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Navodaya 9th Entrance	Feb 11, 2023
CG PSC	February 12, 2023
REET Main	February 4-5, 2023
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NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of it's people, culture and achievements. The official journey of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav commenced on March 12, 2021 starting a 75-week countdown to the nation's 75th anniversary of independence and will end on August 15, 2023. The aim of celebrating the Mahotsav is to create a vision for India of 2047. Bharat Gaurav train, Vande Bharat Express, Central Vista Project's 'Kartavya Path', One Nation One Fertilizer Scheme etc is major step under national event 2022 taken by Central Government of India.

Cabinet Approved MSP for Copra For 2023 Season

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for copra for 2023 season on December 26, 2022.
- The MSP for Fair Average Quality of milling copra has been fixed at ₹ 10860 per quintal and for ball copra at ₹ 11750 per quintal for 2023 season.
- This is an increase of ₹ 270 per quintal for milling copra and ₹ 750 per quintal for ball copra over the previous season.

IICA launches ESG Impact Leaders Program

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) has launched a programme on December 20, 2022 to create Impact Leaders in the areas of Environmental-Social-Governance (ESG).

IICA is an autonomous institution under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

- The Six Month course comprising 8 Self-paced learning modules will be delivered online.

3 More Sites Added to UNESCO's Tentative List

- Three more sites in India have made it to the tentative list of UNESCO's world heritage sites on Dec 21, 2022.
- Sun Temple at Modhera, historic Vadnagar town in Gujarat, and rock-cut relief sculptures of Unakoti in Tripura, have been added to the tentative list of UNESCO world heritage sites.
- The Sun Temple in Modhera, Gujarat, is dedicated to Surya Dev and is situated on the left bank of the Pushpavati River, a tributary of the River Rupan.
- Vadnagar is a municipality in Mehsana district of Gujarat.

India Garnered International Support for CDRI

- MoS for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai on December 20, 2022 informed that India has garnered international support for its CDRI.
- 31 nations and 8 international organisations including UN agencies have supported PM Modi's Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).
- The support was extended at the United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York in 2019.
- Centre has approved 480 crore rupees for a corpus to fund technical assistance and research projects on an ongoing basis over a period of 5 years ending in 2023-24.
- CDRI has also received financial commitments and support from the United Kingdom, Australia, Netherlands, and European Union.

Technical support has been extended from the United States of America, France, and Canada.

Millet Food Festival Held in Parliament

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called upon the Members of the Parliament to make the International Year of Millets 2023, a mass movement.



- Mr. Modi informed this while addressing the BJP parliamentary party meeting in Parliament House Complex on December 20, 2022.
- AIR correspondent reports, The Special Millets Lunch was organised by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on the Parliament premises.
- PM Modi along with other attended a lunch in Parliament where millet dishes were served as India prepares to mark 2023 as the International Year of Millets.

India Announced Candidature for UNSC Membership for 2028-29 Term

- India has declared its candidature for non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council on December 17, 2022 for the 2028-29 term.
- The previous eight terms that India has been in the Council are 1950-1951, 1967-1968, 1972-1973, 1977-1978, 1984-1985, 1991-1992 and 2011-2012.
- India assumed the monthly rotating Presidency of the Security Council on December 1, 2022.
- The 2nd time after August 2021 that India is presiding over the Council during its two year tenure as elected UNSC member.

Union Minister Inaugurated 'Prashasan Gaon ki Ore'

- Union Minister for Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 'Prashasan Gaon ki Ore' in New Delhi on December 19, 2022. He also launched the Good Governance Week portal.
- It is a nationwide campaign under the Good Governance Week 2022.
- The Nation-wide campaign for Redressal of Public Grievances and Improving Service Delivery held in all Districts, States and Union Territories of India.
- Over 700 District Collectors will be participating in the Campaign and officials will be visiting Tehsils and Panchayat Samiti Headquarters.

Govt Blocked Pak-Based OTT Platform Vidly TV and 4 Social Media Accounts

- Information and Broadcasting Ministry on December 12, 2022 has blocked Pakistan-based OTT Platform Vidly TV and four social media accounts for displaying anti-India content.
- It has also blocked Pakistan Based websites and two mobile applications.
- The OTT Platform had recently released a web series titled Sevak: The Confessions, which was found to be detrimental to the national security, sovereignty, and integrity of India.
- Three episodes of the web series were released to date. It was suspected that the web series was sponsored by the Pakistani information operations apparatus.
- The web series portrayed an anti-India narrative on sensitive historical events and subjects of national importance.

