

NATIONAL

1. Sengol

Why in news - PM Narendra Modi would install historic sceptreSengol next to the Lok Sabha Speaker's seat inthe 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 VummidiEthirajulu and Vummidi Sudhakar from Tamil Nadu.
- It has a "Nandi" bull on top, symbolising justice.



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

Key Points -

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

Value Addition –

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- 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 –

- a) Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement (MMPA) - Mutual mobility of students, graduates, professionals, researchers, academics and business people.
- b) 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.
- Green hydrogen task force –to accelerate the manufacture and deployment of clean hydrogen, focusing on hydrogen electrolysers and fuel cells.



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Value Addition –

- In June 2020, India and Australia elevated their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership and signedMutual 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 NeVAwas organized in New Delhi.

Key Points -

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

NeVAaim –

- 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".
- NeVAis one of the 44 Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) under the "Digital India Programme".
- Till May 2023, 9 Legislatures have already

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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. 3rdKhelo India University Games

Why in news - 3rdedition of Khelo India University Games beganin Uttar Pradesh (May 25to June3).

Key Points –

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

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- Openingceremony Gautam Buddha Nagar (May 25).Closing ceremony - Varanasi (June 3).
- Mascot Jeetu(Swamp Deer or Barasingha - state animal of Uttar Pradesh).
- The 10-day mega sporting event is set to feature over 200 universities across 21 sporting disciplines.



STATES/UTS

1. Tripura tourism

Why in news - Souray Ganguly to be brand ambassador of Tripura tourism.



Key Points –

- In December 2022, Tripura's Unakoti featured in the tentative list of UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites.
- Unakoti is famously known as the "Angkor Wat of the North-East".
- Dating back to the 7th-9th centuries, Unakoti is aSaivite pilgrimage site with marvellous rock carvings, murals with their primitive beauty and waterfalls.

2. ShasanAplya Dari

Why in news - Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde launched the "ShasanAplya Dari" (government at your doorstep) initiative.

Key Points -

- Aim to provide benefits of government schemes in one place.
- Portal used–Mahalabharthi.All state schemes would be enlisted.

BIHAR

1. Mukhyamantri Nari Shakti Yojnaa

Why in news -6 beneficiaries of Mukhyamantri Nari Shakti Yojna in Bihar have cracked the all-India civil services examination (UPSC) in 2022.

Key Points –

- SC, ST and OBCaspirants have been getting financial assistance for preparation of state and central civil services exam since 2018-19.
- In 2022, it was extended to general category women aspirants as part of Civil Sewa ProtsahanYojna under the Mukhyamantri Nari Shakti Yojna.
- Benefit Women who clear UPSC or BPSC preliminary examinations and are preparing for the main examinations are given Rs 1 lakh and Rs 50,000, respectively, for coaching, special studies and guidance.

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➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS <</p>

- Who has inaugurated the new greenfield building of JharkhandHigh Court - President DroupadiMurmu.
- 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 -ParshottamRupala.
- 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).

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