



NATIONAL

1. S Phangnon Konyak

Why in news - S Phangnon Konyak (BJP) became the first woman member from Nagaland to preside over Rajya Sabha on July 25, 2023.

Key Points –

- On this day, The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2022 was passed.
- Konyak is a member of the Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region etc.

2. No-confidence motion (NCM)

Why in news – Union government to face a no-confidence motion in Parliament.

Key Points –

- The Congress and Bharat Rashtra Samithi submitted notices for a no-confidence motion on the Manipur issue.
- The notice was submitted to the Speaker.
- The no-confidence motion against the government was accepted. Speaker to decide time.
- It is 28th no-confidence motion in independent India's history.
- To date, the passing of only one of these motions led to the fall of a government (Morarji Desai-led administration in 1979). It was moved by Y B Chavan (Congress).

About NCM –

- It allows the Opposition to challenge the government's majority on the floor of the House.
- If the motion is passed, the government has to resign.
- It is provided under the Rules of the Lok Sabha, 1952. (no provision in constitution).
- It is moved with the support of 50 MPs.

Value Addition –

- Not a single no-confidence motion was moved during the term of the first two Lok Sabhas (LS).
- 1st NCM(1963, 3rd Lok Sabha) - Moved by Acharya J B Kripalani against the Jawaharlal Nehru government.

- 2nd NCM (1964) - Moved by N C Chatterjee (Independent MP) against PM Lal Bahadur Shastri. It was debated for the longest time (24 hours).
- Indira Gandhi as Prime Minister faced maximum no-confidence motions (15).
- Last NCM(2018) – Moved by then Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu. Modi government defeated the motion in LS by 199 votes.

3. National Martyr's Memorial

Why in news - A new memorial and national museum for railway security was unveiled at Jagjivan RPF Academy Lucknow.

Key Points –

- The names of 1014 martyred RPF personnel from 1957 till date have been inscribed.
- Motto of this museum - Gyanvardhanayachsanrakshanayai.e., 'promote knowledge and preserve heritage'.

About RPF –

- Statutory force under the Railway Protection Force Act 1957.
- Armed Force of the Union.
- Aim - to remove any obstruction in the movement of railway property.
- Police (including RPF) is a state subject under Entry 2, List II of Schedule 7 of the Constitution.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Judicial reform in Israel

Why in news - Israeli Parliament (Knesset) passed controversial judicial reform plans.

Key Points –

- It limited the Supreme Court's ability to overturn decisions made by government ministers.
- The Supreme Court cannot overrule the national government using the legal standard of "reasonableness."
- Passed by 64-0 votes. (Opposition lawmakers stormed out of the chamber).
- Netanyahu's government feels changes are necessary to restore power to elected representatives instead of "interventionist judges".

2. Milan Kundera

Why in news - He died at the age of 94, after a long unspecified illness.

Key Points –

- He was born in Brno (Czechoslovakia) in 1929.
- In 1975, he left the country for France.
- His most famous book - The Unbearable Lightness of Being (year - 1984).

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. 5th Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit 2023

Why in news - Jyotiraditya M Scindia inaugurated the Heli Summit 2023 in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points –

- By - Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- Theme - Reaching the Last Mile: Regional Connectivity through Helicopters & Small Aircraft.
- He also launched RCS UDAN 5.2 and HeliSewa-App during the event.
- Aim of UDAN 5.2 –
 - a) to further enhance the connectivity to remote and regional areas of the country
 - b) to achieve last-mile connectivity through small aircraft such as 1A (<9 seats) and Category 1 (<20 seats).

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Asia Pacific Cultural Heritage award 2023

Why in news - Byculla railway station in Mumbai got UNESCO's Asia Pacific Cultural Heritage award.

Key Points –

- The station was restored by 'I love Mumbai' (NGO of Shaina NC).
- It is 169-year-old (built in 1853).
- The first train of the country passed through Byculla station.
- UNESCO Asia Pacific awards 2022 - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS).

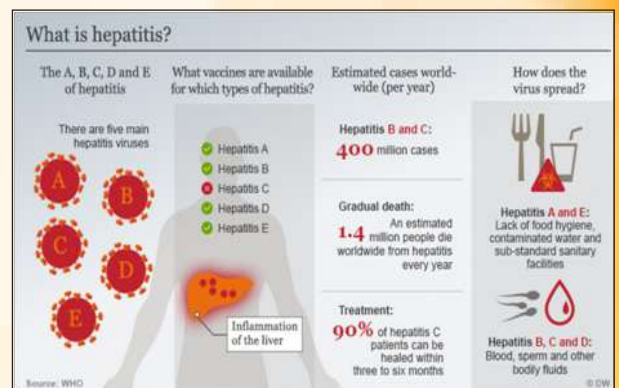
IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Hepatitis Day 2023

Why in news – It is observed on July 28 to raise awareness about hepatitis.

