

NATIONAL

1. Tipu Sultan's sword

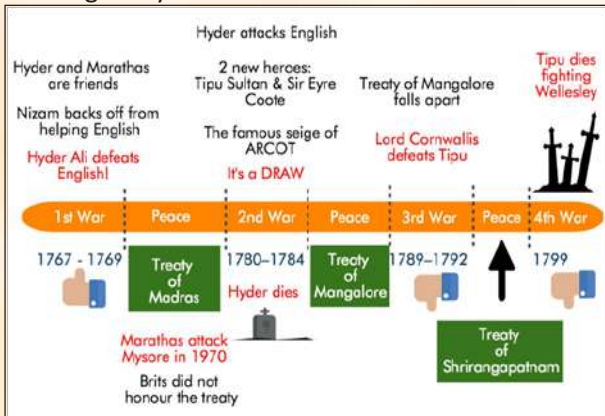
Why in news -Tipu Sultan's (1782-1799) bedchamber sword auctioned for 14 million pounds in London.

Key Points –

- It has broken all auction records for an Indian object at Islamic and Indian Art sale week.
- The sword is described as a fine gold koftgari hilted steel sword referred to as sukhela – an emblem of authority.
- It was manufactured by Mughal swordsmiths following the model of German blades.
- It was presented to Major General David Baird by the Army of the East India Company.
- Tipu Sultan – known as the Tiger of Mysore.
- On 4 May, 1799 British army stormed and captured Tipu's capital, Seringapatam and killed him.

Value addition –

- Anglo-Mysore wars –



INTERNATIONAL

1. Warning labels on alcohol

Why in news - Ireland to become the first country in the European Union to put health warnings on alcohol.

Key Points –

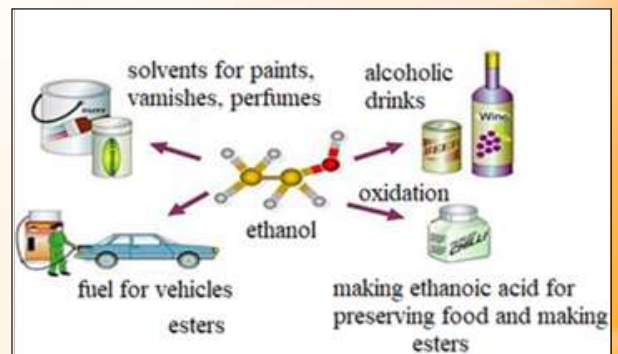
- Alcoholic products to prominently mention that their consumption is directly linked to liver disease and cancer.
- Mandatory after May 22, 2026.

Value Addition –

- Currently, only South Korea warns of the link between alcohol and cancers.
- South Africa had enacted a law requiring stringent alcohol warning labels in 2017, but repealed it in 2020.
- Alcohol - Listed as a class 1 carcinogen (cancer-causing agent) by a WHO agency since 1990.

About Alcohol (Ethyl alcohol) –

- Methyl alcohol (methanol) –
 - o It is wood alcohol, which is poisonous if it's ingested (blindness and death).
 - o Used as a solvent and an antifreeze as well as a fuel.
- Alcohol affects the cerebellum and consequently affects bodily movements.
- Alcohol thermometer (Ethanol) is used in cold areas because freezing point of alcohol is less than -100°C and can measure very low temperature.



GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. UDAN 5.1

Why in news – M/o Civil Aviation launched UDAN 5.1 to achieve last-mile connectivity through helicopters.

Key Points –

- Airfare caps have been reduced by as much as 25% to make flying in helicopters more affordable for passengers.
- For the first time under RCS-UDAN, this round is designed specifically for helicopter routes.
- Till date 46 helicopter routes have been operationalized under previous rounds of the scheme.



2. SAMARTH campaign

Why in news - Shri Giriraj Singh launched SAMARTH campaign to promote digital transactions in 50000 Gram Panchayat Level in Lucknow.

Key Points –

- By - Ministry of Rural Development (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna- National Rural Livelihoods Mission).
- SHG's NPA came down from 9.58 % in 2013 percent to below 2%.



ENVIRONMENT

1. Urban Climate Film Festival

Why in news - The first-ever Urban Climate Film Festival would take place in New Town, Kolkata (June 3 to 5, 2023).

