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1 GA IN NEWS

FIRST IN NEWS

S.No	News	Place / Developed by / Launched	Key Facts
1.	**First country in the world to implement a ban on thin plastic bags- New Zealand**	--	--
2.	**First Indian to play in the Women's Caribbean Premier League (WCPL) - Shreyanka Patil**	--	Shreyanka Patil has been **selected for Guyana Amazon Warriors in the WCPL.** She is also the **first Indian player to be offered a contract in an overseas league before making her international debut.** **Guyana Amazon Warriors** will be **led** by former West Indies captain **Stafanie Taylor.**
3.	**First ever Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) campus to be set up outside India- IIT Madras- Zanzibar campus, Tanzania**	--	**Ministry of Education, Government of India, IIT Madras** and **Ministry of Education and Vocational Training (MoEVT) Zanzibar- Tanzania** have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding **(MoU)** to set up **campus of IIT Madras in Zanzibar- Tanzania.** National Education Policy **(NEP) 2020** has recommended **High performing Indian universities will be encouraged to set up campuses in other countries.**
4.	**India's first 100% dimethyl ether (DME) fuelled vehicle for on- and off-road applications**	**Developed by:** IIT-Kanpur & TAFE	--
5.	**Piramal Finance's first all-women branch - "Maitreyi"**	**Opened at:** Tripunithura, Kochi, Kerala	**Four other branches** have also been started at **Jaipur, Mumbai, Mohali and New Delhi.** The Maitreyi branches will provide **loans to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and home loans.**

6.	**India's First Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) – Based PNT (Positioning, Navigation and Timing) Device**	**Developed by:** Elena Geo Systems (Bengaluru based Space Technology Company) & Optimus Logics (Bengaluru-based company). **Funded by**: Digital Communication Innovation Square (DCIS) under Champion Services Sector Scheme (CSSS)) of Department of Telecommunications	It is also India's first hand-held NavIC based navigation device. The first lot of the device will be manufactured by Elena Geo Systems. The **5G mobile phone used as part of the PNT device** is manufactured by **Optimus Logics, under the brand 'Rhino'.**
7.	**India's first virtual branch in Metaverse- PNB Metaverse**	**Launched by:** Punjab National Bank (PNB)	--

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

S.No	Initiatives / Programs in News	Launched by / Developed by	Key Facts
1.	NCC Integrated Software	**Developed by:** Ministry of Defence, in partnership with Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo Informatics (BISAG)	It is a **single window interactive software for Cadets**, designed on the **'Entry to Exit Model'.**
2.	**Vande Bharat Trains** (previously known as Train 18)	**Operated by:** Indian Railways. **Manufactured at:** Integral Coach Factory (ICF) at Perambur in Chennai	Recently, the Prime Minister of India flagged off two Vande Bharat Express trains--**Gorakhpur-Lucknow Vande Bharat and Jodhpur-Sabarmati Vande Bharat** in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. With this the **total number of vande bharat train routes in India reached 50.**
3.	**ATL Industry Visit**	**Launched by**: Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)and Bayer. **Launched under:** Atal Tinkering labs (ATL) **Launched in:** Bayer's manufacturing facility in Vapi, Gujarat.	**Aim:** to introduce students to the latest manufacturing techniques and technologies used in industry.
4.	World's biggest maritime museum complex: **National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)** at **Lothal** in Gandhinagar (Gujarat)	**Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** (one of the major projects of Sagarmala Programme)	Estimated cost of **Rs. 4500 Crore,** will be spread over 400 acres NMHC complex will have **World's Tallest Lighthouse Museum**, Asia's Biggest Under Water Marine Museum and India's Grandest Naval Museum

		Additional Information: Lothal was one of the southernmost sites of the ancient Indus Valley civilization. **Lothal** in Gujarati means '**the mound of the dead**.'	
5.	**eSARAS mobile App**	Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (**DAY-NRLM**)	eSARAS will help for **marketing of the products made by women** of self-help group
6.	**Web-portal for filing financial accounts by political parties online**	Election Commission of India	It is an **Integrated Election Expenditure Monitoring System** It will help Political Parties to file **three types of reports** - Contribution Report, Audited Annual Account and Election Expenditure Statements

SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL SUMMITS			
S.No	**Focus Area**	**Venue**	**Key Facts**
1.	**India-Africa International Millet Conference**	**Nairobi, Kenya**	**Co-hosts:** Agriculture and Famers Welfare, Government of India and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Kenya. **Supported by:** International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT). **Conference Thematic Areas:** Seed Systems, Sustainable Mechanization, Digital Agriculture, Value Addition. The **curtain raiser of the event** was held recently in **Nairobi.**
2.	**Colombo Security Conclave**	between the nations of Indian Ocean Region, scientists from Bangladesh and Mauritius	Maiden embarkation of scientists onboard India's research vessel **'Sagar Nidhi'**

MOUs AND AGREEMENTS

OTHERS			
S.No	**Focus Area**	**Signed Between**	**Key Facts**

3.	**Loan Agreement**	REC Limited & HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL)	REC has extended a **loan of Rs 4,785 crores to HRRL** to set up a **green field refinery cum petrochemical complex in Barmer district, Rajasthan.** The loan has been **extended as part of a consortium arrangement for Rs 48,625 crores.** **HRRL** is a **Joint Venture company of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) (74% stake)** and the **Government of Rajasthan (26% stake)**
4.	**MoU to develop 'Riverine based tourism Circuit'**	Inland Waterways Authority of India **(IWAI),** Sagarmala Development Company Limited **(SDCL),** Assam Tourism Development Corporation Limited **(ATDC)** and Directorate of Inland Water Transport **(DIWT) Assam**	Under the project , **seven historic temples** namely Kamakhya, Pandunath, Ashwaklanta, Doul Govinda, Umananda, Chakreshwar and Auniati Satra situated in **Guwahati** will be **connected**.
5.	**MoU for cooperation in Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Innovative Air Mobility**	Directorate General of Civil Aviation **(DGCA), India** with European Union Aviation Safety Agency **(EASA)**	**During EU-India Aviation Summit held in New Delhi**, DGCA had signed a **letter of intent (LoI)** on Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Innovative Air Mobility with the EASA.
6.	**Protocol Document**	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, **Government of India** and The Public Service Division, of the **Republic of Singapore**	**Objective:** to extent the current MoU on Cooperation in the field of Personnel Management and Public Administration for five years till 2028.
7.	**MoU to promote mutual growth and development in the food and agriculture sectors of the UAE and India**	Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone **(RAKEZ), UAE** and the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture **(ICFA)**	--
8.	**Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) for the development of the Integrated Mast United Combined Radio Antenna (NORA-50)**	**India and Japan**	**Under the MoC, Japan will be exporting NORA-50 to India.**
9.	**Partnership to to enable FASTag-based smart**	**Airtel Payments Bank & Park+**	--

