

NATIONAL

1. No-trust motion defeated

Why in news - The INDIA bloc's no-confidence motion was defeated in the Lok Sabha on August 10, 2023.

Key Points –

- Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury was suspended over "gross misconduct".
- The motion was defeated in a voice vote called by the speaker (opposition MPs walked out of the chamber).
- The no-confidence motion was moved by Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi over the Manipur violence on July 26.
- It was taken up by Lok Sabha (LS) Speaker Om Birla for discussion on August 8-10 (3 days, 16 hours).
- This is the 2nd time PM Modi faced a no-confidence motion (1st - 2018) (Overall - 28th).
- The NDA has a majority in LS with 331 MPs (BJP - 303 MPs) while the combined strength of the Opposition bloc INDIA is 144.

2. Keralam

Why in news - Kerala Assembly passed resolution to rename state as Keralam.

Key Points –

- To change the name of a state, approval from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs is required.
- Steps under Article 3 of the Constitution are required to change the name of the state.
- The name of the state in Malayalam is Keralam.
- Kerala came into being on November 1, 1956.

3. Theatre commands

Why in news - The Inter-Services Organisation (Command, Control & Discipline) Bill – 2023 was introduced in the Upper House.

Key Points –

- It empowers central government to constitute an Inter-Services Organisation, thus paving the way for the creation of integrated theatre commands.
- Theatre commands seek to roll the existing individual commands of the three services

into tri-services organisations with a common military aim.

- At present, all Army, Navy and IAF personnel are governed by their service-specific acts.
- The inter-services organizations include the Strategic Forces Command, the Andaman and Nicobar Command and joint training establishments among others.
- The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) is the only tri-service theater command of the Indian Armed Forces, based at Port Blair.

4. 'HAR Ghar Tiranga'

Why in news - Ministry of Culture organized the "HAR Ghar Tiranga" bike rally of MPs in New Delhi on August 11, 2023.

Key Points –

- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar flagged off the rally.
- It will be celebrated across the Nation from August 13 – 15, 2023.
- It is being held under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM).

5. CBI Academy

Why in news - The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Academy joined the Interpol Global Academy Network.

Key Points –

- CBI became its 10th member.
- CBI Academy, based in Ghaziabad, is a premier training institution in the fields of crime investigation, prosecution and vigilance functioning.
- CBI is a nodal body for all matters related to Interpol.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. Nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) initiative

Why in news – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the second phase of the annual MDA initiative on August 10, 2023.

Key Points –

- India is committed to eliminating Lymphatic filariasis by 2027 (global target - 2030).
- Coverage - 81 districts in 9 endemic states.
- 9 endemic states - Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.
- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya also launched National Guidelines for Clinical Management of Dengue Fever 2023 and Chikungunya Fever.

About Lymphatic Filariasis –

- Commonly called elephantiasis, a neglected tropical disease.
- Impairs the lymphatic system and can lead to abnormal enlargement of body parts.
- Cause - filarial parasites (nematodes or roundworms).
- Filarial worms - Wuchereria Bancrofti, Brugia Malayi and Brugia Timori.
- Transmitted through Culex mosquitoes.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Chinese propaganda

Why in news - The New York Times investigation found that Neville Roy Singham helped push Chinese propaganda worldwide.

Key Points –

- Indian news outlet NewsClick found to be financed by Neville Singham.
- He furthered Chinese interests through a network of nonprofit organizations registered in the US.
- Neville Roy Singham is a US tech baron.
- In 2021, the Enforcement Directorate raided NewsClick in connection to “foreign remittances allegedly totaling Rs 30.51 crore.”

2. Recognized Employer Pilot (REP)

Why in news – Canada to Launch Recognized Employer Pilot (REP).

Key Points –

- It aims to alleviate the administrative complexities within the Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) Program.

- It also helps to streamline the process of recruiting foreign workers through the program.