AAP to Turn National Party

- Manish Sisodia (Deputy CM of Delhi) announced on December 9, 2022 that the votes of Gujarat will make the Aam Aadmi Party a national party.
- The party is already recognised as the state party in Delhi, Punjab and Goa.
- To earn a national party status, a political party must be recognised at least in 4 states.

• To be recognised as a state party, it needs to win at least 2 seats and 6% of votes polled in the Assembly election.

Government Revised Scheme for Intellectual Property Protection

• Government revised the scheme for facilitating Start-Ups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP) on December 2, 2022.

• Aim to upgrade the professional charges of the facilitators.

• The facilitation fees have been increased by at least 100%.

• The revised scheme is applicable from December 2, 2022.

• The scheme was launched in 2016 to protect and promote Intellectual Property Rights IPR of Startups and to encourage innovation and creativity among them.

No Content Glorifying Alcohol, Drugs, Weaponry, Gangster and Gun Culture

• Centre asked FM radio channels to not play songs or broadcast content glorifying alcohol, drugs, weaponry, gangster and gun culture on December 2, 2022.

• Information and Broadcasting Ministry said in an advisory that the broadcast of such songs or content is in violation of the AIR Programme Code.

• It said Grant of Permission Agreement, GOPA provides that the permit holder shall follow the same Programme and Advertisement codes as followed by All India Radio.

• The Advisory stated that any violation shall entail penal action in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down in the GOPA. It said such content affects children of impressionable age and gives rise to a culture of gangsters.

FM Radio Channels not to Broadcast Content of Illegal Nature

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INDIA TAKES OVER G20 PRESIDENCY

As India assumed G20 Presidency on December 1, 2022, 100 centrally-protected monuments, including UNESCO world heritage sites spread across the country were lit up bearing the G20 logo. The monuments that were lit up included Red Fort, Delhi, Royal Palace, Mandu, MP, Sanchi Stupa (MP), Kumbhalgarh Fort (Rajasthan), Shankracharya Temple (Srinagar), and Five Rathas, Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu).

Nationwide Campaign for Promotion of Digital Life Certificate Launched

• The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare has launched a nationwide campaign for promotion of Digital Life Certificate for Central Government pensioners on December 1, 2022.

• The objective of this nationwide campaign is to promote the use of Face Authentication technology and Digital Life Certificate, DLC to ensure transparency and ease of usage.

• All the registered Pensioners' Associations, Pension Disbursing Banks, Central Ministries and CGHS Centers had been directed to promote the Digital Life Certificate and Face Authentication Technique for giving Life Certificate by organising special camps.

DigiYatra Facilities Started at Four Airports

• The Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated the Digi Yatra facility at the IGI Airport in New Delhi on December 1, 2022.

• This facility has also been simultaneously launched at the Kempegowda International Airport Bangalore, and the Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi.

• Initially the DigiYatra facility will be only for domestic flights.

Himalayan Yak Approved as 'Food Animal'

• The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has approved the Himalayan Yak as a 'Food Animal' on November 26, 2022.

• The move is expected to help check decline in the population of the high-altitude bovine animal by making it a part of the conventional milk and meat industry.

• The Yak belongs to the Bovini tribe, which also includes bison, buffaloes, and cattle. It can tolerate temperatures as low as – 40 degrees Celsius.

• The yak-rearing states of India are Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

Silver Jubilee Foundation Day of Prasar Bharati

• Prasar Bharati celebrated the silver jubilee of its establishment on November 23, 2022.

• It came into existence on this day in 1997 as a statutory autonomous body established by an Act of Parliament.

• This includes Doordarshan and All India Radio. Prasar Bharati is the largest statutory autonomous public broadcasting agency in India which was established in 1997.

• It was established under an Act of Parliament and consists of Doordarshan Television Network and All India Radio.

Panel to Revamp MNREGA Scheme

• The Centre has formed a panel to revamp the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme on November 21, 2022.

• The first meeting of this committee, headed by former Rural Development Secretary Amarjit Sinha, was held.

• It has been given three months to give its suggestions.

• Aim of this committee is to review the work demand in MGNREGA, spending patterns, variation in demand across states and the incremental cost of providing employment since inception of the scheme.

• MNREGA Act was passed by the Indian Parliament on August 23, 2005 but it came into force on Feb 6, 2006.

