

### NATIONAL

#### 1. FCRA Licence

**Why in news** - Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has canceled the Foreign Contribution Registration Act (FCRA) license of the NGO Sadbhavana Trust.

#### Key Points –

- FCRA violation –it failed to open an FCRA bank a/c in the designated State Bank of India in New Delhi.
- NGO had been working for Dalit and Muslim women.
- Now, it would be unable to receive or use foreign grants.

#### Value Addition –

- FCRA 1976 was enacted during the Emergency in 1976. Amended in 2010 and 2020.
- The FCRA requires every person or NGO seeking to receive foreign donations to be –
  - a) registered under the Act
  - b) to open a bank account for the receipt of the foreign funds in State Bank of India, Delhi
  - c) to utilize those funds only for the purpose for which they have been received and as stipulated in the Act.

#### 2. Brain-eating amoeba

**Why in news** - A boy in Alappuzha (Kerala) has died due to infection caused by *Naegleria fowleri* or “brain-eating amoeba”.

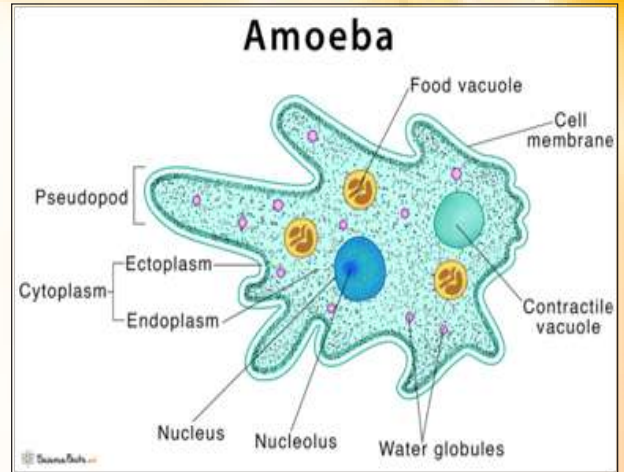
#### Key Points –

- It survives on bacteria found in the sediment in lakes and rivers.
- It doesn't survive in saline conditions and is hence not found in sea water.

#### About *Naegleria fowleri* –

- Common name -Brain-eating amoeba.
- Single-cell organism.
- Found in - Warm freshwater environment such as lakes, hot springs and poorly maintained swimming pools.
- Only one species of *Naegleria*, *Naegleria fowleri*, infects people.
- Causes brain infection - Primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM).

- Enters through the nasal passage and mouth.
- Does not spread from person to person.



### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. OpenKylin

**Why in news** - China has released its first homegrown open-source desktop operating system, named OpenKylin.

#### Key Points –

- It is based on the existing open-source Linux operating system.
- Aim – to replace Microsoft's Windows and Apple's MacOS operating systems.
- Chinese UnionTech Software Technology Co Ltd is developing a “Unity operating system”.

### SECURITY

#### 1. UNICORN NORA-50

**Why in news** – Japan to export stealth naval antennas to India that will be installed on future destroyers of the Indian Navy.

#### Key Points –

- UNICORN - UNitedCOmbined Radio aNtenna.
- NORA-50 integration mast is a horn-shaped structure.
- By covering the antennas in one structure, the system can reduce the radar cross section (RCS), which makes it stealthy.
- An agreement on transferring military technology and equipment was inked in 2015.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### 1. World Population Day 2023

**Why in news** – It is observed around the globe on July 11.

##### Key Points –

- Theme - Unleashing the power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls to unlock our world's infinite possibilities.
- Started by - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 1989.

##### Value Addition –

- 1921 Census (year of Great Demographic Divide) – Indian population declined (-0.31%). Happened only once throughout the demographic history of India.
- Malthusian Theory of Population Growth (1798) –
  - a) Food production increases in arithmetic progression while population increases in geometric progression.
  - b) Therefore, Nature itself tries to establish equilibrium between population vs food supply, using 'Positive Checks' such as famine, epidemics, earthquakes.
  - c) Malthus also advised humans to initiate 'Preventative Checks' to control population growth e.g., family planning, late marriages.
- As per the National Population Policy of India (2000), 2045 is the target year to achieve a stable population.
- National Commission on Population chairman - Prime Minister.

Year	Feature
1901-1921	Stagnant Population
1921-1951	Steady Growth (Mortality induced growth)
1951-1981	Rapid High Growth (population explosion / 'Fertility induced growth')
1981-2011	High Growth with Definite Signs of Slowing Down

#### 2. National Fish Farmer's Day

**Why in news** – It is celebrated on July 10.

##### Key Points –

- It is celebrated to commemorate the contribution of Professor Dr. Hiralal Chaudhury and his colleague Dr. K. H. Alikunhi in the Indian fisheries sector.
- Both had guided the induced breeding and reproduction in Indian Major Carps by the Hypophysation technique.
- It has eventually led to a revolution in Inland Aquaculture.

##### Value Addition –

- Blue Revolution - enhancing the production and productivity of aquaculture and fisheries both from the inland and marine sources.
- Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY, 2020)–
  - a) to bring Blue Revolution through sustainable development of the fisheries sector in India.
  - b) Aim - to enhance fish production to 22 MMT by 2024–25.
- Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) - Projects under the FIDF are eligible for loans up to 80% of the estimated or actual project cost with an interest subvention.
- Sagar Mitras - Extension workers to advise fishermen with processing and marketing.