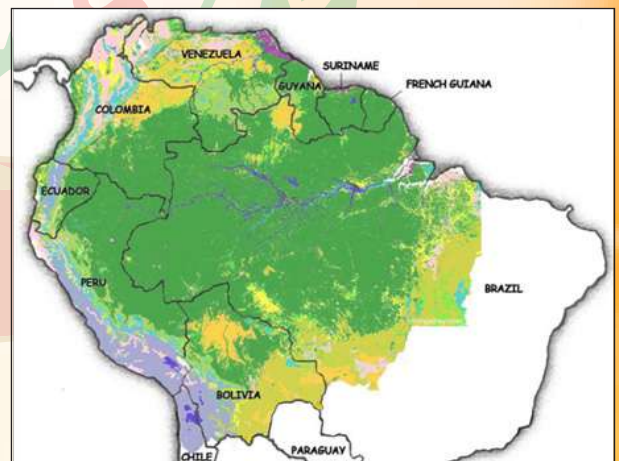
SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)

Why in news – ACTO summit held in the Brazilian city of Belem.

Key Points –

- Final joint declaration - Belem Declaration.
- Participants - leaders of 8 South American nations that are home to the Amazon rainforest.
- They are Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela.
- They agreed to environmental policies to bolster regional cooperation and stop the destruction of the rainforest.
- Some scientists say that when 20-25% of the forest is destroyed.
- Earlier, Brazil pledged to end illegal deforestation by 2030.



IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Biofuel Day 2023

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

Key Points –

- Aim - to spread awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative.
- Biofuels are derived from organic sources like plants, crops, and animal waste.
- It honours Rudolf Diesel, the individual who invented the diesel engine.

Value Addition –

- National Policy of Biofuels 2018 –
 - a) target - reaching 20% ethanol-blending and 5% biodiesel-blending by 2030.
 - b) creation of biofuels in the country by units situated in Special Economic Zones (SEZ)/ Export Oriented Units (EOUs).
 - c) permit more feedstocks for the creation of biofuels.
- Bihar is home to 5 operational biofuel plants and 20 more that are currently under development.

2. 'Bihar Prithvi Divas'

Why in news – 'Bihar Prithvi Divas' (Bihar Earth Day) is observed on August 9. (World Earth Day - April 22)

Key Points –

- It was started on August 9, 2011 (conceptualised by CM Nitish Kumar)
- people are asked to plant saplings across the state.
- Jal-Jivan-Hariyali Abhiyan (October 2019) aims to create awareness about the environment, primarily water conservation techniques.



BIHAR

1. Sahid diwas

Why in news – August 11, 2023, marked the 81st anniversary of martyrdom of seven youths.

Key Points –

- 7 youths died trying to hoist the Indian flag at Patna Secretariat in 1942.
- 'Saat Shahid' - 6 of them were in high school while the 7th was in college.
- 7 Martyr - Devipad Choudhary, Umakant Prasad Sinha, Ramanand Singh, Satish Prasad Jha, Jagatpati Kumar, Rajendra Prasad Singh and Ramgovind Singh.
- Shahid Smarak or Martyr's Memorial in Patna was built in honour of the 7 martyrs.

3. Bag cluster

Why in news – Muzaffarpur is emerging as a major bag cluster in India's Bihar state.

Key Points –

- Set up by - Department of Industries.
- It is based on market-led/linked approach through a plug & play model.
- It was set up under the "CM MSME Cluster Scheme."
- The Department has also engaged with JEEViKA (Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society) to mobilise aspiring women entrepreneurs.
- It is projected to manufacture around 6,40,000 bags per month with a production value of Rs 15 crore (\$1.9 million).



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- Which ministry has launched the Indian Web Browser Development Challenge - **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.**
- Which country has recently banned the use of the word 'Homosexuality' – **Iraq.**
- Which country has launched its first moon lander Luna-25 on August 11 – **Russia.**
- Which state has built a Rs 6,134 crore dam project at Hathnikund barrage - **Haryana.**
- Who has become the fastest Indian bowler to take 50 wickets in in T20 International cricket - **Kuldeep Yadav.**
- Which country has drafted rules to use facial recognition data – **China.**
- India has won how many total medals in the World University Games in Chengdu, China - **26 medals.**
- Which union ministry has released the report 'Status of elementary Education in Rural India - 2023' - **Ministry of Education.**
- Which bank has recently launched eco friendly debit card - **Airtel Payment Bank.**
- What is the rank of India in Internet Resilience Index in the South Asian region - **6th.**

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