

NATIONAL

1. INDIA Coalition

Why in news - The Opposition alliance for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls has been named INDIA.

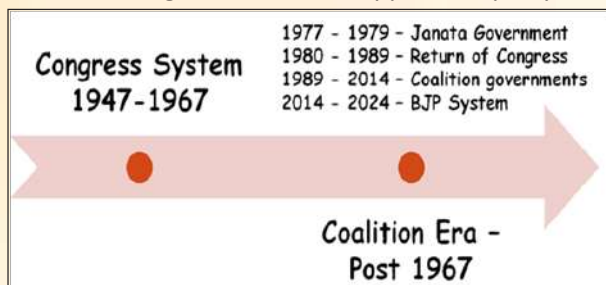
Key Points –

- INDIA - Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance.
- Top leaders of 26 Opposition parties from across the country met in Bengaluru.
- 26 Opposition parties won 134 seats in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and secured a 35% vote share.

Value Addition –

Evolution of political parties in India –

- **1952-64 (Nehruvian era) –**
 - a) The Congress Party was the dominant party.
 - b) India was essentially a one party system also termed as ‘Congress system’.
- **1964-77 (Uneasy Transition) –**
 - a) 1967 elections - Congress failed to secure majorities in eight states.
 - b) Regional parties started growing all over the country.
- **1977-80 (Coalition politics) –**
 - a) First coalition at union level led by Janata Party in 1977 (PM - Morarji Desai).
 - b) Emergence of a Multi-Party System in India.
- **1980-89 (Emergence of regional parties) –**
 - a) 8th Lok Sabha Elections (1984) - Telugu Desam, a regional party of Andhra Pradesh, emerged as the main opposition party.



- **1989-2014 (Multi-party system & Coalition politics) –**
 - a) Marred by compulsions of coalition.
 - b) ‘Rainbow’ coalitions - Lasted only a short time (due to growth of regional parties).

- c) Empowerment for regional parties - electoral federalism.
- 2014-2024 – Full majority government.

INTERNATIONAL

1. World's largest office

Why in news - India's Surat Diamond Bourse overtakes The Pentagon as world's largest office building.

Key Points –

- It is a 15-storey building. (Floor space - 7.1 million square feet).
- Designed by – Morphogenesis (Delhi-based).
- It is based on the concept of Panchtatva (water, fire, air, earth and sky).
- Surat is known as the world's diamond capital, where 90% of the precious stones are cut.
- The Pentagon, the US defense department's headquarters in Virginia, has 6.5 million sq ft area.

2. India-Myanmar-Thailand (IMT) trilateral highway

Why in news - Dr. S Jaishankar discussed IMT trilateral highway at the 12th Foreign Ministers' Meeting of the Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC) in Bangkok.

Key Points –

- Around 70% of construction work on the ambitious IMT Trilateral Highway has been completed.

About IMT Trilateral Highway –

- Length - 1,360-km-long highway (land route).
- Connect - Moreh (Manipur, India) with Mae Sot (Thailand) via Myanmar.
- Proposal - extending the highway to Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam called East-West Economic Corridor.
- Technical executing agency - National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

About Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC)–

- Established - November 10, 2000, Vientiane, Laos.
- Members – India, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

- Ganga and the Mekong are two large rivers in the region.
- Mekong is the world's 12th longest river and the 3rd longest in Asia.



- Focus areas - Ports of the Future; Decarbonization; Coastal Shipping & Inland Waterways Transportation etc.
- The summit is slated for October 17-19, 2023, at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- Exclusive industry partner – FICCI.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Financing India's renewable energy

Why in news – European Investment Bank (EIB) plans to invest about €1 billion in India's renewable energy sector.

Key Points –

- Focus - Green hydrogen and solar panels.
- EIB is the lending arm of the European Union.
- So far EIB has made about €4 billion investment in India. (e.g., metro rail projects in Lucknow, Bengaluru, Pune etc).
- The EIB is also a part of the industry-led, Indian Hydrogen Alliance.
- India is the largest investment destination of EIB outside Europe.

Value Addition –

- India aims to achieve 8 million tonnes capacity of green hydrogen by 2030.
- The government is currently supporting two green hydrogen pilot projects i.e., Gurugram and Bengaluru.
- Other green hydrogen projects not funded by the government – Jorhat (AS), Kawas (GJ), Bikaner (RJ).

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. TCRM Matrix framework

Why in news – NITI Aayog released the Techno-Commercial Readiness and Market Maturity Matrix (TCRM Matrix) Framework.

Key Points –

- Aim - to revolutionize technology evaluation, foster innovation, and fuel entrepreneurship in India.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. 3rd Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS) 2023

Why in news – Sarbananda Sonowal launched the Curtain Raiser of Global Maritime India Summit, 2023 in Mumbai.

Key Points –

- To be organized by - Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.

ECONOMY

1. CRCS-Sahara India Refund Portal

Why in news – Amit Shah launched the portal to refund the money to the depositors of the Sahara Group's cooperative societies in 45 days.

Key Points –

- On March 29, 2023, the Supreme court directed the transfer of Rs 5,000 crores from the Sahara-SEBI Refund A/c to the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) for disbursing them to the genuine depositors.

- Between 2008 and 2011, Sahara group collected around Rs. 24,000 crore (approximately US\$ 3.2 billion) from over 30 million investors through optionally fully convertible debentures (OFCDs), which were not subject to regulatory oversight.

Value Addition –

- Passes in Arunachal Pradesh—Bumla, Bom Di La, Dihang Pass, Yonggyap Pass, Dipher Pass, Kumjawng Pass, Hpungan Pass, Chankan Pass.

SCIENCE – TECH

1. Llama 2

Why in news – Meta and Microsoft have extended their partnership with the announcement of Llama 2.