NCPCR Training Module for Child Welfare Committees

- The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) launched 'Training Modules for Chairpersons and Members of the Child Welfare Committee' on November 20, 2022.
- They also launched 'Protocols for Restoration and Repatriation of Children'.
- The NCPCR has launched it along with GHAR – GO Home and Re-Unite (Portal for Restoration and Repatriation of Child).
- It is launched on the occasion of World Children's Day (November 20).
- These modules, protocols and portals developed by NCPCR address the amended roles of CWCs and DCPOs in matters of children in need of care and protection.

AIM Launched Women Centric Challenges

- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog launched Woman centric challenges on November 9, 2022.
- It has been launched under Phase-II of the 2nd edition of the Atal New India Challenge (ANIC).
- ANIC is an initiative to seek, select, support and nurture technology-based innovations that solve sectoral challenges of national importance and societal relevance through a grant-based mechanism of up to ₹ 1 crore.
- The challenge was launched during the annual mentor round table organised by AIM, NITI Aayog to felicitate the exemplary mentors of change.

Aadhar Mitra Launched by UIDAI

- Aadhaar Mitra is the newly launched chatbot from UIDAI for quick and automatic response about Aadhaar on November 4, 2022.
- *Its new AI/ML based Chatbot, Aadhaar Mitra with features like*
  - check Aadhaar enrollment/update status
  - tracking of Aadhaar PVC card status
  - information on enrollment center location etc.
- The chatbot is available in Hindi and English.
- It also provides the feature of watching related videos on some topics for educating the users.

PM Modi Inaugurated New Flats for EWS

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated 3000 newly constructed flats for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) on November 2, 2022.



- The newly constructed flats are located at Kalkaji in New Delhi.
- The PM handed over the keys of the flats to eligible beneficiaries at a ceremony in Vigyan Bhawan.
- For better and healthy living conditions, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has undertaken 376 slum clusters.
- With an investment of ₹ 50 thousand crore the government is widening roads to tackle traffic congestion.

7th India Water Week Organised

- President of India, Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 7th edition of India Water Week (IWW) at the India Expo Centre in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh on November 1, 2022.
- The theme of the 7th edition of India Water Week was Water Security for Sustainable Development and Equity.
- Denmark, Singapore and Finland were the partner countries for IWW 2022.
- The five day long programme bring together experts, planners and stakeholders from across the globe.
- The focus was to build dialogue, action plan and addressing issues for sustainability of water resources development as well.

Logo of 12th World Hindi Conference Launched

- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar launched the logo and website of the 12th World Hindi conference on October 27, 2022.
- The logo of the World Hindi Conference was selected through a competition. Mumbai's Munna Khushwaha's entry was selected as the official Logo.
- 12th World Hindi Conference will be held in Fiji from February 15-17, 2023.
- It will be organised jointly by Ministry of External Affairs and the Government of Fiji.

India Post Released Special Cover on Sea buckthorn

- India Post has released a special cover on Sea buckthorn in Leh on October 14, 2022.
- The cover was released as Leh product under One District, One Product.
- On the occasion, apricot has been identified as Kargil product from Union Territory of Ladakh under the programme.
- The special cover aims at promotion of the products worldwide. The cover is similar to postal stamps.
- Heaven's Fruit, the wonder berry from the Himalayas-wild seabuckthorn is known as nature's most balanced fruit.

India's First Cable-cum-Suspension Bridge

- The Central Government approved India's first cable- cum-suspension bridge across Krishna river on October 13, 2022.
- The approved bridge has to be built at the total cost of ₹ 1082.56 crore with a construction period of 30 months.
- Union minister for road transport and national highways Nitin Gadkari described the bridge as Pragati Ka Highway. The bridge would be second of its kind in the world and first in India.

Stamp Released on the Golden Jubilee of PIN Code

- A Commemorative Postage Stamp was released on the Golden Jubilee of PIN Code, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on October 12, 2022.
- It was released by the Minister of State for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan.
- On this occasion, he launched PLI Mobile Training App to provide online training in audio/visual mode.
- In India PIN Code is a six-digit numeric code in the Indian Postal system.
- It was started on August 15, 1972 by Shriram Bhikaji.

Government Deferred 6-Airbag Rule

- The Centre has deferred implementing a proposal, which makes it mandatory for passenger cars to have six airbags, by a year to October 1, 2023.
- The rule was supposed to be effective, October 1, 2022.
- The domestic automotive industry had sought a re-think on the rule amid rising regulatory costs making passenger vehicles, particularly those in the small, entry-level segments, unaffordable.
- The government put out a draft notification that proposed a change in rules to make six airbags mandatory in M1 category vehicles manufactured after October 1, 2022.