	parking at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport, Varanasi		
10.	**MoU on Electoral Cooperation**	**Election Commission of India and Electoral Tribunal (ET) of Panama**	**Objective:** to establish the institutional framework for their ongoing cooperation in the field of election management and administration. MoU signed under **ECI's 'International Cooperation Programme'.**
11.	**Contract to procure of two Aircraft for Indian Coast Guard (ICG) along with associated Engineering Support package**	**Ministry of Defence with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**	Dornier aircraft are being **indigenously manufactured at HAL.** The aircraft will be procured under the **Buy (Indian) Category.**
12.	**MoU to open zero balance accounts of all Cadets**	National Cadet Corps **(NCC)** with the State Bank of India **(SBI)**	The zero balance accounts will be opened under **SBI's "Pahli Udaan" scheme.** The account will remain functional till completion of training or attaining 18 years of age whichever is later.
13.	for developing gallery at **National Maritime Heritage Complex** (Lothal – Gujarat)	**--**	**Indian Coast Guard** & **Indian Navy** with **Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Ltd**
14.	to increase the **Regional Cooperation in anti-doping in sport**	--	National Anti-Doping Agency, India **(NADA India)** signs an MoU with South Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization **(SARADO)**

BANKING AND FINANCE

BANKING INITIATIVES

S.No	Program / Initiative / Landmarks	Launched / Developed by	Key Facts
1.	**'YONO for Every Indian' app**	State Bank of India **(SBI)**	It is the **revamped version of SBI's YONO app**. SBI has also recently launched the Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal **(ICCW) facilities**. Both the initiatives have been launched during the **68th Bank Day of SBI**

2.	**e-BG (electronic bank guarantee) services**	**Indian Bank**, in partnership with **National E-Governance Service Limited (NeSL)**	Indian Bank has launched this initiative under its **Project WAVE.** Indian Bank has also introduced a new facility under Project WAVE, to ensure fully end-to -end digitally pre-approved business loans. This facility is **available to process a loan of Rs 25 lakh.**

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

S.No	Acquirer	Acquiree	Key Facts
3.	**IDFC First Bank merger with IDFC**	--	**Deal Ratio-** 155:100 (shareholders of IDFC Ltd will get 155 shares of IDFC First Bank for every 100 shares held in the former). It will be **the second major merger deal** in the **financial sector in 2023** after HDFC Bank's merger with HDFC.

OTHERS

S.No	Topic	Key Facts
4.	Education financing startup, **PropelId** has recently received **non-banking financial company (NBFC) license** from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**	**Aim of PropelId:** to disburse loans worth 2000 Cr by FY24.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

S.No	Initiatives / Programs in News	Launched by / Developed by	Key Facts
1.	**Euclid mission**	**Initiative of:** European Space Agency (ESA)	The mission was recently **launched by SpaceX** through its **Falcon 9 rocket** from **Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, USA.** **Aim of the Mission:** to investigate the "dark side" of the universe, focusing on dark matter and dark energy.

2.	National Aeronautics and Space Administration's **(NASA's) James Webb Space Telescope** (JWST) helps researchers **unveil 6 new galaxies**	--	The six new galaxies have been identified under **JWST Advanced Deep Extragalactic Survey (JADES).**They are: The record holder (JADES-GS-z13-0) The glowing dog bone GN-z11 The big clumpy one The inside-out one The cosmic rose
3.	**Naegleria fowleri or brain-eating amoeba**	--	Recently, a boy from Kerala died to due **brain-eating amoeba.** It is found in **warm natural water bodies** and enters the body through the nasal cavity, causing **fatal brain infection**
4.	**Mission Gaganyaan**	Indian Space Research Organization **(ISRO)**	It is India's first human spaceflight mission
5.	**'Galactic 01'**	**Virgin Galactic** (American spaceflight company)	Virgin Galactic's rocket plane, **Unity**, completed its **first commercial spaceflight** Virgin Galactic was founded in 2004 by British businessperson **Richard Branson**

DEFENCE

DEFENCE EXERCISES

S.No	Exercise	Countries / Forces Involved	Key Facts
1.	Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2023 **(JIMEX 23) (seventh edition)**	**Indian Navy** & Japan Maritime Self Defence Force **(JMSDF)**	**Venue:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. This edition marks the **11th anniversary of JIMEX,** since its inception in 2012
2.	Exercise **SALVEX** (Seventh edition)	**Indian Navy & US Navy**	**Venue:** Kochi, Kerala. It is a **joint Salvage and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) exercise**
3.	**Maritime Partnership Exercise**	Indian Navy and French Navy	Indian Naval ships **INS Rana** (guided missile destroyer) and **INS**

	held in the Bay of Bengal		**Sumedha** (offshore patrol vessel) with **French Navy ship FS Surcouf**

