

NATIONAL

1. Rahul Gandhi's MP status

Why in news - The Supreme Court stayed Rahul Gandhi's conviction in the Modi surname case.

Key Points –

- He is MP from Wayanad.
- Lok Sabha Secretariat cleared his return to Parliament.
- The sentence awarded by Chief Judicial Magistrate HH Verma in Surat on March 23, 2023.

2. Havana Syndrome

Why in news – Centre has told the Karnataka High Court that it will look into the matter of the 'Havana Syndrome' in India.

Key Points –

- Havana Syndrome refers to a set of mental health symptoms.
- It is said to be experienced by United States intelligence and embassy officials in various countries.
- Symptoms - hearing certain sounds without any outside noise, nausea, vertigo and headaches, memory loss and balance issues.
- It traces its roots to Cuba (Cuban capital - Havana) in late 2016.
- It is said to be high-powered microwaves that either damaged or interfered with the nervous system.

- Jeddah meet followed earlier informal talks in Copenhagen (June 2023).

ECONOMY

1. Anti-dumping duty

Why in news - India imposed anti-dumping duty on optical fibre imports from China, Korea and Indonesia.

Key Points –

- Aim - to secure the domestic industry from artificially cheap rates that are capturing the market.
- Validity - 5 years (unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier).

Value Addition –

- While the Department of Commerce (M/o Commerce and Industry) recommends the Anti-dumping duty, it is the Ministry of Finance, which levies such duty.
- Dumping is said to occur when the goods are exported by a country to another country at a price lower than its normal value.
- It is not a measure of protection per se for the domestic industry. It provides relief to the domestic industry against the injury caused by dumping.

SCIENCE – TECH

1. Einstein cross

Why in news - Astronomers have captured a rare example of an Einstein cross.

Key Points –

- It is a group of 12 rare quasars, each offering four distinct quadruple images, commonly called Einstein's cross.
- Einstein cross - A galaxy is not just lensing but also quadrisectioning the light coming from another galaxy billions of light years away from Earth.
- It can help refine the existing understanding about our universe's rate of expansion and unravel mysteries surrounding dark matter.

INTERNATIONAL

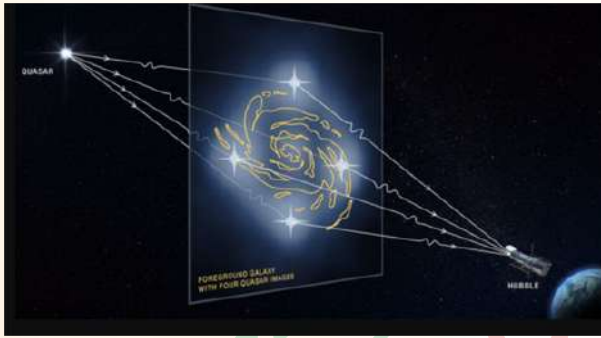
1. Ukraine terms peace talks

Why in news - Saudi Arabia hosted a summit in Jeddah on August 5 and 6 in an effort to end Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Key Points –

- It did not have any representation from Russia.
- Ukraine presented its 10-point peace formula (rejected by Russia in the past).
- Representatives from more than 40 countries including China, India, and the US were present.
- From India - NSA Ajit Doval.

- Quasars are distant galaxies with extremely luminous nuclei.
- Hubble-Lemaître constant – It is used to measure the rate of expansion of universe.



2. Chandrayaan-3

Why in news - ISRO announced that Chandrayaan-3 has successfully entered the moon's orbit on August 5.

Key Points –

- Lunar Orbit Injection (LOI) - A long-duration firing of its engines that pushed it out of Earth's gravitational influence and towards Lunar gravitational influence.
- It is expected to make a soft landing near the Lunar south pole at around 70 degrees latitude.

- c) Jerdon's Courser - Last seen –2009.IUCN – Critically Endangered.
- Highest endemic birds - Western Ghats(28), Andaman and Nicobar Islands (25).