Operation Megh Chakra Launched

- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) launched the Operation Megh Chakra to combat the spread of Child Sexual Abuse Materials online on September 25, 2022.
- CBI hunts for Child Sexual Abuse Material Online Circulation Cases in 56 locations across 20 States & Union Territories.
- This operation was launched after the CBI received intelligence from Interpol's Singapore special unit based on the information received from authorities in New Zealand.

Trustee of PM CARES Fund Announced

- Government has appointed three new trustees under The PM CARES Fund on September 21, 2022.
- *Persons have been nominated as trustees of the PM CARES Fund are*
  - Veteran industrialist Ratan Tata
  - Former Supreme Court Judge KT Thomas
  - Former Deputy Lok Sabha Speaker Kariya Munda
- Other trustees include Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- The PM CARES Fund was created during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The primary objective of the fund is to deal with any kind of emergency or distress situation.
- PM CARES Fund has been registered as a Public Charitable Trust.

India's First Swachh Sujal Pradesh Announced

- Andaman and Nicobar Islands were declared as India's first Swachh Sujal Pradesh on September 18, 2022.
- It was declared by Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- With this accomplishment, all villages on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have received the Har Ghar Jal certification.
- All villages of this Islands have been verified as ODF plus open defecation free.
- Safe and secure drinking water supply and its management is a crucial aspect of the Sujal and Swachh.
- On this Island, there are 62,000 rural households spread across 266 villages in 9 blocks across 3 districts.

TV SERIES TITLED 'DOOR SE NAMASTE' LAUNCHED

Doordarshan and YouTube series titled 'Door Se Namaste' launched at a function held in New Delhi on September 16, 2022.

The US Agency for International Development (USAID) and UNICEF launched this series. Door Se Namaste is a new television series which promotes healthy behaviours in a post-pandemic world. It is a fictional Hindi series promoting the adoption of healthy behaviour and practices. The programme will be telecast every Sunday from 11 am to 12 noon.

India became Power Surplus Nation

- India became power surplus nation on September 13, 2022 with electricity capacity of over four lakh Mega Watt.
- India have connected the whole country into one grid, and strengthened the distribution system.
- These steps have increased the power availability to 22 hours in rural areas and 23.5 hours in urban areas.
- The next step is to take it to 24×7 guaranteed power supplies at affordable price.
- India's power generation mix is rapidly shifting towards a more significant share of renewable energy.
- India is the world's 3rd largest producer of renewable energy.
- 40% of its installed electricity capacity is coming from non-fossil fuel sources.
- Power Generation from Renewable Energy Sources has increased from 51, 226 Gigawatt hours to 138337 Gigawatt hours in 2020.

ECI Weeds Out 253 Registered Unrecognised Political Parties

- The Election Commission (EC) declared 253 Registered Unrecognized Political Parties (RUPPs) as inactive on September 13, 2022.
- EC barred them from availing benefits of the Symbol Order, 1968.
- Additional 86 Non-existent RUPPs will be delisted from the list and benefits under the Symbols Order have been withdrawn.
- The tally of defaulting RUPPs has reached 537 since May 25, 2022.

National Logistics Policy Launched

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the National Logistics Policy (NLP) in New Delhi on September 17, 2022.
- National Logistics Policy is a comprehensive effort to address issues of high cost and inefficiency by laying down an overarching interdisciplinary, cross-sectoral and multi-jurisdictional framework for the development of the entire logistics ecosystem.
- The policy is an endeavour to improve the competitiveness of Indian goods, enhancing economic growth and increasing employment opportunities.
- It has been the vision of the Prime Minister to develop world-class modern infrastructure through integration of all stakeholders in holistic planning and implementation so that efficiency and synergy is achieved in the execution of the project.
- The need for a national logistics policy was felt since the logistics cost in India is high as compared to other developed economies.

Revamped Central Vista Avenue Inaugurated

- PM Narendra Modi unveiled the new look of the revamped Central Vista Avenue, the 3 km stretch from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to the India Gate on September 8, 2022.
- The revamped stretch is part of the Modi government's ambitious ₹ 13450

crore Central Vista redevelopment project.