Key Points –

- Theme - Every year, more than a million lives are lost to hepatitis. We're not waiting for change – we're fighting to make it happen.
- It is a group of liver infectious diseases known as hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E.
- **About hepatitis C –**
 - a) caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV)
 - b) spread via contact with blood from an infected person
 - c) many are diagnosed with hepatitis C, but do not showcase any signs of it.
 - d) pre-cancerous and can also lead to cirrhosis
 - e) no vaccine available. (vaccines exist for hepatitis B)
 - f) it can impact the liver's ability to produce bile, thereby making the digestion of fatty foods difficult
- **About Liver –**
 - a) produces bile required to digest fats
 - b) bile is stored in the gallbladder and sent to the beginning section of the small intestine when needed.
 - c) Bile is combined with stomach acids and digestive fluids from the pancreas to help the intestines absorb nutrients into the bloodstream.



Value Addition -

- Hepatitis means inflammation of the liver.

- The Global Target is to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030.
- Hepatitis B is included under India's Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).

APPOINTMENTS

1. Pan Gongsheng

Why in news - Pan Gongsheng was named China's central bank governor.

Key Points –

- He succeeded Yi Gang.
- Earlier, he was a vice president of the Agricultural Bank of China Ltd.

SPORTS

1. Michael Phelps record broken

Why in news - Leon Marchand (French) has broken Michael Phelps' world record in the men's 400-meter individual medley.

Key Points –

- Time taken - 4 minutes, 2.50 seconds.
- Marchand set the record in the World Aquatics Championships.
- Phelps set the old record of 4:03.84 at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

2. ACC men's Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2023

Why in news - Pakistan A (score - 352 runs) beat India A (score – 224 runs) by 128 runs to win the title.

Key Points –

- It was Pakistan's 2nd consecutive Emerging Teams Asia Cup title (1st - 2019).
- Venue - R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

- Pakistan A had players like Haris and Wasim Jr. who had already made a mark in international cricket.

BIHAR

1. State commission for women

Why in news - Ashwamedh Devi has been appointed the chairperson of state commission for women (SCW).

Key Points –

- She is a former Lok Sabha member and senior JD(U) leader.
- Total – 8 members.
- **Other Members –**
 - a) From RJD (4 members) - Prabhawati Manjhi (Jehanabad), Rabiya Khatoon (Bhagalpur), Sunita Kushwaha (Gopalganj) and Geeta Yadav (Saharsa).
 - b) From JD(U) (2 members) - Shweta Bishwas (Patna) and Sulochana Devi (Purnia).
 - c) From Congress (1 member) - Dr Sujata Sumbrai (Siwan).
- Bhola Yadav has been appointed as chairperson of the Sanskrit Shiksha Board.
- Salim Parvez will head the Madrassa Board.

2. Mega skill centres (MSCs)

Why in news - Labour resources department to establish mega skill centres (MSCs) in all 38 districts.

Key Points –

- It will be a World Bank-aided project.
- It would be established under the aegis of the Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM).
- It is part of Saat Nischay-II program of the government.



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- According to RBI, how many lakh crore rupees bad loans have been written off by banks in 2022-23 - **2.09 lakh crore rupees (around US \$ 25.50 billion)**.
- In which state the first transgender birth certificate has been issued – **Rajasthan**.
- Which state's cabinet has approved the introduction of interest-free crop loans up to Rs 1 lakh – **Odisha**.
- In which city the first International Quantum Communication Conclave has been organized – **New Delhi**.
- The Bombay High Court directed which state to notify Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary as a tiger reserve - **Goa**.
- The government has increased the interest rate on deposits under the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) scheme to what percent - **8.15%**.
- The third and final meeting of the G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group was held in which city – **Chennai**.
- Which state/UT will be celebrating 'Happiness Utsav' from July 24 to 29 in schools – **Delhi**.
- The annual pilgrimage of Machail Mata held in which state/UT - **Jammu and Kashmir (Kishtwar)**.
- The BRICS National Security Advisors' meeting was held in which city - **Johannesburg, South Africa**.

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

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