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. Rabindranath Tagore's 82nd death anniversary

Why in news - Rabindranath Tagore died at the age of 80 on August 7 in 1941.

Key Points –

- He is also popular as "Gurudev" and the "Bard of Bengal."
- He served as the inspiration for the "Sri Lanka Matha" national anthem of Sri Lanka.
- Tagore established the "Visva-Bharati" University at Shantiniketan in 1921.
- The first time Gandhi Ji was referred to as "Mahatma" is credited to Rabindranath Tagore in 1917.
- Tagore remained deeply critical of nationalism, a position that pitted him against Mahatma Gandhi.
- Tagore wrote a novel "The Home and the World" in 1916.

ENVIRONMENT

1. "75 Endemic Birds of India" report

Why in news - The publication, titled "75 Endemic Birds of India," was released by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI).

Key Points –

- **Findings –**
 - a) India is home to 1,353 bird species (12.40% of global bird diversity).
 - b) 78 (5%) are endemic to India and do not exist in any other regions globally.
- **3 species have not been recorded in the last few decades –**
 - a) Manipur Bush Quail – Last seen – 1907. IUCN – Endangered.
 - b) Himalayan Quail - Last seen – 1876. IUCN – Critically Endangered.

Who is Rabindranath Tagore?

Rabindranath Tagore was a poet, writer, playwright, composer, philosopher, social reformer and painter.

Early Years

Tagore was born in 1861 in a traditional Bengali family. His father was Debendranath Tagore, a famous Brahmo Samaj leader.

Honours and Awards

- He was the first non-European as well as the first lyricist to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.
- Tagore was awarded a knighthood by King George V, but he renounced it after the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre.
- The title of Gurudev was bestowed upon Rabindranath Tagore by Mahatma Gandhi.

Contributions

- Gitanjali, Gora and Ghare-Baire are his best-known literary works.
- Tagore's famous plays include Raja, Achalayatan, Dakghar, Muktheadhara and Raktakaravi.
- India's "Jana Gana Mana" and Bangladesh's "Amar Shonar Bangla" national anthems were written by him. The Sri Lankan national anthem was inspired by his work. He established the Visava Bharati University in Shantiniketan, which was a blend of the best in the Indian and Western traditions.

2. National Handloom Day 2023

Why in news – It is observed across India on August 7.

Key Points –

- Theme - Handlooms for Sustainable Fashion.
- It recognises India's rich handloom legacy and the efforts of the community of weavers engaged in the sector.
- On August 7, 1905, a historic call to encourage indigenous products during the Swadeshi movement was given.

BIHAR

1. 2nd Bihar museumbiennale

Why in news – CM Nitish Kumar attended the inauguration of the 2nd edition of Bihar Museum Biennale in Patna on August 7.

Key Points –

- Artists from over 20 countries under G20 initiative were also part of the event.
- The exhibition, 'Together We Art', showcased the artworks of 19 artists from G20 countries.

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- In which country will Prime Minister Modi participate in the BRICS summit - **South Africa.**
- Which will be honored with the Golden Eye Award at the 'Zurich Film Festival' - **Diane Kruger.**
- The Prime Minister of which neighbouring country has announced the dissolution of the National Assembly – **Pakistan.**
- Which state's cabinet has approved the formation of 19 new districts and 3 new divisions in the state – **Rajasthan.**
- India has given financial assistance of Rs 45 crore to which country for a unique digital identity project - **Sri Lanka.**
- Who has recently launched 'Jaldost Airboat' - **National Aerospace Laboratories.**
- Devari village in which district of Uttar Pradesh to be developed as a village tourism hub – **Prayagraj.**
- Which union minister has launched the Port Health Organization (PHO) under Sagar Setu - **Sarbananda Sonowal.**
- Who has jointly launched the 'Study in India' portal - **S. Jaishankar and Dharmendra Pradhan.**
- To whom has the Geneva School of Diplomacy conferred an honorary doctorate - **Shashi Tharoor.**

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