SPORTS

S.No	Tournament	Venue	Winner / Looser	Key Facts
1.	**2023 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship**	**Sree Kanteerava Stadium** in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**	**Winner:** India (ninth title) **Runner-up:** Kuwait	**Golden Boot & Golden Ball**: Sunil Chhetri (India) **Best goalkeeper :** Anisur Rehman (Bangladesh) **Fair Play Award:** Nepal
2.	**Men's International Hockey Federation (FIH) Hockey Pro League title**	**Finals held in:** Antwerp, Belgium	**Winner:** Netherlands (defending champion) **Runner-up:** Great Britain	**Netherlands** has become the **first team in the men's competition to win a second title** by defeating Belgium. **Netherlands** is also the **first country to do the double** in a season of the FIH Hockey Pro League with **both the men's and women's team winning the title in the 2022/23 season.**
3.	**Asian Mixed Doubles Squash Championship**	Huangzhou (China)	**Gold medal** - Indian pair of **Dipika Pallikal-Harinderpal Singh Sandhu**	They defeated **Malaysia's Ivan Yuen** and **Rachel Arnold**
			Bronze medal - Indian duo of **Anahat Singh-Abhay Singh**	
4.	**Lausanne Diamond League 2023** (men's javelin throw)	Switzerland	**Neeraj Chopra**	He finished top with an **87.66m** throw
		Additional Information: Neeraj Chopra topped at **Doha Diamond League** in May 2023, with an 88.67m attempt in men's javelin throw		
5.	**Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023**	Busan (Republic of Korea)	**India defeated Iran** in the finals	It is India's 8th Asian Kabaddi Championship title
6.	**2nd edition of Street Child Cricket World Cup**	**Chennai**	--	**Organized by Street Child United in partnership with Shree Dayaa Foundation.** **Format: T20, Participants: 15 countries** **Team India South won the inaugural Street Child Cricket**

				World Cup, hosted at Lords Cricket Ground in 2019

AWARDS

S.No	Award/Milestone	Category	Awardee	Key Facts
1.	**PEN Pinter Prize 2023**	--	**Michael Rosen** (British children's writer and performance poet)	**Awarded to:** writer from the UK, Ireland and the Commonwealth whose work is committed to a fearless exposition of truth about contemporary life.
2.	**Elephant Family environmental award**	Tara Award	Kartiki Gonsalves (Director of Oscar-winning documentary 'The Elephant Whisperers')	**Awarded at:** Animal Ball at Lancaster House, in London. **Animal Ball hosted by:** Elephant Family in partnership with the King Charles-founded charity British Asian Trust. The event was organized to mark the **20th anniversary** of **wildlife conservation charity Elephant Family.**
		Mark Shand Award	The Real Elephant Collective (TREC) of 70 Adivasi artists	
3.	**Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) Awards**	Award for Mineral Development	National Mineral Development Corporation **(NMDC)**	--
		Award for Employer Brand		
4.	**All India Football Federation (AIFF) Players of Year 2022-23**	Men	Lallianzuala Chhangte	Lallianzuala Chhangte is from **Mizoram.** He plays for **Mumbai City FC in ISL**
		Women	Manisha Kalyan (2nd consecutive award)	Manisha Kalyan is from **Punjab**
		Emerging Footballer (Men)	Akash Mishra	--
		Emerging Footballer (Women)	Shilji Shaji	--
5.	**Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Award 2023**	Timely Payments (CPSEs)	NLC India Limited (NLCIL)	--

APPOINTMENT

S.No	Person	Position	Organization / Country / State / Company	Key Facts
1.	**PM Prasad**	Chairman and Managing Director **(CMD)**	Coal India	--
2.	**Lt Gen MU Nair** (replaced Lt Gen (retd.) Dr Rajesh Pant)	National Cyber Security Coordinator **(NCSC)**	India	NCCC works under National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS).
3.	**Kameshwar Rao Kodavanti** (replaced Charanjit Surinder Singh Attra)	Chief Financial Officer **(CFO)**	State Bank of India **(SBI)**	--
4.	**QU Dongyu**	Director-General	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations **(FAO).**	**QU Dongyu** is from China He has been **re-elected to the role for the 2nd time.**
5.	**Neeraja Prabhakar**	Chairperson	Research Advisory Committee (RAC), Indian Council of Agricultural Research -Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research **(ICAR - IIOPR)**	--
6.	**Jens Stoltenberg**	Secretary General	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)	His **tenure has been extended**. Jens Stoltenberg is **former Prime Minister of Norway**
7.	**Ajit Agarkar** (replaced Chetan Sharma)	Chairman	Senior Men's Selection Committee, Board of Control of Cricket (BCCI)	Ajit Agarkar is a **former Indian Cricketer**
8.	**Sirisha Voruganti**	Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director	Lloyds Technology Centre, Hyderabad.	--
9.	**Krishan Mishra**	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Financial Planning Standards Board	FPSB India is the **Indian subsidiary of FPSB**

			of India (FPSB India)	FPSB is the global standards-setting body for the financial planning profession and owner of the international Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification program
10.	**Tushar Mehta**	**Solicitor General of India** (re-appointed)	--	Solicitor General is the 2nd most senior law officer after Attorney General
11.	**Rajib Kumar Mishra**	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)	**PTC India Ltd.**	PTC India Limited (formerly Power Trading Corporation of India Ltd), is an Indian company that provides power trading solutions, cross border power trading, and consultancy services.
12.	**Anurag Verma** (Senior IAS officer)	42nd chief secretary	**State of Punjab**	--

PERSONS IN NEWS

S.No	Personality	Profession	Key Facts
1.	**King Charles III**	King of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms	He recently received **Scotland's Crown Jewels** in **Edinburgh Coronation Ceremony** at **St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh**
2.	**Tamim Iqbal**	Bangladeshi cricketer	He recently **announced retirement** from all forms of **international cricket**
3.	**Alan Arkin**	He was best-known for his roles in Oscar winning Little Miss Sunshine and Argo	Recently passed away
4.	**John Bannister Goodenough**	Scholar in Chemistry	Recently passed away He was the **co-inventor of lithium-ion batteries** and the co-winner of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

S.No	Book Title	Author	Key Facts
1.	**Colours of Devotion**	Anita Bharat Shah	--

2.	'The Yoga Sutra for Children'	Roopa Pai (Author of award winning book 'The Gita for Children')	Featuring black-and-white artwork by illustrator Sayan Mukherjee. book will unravel the secrets of Patanjali's 2,000-year-old text on Yoga