- The Central Vista Redevelopment Project is the continuing renovation of the Central Vista, India's main administrative district, which is located close to Raisina Hill in New Delhi.
- PM Modi inaugurated the road 'Kartavya Path' between Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate.
- Rajpath is the route where the 26 January parade takes place.
- From Rajpath to Kartavya Path, a 15.5 km long walkway has been made of red granite on both sides of this road.

NALSA's Centre for Citizen Services Inaugurated

- NALSA Centre for Citizen Services was inaugurated by Chief Justice of India Uday Umesh Lalit on September 6, 2022.
- CJI Uday Umesh Lalit is the Patron-in-Chief of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
- The office of NALSA's Centre for Citizen Services inaugurated at Jaisalmer House. The NALSA has been constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- Its purpose is to organize Lok Adalats for the speedy resolution of cases.

National Level Committee Constituted for NCP

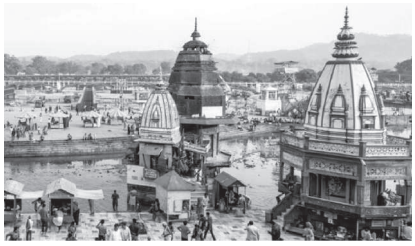
- Centre Government announced to constitution of National level Committee for drafting of National Cooperation Policy on September 6, 2022.
- The committee is led under the Chairmanship of former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu. It consists of 47 members from all parts of the country.
- The new policy is being formulated to realize the vision of Sahakar Se Samriddhi under the leadership of PM Modi.
- The existing National Policy on Cooperatives was formulated in 2002.
- India has about 8.5 lakh co-operative societies with a member base of around 29 crore.

PM Modi Dedicated India's First Earthquake Memorial

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated India's first earthquake memorial on August 30, 2022.
- Earthquake memorial named Smruti Van at Bhuj in Gujarat.
- Smruti Van is a unique memorial carrying the names of more than 12 thousand people, who lost their lives in January 2001.
- The earthquake simulator will provide real like the experience of earthquake tremors to visitors.

NITI Aayog's Best Aspirational District Declared

- The NITI Aayog has declared Haridwar as the best aspirational district on August 25, 2022.



- The district has secured the first rank in basic infrastructure theme.
- District has become entitled to receive an additional allocation of ₹ 3 crore.
- NITI Aayog evaluates the performance of districts on the basis of five key parameters.
- These parameters measure the socio-economic development of the block.

Goa, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu becomes 'Har Ghar Jal' Certified

- Goa becomes the First 'Har Ghar Jal' Certified State in India on August 18, 2022.
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (D and NH and D and D) becomes the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified UT in the country.
- All the villages of these areas have declared their village as 'Har Ghar Jal' through a resolution passed by Gram Sabha. All households in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps, ensuring that No One is Left Out.

India's 76th Independence Day Celebrations

- PM Narendra Modi has hoisted the national flag for the 9th consecutive year on August 15, 2022.
- Only former PM Jawaharlal Nehru (17), Indira Gandhi (16) and Manmohan Singh (10) have hoisted the national flag at the Red Fort on Independence Day more times than PM Modi.
- PM Modi addressed the nation and delivered speech around of 1 hour 24 minutes from the ramparts of the Red Fort.
- During speech, PM set a Panch Pran Targets (Five Resolves) to turn India into a developed nation in next 25 years.

The Five Resolves

1. Move forward with bigger resolves and resolve of a developed India
2. Erase all traces of servitude
3. Be proud of India's legacy
4. Strength of unity
5. Duties of citizens including PM and CMs

Indian Vice Presidential Election 2022 Held

- Jagdeep Dhankhar has become the 14th Vice President of India, after beating Margaret Alva on August 7, 2022.
- Jagdeep Dhankar won by 346 votes. 528 out of 725 votes were in his favour while 15 votes were termed invalid.
- He is the second person from Rajasthan to become Vice President after BS Shekhawat.
- He replaced M. Venkaiah Naidu who completed a five year term.
- Former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu was elected to the office on August 11, 2017.

Common Registration Facility of Ration Cards Launched

- The Union Government launched a common registration facility My Ration My Right on August 6, 2022.
- It is to enable homeless people, destitutes, migrants and other eligible beneficiaries to apply for ration cards.
- It was introduced on a pilot basis covering 11 States/Union Territories (UTs).
- The 11 states and UTs are Assam, Goa, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Punjab and Uttarakhand.
- It aims to issue ration cards to such people, who may obtain their lawful benefits under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.

