Shaheen Afridi.**
- Where has the Academic Center of Excellence been inaugurated by DRDO - **IIT Hyderabad.**
- Who has become the first Indian to score a century in IPL 2023 - **Venkatesh Iyer.**
- Which US state has declared Diwali as an official holiday – **Pennsylvania.**
- The International Exhibition and Conference "INDIA STEEL 2023" was held in which city - **Mumbai.**
- Where in Uttar Pradesh will PM Mitra Park be inaugurated - **Lucknow and Hardoi.**
- Which European country's research rocket accidentally hit Norway – **Sweden.**
- Which country's health ministry has approved the country's first abortion pill – **Japan.**

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