PLACES IN NEWS

S.No	Place	Why in News	Key Facts
1.	Bogibeel Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) terminal, Dibrugarh, Assam	The **foundation stone** of this was **laid recently.**	It is a **tourist-cum-cargo tunnel.** It will be constructed by the **bank of the River Brahmaputra (National Waterways 2).** It will be **developed by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)**
2.	Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC)- Taiwan's representative office in India	Recently, **Taiwan has announced to open its third representative office in India at Mumbai**	The **first & second TECC were setup at New Delhi & Chennai respectively.** India also has the **India-Taipei Association (ITA) office in Taipei, Taiwan**

DAYS IN NEWS

S.No	Days	Date	Themes & Misc.
1.	International Day of Cooperatives 2023	July 1	**Theme:** "Cooperatives: partners for accelerated sustainable development". The day is observed **every year on the first Saturday in July**
2.	Chartered Accountants' Day	**July 1**	Empowering Financial Excellence This day marked the **75th year** of establishment of **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India** (ICAI)
3.	National Doctors' Day	**July 1**	Celebrating Resilience and Healing Hands
4.	National Postal Worker Day 2023	**July 1**	--

5.	**World Sports Journalist Day 2023**	**July 2**	--
6.	**125th Birth Anniversary of Alluri Sitarama Raju**	July 4	Alluri Sitarama Raju was **a freedom fighter** from **Andhra Pradesh.** He led the **Rampa Rebellion of 1922**
7.	**World Zoonoses Day**	July 6	**Theme: "**One World, One Health: Prevent Zoonoses, Stop the Spread".
8.	**Kiswahili Language Day**	July 7	**Theme :** "Unleashing Kiswahili's Potential in the Digital Era". Kiswahili is the **native language of the Swahili people**, who are found primarily in **Kenya, Tanzania and Mozambique**
9.	**World Chocolate Day**	July 7	--

MISCELLANEOUS

S.No	Miscellaneous News	Key Facts
1.	The **Ministry of Road Transport & Highways** is planning to **implement Bahu Balli Cattle Fence** along **highways** in India **to prevent cattle from crossing road**	It would be installed on **section 23 of National Highway 30** to serve as a demonstration
2.	**GAIL (India) Limited** has been accredited with Authorised Economic Operator (**AEO) T3 Status**	AEO T3 Status is the **highest level of facilitation for Importers & Exporters** by **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs,** Ministry of Finance. AEO is a programme under the aegis of the **World Customs Organization (WCO) SAFE Framework of Standards.** **Objective of AEO:** to enhance international supply chain security and facilitate movement of legitimate goods; promote ease of doing business in India.
3.	**Akshar River Cruise** (on Sabarmati Riverfront)	Developed by **Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation** and Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation Limited

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PIB IN NEWS

SOCIAL SECTORS IN INDIA – HEALTH

2.1 National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission

Why in news?

- Recently The Prime Minister launched the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh.

Important information

- Launch venue: **Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh**.
- Distribution of about **3.57 crore Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) cards** in Madhya Pradesh.
- Honoured **Rani Durgavati (500th Birth Anniversary)** the ruling **queen of Gondwana** in the mid-16th century.
- Mission was **announced in**: the **Union Budget 2023.**
- **Aim of the Mission**: address the pressing health challenges **posed by sickle cell disease**, particularly among the **tribal population**.
- **Target year to eliminate** sickle cell Anaemia**: 2047**
- **Coverage**: implemented in **278 districts of 17 high-focus states** viz.,
- (Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar, and Uttarakhand.)
- **4 Main components** of the Mission: **Screening, Prevention, Treatment and Research**.
- **Mission targets**: **screening approximately 7.0 crore people** under **40 years of age in the next 3 years** (from the fiscal year **2023-24 to 2025-26**)
- **Launched training modules**: for primary, secondary, and tertiary care including medical officers, staff nurses, and Community Health Officers, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, and Accredited Social Health Activist workers.

Additional information

- **Sickle Cell Anaemia**: is a **genetic disorder** that **affects the shape and function of red blood cells** (RBCs), which **carry oxygen** to all parts of the body.
- According to a **2018 report by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR),** about **1.2% of the Indian population has sickle cell trait (SCT)**, which means they carry one copy of the mutated gene that causes SCA.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

2.2 National Water Mission

Why in News?

- Recently, National Water Mission **(NWM),** Bureau of Water Use Efficiency **(BWUE)** & Indian Plumbing Association **(IPA)** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).**
- **MoU Objective:** to create Water Positive India by awareness creation & promotion of rain water harvesting structures, low flow fixtures & sanitary ware, treatment of grey & black water, water audit of built environment.
- The MoU envisages to **achieve the Goal-4 of National Water Mission (increasing the water use efficiency by 20%.)**
- **Focus** will be on **circular economy of water including grey water use (5Rs: Reduce – Recycle- Reuse-Replenish-Respect)** in built environment.

Note: National Water Mission discussed in CurrentTap- June 2023.

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN INDIA

2.3 Social Trailblazer Program for entrepreneurs

Why in News?

- Recently Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship during a Social Enterprise Conclave, launched the second edition of the Social Trailblazer Program.
    - **Occasion: Social Enterprise Conclave**
        - ✓ **Venue: New Delhi.**

Important Information

- **Social Trailblazer Program:**
- **Organized by**: Incubator for Social Enterprises and Entrepreneurs Development, IRMA.
- **Aim:** to boost the social entrepreneurship ecosystem at the grassroots and nurture early stage entrepreneurs.
- **Social Enterprise Conclave**:
- **Organized by:** Institute of Rural Management, Anand in partnership with LIC Housing Finance Limited.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

2.4 Online Training Module on the JJ Act inaugurated and launched

Why in News?

- Recently Online Training Module on the JJ Act inaugurated and launched by Minister of Women and child Development.
    - Occasion: **Regional Symposium on Child Protection**, Safety and Child Welfare.

Important Information

- **Online Training Module on the JJ Act:**
- Developed by: the **MWCD in collaboration with the LBSNAA, Mussoorie**.
- Inaugurated and launched on: **the Karmayogi Igot platform**.
- Aim: **sensitization and capacity building** of all functionaries who need to be aware of the provisions for child safety, protection and welfare right up to the village level.

