

### NATIONAL

#### 1. 24th Kargil Vijay Diwas 2023

**Why in news** – It is celebrated on 26 July every year.

##### Key Points –

- Aim - to honour India's victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War in 1999.
- Operation Vijay - Indian Army drove out intruders from Pakistan and reclaimed Tiger Hill.
- Operation Safed Sagar – Airstrike by Indian Air Force to support the Indian Army.
- Operation Talwar - Naval operation carried out by the Indian Navy to pressurize Pakistan.
- Kargil War - May to July 1999.
- Indian Army Chief during the Kargil conflict - General Ved Prakash Malik.
- Kargil is one of the two Districts of the Ladakh region.

##### Value Addition –

- In 1999, India and Pakistan signed the Lahore agreement (February 21, 1999) to mutually resolve the Kashmir issue in a peaceful manner.
- Operation Badr - Pakistani troops began infiltrating the Indian side of the Line of Control (LoC) hoping to cut off Indian troops in Siachen.

#### 2. Construction Innovation Hub

**Why in news** - Kerala got India's first Construction Innovation Hub (CIH).

##### Key Points –

- Aim - to promote affordable and sustainable building facilities to foster collaboration, innovation and knowledge-sharing.
- Nodal agency - Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM).
- Set up in association with Habitat for Humanity India (HFHI), an American non-profit organisation.

#### 3. LSD positive state

**Why in news** – Nagaland has been officially declared as a Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) positive state.

##### Key Points –

- Under - Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009.
- It is a poxviral disease with significant morbidity in cattle.

- As per the World Animal Health Organization (OIE), LSD is a notifiable disease.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. Ban on transgender marriages

**Why in news** – Russia banned sex change and transgender marriages.

##### Key Points –

- It also barred transgender people from becoming foster or adoptive parents.
- It is supported by the Russian Orthodox Church.

#### 2. Qin Gang sacked

**Why in news** – China replaced foreign minister Qin Gang after a mysterious absence with Wang Yi.

##### Key Points –

- Qin Gang has not been seen in public since June 25.
- Rumour - alleged extramarital affair with television journalist Fu Xiaotian, who is a US citizen.

### GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

#### 1. Cannabis Medicine Project

**Why in news** – Jammu to pioneer India's first Cannabis Medicine Project.

##### Key Points –

- It is an initiative of CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine Jammu.
- Location – Chatha, Jammu.
- In a Private Public Partnership with a Canadian firm.
- To treat patients suffering from neuropathies, cancer and epilepsy.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### 1. International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem 2023

**Why in news** – It is celebrated on 26 July.

##### Key Points –

- It was adopted by UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2015.

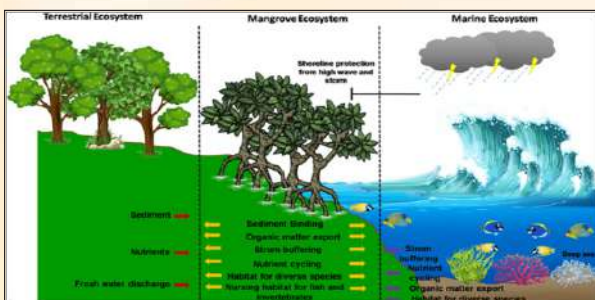
- Global mangrove forests sequester as much as 22.8 million tons of carbon each year.
- They can contain more carbon per square metre than tropical rainforests.

### Value Addition -

- Sri Lanka (2015)- 1st nation in the world to comprehensively protect all its mangrove forests.
- Blue Forests Project (Global Environment Facility and UNEP) - to improve management of mangrove ecosystems.
- Mikoko Pamojainitiative (Mangroves Together) in Gazi Bay, Kenya, has become the world's first conservation project to link mangrove forests to the global carbon market.
- 86 of UNESCO's 669 World Network of Biosphere Reserves sites include areas of mangroves.
- Mangroves are found in 123 nations and territories, but represent less than 1% of all tropical forests worldwide, and less than 0.4% of all global forests.
- Benefits - habitat for fish and crustaceans, food source for monkeys, kangaroos etc and a source of nectar for honeybees.

### Indian Scenario -

- MISHTI - Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes.
- Mangrove is a state subject.