### APPOINTMENTS

#### 1. Govind Kottieth (GK) Satish

**Why in news** – GK Satish has been appointed to the board of Russian oil giant Rosneft.

##### Key Points –

- This makes him the first Indian to be appointed to the board of the Russian oil giant.
- He is a former Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) director.

##### Value Addition –

- 4 public sector oil and gas companies –ONGC Videsh, Oil India, Indian Oil Corporation, and Bharat PetroResources — have stakes in various oil and gas projects in Russia.

- These projects include Sakhalin-1, Vankor, and Taas-Yuryakh.

## 2. Sheikh Talal Fahad Al Ahmad Al-Sabah

**Why in news** – The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) elected Sheikh Talal as the new President.

### Key Points –

- Pakistan's Arif Hasan was re-elected as the OCA Vice President for South Asia (2023-2027).
- The 42nd OCA General Assembly held in Bangkok, Thailand.

## STATES/UTS

### 1. Ama Pokhari

**Why in news** – Odisha CM launched 'Ama Pokhari' Yojana.

### Key Points –

- Aim - to rejuvenate around 2,000 large water bodies in all 115 urban local bodies of Odisha.
- "Lake man" of India - Anand Malligavad (a techie-turned lake conservationist).

### 2. Doubling insurance cover

**Why in news** – Gujarathas doubled the insurance cover under PM Jan Aarogya Yojana (PM-JAY) from July 11, 2023.

### Key Points –

- New insurance amount - Rs 10 lakhs (earlier - Rs 5 lakhs).
- Gujarat achievements under PM-JAY –
  - a) 5th in terms of number of claims.
  - b) 2nd position in terms of the amount of claims cleared.

## BIHAR

### 1. Heritage trees

**Why in news** – In search for heritage trees, a 300-year-old banyan found.

### Key Points –

- The Botanical Survey of India has identified two heritage trees in Bihar.

### • They are –

- a) Banyan tree (300 years old) - ITC Munger campus, Munger.
  - b) Pakad tree (200 years old) - Bathnaha village, Sitamarhi.
- Carbon dating is used to date trees, plants, and animal remains.

### Value Addition –

- On World Biodiversity Day (May 22), Bihar State Biodiversity Board (BSBB) launched an app to collect details of such trees that are more than 50 years old and hold special socio-cultural and religious importance, besides ecological significance.
- As of date, 15,153 trees have been listed on the app for classification under heritage tree category.
- Trees with religious significance in Bihar –
  - a) Charitra Van area (Buxar) - Site of the Ashram of Sage Vishwamitra, the guru of Lord Ram.
  - b) Koteswar temple (Gaya) - Uniquely shaped Peepal tree.
  - c) Panthpankar (Sitamarhi) - Uniquely shaped Paankar tree. (a part of the Ramayan circuit)

### 2. Bhikhari Thakur

**Why in news** – 52nd death anniversary of Bhikhari Thakur was commemorated.

### Key Points –

- He is often hailed as the 'Shakespeare of Bhojpur'.
- A cultural program was organised at Premchandrangshal jointly organised by the department of art, culture and youth, and Bihar Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- His literary masterpiece – Bidesiya.
- Bidesiya explores the emotional turmoil and struggles faced by individuals and their loved ones when compelled to leave their homeland in search of employment.
- He was born on December 18, 1887, in Saran (Chhapra) district of Bihar.

### 3. Microfinance (MFI) borrowings

**Why in news** – Bihar become the state with the highest microlending borrowings in India as of March 2023.

#### Key Points –

- Report was released by credit information company Crif High Mark.

- As of March 2023, Bihar's MFI borrowings amounted to Rs 48,900 crore (14.5% of the overall portfolio).
- Bihar has overtaken Tamil Nadu.
- Top 3 – Bihar (1st), Uttar Pradesh (2nd), Karnataka (3rd).



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## NEW BATCH for BPSIC



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- Who has recently won the men's singles title of Canada Open Badminton - **Lakshya Sen.**
- Edgars Rinkevics of which country has become the first openly gay head of state in the European Union – **Latvia.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Technology Officer (CTO) by BharatPe - **Pankaj Goyal.**
- Which state government has announced an insurance cover of up to Rs 4 lakh to gig workers – **Karnataka.**
- Which has become the first bank to launch Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme - **Bank of India.**
- Which IIT has developed some methods to check the alertness of loco pilots - **IIT Kharagpur.**
- Which state government has allowed foreign nationals prisoners to make video calls – **Maharashtra.**
- Which state government has announced a monthly pension of Rs 2,750 per month for low-income unmarried and widowed residents in the age group of 45-60 - **Haryana.**
- Who has been appointed by Google as the new head of policy for India - **Srinivasa Reddy.**
- Bureau of Water Use Efficiency and who has signed an MoU - **Indian Plumbing Association.**

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2023 TIMING 1:00PM - 4:00 PM (HINDI MEDIUM) AND 12TH JULY  
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**DELHI CENTRE:** NEW BPSC BATCHES STARTING FROM 5TH JULY  
2023 TIMING 8:00AM - 12:00 PM (HINDI MEDIUM) AND 12TH JULY  
2023 (TIMING 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ENGLISH MEDIUM))