Additional information

- **1023 Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs**) including **389 Exclusive POCSO Courts** for expeditious trial and disposal of cases related to rape and **POCSO Act, 2012** have been set up.
- **Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children Act) 2015:**
- It **replace the Juvenile Delinquency Law and the Juvenile Justice** (Care and Protection of Children Act) 2000.
- **Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)** has been given the **status of a statutory body**.
- The nature of the crime, and whether the juvenile should be tried as a minor or adult, was to be **determined by a Juvenile Justice Board.**

2.5 Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013

Why in news?

- Recently the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, chaired the eighth meeting of the Central Monitoring Committee at Dr Ambedkar International Centre.

Important information

- enacted in: **2013,** come **into force in December, 2014**
- **Key features:**
- Aim: **complete elimination of the manual scavenging** in its various manifestations and comprehensive rehabilitation of the identified manual scavengers.
- Nodal Ministry: **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.
- **"Swachhata Abhiyaan": mobile app** to capture the **data of insanitary latrines still existing** and manual scavengers associated with them.
- Ministry initiated **two surveys of manual scavengers** in the **year 2013 and in the year 2018**.
- Assistance: **One Time Cash Assistance of Rs. 40,000**/-.
- The Act **bans the use of any individual for manually cleaning, carrying, disposing** of or otherwise handling in any manner, human excreta till its disposal.
- **States are now responsible** for **identifying and rehabilitating** manual scavengers.

INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

2.6 PURVODAYA Conclave

Why in News?

- the Union Minister of State (Ind. Charge) Science & Technology inaugurated the " Purvoday" conclave

- **venue: Assam**

Important Information

- Purpose of the conclave: **showcasing incredible transformation in Northeast during the last 9 years**.
- **"IshanUday**" Special Scholarship Scheme for **financial assistance to students of the region.**

2.7 Bharat 6G Alliance

Why in news?

- Recently DoT Launches Bharat 6G Alliance to Drive Innovation and Collaboration in Next-Generation Wireless Technology.

Important information

- Nodal Ministry: **Ministry Communication (Department of Telecommunication)**
- **Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA):**
- A **collaborative platform** consisting of **public and private companies**, academia, research institutions, and Standards development organizations.
- **Mandate: Contributing to international standardization** organizations such as **3GPP and ITU, B6GA** seeks to position India at the forefront of 6G innovation.
- The **website for Bharat6G Alliance** was also launched.
- **A grant of 240.51 crores** under the **Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF**) has been released.
- Two agreements were signed for projects: **6G THz Testbed with Orbital Angular Momentum (OAM) & Multiplexing:** through **consortium of SAMEER, IIT Madras, IIT Guwahati and IIT Patna**.
- **Advance Optical Communication Test Bed**: with Consortium Members as IIT Madras, IIT Delhi, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Delhi and others.
- **DCIS (Digital Communication Innovation Square):**
- Grant of Rs. **48 crore to 66 Startups and MSMEs** was also announced.

2.8 campaign to transform iconic 75 Lighthouses into Tourism Spots

Why in news?

- Recently The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways launched a campaign to transform 75 historic Lighthouses into Tourism Spots.

Important information

- **Campaign begins with**: three iconic lighthouses at **Dwarka, Gopnath & Veraval in Gujarat** transformed into tourist spots.
- Campaign launched by: **Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.**
- Target (Mandate): **to transform 75 historic lighthouses** across India into tourism spots.

2.9 17th Indian Cooperative Congress

Why in news?

- Recently Prime Minister inaugurated 17th Indian Cooperative Congress on the theme 'AmritKaal: Prosperity through Cooperation for a Vibrant India.

- **Venue: New Delhi**

Important information

- Nodal Ministry: **Ministry of Cooperation**
- Prime Minister launched the **e-commerce website for Cooperative Marketing** and the **Cooperative Extension and Advisory Service portal.**

Additional information

- **cooperative sector has a share** of about **29% in agriculture** credit distribution, **35% in fertilizer** distribution, **25% in fertilizer production, 35% in sugar production**, about **30% in spindle** sector, almost 15% in milk production, procurement and sale, 13% in wheat procurement, and 20% in paddy procurement.
- At present there are **85,000 PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Societies) in the country**.
- Target: **PACS in every panchayat** of the country in the **next 3 years.**

2.10 National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) portal

Why in news?

- Recently Secretary, DARPG launched the third edition of the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) portal www.nesda.gov.in.

Important information

- **Additions in the NeSDA 2023 framework:**
- **Portals coverage**: e-Government at the City level **by assessing City Portal** i.e., the official portal of respective **City/Urban Local Body** that provides a single window access to the information and links to the services being provided for the citizens and other stakeholders in the city.
- **Focus Sectors and Mandatory Services Coverage**: NeSDA 2023 proposes an **expansion on focus sectors with an addition of Transport and Public Grievance.**
- **In NeSDA 2023**, additional **5 mandatory services** at State / UT level and **12 services at Central Ministry level would be evaluated.**
- **In NeSDA 2023**, a **total of 59 mandatory services** are proposed to be assessed for every State & UT and **37 services** to be assessed covering **21 Central Ministries/Departments**.
- **Assessment Parameters**: **three additional assessment parameters**, viz., **Open Government Data (OGD), E-Participation, and Leveraging Emerging Technologies.**

Additional information

- NeSDA is a **biennial study** that **assesses States, Union Territories (UTs**), and focus **Central Ministries on the effectiveness of e-Governance service delivery.**
- **Under the aegis** of: **Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG)** had constituted the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) **in 2019.**

2.11 Bharat Internet Utsav launched to celebrate Power of Internet

Why in news?

- Recently DoT (dept. of telecommunication), in collaboration with MYGOV, is celebrated “Bharat Internet Utsav”

Important information

- **Organized by**: **DoT (dept. of telecommunication), in collaboration with MYGOV**.
- **Purpose**: citizens can **share their videos upto 2 minutes** on **how internet has transformed lives** of the people on any of the social media handles with **#BharatInternetUtsav**.
- The **best stories** shall be rewarded with prizes upto Rs 15,000.

Additional information

- **Over 2.7 lakh 5G sites** installed in **nine months**, almost at the rate of **one site per minute**, making India among **top three 5G ecosystems in the World**.
- **The data cost** has been **reduced to almost Rs.10/GB** enabling affordable access of Internet.

