

## NATIONAL

### 1. Sengol

**Why in news** - PM Narendra Modi would install historic sceptre Sengol next to the Lok Sabha Speaker's seat in the new parliament building.

#### Key Points –

- It was given by Lord Mountbatten to India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru to represent the transfer of power on August 14, 1947.
- It was originally used to mark the handing over of power from one king to another during the Chola dynasty in Tamil Nadu.
- Currently, it is kept in a museum in Prayagraj.

#### About Sengol –

- Derived from the Tamil word "Semmai", meaning "Righteousness".
- Made by — Vummidi Ethirajulu and Vummidi Sudhakar from Tamil Nadu.
- It has a "Nandi" bull on top, symbolising justice.



### 2. "Total e-Governance Kerala" declaration

**Why in news** - Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan made the "Total e-Governance Kerala" declaration on May 25, 2023.

#### Key Points –

- Kerala became India's total e-governed state along with 100% digital literacy.
- It enables online delivery of the whole range of government services.
- e-Sevanam – Kerala's single window service delivery mechanism which integrates more than 800 plus government services online.

#### Value Addition –

- Kerala Fiber Optic Network (KFON) - First Indian state with its own internet service.
- Kerala - First Indian state to declare access to Internet as a citizen's right.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. Modi-Albanese bilateral talks

**Why in news** - India and Australia inked several agreements following bilateral talks between PM Narendra Modi and Anthony Albanese.

#### Key Points –

- Indian diaspora accounts for 3% of Australia's population and is the nation's fastest-growing ethnic minority.
- Key takeaways –

#### Migration Agreement –

- Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement (MMPA) - Mutual mobility of students, graduates, professionals, researchers, academics and business people.
  - Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early Professional Scheme (MATES) - "Specifically created for India" to allow as many as 3,000 top graduates and early career professionals, annually, to work and stay in Australia for up to two years.
- o Green hydrogen task force – to accelerate the manufacture and deployment of clean hydrogen, focusing on hydrogen electrolyzers and fuel cells.



## Value Addition –

- In June 2020, India and Australia elevated their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership and signed Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA).
- India and Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement was signed on April 2, 2022 and came into force on December 29, 2022.

## 2. Railway diplomacy

**Why in news** - Ministry of Railways in India handed over 20 Broad Gauge (BG) locomotives (engine) to Bangladesh.

### Key Points –

- Aim - to boost India's bilateral connection with Bangladesh.
- Indian government has also offered Bangladesh to use the IT system deployed by the PM-GATI SHAKTI scheme.
- 5 links connecting India with Bangladesh have been made operational.
- Previously, the Indian government granted Bangladesh ten locomotives in June 2020.

## SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

### 1. National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)

**Why in news** - A2-day National Workshop on NeVA was organized in New Delhi.

### Key Points –

- Focus – to bring transparency, accountability and responsiveness in their conduct of House business, through the use of technology.

### NeVA aim –

- a) to make the functioning of all the State Legislatures paperless by transforming them into “Digital House”.
  - b) integrate all 37 Legislative Houses on to “One Nation One Application”.
- NeVA is one of the 44 Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) under the “Digital India Programme”.
  - Till May 2023, 9 Legislatures have already

become fully digital and are Live on NeVA platform.



## AWARDS & AUTHORS

### 1. International Booker Prize 2023

**Why in news** – The book “Time Shelter” has won the International Booker Prize 2023.

### Key Points –

- Author - Georgi Gospodinov.
- Translated into English by - Angela Rodel.
- It tells the story of Gaustine, who starts a clinic for Alzheimer patients and those suffering with dementia to help them recover their memory.
- This is the first time a novel originally published in Bulgarian has won the award.
- 2022 winner - Tomb of Sand. Author - Geetanjali Shree. Translated by - Daisy Rockwell.

## SPORTS

### 1. 3rd Khelo India University Games

**Why in news** - 3rd edition of Khelo India University Games began in Uttar Pradesh (May 25 to June 3).

### Key Points –

- Venue - Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Lucknow and Gautam Buddha Nagar.





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## ➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

- Who has inaugurated the new greenfield building of Jharkhand High Court - **President Droupadi Murmu.**
- National Green Tribunal (NGT) directed no further mining in the Son river bed in which district of Uttar Pradesh – **Sonbhadra.**
- Who has been unanimously elected as the new Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly- **U T Khader.**
- Which state has decided to regularise all unauthorised colonies that have emerged before December 31, 2022 - **Madhya Pradesh.**
- Which ministry has launched the 5.1 version of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UdeDesh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) to enhance the connectivity to remote areas of the country - **Ministry of Civil Aviation.**
- The AI Supercomputer installed at C-DAC, Pune, has been ranked 75th in the world – **AIRAWAT.**
- 76th World Health Assembly began in which city – **Geneva.**
- What is the recently budget for the World Health Organization for the next two years (2024-2025) - **\$6.83 billion (approximately Rs 56,567 crore).**
- Who has recently launched the Sagar Parikrama Yatra Phase-V - **Parshottam Rupala.**
- India has achieved milestone of laying bituminous concrete over a distance of 100 lane kilometers in an unprecedented time of 100 hours. It was achieved on which expressway - Ghaziabad - **Aligarh Expressway (Uttar Pradesh).**