

NATIONAL

1. Mizoram bombing

Why in news - PM Narendra Modi mentioned it in the Lok Sabha while replying to the no confidence motion.

Key Points –

- Under it, Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft were used in a counter-insurgency role in Mizoram (Mizo Hills) in early 1966.
- The separatist movement was led by Mizo National Front (MNF).
- MNF launched Operation Jericho to take control of Aizawl.
- As the Army struggled to dislodge the rebels, the Air Force was called in.
- Aircraft used - Toofani and Hunters.
- The Indian Army operations were led by Brig (later Maj Gen) Rustom Zal Kabraji.

2. Bikash Sinha

Why in news - Renowned nuclear physicist Bikash Sinha dies at 78 in Kolkata.

Key Points –

- He led the Indian team for the first time to participate in the experiments at the European Organization for Nuclear Research in Geneva.
- He was the former director of the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics and Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre, Kolkata.
- He was a recipient of Padma Shri in 2001 and Padma Bhushan in 2010.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. ODOP Wall

Why in news - One District One Product (ODOP) was launched to showcase India's diverse and exceptional craft heritage.

Key Points –

- Launched by – ODOP and National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- ODOP program is an initiative under the Department for Promotion of Industry and

Internal Trade (DPIIT), M/o Commerce & Industry.

- Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD).

ECONOMY

1. The Vista

Why in news - Air India recently rebranded its logo called 'The Vista.'

Key Points –

- It incorporates shades of red, golden, and violet colours.
- The airline's existing logo features a flying swan, a centaur, and a rising sun.
- The iconic Maharajah, Air India's mascot since 1946, will now play a more "background" role.
- Air India CEO & MD - Campbell Wilson.



SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. Global Summit on Traditional Medicine

Why in news - WHO and the Ministry of Ayush to host the first-ever Global Summit on Traditional Medicine.

Key Points –

- Venue - Gandhinagar, Gujarat (August 17-18).
- To be inaugurated by the Director-General of WHO, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
- It will be held during G20 health ministers' meet.
- AYUSH medicine - Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Naturopathy, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa, Homoeopathy, etc.

SCIENCE – TECH

1. Drogue Parachute Tests

Why in news - ISRO conducted Drogue Parachute Deployment Tests for Gaganyaan Mission.

Key Points –

- Conducted by - Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) at Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory, Chandigarh.
- Drogue parachutes play a pivotal role in stabilizing the crew module and reducing its velocity to a safe level during re-entry.
- The Gaganyaan mission entails the safe transportation of astronauts to space and back.

2. Namoh 108

Why in news – CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) launched Namoh 108.

Key Points –

- It is an improvised variety of lotus with 108 petals.
- It is weather resilient and can flower for 10 months, from March to December.
- This is the first Lotus variety the genome of which is completely sequenced. It can never be extinct or endangered.
- Frotus - Perfume developed from Lotus plants.
- CSIR-NBRI hq– Lucknow.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. Partition Horrors Remembrance Day

Why in news – It is observed on August 14 in India.

Key Points –

- It aims to commemorate the victims and sufferings of people during the 1947 partition of India.
- It was first observed in 2021.

Value Addition –

- Last Viceroy Lord Mountbatten was supposed to work out the independence of India by June 1948, but he chose to advance the date.
- Cyril Radcliffe was given the task of redrawing the boundaries even though he had never visited India before then.

- About 6 million non-Muslims moved out of West Pakistan, and 6.5 million Muslims moved out from the India into West Pakistan.
- Book 'Ret Samaadhi' (Geetanjali Shree, International Booker Prize 2022) - It features an Indian woman in her eighties who attempts to journey to Pakistan, where she lived before Partition.

STATES/UTS

1. Wild elephant population

Why in news - As per Karnataka forest department's latest elephant census, wild elephants in Karnataka have increased to 6,395.

Key Points –

- In 2017, there were 6,049 elephants.
- It was conducted with Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Goa.
- The Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru provided technical support.

Value Addition –

- **Protection status –**
 - a) IUCN Red List: Endangered
 - b) CITES: Appendix I
 - c) Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule I
- Project Elephant was launched in 1992.
- Type - Centrally-sponsored scheme.
- Karnataka has the highest number of elephants, followed by Assam and Kerala.

2. 'Gramin Mitra' scheme

Why in news - The Goa government launched its flagship scheme "Gramin Mitra."