Key Points –

- Llama 2 is an open-source AI language model.
- Microsoft's Azure cloud service will be used to deploy the AI model.
- It may substitute costly proprietary models like ChatGPT and Google Bard.

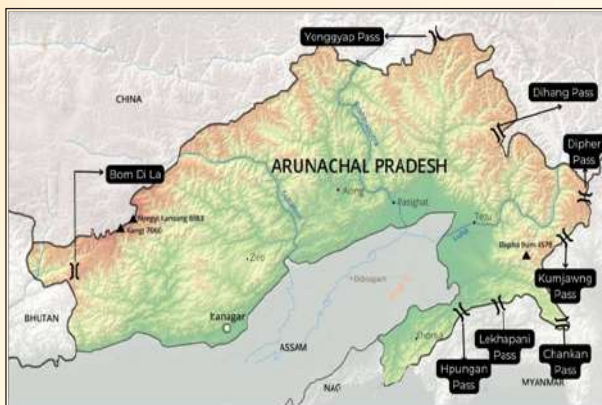
FESTIVALS

1. Chachin Grazing festival

Why in news – It celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh.

Key Points –

- It celebrated by the local graziers of Tawang region near Bumla Pass.
- Chachin and other grazing areas serve as the backbone of the local Monpa (tribe) lifestyle.
- Bum La Pass connects Tibet and India's Tawang district in Arunachal Pradesh.



STATES/UTS

1. Gruha Lakshmi scheme

Why in news - Karnataka started the registration process for the Gruha Lakshmi scheme.

Key Points –

- Aim - to provide financial assistance of Rs 2,000 to women heads of households.
- Women or their husbands who pay income tax or GST are not eligible under the scheme.
- Only one woman in a family will be the beneficiary of this scheme.

BIHAR

1. Bhoomi Samman 2023

Why in news - On July 18, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu presented 'Bhoomi Samman 2023'.

Key Points –

- Presented to –**
 - Brajesh Mehrotra, Additional Chief Secretary, Land Records Department, Bihar
 - Collectors of 5 districts with platinum certificates for the Platinum Category (>99% work efficiency).
- Reason - for their outstanding performance in the field of land management and administration.
- 5 districts - Nalanda, Jehanabad, Lakhisarai, Bhojpur and Kishanganj.
- The Digital India Land Records Management Programme has been run by the Department of Land Resources since 2008-09.
- Under - Union Ministry of Rural Development.

2. Ramsar sites

Why in news - State govt to pitch for inclusion of 4 wetlands as coveted Ramsar sites.

Key Points –

- 4 wetlands –
 - a) Udaipur lake (West Champaran).
 - b) Vikramshila Dolphin Sanctuary (Bhagalpur).
 - c) Gogabeel lake (Katihar).
 - d) Gokul reservoir (Buxar).

- Currently, Bihar has only one Ramsar site, KabarJheel in Begusarai.
- Wetlands are now part of the Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Mission and 4th agriculture road map.

PERFECTION IAS

▶▶▶▶▶

▶▶▶▶▶

「ARISE, AWAKE, AND, STOP NOT TILL THE GOAL IS REACHED」

NEW BATCH FOR BPSK

Starting from **28 June**

HINDI MEDIUM
TIME: 4:00PM - 7:00PM

© KUMAR TOWER, BORING RD. CROSSING, PATNA
 /Perfection IAS | Perfection IAS(Official) | www.perfectionias.com **9031036700 / 9031036701**

PERFECTION IAS

NEW BATCH FOR BPSK

STARTING FROM **12th JULY**

ENGLISH MEDIUM
Time - 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

OUR CENTRES: Delhi, Patna, Muzaffarpur & Purnea
 /Perfection IAS | Perfection IAS(Official) | www.perfectionias.com **9031036700 / 9031036701**

PERFECTION IAS Patna Centre

NEW BATCH for BPSK

STARTING FROM **26 JULY 2023**

Hindi medium:
01:00 PM - 4:00 PM

REG. OFFICE: KUMAR TOWER, BORING RD. CROSSING, PATNA
9031036700 / 9031036701
 /Perfection IAS | Perfection IAS(Official) | www.perfectionias.com

PERFECTION IAS At Delhi Centre

SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL
FAILURE IS NOT FATAL,
IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE
THAT COUNTS

NEW BATCH FOR UPSC

Starting from 19 July
ENGLISH MEDIUM
Time - 4:00 PM-8:00 PM

1st floor 1(B), Metro Tower, Gate No.8,
Karol Bagh Metro Station, Pusa Road, New Delhi **9031036712**
 /Perfection IAS | Perfection IAS(Official) | www.perfectionias.com

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

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



CURRENT AFFAIRS

20 JULY, 2023

www.perfectionias.com

📧 📷 📺 📱 📞 📠 /PerfectionIAS

➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

- ISRO has tied up with whom to develop nuclear-powered engines for rockets - **Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC)**.
- Which country has blocked the Black Sea grain deal – **Russia**.
- Which player has won his first Wimbledon title - **Carlos Alcaraz**.
- Which State/UT has topped the Geo Tagging of Cluster Development Projects in the country – **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- Who has inaugurated the new Integrated Terminal Building of Veer Savarkar International Airport, Port Blair - **Narendra Modi**.
- Which state government has relaunched the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) – **Telangana**.
- The Ministry of Coal has set a target to gasify 100 million tonnes of coal by which year – **2030**.
- Which IIT has announced the research awards for 2022 - **IIT Roorkee**.
- Which country hosted the ASEAN Countries Conference on Traditional Medicines – **India**.
- Where has the 36th Flying Training Organization of India started - **Tamil Nadu**.

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

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