



NATIONAL

1. Operation "Broader Sword"

Why in news – India and USA conducted Operation 'Broader Sword' to prevent illegal drug shipment.

Key Points –

- It targeted illicit and potentially dangerous drug shipments through International Mail Facilities (IMF).
- Carried out by - India's Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- It was built upon the success of Operation Broadsword (2020), which too targeted mail parcels containing illicit medical products from India.

2. 41st Lokmanya Tilak Award

Why in news – PM Narendra Modi to be honored with the Lokmanya Tilak National Award in Pune on August 1.

Key Points –

- The award recognizes his supreme leadership under which India has climbed the ladder of progress.
- August 1, 2023 - 103rd death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak.
- In 2022, the award was conferred upon senior scientist Tessy Thomas (India's "missile woman")."

INTERNATIONAL

1. National Day in France

Why in news – July 14 is celebrated as the National Day in France.

Key Points –

- It is also known as the Bastille Day.
- July 14 is the anniversary of the Storming of the Bastille in 1789 during the French Revolution.
- Guest of Honour at the Bastille Day Parade - PM Narendra Modi.
- 269-member tri-services contingent of the Indian Armed Forces marched alongside their French counterparts.
- This year, both countries are celebrating 25 years of Strategic Partnership.

• Leader –

- a) Indian Army contingent - Captain Aman Jagtap.
 - b) Indian Navy contingent - Commander Vrat Baghel.
 - c) Indian Air Force contingent - Squadron Leader Sindhu Reddy.
- Army contingent was represented by Punjab Regiment.
 - Punjab Regiment earned the Battle Honours 'Loos' and 'France and Flanders' during World War-I.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. Asteroids Comets Meteors Conference 2023

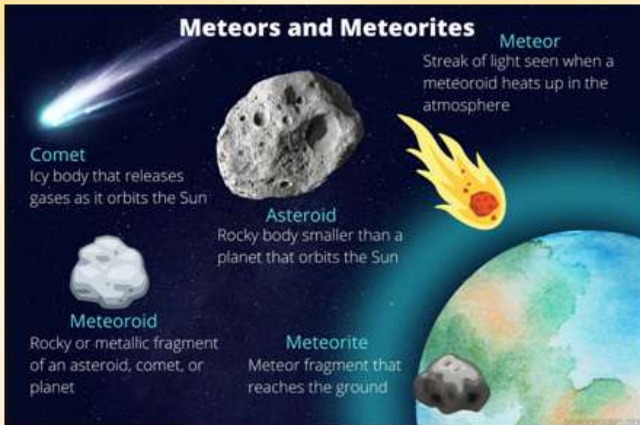
Why in news – The 2023 edition of the Asteroids Comets Meteors Conference took place in Arizona on June 21, 2023.

Key Points –

- International Astronomical Union (IAU) honored Indian astrophysicist Aswin Sekhar by naming a minor planet after him.
- Other Indians to have this honour –
 - a) CV Raman (Nobel Prize in Physics - 1930)
 - b) Subramanya Chandrasekhar (Nobel Prize in Physics - 1983)
 - c) Srinivasa Ramanujan (mathematician)
 - d) Vikram Sarabhai (physicist and astronomer)
 - e) Manali Kallat Vainu Bappu (astronomer and former president of IAU).
- Wilson-Bappu Effect - determine the distance of stars (clusters and aggregates) too remote for direct measurements.

Value Addition –

- Meteoroid - Any solid debris originating from asteroids, comets or other celestial objects and floats through interplanetary space.
- Meteor - A meteoroid enters the atmosphere (mesosphere) at about 200 km at high speed and burns up because of the friction.
- Meteorite - In some cases, the meteoroid does not burn up completely and makes its way to the Earth's surface (surviving chunk).



RANKS & INDICES

1. America's Richest Self-Made Women

Why in news - Forbes list of 'America's Richest Self-Made Women' was released.

Key Points –

- 4 Indian-origin women were included in the list.
- Indian-origin (rank) - Jayshree Ullal (15th), Neerja Sethi (25th), Neha Narkhede (50th) and Indra Nooyi (77th).
- For the 6th time in a row, Daine Hendricks, topped the list.

2. Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation

Why in news – The report was released by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific's (UNESCAP).

Key Points –

- India's score - 93.55% in 2023. (90.32% in 2021).
- India achieved a perfect score of 100% in 4 key areas: Transparency, Formalities, Institutional Arrangement and Cooperation, and Paperless Trade.
- India's score for the "Women in Trade Facilitation" component - 77.8% in 2023 (66.7% in 2021).
- Indian Customs digital initiatives - Turant Customs, Single Window Interface for Facilitation of Trade (SWIFT), e- Sanchit (Paperless) etc.
- India's overall score is greater than Canada,

France, the UK, Germany, etc and best in South Asia region.

India is the best performing country when compared with South and South-West Asia region (64.30%) and Asia and the Pacific region (66.76%)



3. Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)

Why in news - The latest update of global MPI was released recently.

Key Points –

- Findings wrt India -
 - a) 415 million people moved out of poverty in India within just 15 years from 2005-2006 to 2019-2021.
 - b) Poverty incidence - 55.1% (645 million people in 2005-2006) to 16.4% (230 million in 2019-2021).
 - c) Multidimensionally poor and deprived under the nutrition indicator - 44.3% (2005-2006) to 11.8% (2019-2021)
 - d) Child mortality fell from 4.5% to 1.5%.
- 25 countries, including India, successfully halved their global MPI values within 15 years.

About MPI –

- Released by - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).
- 10 indicators spanning health, education and standard of living.

- All indicators are equally weighted within each dimension.
- Criteria for multidimensional poor - if deprivation score is 1/3 or higher.
- World Bank poverty line - \$2.15 per day.

4. 2023 Military Strength Ranking

Why in news – It was released by Global Firepower.

Key Points –

- Most powerful – USA (1st), Russia (2nd), China (3rd), India (4th).

- Least powerful–Bhutan (last), Benin, Moldova.
- Pakistan – 7th .

SCIENCE – TECH

1. 'AI for Youth' program

Why in news - Dell Technologies has partnered with Intel's Digital Readiness team.

Key Points –

- Aim - to introduce Artificial Intelligence (AI) at Telangana's Lords Institute of Engineering & Technology.



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- In which airport of India, the country's first Elevated Cross Taxiway Service has been started - **Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi.**
- Which state government is planning to set up Micro Dairy of Indian Cow Breeds - **Uttar Pradesh.**
- Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the International Financial Services Center Authority - **K Rajaraman.**
- The 8th Global Pharmaceutical Quality Conference has been organized in which city - **Mumbai.**
- Which IIT has proposed sports quota to promote diversity - **IIT Madras.**
- Which team has made the highest total in Super Over in the history of ODI cricket - **Netherlands.**
- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the regional office of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in which country - **Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur).**
- Which country has announced to send cluster munitions to Ukraine prohibited by more than 100 countries - **United States.**
- The 3rd Culture Working Group Meeting of G20 under which the Ministry of Culture has set a Guinness World Record for the 'Largest Display of Lambani Items' was held in which city - **Hampi.**
- PM Narendra Modi has greeted the people of which state on occasion of Ker Puja - **Tripura.**

PATNA CENTRE: NEW BATCHES FOR BPSC
(HINDI MEDIUM) STARTING FROM 26TH JULY 2023

DELHI CENTRE: NEW BATCHES FOR UPSC
STARTING FROM 19TH JULY 2023