Presidential Elections 2022 Held

- Droupadi Murmu is an Indian politician serving as the 15th and current President of India since July 25, 2022.
- Former Jharkhand Governor Draupadi Murmu was BJP-led NDA candidate for the Presidential polls.
- She had a clear edge over opposition's candidate , former Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha.
- The voting for presidential elections held on July 18, 2022 and counting of votes took place on July 21, 2022.
- Out of the total 3219 valid votes with total value of 838839, she got 2161 votes of the value of 577777.
- She took oath of office on the Central Hall of Parliament by the Chief Justice NV Ramana.
- Murmu became India's first tribal President.
- She became the first president to be born after Independence.
- She is also the second woman President in the country.

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island Handed over to A&N Administration

- Commander-in-Chief of A&N Command Lt. General Ajai Singh symbolically handed over the administrative control of the island on July 25, 2022 to Dy. Commissioner, South Andaman Suneel Anchipaka.
- Reason of this initiative is to the larger development of tourism and infrastructure growth of this island.
- A Naval Post had been also established there for security and defence reasons.

Centre Formed Committee on MSP

- Union Government has constituted Sanjay Agarwal Committee on MSP on July 19, 2022.
- Committee has been created around 8 months later the three farm Acts were repealed.
- *Committee would deal with issues related to natural farming, including :*
  1. Formulating strategies to make krishi vigyan kendras and other R and D institutions as knowledge centres on natural farming.
  2. Established a chain of laboratories, to provide organic certification to products produced by natural farming.
- Committee will also work on crop diversification, in order to take farmers out of wheat and rice cycles.

Bundelkhand Expressway Inaugurated

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 296-km-long Bundelkhand Expressway on July 16, 2022. This expressway passes through 7 districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- Name of seven districts are Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Auraiya and Etawah.
- It has been constructed at a cost of around ₹ 14850 crore.
- PM Modi had laid the foundation stone of the expressway on February 29, 2020.
- It has been completed in about 28 months.
- It completed under the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA).

PRASAR BHARATI UNVEILED NEW LOGO

India's public broadcaster Prasar Bharati unveiled its new logo on July 11, 2022. The new logo of Prasar Bharati was released on the occasion of the silver jubilee year.

It was released by Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I and B). The new logo of Prasar Bharati is defined as a blend of both AIR and Doordarshan.

National Emblem Unveiled on New Parliament Building

- The National Emblem was unveiled on top of the under-construction new Parliament building.
- It was unveiled by PM Narendra Modi on July 11, 2022.
- The national emblem is made of bronze, weighs 9500 kg and is 6.5 metre high.
- A supporting steel structure of 6500 kg was made to support its weight.
- The emblem was created by Sunil Deore from Aurangabad and Laxman Vyas from Jaipur.
- Its fabrication was carried out in Aurangabad, Jaipur and Delhi.

India Sets World Record for Building Longest Double-Decker Bridge

- India achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in Nagpur on July 10, 2022.
- The record has set by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and Nagpur metro (Maharashtra) rail project.
- The longest viaduct with highway flyover and metro rail supported on a single-column pier.
- The maximum metro stations constructed on a double-decker viaduct are recognised by the Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records.
- The three metro stations built along this double-decker viaduct are Chhatrapati chowk, Jayaprakash Nagar and Ujjwal Nagar.
- The flyover highway is built at the height of 9 meters and the metro at 20 meters.

India Joined Interpol's Child Sexual Exploitation Database

- India joined Interpol's International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) database on July 8, 2022.
- It could now use audio-visual data to draw links between victims, abusers and crime scenes.
- India is the 68th country among the total 195 members of the Interpol to have access to this database and software.
- The database will be available to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is India's nodal agency for Interpol matters.
- ICSE database uses video and image comparison to analyse child sexual exploitation material.
- It also makes connections between victims, abusers and places by using videos and images.
- Detectives in all 68 countries can exchange information and notes with their colleagues across the world.

PM Modi Attended the First Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture

- PM Narendra Modi has attended the first 'Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture' (AJML).
- The lecture was held at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi on July 8, 2022.

• Theme of this lecture was Growth through Inclusivity, Inclusivity through Growth.
• The first AJML has been delivered by Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister, Government of Singapore.
• The Department of Economic Affairs has organised the first Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture.
• It was organised in recognition of former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley's invaluable contribution to the nation.

Setting up of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award Announced

• Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award in Public Administration for academic excellence was announced.
• The establishment of this award was announced by Union Minister Jitendra Singh on July 5, 2022.
• He gave this information at the Executive Council of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA).
• The institute will have to prepare a plan for the next 25 years to achieve the goals set by PM Modi.