## ENVIRONMENT

### 1. Batagaika crater

**Why in news** – The Batagaika crater situated in Russia's Far East is thawing.

#### Key Points –

- Location - Sakha Republic and reaches depths of up to 100 metres

- It is world's biggest permafrost crater (1 km long).
- The "enormous quantity" of organic carbon released due to this thawing into the atmosphere may further fuel global warming.
- Locals in Russia call it the "gateway to the underworld" while scientists call it "a mega-slump."
- **Permafrost** –
  - a) Any ground that remains completely frozen — 32°F (0°C) or colder — for at least 2 years straight.
  - b) Common in regions with high mountains and in Earth's higher latitudes — near the North and South Poles.
  - c) Soil, rocks and sand are held together by ice.
  - d) Almost a quarter of the land area in the Northern Hemisphere has permafrost underneath.
  - e) But while the ground is frozen the regions with permafrost are not always covered in snow.

## SCIENCE – TECH

### 1. 'Akira' attack

**Why in news** – CERT-In cautioned internet users against ransomware 'Akira' attack.

#### Key Points –

- 'Akira' virus steals vital personal information and encrypts data leading to extortion of money from people.
- It targets Windows and Linux-based systems.
- Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) is the central technology arm to combat cyber-attacks.
- CERT-In works under the Ministry of Information & Electronics Technology.

## SUMMITS & CONFERENCE

### 1. WTO's 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13)

**Why in news** – General Council of the WTO has elected Dr Thani Bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudias Chair of WTO MC13.



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## Key Points –

- Dr Thani Bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi is UAE's Minister for Foreign Trade.
- WTO MC13 to take place in Abu Dhabi in February 2024.
- WTO Director General - Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala.

## SECURITY

### 1. 10th Exercise Talisman Sabre

**Why in news** – Australia's largest bilateral military exercise with the United States commenced.

## Key Points –

- It is a multi-domain warfighting across sea, land, air, cyber and space.
- Personnel from India, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand are attending as observers.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### 1. Rising Global Superstar of Indian Cinema award

**Why in news** – Bollywood actor Kartik Aaryan to be honoured with the award at the 14th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne on August 11.

## Key Points –

- Reason - Kartik's significant impact on the world of Indian cinema.
- To be presented by the Governor of Victoria.

## STATES/UTS

### 1. Gig Workers (Registration and Welfare) Bill, 2023

**Why in news** – Rajasthan assembly passed a bill extending social security to gig workers in the state.

## Key Points –

- It is first of its kind in the country.
- 50% gig workers do not have any kind of health insurance and about 40% were not covered under the accidental insurance.

## BIHAR

### 1. Power theft

**Why in news** – Bihar government to check aggregate technical and commercial (AT&C) losses through artificial intelligence.

## Key Points –

- Initiative of - Bihar State Power Holding Company (BSPHCL).
- Pilot project of energy accounting is being done in Bhagalpur and Muzaffarpur.
- 'Raid and FIR Management System' portal (From August 1, 2023) –
  - a) to display raids being conducted and the amount of fine imposed on consumers indulging in electricity theft.
  - b) the two power distribution companies – South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (SBPDCL) and North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (NBPDC) – will go for 100% automation of accounting, bringing ease of operation and enable data analysis of consumption pattern.

### 2. 'Road enemy' (sadaqshatru) tag

**Why in news** – Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC) will now give the tag of "road enemy" to people throwing garbage on roads.

## Key Points –

- Fine along with - Rs 500.
- PMC is all set to start a new campaign - 'My road my responsibility' - in a bid to ensure cleanliness and make the city garbage-free.

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- Which state government has released a vision document to achieve net-zero target by 2070 – **Jharkhand**.
- In which state the 5th Helicopter and Small Aircraft Summit was organized - **Madhya Pradesh (Khajuraho)**.
- What systems will Department of Telecommunications test to enhance emergency communication - **Cell Broadcast Alert System**.
- Which building will host India's G20 leaders meetings in September 2023 - **India Trade Promotion Organisation's (ITPO), New Delhi**.
- India and which country have signed helicopter cooperation for armed forces – **Argentina**.
- In which state is India's first private hill station Lavasa Corporation is located – **Maharashtra**.
- Indian-American Congressman Dr. Ami Bera has been honored with which award- '**Champion of Healthcare Innovation Award**'.
- Which team has created history by beating their Indian counterparts for the first time in ODIs - **Bangladesh Women's Team**.
- Where will the Air Force Day Parade and Flypast be held –**Prayagraj**.
- According to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, how many people have given up Indian citizenship till June 2023 - **87,026**.

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