

NATIONAL

1. GI tag

Why in news - Tamil Nadu's Jaderi 'namakatti', chedibutta saree and Kanniyakumari Matti banana got GI tag.

Key Points –

- Jaderi namakatti are clay sticks that are white in colour, usually available in finger-like shape.
- Mattibanana is also called as 'Crocodile Finger Banana'.
- **Chedibutta saree –**
 - a) It depicts the Chedibutta design in art silk and cotton mix fabric.
 - b) It has iconic "plant and flower" motif woven on the border and pallu (edge of the saree).
 - c) saree is woven using art silk thread while the Chedibutta designs are made using brightly coloured cotton threads.
 - d) primary weavers - Sowashtra community (Veeravanallur town, Tirunelveli).
- Geographical Indications Registry – Chennai.

Other GI tags –

- Rajasthan - Nathdwara Pichhwai Painting,
- Kashmir - Mushqbudji rice & Chikri Wood Craft
- Bihar - Marcha Rice
- Goa - Agassaim Brinjal, Sat Shirancho Bhendo (Okra).

2. Hydrogen fuel-related industry

Why in news - Jharkhand gave nod to the nation's first hydrogen fuel-related industry.

Key Points –

- Location – Jamshedpur, East Singhbhum.
- Capacity - Over 4000 Hydrogen IC Engine/Fuel Agnostic Engine and 10,000+ Battery system.
- By - M/s TCPL Green Energy Solutions Private Limited (TGESPL).

and Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF) was launched.

Key Points –

- By - Ministry of Finance.
- CDMDF a permanent institutional framework to enhance secondary market liquidity in the Corporate Bond market during stressed and normal times.
- ARCL is expected to offer better efficiency in collateral and settlement for its members in bond market.

2. Digital Payments Index

Why in news - RBI Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) surged 13.24% YoY as online transactions jump 50%.

Key Points –

- RBI-DPI showed a four-fold increase since 2018.

About RBI-DPI –

- Published by – RBI.
- Base year - March 2018.
- **5 broad parameters (weightage) –**
 - a) payment enablers (25%).
 - b) payment infrastructure demand-side factors (10%).
 - c) payment infrastructure supply-side factors (15%)
 - d) payment performance (45%)
 - e) consumer centricity (5%)

3. WorldCoin

Why in news - A new cryptocurrency project called WorldCoin was launched by OpenAI CEO Sam Altman.

Key Points –

- Uniqueness – Its unique method of sign-up, involving scanning of irises (use of biometrics).
- WorldCoin wants to offer users an account that only "real humans" can get, through what it calls a "World ID".
- Orb – A place where customers' irises would be scanned through a ball-like object
- OpenAI was the company behind the AI chatbot ChatGPT.

ECONOMY

1. ARCL and CDMDF

Why in news - AMC Repo Clearing Limited (ARCL)

SCIENCE – TECH

1. STARFIRE Algorithm

Why in news - Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru has developed the STARFIRE Algorithm.

Key Points –

- STARFIRE - Simulation of Terrestrial Radio Frequency Interference in orbits around Earth.
- It will help estimate and map the unwanted Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) signals in space.
- It estimates the RFI emitted by FM radio stations, WiFi networks, mobile towers, radar, satellites, and communication devices.
- RFI emitted by from the devices installed on Earth hinder the study the early Universe and its evolution by detecting faint and weak strength signals coming from the universe.
- It can also help in designing future space missions, such as India's Probing Reionization of the Universe using Signal from Hydrogen (PRATUSH).

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Lokmanya Tilak National Award

Why in news – PM Narendra Modi was conferred the Lokmanya Tilak National Award in Pune on August 1, 2023.

Key Points –

- PM Modi is the 41st recipient of this award.
- PM donated the cash prize to the Namami Gange Project.
- The Award was constituted by Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust in 1983 to honor the legacy of Lokmanya Tilak.

Value Addition -

- Tilak recommended Shyamji Krishna Varma to run two scholarships in London – Chatrapati Shivaji Scholarship and Maharana Pratap Scholarship.

- Tilak started New English School, Fergusson College and Deccan Education Society in Pune.
- Sardar Patel installed a statue of Lokmanya Tilak in Ahmedabad.
- Tilak wrote Gita Rahasya while he was in prison (1908 to 1914) at Mandalay, Burma.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Puneet Chandok

Why in news – Microsoft has named Puneet Chandok as the corporate vice president to head its India and South Asia operations.

Key Points –

- He will also oversee Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.
- Microsoft Asia President - Ahmed Mazhari.

SPORTS

1. Stuart Broad retired

Why in news – English pacer Stuart Broad announced his retirement from international cricket.

Key Points –

- He is only 5th bowler – after Muttiah Muralitharan, Shane Warne, Anil Kumble, and teammate James Anderson – to take over 600 wickets in Test format.
- In 2007 T20 World Cup, Broad made an infamous record of becoming the first player to concede 6 sixes (India's Yuvraj Singh) in an over in T20Is.

2. 1st Major League Cricket (MLC)

Why in news – MI New York crowned as the champions of the first edition of Major League Cricket.

Key Points –

- MLC is the USA's T20 cricket league.
- They defeated the Seattle Orcas in the final by 7 wickets.

- Venue - Grand Prairie Stadium, Texas.

3. 100th Torneo del Centenario 2023

Why in news – The Indian women’s hockey team defeated hosts Spain 3-0 to win the title.

Key Points –

- Venue - Terrassa, Barcelona.
- India’s rank in FIH women’s hockey – 8th.

STATES/UTS

1. Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme

Why in news – Haryana has implemented Haryana Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme.

Key Points –

- Provision - pension of Rs 2500 per year is given for the maintenance of trees that are aged 75 years and above.
- Haryana is first state in the country to implement such a scheme.

BIHAR

1. Bihar caste survey

Why in news – The Patna high allowed the Bihar government to go ahead with its caste survey.

Key Points –

- Judges involved - Chief Justice K Vinod Chandran and Justice Partha Sarthy.
- The court also did not find much merit in the contention of the caste survey incurring an expenditure of Rs 500 crore.
- It said the supplementary budget for caste survey was passed by the Assembly.

2. Religious Tourism Destination of the Year Award

Why in news – Bihar has been awarded the prestigious Religious Tourism Destination of the Year award.

Key Points –

- Venue - India International Travel Mart 2023, Bengaluru.

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- What is the GST tax percent on full face value for online gaming, casinos and horse-racing - **28%**.
- Which ministry has launched the e-care portal to ease the process of bringing back mortal remains of Indians from abroad - **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.
- The first-ever regional Center for Species Survival (CSS) in South Asia has been established in which country - **India**.
- Which state assembly has passed a resolution condemning the violence in Manipur - **West Bengal**.
- Who has become the player with the most header goals in football history - **Cristiano Ronaldo**.
- Recently, how many lakh houses have been completed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana programme - **75.51**.
- Which state has inaugurated the 'Chief Minister's Command Centre' to ensure needy and deserving have access to the benefits of the government schemes and services - **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Who has been sworn in as Chief Justice of Telangana High Court - **Justice Alok Aradhe**.
- Who has won the Tour de France title for the second year in a row - **Jonas Vingegaard**.
- What is India's target of covering entire country with E-20 fuel - **2025**.

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