India Banned Single Use Plastic Items

• India's ban on single-use plastic items comes into effect from July 1, 2022.
• Manufacturing, import, stocking, distribution and sale of the items will also be prohibited.
• Plastics items which have low utility and high littering potential is banned.
• The single-use plastic items prohibited include earbuds, straws, plates and cups, among other items.
• Currently, PET bottles that are used to package water do not fall under this category.

Pragati Maidan Integrated Transit Corridor Inaugurated

• PM Modi inaugurated Pragati Maidan Integrated Transit Corridor in New Delhi on June 19, 2022.
• The project includes a tunnel and five underpasses. The project has been built at a cost of more than ₹ 920 crore.
• It is entirely funded by the central government.
• The project is aimed at providing hassle free and smooth access to the new exhibition and convention centre. The project is an integral part of the Pragati Maidan Redevelopment Project.

India's First Steel Slag Road Inaugurated

• India's first six lane 1 km road made by using steel slag was inaugurated in Surat (Gujarat).
• It was inaugurated by Union Minister of Steel Ram Chandra Prasad Singh on June 15, 2022.
• The road constructed using 100% steel-processed slag is a real example of converting waste into wealth.
• The road was constructed using around 1 lakh tonnes of processed steel slag.
• Slag is a by-product of steel manufacturing.

National Tribal Research Institute Inaugurated

• Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the newly built National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in New Delhi on June 7, 2022.



• The NTRI will provide the tribal communities with the necessary resources. It also provide expertise to address their academic, legislative and executive concerns.
• It will collaborate and network with reputed research institutes, universities, organisations.
• Tribal Research Institute (TRI) is the research body of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at the state level.

India Post Delivered Mail Using Drone in Gujarat

• The Department of Posts has for the first time delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in Gujarat's Kutch district on May 29, 2022.
• The Drone successfully delivered the medicine parcel covering an aerial distance of 46 km in 25 mins.
• The mail was dispatched using the drone from Habay village in Bhuj Taluka and was delivered to Ner village in Bhachau Taluka of the Kutch district by the postal department under the guidance of the Ministry of Communication.

Supreme Court Recognised Sex Work as a 'Profession'

• The Supreme Court on May 26, 2022 recognised prostitution as a profession and sex workers are entitled to dignity and equal protection under the law.
• The three-judge bench comprising Justices L. Nageswara Rao, BR Gavai and AS Bopanna ordered that sex workers shouldn't be harassed or penalised by the police and their complaints should be taken seriously.
• The court held that every individual in this country has a right to a dignified life under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

Centre Announced Formation of Cotton Council of India

• The Union Government has announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned veteran cotton man Suresh Amritlal Kotak on May 18, 2022.
• The Council will have representation from Textiles, Agriculture, Commerce, and Finance Ministries along with Cotton Corporation of India and Cotton Research Institute.
• The first meeting of the proposed council has been scheduled for May 28, 2022.
• The council will discuss, deliberate, and prepare a robust action plan for bringing out a tangible improvement in this field.

New Draft National Youth Policy 2030 Prepared

• The government has prepared a new draft National Youth Policy (NYP) 2030 after reviewing the existing draft of National Youth Policy, 2014 on May 5, 2022.
• The new draft NYP envisages a ten-year vision for youth development that India seeks to achieve by 2030.
• The draft policy seeks to catalyse widespread action on youth development across five priority areas including education, employment and

entrepreneurship, youth leadership and development, health, fitness and sports and social justice.

Anti-Human Trafficking Cell Launched

- The National Commission for Women (NCW) launched an Anti-Human Trafficking Cell to improve effectiveness in tackling cases of human trafficking on April 2, 2022.
- The Cell has been created for raising awareness among women and girls, capacity building and training of anti-trafficking units and to increase the responsiveness of law enforcement agencies.
- The Cell will conduct gender sensitisation training and workshops in combating human trafficking for police officers and for prosecutors at regional, state and district levels.

Central Record Keeping Agency Launched

- Computer Age Management Services Limited (CAMS) announced the launch of the Central Record Keeping Agency (CRA) under the National Pension System (NPS) on March 17, 2022.
- The new platform will include facilities like subscriber on-boarding with multiple KYC options, maintenance and account keeping functions, as well as provide infrastructure for record keeping and interfaces like Web, mobile app and call centre, among others.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) will now oversee NPS through three CRAs namely KFin Technologies, NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure and CAMS.
- CAMS is India's largest registrar and transfer agent of mutual funds and is a SEBI regulated entity.

