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NATIONAL

1. 130 years of DurbanSatyagraha

Why in news - Indian Navy (INS Trishul) commemorated 130 years of Gandhi's Satyagraha in Durban.

Key Points -

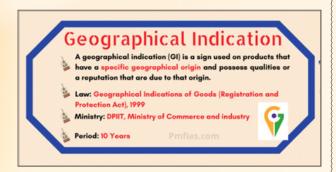
- It marked 130 years of the start of struggle against apartheid.
- June 7, 1893–Mahatma Gandhiwas thrown off the train's first-class "whites-only" compartment at Pietermaritzburg station in South Africa for refusing to give up his seat.
- April 25, 1997 President of South AfricaNelson Mandelathe Freedom of Pietermaritzburg was conferred posthumously on Mahatma Gandhi.
- Mahatma Gandhi arrived in Durban, South Africa, in 1893 to serve as legal counsel to the merchant Dada Abdulla.
- It was his weekly newspaper "India Opinion" that coined the word Satyagraha.

2. Ishad mango

Why in news - Kari Ishad mango of Ankola in Uttar Karnataka gets GI tag.

Key Points –

- 2 variants Kari Ishad and Bili Ishad.
- GI tag is valid for 10 years. E.g., for Ishad mangovalid till March 1, 2032.



3. Manipur peace committee

Why in news - Union government has constituted a peace committee in Manipur under the chairmanship of Governor AnusuiyaUikey.

Key Points –

 Aim - to facilitate the peace-making process among various ethnic groups of the State. Nagas and Kukisprotest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribes (ST) status.

Value Addition -

- "Commission of Inquiry" members Ajai Lamba (chairman), Himanshu Shekhar Das and Aloka Prabhakar
- Aim to look into the complaints or allegations that may be made before it by any individual or association.

4. Birsa Munda's 123rddeath anniversary

Why in news - India observed the 123rddeath anniversary of freedom fighter and tribal leader Birsa Munda.

Key Points –

- He passed away on June 9, 1900, in Ranchi Jailat age 25.
- Birsa Munda led the Ulgulan (great tumult) against the British troops between 1897 and 1900.
- The British army routed Mundas and their allies on the banks of the Tanga River in 1898.
- On March 3, 1900, Birsa Munda was detained when he was taking a nap in Chakradharpur'sJamkoipai forest.

Value Addition -

- Birsa'steacher Jaipal Nag.
- Books
 - a) Life and Times of Birsa Munda SP Sinha(1964).
 - b) The Dust-Storm and the Hanging Mist: A Study of Birsa Munda and His Movement in Chotanagpur (1874–1901) KS Singh (1966).
 - c) AranyerAdhikar (won Sahitya Academy Award in 1977) - Mahasweta Devi.
- British government enacted the Chotanagpur Tenancy (CNT) Act in 1908, recognizing the customary land rights of the Adivasis in the area.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Kilauea volcano

Why in news - The Kilauea volcano on Hawaii's Big Island erupted.

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Key Points -

- Kilauea is the youngest and most active volcano on the Big Island of Hawaii.
- It is a shield volcano with gentle slopes.
- Volcano's main crater Halema'uma'u,.

Value Addition -

- Gases released
 - a) 99% water vapor (H2O), carbon dioxide (CO2), and sulfur dioxide (SO2).
 - b) 1% Hydrogen sulfide, carbon monoxide, hydrogen chloride, hydrogen fluoride etc.
- World's largest active volcano Mauna Loa.
- Almost all lava that comes from Hawaiian volcanoes is basalt in composition.
- Eruptions of Hawaiian volcanoes are weakly explosive or nonexplosive and relatively benign.



GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

SAGAR SAMRIDDHI

Why in news - Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) launched 'SAGAR SAMRIDDHI'.

Key Points –

It is an online dredging monitoring system

- in order to accelerate "Waste to Wealth" initiative.
- Presently Cochin Port and Mumbai Port, have adopted the system.
- Developed by National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC)at IIT
- MoPSW issued 'Dredging Guidelines for Major Ports' in 2021.

Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030-

- Estimates investments of Rs. 1,00,000-1.25.000 crore for development of world-class infrastructure at Indian Ports.
- At present, India is not having landside megaport and terminal infrastructure to deal with Ultra-large container ships.
- The upcoming ports at Vizhinjam (Kerala) and Vadhavan (Maharashtra) would enable ultra large container and cargo vessels to call on the ports.

SECURITY

12thEx Ekuverin

Why in news - 12th edition of the exercise between the India and Maldives has commenced at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.

Key Points –

- Duration June 11 to 24, 2023.
- Ekuverin meaning 'Friends'.

2. Twin CBG operation

Why in news - The Navy carried out a massive Carrier Battle Group (CBG) operation involving more than 35 aircraft in the Arabian Sea.

Key Points –

- A CBG is a naval fleet comprising an aircraft carrier and its multiple escort vessels.
- It involved both of India's aircraft carriers i.e., INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant.
- The two carriers served as 'floating sovereign airfields'.
- INS Vikramaditya is a modified Kiev-class aircraft carrier purchased by India from Russia in 2013.
- Indigenously-built INS Vikrant was inducted in September 2022.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

1. International Albinism Awareness Day

Why in news – It is observed annually on June 13.

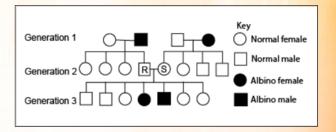
Key Points -

Theme 2023 - Inclusion is strength.

About Albinism -

- Rare and genetic conditions that can lead to the absence of melanin production in the human body.
- Lack of pigmentation (melanin) in the hair, skin and eyes, causes vulnerability to the sun and bright light.

- Almost all people with albinism are visually impaired and are prone to developing skin cancer.
- The production of melanin occurs within melanocytes, specialized cells that are present but not fully functional in albino mammals.
- No cure for the absence of melanin.





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- Which state has launched the Integrated Water Resources Action Plan 2023-25 – Haryana.
- ➤ India has won the Women's Junior Hockey Asia Cup for the first time by defeating which country by 2-1 To South Korea.
- Which High Court has quashed the Nagaland government's notification banning trade and sale of dog meat - Gauhati High Court (Kohima bench).
- NHRC has posted Director General(Investigation) as Special Human Rights Observer in which state - West Bengal.
- ➤ By whom has the Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM)-2023, a four-week residential workshop program for 40 underprivileged rural girls been launched NTPC Kanti.
- Recently United Nations World Food Programme has temporarily suspended food aid for which country Ethiopia.
- Which Indian-American has been appointed as the vice president for finance and chief financial officer at Harvard University - Ritu Kalra.
- Who has conducted the first combat trial of Varunastra Torpedo -Indian Navy.
- Recently, Mazagon Dock has tied up with which country for the construction of diesel submarines Germany.
- Where has the foundation stone of ONGC National Disaster Mitigation Center been laid – Jammu.