GLOBALIZATION

2.12International Conference on Green Hydrogen

Why in News?

- Recently 3-Day International Conference on Green Hydrogen begins was held in New Delhi
    - **Venue: New Delhi**

Important Information

- **Organized by**: the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**, in **partnership with** the **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas**, **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research**, **Office of Principal Scientific Advisor** to Government of India and **the Confederation of Indian Industry**.
- **Aim**: to explore how we can **establish a Green Hydrogen ecosystem** and foster a systemic approach for meeting the global goals for **decarbonization through Green Hydrogen**.
- **Important announcements:**
- **Fuel sim technology** exhibit: developed collaboratively by **DRDO, L&T, and KPIT**.
- **IOCL's** plan to launch **15 fuel cell-driven buses in Delhi** this year.
- **India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA**) and **Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR):** to design special **courses and skilling programs**.
- **Five priority sectors** for Hydrogen application: **fertilizer, refinery, long-haul mobility, steel and shipping**.
- **PSUs target:** to produce **more than 1 MMT of Green Hydrogen by 2030**
- **Funding from various institutions:**
- **The European Investment Bank (EIB**) - would support for developing large scale Industry hub with a funding of 1 billion Euros.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** conveyed their intent to provide $20–$25 billion over five years to aid India's aspirations for green growth.
- **The World Bank** has approved $1.5 Billion in Financing to Support India's Low-Carbon transition journey.

Additional information

- **42% of** power generation capacity of India today is **based on non-fossil-fuels**.
- As per the **International Energy Agency**, the **world demand for hydrogen** is expected **to grow by 600% by the year 2050.**

- **National Green Hydrogen Mission**, The target to build capabilities to produce at least **5 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of Green Hydrogen per annum by 2030** (70% earmarked for exports and the remaining 30% for domestic consumption)
- **Three types of projects**, viz., **grand challenge projects, mission mode projects and blue sky projects** for hydrogen production; storage and transportation; and end use applications respectively.
- Highlighted the need to drive down the **cost of green hydrogen** from **$4.5/kg to $1/kg by 2030**.

MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICY

2.13Sixth GST Day with vision GST@6 सरलीकृत कर, समग्र विकास celebrated at New Delhi

Why in News?

- Recently The 6th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day was celebrated with the vision GST@6 सरलीकृत कर, समग्र विकास
    - **Venue: New Delhi**
        - ✓ **Occasion: completion of 6 years of the GST**

Important Information

- **"प्रतिदिन":** launched by Union Minister of Finance.
- **A web based daily performance management system** in CBIC to **monitor important tasks** at the field level for **better monitoring of work at the field level** as well as to further motivate officers to perform better.
- **"GST Leveraging Technology for Nation Building**": A **film was showcased** during the event.
- **A song describing positive impact of GST** on various stakeholders including citizens was composed & sung by the departmental officers.
- **CBIC honours 50,000 taxpayers** and officers contributing to the GST success story.
- **24 officers awarded** with commendation certificate on GST Day, 2023.

Additional information

- **₹1,61,497 crore gross GST revenue** collected **for June 2023**; records **12% Year-on-Year growth**.
- It includes: **CGST is ₹31,013 crore**, **SGST is ₹38,292 crore**, **IGST is ₹80,292 crore**, and cess is ₹11,900 crore.
- Gross GST collection crosses **₹1.6 lakh crore mark for 4th time since inception of GST**; ₹1.4 lakh crore for 16 months in a row; and ₹1.5 lakh 7th times since inception.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS /REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

2.14G20 (Group of twenty) meetings

News 1 G20 member countries discuss Research Ministerial Declaration at the RIIG Summit

- **Occasion: G-20 Research and Innovation Initiative (RIIG) Summit**
- **Venue: Mumbai, Maharashtra.**
- Theme under India's Presidency: "**Research and Innovation for Equitable Society".**
- A **total of 5 RIIG meetings**/conferences were hosted by India during 2023.

News 2 Startup20 Gurugram Summit Concludes with Resounding Success, India Passes the Torch to Brazil

- **Venue: Gurugram.**
- **The Startup20 Shikhar Summit**, organized by the Startup20 Engagement Group.
- **Saudi Arabia** Becomes **First Country** to Extend Support towards **$1 Trillion Milestone** for **global Startups per annum by 2030.**
- **Chair of Startup20 (India**), officially **handed over the torch to Brazil**, as the country has G20 presidency for the next year (2024)
- Important release: **The final Policy Communiqué**

News 3 G20 4th Space Economy Leaders Meeting (SELM)

- **Venue: Bengaluru.**

News 4 Urban 20 (U20) Mayoral Summit Inaugurated in Gandhinagar

- **Venue: Gandhinagar**
- Chair for the sixth U20 cycle: **Ahmedabad.**
- The outcome document: **U20 deliberations- the Communiqué.**
- Other important launch: **The Ahmedabad Climate Action Plan.**

URBANISATION AND MIGRATION

2.15 SWAMIH Fund

Why in News?

- Recently The Prime Minister, has congratulated new home owners in Bengaluru's first project under SWAMIH Fund.

Important Information

- SWAMIH Fund helped more than 3000 families in owning their dream homes.
- **SWAMIH Fund**: Special Window for Funding Stalled Affordable and Middle-Income Housing Projects
- Launch year: **2019**
- **Mandate**: **provide priority debt financing** for the completion of **stalled housing projects** falling under the affordable and middle-income housing categories.