Key Points –

- Aim - to provide doorstep delivery of government services across the state and promote digital empowerment in rural areas.

BIHAR

1. Bindeshwar Pathak

Why in news - Noted social reformer Bindeshwar Pathak died at 80.

Key Points –

- He was founder of Sulabh International Social Service Organisation who championed the cause of sanitation by building over 10,000 public toilets across the country.
- He was born at Rampur Baghel village in Bihar's Vaishali district.
- He started the Sulabh movement in 1970 to eradicate manual scavenging.
- He designed and popularised the low-cost twin-pit flush toilets, widely constructed under the government's Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Pathak built his first public toilet in Arrah, Bihar in 1973.
- In 1974, the first Sulabh public toilet was opened to the public in Patna.
- In 1991, he was awarded the Padma Bhushan and received the International St Francis Prize for Environment in 1992.

- In 2009, Pathak won the Stockholm Water Prize, conferred by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.
- In 2016, Sulabh was awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize for its contribution to the government's flagship Swachh Bharat mission.

2. Champaran Mutton

Why in news - India's Champaran Mutton makes it to semifinals of Oscar's Student Academy Awards.

Key Points –

- It is directed by Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) Punestudent Ranjan Kumar.
- It stars Chandan Roy and Falak Khan in the lead.
- It has been shot in Bajjika dialect, primarily used in the areas of Vaishali, Muzaffarpur, and Begusarai.




PERFECTION IAS

BPS ENGLISH MEDIUM
STARTING FROM 23 AUGUST
 Time: 11:30 AM - 02:30 PM

At Patna Centre

103, KUMAR TOWER, BORING RD. CROSSING, PATNA
 9031036700 / 9031036701




PERFECTION IAS

NEW BATCHES FOR UPSC FOUNDATION

STARTING FROM 16th AUGUST 2023

Hindi Medium
 Delhi Centre

DELHI
 1st Floor 1(B), Metro Tower,
 Gate No.8, Karol Bagh Metro Station,
 Pusa Road, New Delhi

CALL NOW
 +91 9031036712

www.perfectionias.com
 perfectionias@gmail.com
 Perfection IAS (Official)

PATNA CENTRE: NEW BATCHES FOR **BPS ENGLISH MEDIUM** STARTING FROM 23RD AUGUST 2023.
 NEW BATCHES FOR **UPSC ENGLISH & HINDI MEDIUM** IS STARTING FROM 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023.

DELHI CENTRE: NEW BATCHES FOR **BPS ENGLISH & HINDI MEDIUM** STARTING FROM 23RD AUGUST 2023.
 NEW **UPSC FOUNDATION BATCH** IS STARTING FROM 16TH AUGUST 2023.



CURRENT AFFAIRS

17 AUGUST, 2023

www.perfectionias.com

📧 📷 📺 📱 📞 /PerfectionIAS

➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

- Which state government has launched 'Singh Soochna' app to track lions – **Gujarat.**
- With which devices will the Indian GPS Navigator (NavIC) be connected - **Aadhaar enrollment devices.**
- Nagaland's first Naga traditional Cuisine lab has started at Japfu Christian College in which district - **Kohima.**
- Who has been Named Tech Startup of the Year in Artificial Intelligence at 13th Annual Entrepreneur India Awards - **Jio Haptik.**
- 'Mapping Tibet Exhibition' has been organized in which state - **Himachal Pradesh.**
- Who has become the first player to score a double century in List-A for 2 different teams - **Prithvi Shaw.**
- Who has been honored with the Global Leader Award 2023 for expanding Healthcare in East Africa - **Jayesh Saini.**
- What is the rank of India in the list of merchandise exports as per World Trade Statistical Review 2023(WTSR 2023) report - **18th.**
- Who has become the first person in the world to get 600 million followers on Instagram - **Cristiano Ronaldo.**
- US President has banned technology investment in which country – **China.**

PATNA CENTRE: NEW BATCHES FOR **BPSK ENGLISH MEDIUM** STARTING FROM 23RD AUGUST 2023.
NEW BATCHES FOR **UPSC ENGLISH & HINDI MEDIUM** IS STARTING FROM 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023.

DELHI CENTRE: NEW BATCHES FOR **BPSK ENGLISH & HINDI MEDIUM** STARTING FROM 23RD AUGUST 2023.
NEW **UPSC FOUNDATION BATCH** IS STARTING FROM 16TH AUGUST 2023.