

NATIONAL

1. IIM-Mumbai

Why in news - National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE) will be renamed as the IIM-Mumbai.

Key Points –

- Mumbai's 1st Indian Institute of Management. (Maharashtra – 2nd.1st - IIM Nagpur).
- 21st IIM in the country.
- The IIM (Amendment Bill) 2023 replaces the IIM Act of 2017.

2. Covid-19 variant Eris

Why in news - A new Covid-19 variant called Eris or EG.5.1 is rapidly spreading across the United Kingdom.

Key Points –

- It has now become the 2nd most prevalent strain.
- It is a subvariant of Omicron.
- It was first identified on July 31, 2023.
- In India, the first case of EG.5.1 was reported on May 29, 2023, from Maharashtra.

3. Decarbonisation of steel sector

Why in news - Ministry of Steel has constituted 13 task forces for decarbonization of steel sector.

Key Points –

- Purpose - to carry out discussions on up-skilling of the workforce towards the production of green steel.
- Ministry of Steel has notified 145 steel and steel products' Indian Standards under the purview of Quality Control Order (QCO).
- Steel Scrap Recycling Policy, 2019, enhances the availability of domestically generated scrap to reduce the consumption of coal in steel making.

Key Points –

- India made advanced payment of INR 450 million.
- Its aim is to gather biographic and biometric information, such as facial, iris, and fingerprint data.

2. Zurzuvae

Why in news - US approved world's 1st post-partum depression pill Zurzuvae.

Key Points –

- The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Biogen and Sage Therapeutics' oral pill to treat postpartum depression (PPD).
- Until now treatment for postpartum depression was available only as an intravenous injection.
- "Postpartum" means the time after childbirth. Most women or feel sad or empty, within a few days of giving birth.

3. China into deflation

Why in news - China slipped into deflation as prices fall for the first time since early 2021.

Key Points –

- China's consumer price index fell by 0.3% in July after staying flat the previous month.
- Deflation –
 - a) Both consumer and asset prices decrease over time while purchasing power increases.
 - b) Lower prices typically lead to lower consumer spending and reduced production, in turn causing layoffs and salary cuts.
 - c) Highlights the country's impending recession and hard economic times.

4. Pakistan's National Assembly

Why in news - Pakistan's National Assembly dissolved at PM Shehbaz Sharif's advice.

Key Points –

- Dissolved by - Pakistan President Arif Alvi.
- Dissolved under Article 58 of Pakistani Constitution.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity Project (SL-UDI)

Why in news - India has extended financial support to Sri Lanka's unique digital identity project.

SCIENCE – TECH

1. 'Maya OS'

Why in news - India Defence Ministry to install 'Maya operating system' for cybersecurity.

Key Points –

- It is based on an open-source platform.
- It has additional security features for 'endpoint detection and protection.'

SECURITY

1. 31st Malabar exercise

Why in news - It will be hosted by Australia for the first time.

Key Points –

- Participants - India, Australia, Japan, and the U.S.
- Venue - Sydney (August 11-21).
- Australia has also invited India for the Sea Power conference.
- It began in 1992 as a bilateral activity between India and the United States.
- Australia was included as a permanent member of Ex. Malabar in 2020.

2. Testing ground for US hypersonic

Why in news - Australia could be a testing ground for US hypersonic and other long-range precision weapons under the Aukus alliance.

Key Points –

- AUKUS agreement – USA, Australia and Britain.a
- The pact was signed in late 2021.
- It is seen as a way of countering China's growing clout in the Asia-Pacific region.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Lion Day 2023

Why in news – It is celebrated every year on August 10.

Key Points –

- It was first established in 2013 by Big Cat Rescue, the world's largest accredited sanctuary.
- At present Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary is the only abode of the Asiatic lion in India.
- Protection -
 - a) IUCN Status – Endangered.
 - b) Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972: Schedule 1
 - c) CITES Appendix I
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has approved Asiatic Lion Conservation Project for three financial years from 2018 to 2021.

STATES/UTS

1. Women-Friendly Tourism

Why in news - UN Women joined Kerala Tourism to empower women in the tourism sector.

Key Points –

- The 'Trainers of Trainer' program was held at Kumarakom Cultural Centre.
- Kerala was the first state in the country to come out with the women-friendly tourism initiative.

BIHAR

1. Special land survey

Why in news -Special land survey in Bihar to be completed by 2025.

Key Points –

- The Bihar government is undertaking a special land survey to update land records in a phased manner.
- It began in 2011.
- By - Revenue and Land Reforms Department.
- The last cadastral survey in the state was held in 1911 during the British rule.



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- What is the name of the short film made by the Sports Authority of India on the athletes participating in the Asian Games - **'Halla Bol'**.
- Who has been appointed as the new chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) by the central government - **Sanjay Kumar Agarwal**.
- Who has been appointed by Tesla as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO) - **Vaibhav Taneja**.
- How much rupees has been approved by the Union Cabinet for broadband connectivity in villages under the BharatNet project - **1.39 lakh crore rupees**.
- Who will lead the Indian team in the World Athletics Championships beginning on August 19 in Budapest, Hungary - **Neeraj Chopra**.
- Which country has set a target of admitting 30,000 Indian students by 2030 – **France**.
- Who has now made health and physical education program compulsory for students of classes I to XII – **CBSE**.
- Recently in which state's assembly a resolution against the 'Uniform Civil Code' has been passed – **Kerala**.
- Who has become the joint second fastest batsman to complete 100 sixes in T20 International cricket - **Suryakumar Yadav**.
- Who will launch a BRICS startup forum this year to facilitate collaboration and share best practices among investors, incubators and aspiring entrepreneurs – **India**.

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