- The fund is **sponsored by: the Ministry of Finance**.
- **Managed by**: **SBICAP Ventures Ltd., a State Bank Group company**.
- **Eligibility of projects** to receive SWAMIH funding:
- **RERA-registered projects** which have been stalled due to a lack of adequate funds.
- **Must also fall under the 'Affordable and Middle-Income Project'** category.
- Projects must be **very close to completion**.
- The government has defined an **'affordable and middle-income projects'** as those projects in which the **flats do not measure more than 200 square metres** in carpet area and are priced as below:
- **Upto INR 2 crore** in the **Mumbai Metropolitan Region**
- **Upto INR 1.5 crore** in the **National Capital Region, Chennai, Kolkata, Pune, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Ahmedabad**
- **Upto INR 1 crore** in the **rest of India.**

OTHER NEWS

SOCIAL SECTORS IN INDIA – HEALTH

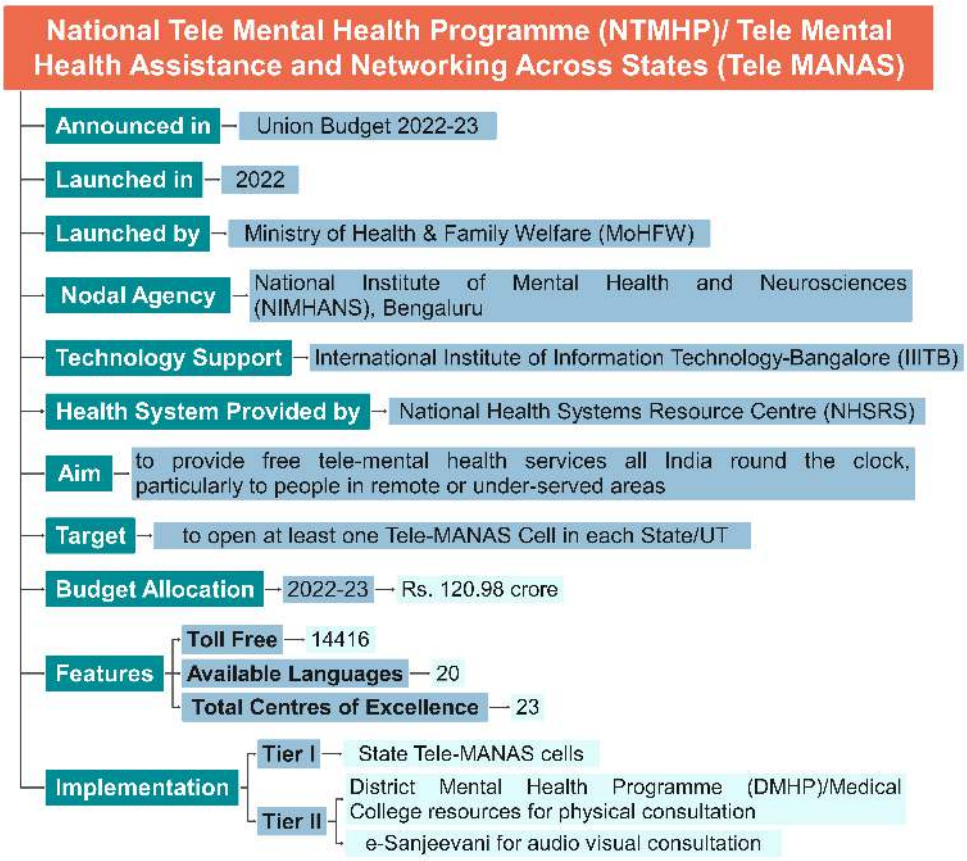
2.16Tele-MANAS

Why in news?

- Recently India's **first Tele-MANAS Chabot**, which will start an instant conversation with people in distress, was **launched in Jammu & Kashmir**.

Important information

- This year **Kashmir saw the highest number of distress calls** to the Tele-Manas centre.
- **J&K Health and Medical Education** Department has **two Memorandums** of Understanding (MoUs) with **Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital** and **Research Centre and NIMHANS**.



GLOBALIZATION

2.17 World Bank approves $1.5 bn financing for India's energy transition

Why in News?

- Recently World Bank's board of executive directors has approved $1.5 billion in financing to accelerate India's development of low-carbon energy.

Important Information

- The funding: **approved $1.5 billion.**
- **Purpose**: help India promote **low-carbon energy by scaling up renewable energy**, developing **green hydrogen**, and stimulating **climate finance for low-carbon energy investments**.
- It is the **'First Low-Carbon Energy Programmatic Development Policy Operation'**
- The operation is also aligned with the Bank's **Hydrogen for Development (H4D) Partnership** launched at CoP27,"

Additional information

- **World Bank:** HQ: **Washington, D.C.**
- Established in: **July 1944 at the Breton Woods Conference**.
- World bank group consist of:
    - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (**IBRD)**
    - International Development Association **(IDA)**
    - International Finance Corporation **(IFC).**
    - Multilateral Guarantee Agency (**MIGA)**

- International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (**ICSID)- India is not a member of ICSID.**

2.18UNESCO moves to readmit United States after its 2017 withdrawal

Why in news?

- Recently The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has agreed to readmit the United States as a member.

Important information

- **US withdrawn** from UNESCO in: **2017.**
- **UNESCO**: **The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO**)
- Year of formation**: 1945**
- HQ**: Paris, France.**
- Current membership: **193 countries.**
- **India is a founding member** of UNESCO. (UNESCO **office present in India since 1948)**
- **Nodal Ministry** in India which works with UNESCO: **Ministry of Education** (Erstwhile Human Resource development Ministry)
- **UNESCO World Heritage Site**: is a site **recognized by UNESCO** as having a **distinctive cultural or physical significance,** and which is considered of outstanding value to humanity.

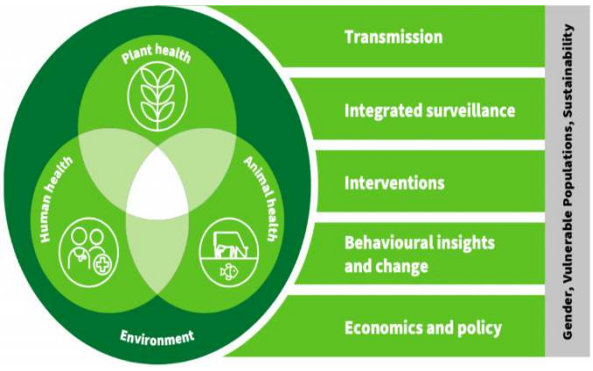
2.19FAO, UNEP, WHO & WOAH launched One Health Priority Research Agenda for AMR

Why in news?