Key Points –

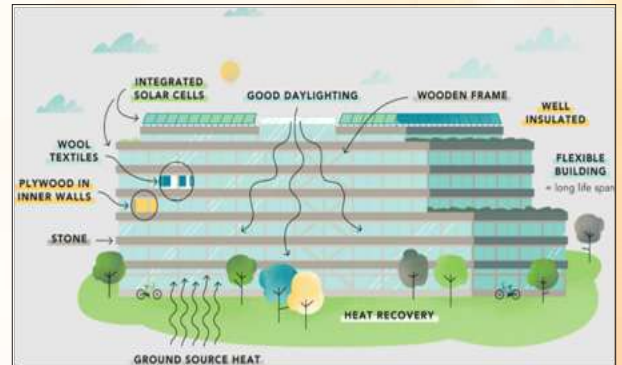
Aim –

- To enlighten audiences about the environmental, social and economic impacts of climate change on urban settlements.
 - To encourage citizens to undertake “environmentally responsible behavior” in line with the LiFE Mission.
- Organised by - National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi.

Value addition –

- National Mission on Sustainable Habitat (2010) - to make cities more sustainable by enhancing building energy efficiency etc.

Sustainable city features -

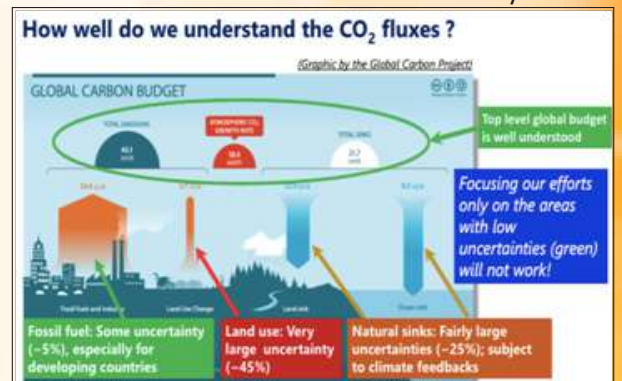


2. Global Greenhouse Gas Watch

Why in news - World Meteorological Congress approved Global Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Watch.

Key Points –

- It is a new GHG monitoring initiative to support urgent action to reduce heat-trapping gases which are fuelling temperature increase.
- It is built under the auspices of the Global Atmosphere Watch (1989) and its Integrated Global Greenhouse Gas Information System.



SCIENCE – TECH

1. UPI payment for featurephones

Why in news - Gupshup has launched UPI payments for people using feature phones via a native app called GSPay.

Key Points –

- GSPay uses SMS or even IVR-based (Interactive voice response) payments system and does away with the need for data or internet connectivity.
- Gupshup would utilize UPI 123 Pay.
- UPI 123 Pay is an immediate payment system created in 2022 by RBI and NPCI to allow safe and secure payments for feature phone customers.



- The startup is targeting 51.3% of Indians who do not have internet access but may want P2P payments without a data connection.
- Collaborators – NPCI, Nokia and Airtel Payments Bank.
- Gupshup is a conversational interaction platform.



IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Schizophrenia Awareness Day

Why in news - Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) commemorated Schizophrenia on May 24.

Key Points –

- Aim - to raise awareness and to reduce stigma around mental illness.
- Theme - "Celebrating the Power of Community Kindness".
- Schizophrenia –
 - A profound, severe and debilitating brain disorder impacting thoughts, emotions, and actions, blurring reality.
 - It alters perception, leading to hallucinations, strange thoughts, and a sense of being in a different world.



APPOINTMENT

1. Harsh Jain

Why in news - Harsh Jain has been elected the chairman of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMI) for 2023-25.

Key Points –

- He is co-founder and CEO of Dream 11.
- He replaced Sanjay Gupta, vice president and country manager of Google India.
- Vice chairman - Rajesh Magow (group CEO of MakeMyTrip).
- Treasurer - Satyan Ganjwani.



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➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

- Where was the 3rd India-Pacific Islands Cooperation Summit 2023 held on May 22, 2023 - **Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.**
- Who became the youngest player to score 700 runs in a season of IPL - **Shubman Gill.**
- Which state has released Rs 703 crore under 'Jagananna Vidya Deevena' scheme to mothers of nearly 10 lakh students - **Andhra Pradesh.**
- Which project was launched to reduce the travel time between Mumbai and Navi Mumbai to 20 minutes - **Mumbai Trans Harbour Link Project.**
- Which country has topped the recently released Hanke's Annual Misery Index (HAMI) 2022 - **Zimbabwe.**
- Which fighter jet made its maiden night landing on INS Vikrant, a feat the Indian Navy called a "historic milestone" - **MiG-29K.**
- Which Union Minister has inaugurated 8th International Conference on Pharma and Medical Device Sector - **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya.**
- The U.N.-recognised Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions has deferred accreditation of which Indian body - **National Human Rights Commission.**
- Which state government has decided to formulate Green Hydrogen policy - **Himachal Pradesh.**
- Which bank has introduced "Sarathi," a first-of-its-kind digital onboarding system that enables merchants to use electronic data capture (EDC) or point of sale (POS) - **Axis Bank.**