- Recently four multilateral agencies have launched a priority research agenda to better advocate for increased research and investment in antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Important information

- **Agencies involved**: **United Nations (UN**) Food and Agriculture Organization **(FAO),** the UN Environment Programme **(UNEP),** the World Health Organization **(WHO)** and the World Organisation for Animal Health **(WOAH).**
- **Purpose**: serve as a guide for countries, research institutes and funding bodies to support **One Health AMR research.**
- Fig: **One Health Priority Research Agenda** on **Antimicrobial Resistance**.



Additional information

- **One Health**: it is an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimise the health of people, animals and ecosystems.
- **What is AMR (Antimicrobial Resistance)?**
- Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) occurs when **bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites change over time** and **no longer respond to medicines** making infections harder to treat and increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness and death.

2.20 Global Crisis Response Group (GCRG)

Why in news?

- Recently India has joined the Champions Group of the Global Crisis Response Group (GCRG).

Important information

- **Established in: March 2022**.
- Nodal organization: **United Nations Secretary General (UNSG)**
- **Mandate**: to **address urgent and critical global issues** pertaining to interlinked **crises in food security, energy, and finance** and to coordinate a global response.
- **The GCRG is overseen by**: the Champions Group comprising of HOS/ HOGs of **Bangladesh, Barbados, Denmark, Germany, Indonesia and Senegal.**

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS /REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

2.21Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

Why in News?

- Recently, the **SCO Summit 2023** (23rd Summit of the SCO Council of Heads of State), under **India's first-ever SCO Chairmanship** was **hosted virtually by India.**
- **Summit Chaired by:** Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India
- **Summit Theme:** 'Towards a SECURE SCO'**.**

Key Highlights

- **Iran** became the **9th member** of the **SCO.**
- **Memorandum of Obligation** for the **SCO membership** was signed by **Belarus.**
    - **Belarus** set to become a **full member of SCO charter** by **2024.**
- **New Delhi Declaration** adopted at **SCO Summit.**
    - The **Government of India** coined the **New Delhi Declaration.**
    - **Aim of the declaration:** to fight against terrorism
    - The Declaration also proposes **four other joint statements** on **de-radicalisation, sustainable lifestyle** to **tackle climate change, production of millets and digital transformation.**
- **Two thematic joint statements were released**
    - cooperation in countering the radicalisation leading to separatism, extremism and terrorism.
    - cooperation in the field of digital transformation.

Key Information Shared

- **For the first time**, the **SCO Millet Food Festival, Film Festival, SCO Surajkund Craft Mela, Think Tanks Conference, and International Conference on Shared Buddhist Heritage** were organized.
- **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh** has been declared as the **first tourism and cultural capital of the SCO.**

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)

- **Establishment** → 15 June 2001
  - extension of the **Shanghai Five Group** formed on **April 26, 1996**
- **Organization Type** → inter-governmental organisation
- **Two Permanent Bodies**
  - **Secretariat** → Beijing, China
  - **Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS)** → Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **Members**
  - **Full Time Members (9)** → China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
  - **Observe States (3)** → Mongolia, Belarus, & Afghanistan
  - **Dialogue Partners (14)**
- **Official Languages** → Chinese and Russian
- **Presidency**
  - **2022** → Uzbekistan
  - **2023** → **India**
    - **India's first ever Presidency of SCO**
  - **2024** → Kazakhstan
- **Theme** → **2023** → 'SECURE-SCO'
  - SECURE refers to **Security, Economic cooperation, Connectivity, Unity, Respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, and Environment**
    - Articulated by the **Prime Minister of India** at the **Qingdao Summit of the SCO in 2018**
- **Five new pillars of cooperation & Focus Areas established by India**
  - Startups and Innovation, Traditional Medicine, Digital Inclusion, Youth Empowerment and Shared Buddhist Heritage
- **Significance**
  - SCO is the **world's largest regional organization** in terms of **geographic scope and population**
    - covers **40% of the world population**
    - contributes to **25% of global GDP**
    - covers **22%** of the **world's total land area**
  - **India** & **Pakistan** became **full time member** of SCO in **2017**

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3 GA + FINANCE

OTHER NEWS

RBI AND IT'S FUNCTIONS

3.1 Centralised Information Management System (CIMS)

Why in News?

- Recently, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI**) has launched **Centralised Information Management System (CIMS)** during the **17th Statistics Day Conference** in **Mumbai.**
- It is the **latest next-generation data warehouse** of the RBI.
- **Commercial banks will first begin reporting on the CIMS,** followed by urban cooperative banks **(UCBs)** and non-banking financial companies **(NBFCs).**

Additional Information

- **RBI** established its **first enterprise-wide data warehouse**, the Central Database Management System **(CDBMS) in 2002.**

RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN FINANCIAL SECTOR

3.2 HDFC-HDFC Bank Merger

Why in News?

- Recently, the **boards of HDFC and HDFC Bank approved the merger between the two institutions.**
  - HDFC was **India's biggest mortgage lender**.
  - HDFC Bank is **India's largest private lender.**
- The merger became **effective from July 1, 2023.**
- The merger has made **HDFC Bank, the world's fourth-biggest bank by market value** behind **JPMorgan**, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited **(ICBC)** and **Bank of America**

About HDFC-HDFC Bank Merger

- It is the **biggest transaction in India's corporate history.**
- **Deal Value:** USD 40 billion; **Market Capitalization of HDFC Bank post merger:** Rs 14.73 trillion (nearly USD 180 billion).
- With the deal getting effective, **HDFC Bank will be 100% owned by public shareholders**, and **existing shareholders of HDFC will own 41% of the bank**.

4 STATIC

IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS

S.No	Organization Name	Headquarter	Establishment Year
1.	**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**	Rome, Italy	1945
2.	**Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research**	Pedavegi, Andhra Pradesh	--
3.	**North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**	Brussels, Belgium	1949

4.	**Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB)** (Total Members including India- 119/ Associate Members - 20 Regional Associations/Organisations]	Incheon, Republic of Korea	2013

COUNTRY, CURRENCY AND CAPITAL

S.No	Country	Currency	Capital
1.	**Iran**	Iranian Rial	Tehran
2.	**Belarus**	Belarusian ruble	Minsk

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