India's First Medical City in Pune

- Maharashtra government has announced on March 12, 2022 to set up India's first medical city titled 'IndrayaniM edicity' in Pune, to provide all kinds of specialised treatment under one roof.
- It will come up in 300-acre of land area in the Khed taluka of Pune.
- It is estimated to attract investment worth ₹ 10000 crore.
- Indrayani Medicity will have hospitals, centres for medical research, pharmaceutical manufacturing, wellness and physiotherapy.

'AROGYA VANAM' INAUGURATED

President Ram Nath Kovind on March 1, 2022 inaugurated a hub of medicinal herbs and plants 'Arogya Vanam' at Rashtrapati Bhavan in the presence of PM Narendra Modi and First Lady Savita Kovind.

It aims to create awareness about Ayurvedic plants and their effects on the human body. It spread over in 6.6 acres has been developed in the shape of a human sitting in the Yoga Mudra. It consists of around 215 herbs and plants used for therapeutic purposes in Ayurveda.

October 5 to Be Celebrated as National Dolphin Day

- Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change has designated October 5 as National Dolphin Day from this year as part of the conservation campaign for the species and to generate awareness.
- Dolphins act as ideal ecological indicators of a healthy aquatic ecosystem and conservation of the Dolphins will benefit the survival of the species and people dependent on the aquatic system for their livelihood.
- This decision has been taken by National Board for Wildlife's (NBWL) standing committee in its 67th meeting.

India's First Water Taxi Service Inaugurated

- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has virtually inaugurated the India's first water taxi service to enable faster connectivity between Mumbai and Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra, on February 17, 2022.
- The Water Taxi services will commence from the Domestic Cruise Terminal (DCT) and will also connect nearby locations at Nerul, Belapur, Elephanta island and JNPT.
- Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray inaugurated the newly constructed Belapur jetty, which is built at a cost of ₹ 8.37 crore.
- It was funded in the 50-50 model under the Sagarmala scheme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways.

Atal Tunnel Certified as Longest Highway Tunnel

- Atal Tunnel has been officially recognised by the World Book of Records, as the 'World's Longest Tunnel above 10000 Feet' on February 9, 2022.
- Lt. Gen Rajeev Chaudhary, Director Gen of the (DGBRO) received the award from the World Book of Records for the construction of the Atal Tunnel on behalf of BRO.
- The Atal Tunnel which is 9.02 km long has been constructed under Rohtang Pass in Eastern Pir Panjal Himalayan range on Leh-Manali Highway.
- The World Book of Records UK is an organisation that identifies and verifies extraordinary records globally with authentic certification.

Cental Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority Constituted

- The Central government has constituted a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) i.e., Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA) (headed by a CEO of additional secretary rank) for the implementation of the Ken-Betwa interlinking of Rivers (ILRs) project on February 15, 2022.
- It also formed a 20-member National Steering Committee (SC), which will monitor the implementation. It will be chaired by the Secretary (Currently-Pankaj Kumar), Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- This project involves transfer of water from the Ken river to the Betwa River through the construction of Daudhan Dam and a canal linking the two rivers, the Lower Orr project, Kotha barrage and Bina complex multipurpose project.

January 16 Declared as National Startup Day

- PM Narendra Modi declared that January 16 will be celebrated as 'National Startup Day', while interacting with over 150 startups on January 15, 2022.
- The interaction was part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, 'Celebrating Innovation Ecosystem,' a week-long event hosted by Department for

Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

• The number of startups in the country has jumped to 60000 from 500 five years ago, with 42 unicorns coming up last year, signifying "self-reliant and self-confident" India.

ART & CULTURE

Two Indian Movies Shortlisted in Oscars 2023

• The Gujarati-language Chhello Show (The Last Show) has been shortlisted for next year's Academy Awards on December 21, 2022.

• Last Show is India's official entry for the 2023 Academy Awards or Oscars awards in the International Feature film category.

• Meanwhile, the track Naatu Naatu from SS Rajamouli's RRR has been shortlisted in the Best Original Song Category. The Academy announced the list of shortlisted entries in 10 categories.

Gaya and Nalanda Selected for Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme

• Central government informed on December 19, 2022 that Gaya and Nalanda in Bihar has been included by the Government of India under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme.

• Punaura Dham in Sitamarhi District of Bihar has been selected for development under the PRASHAD Scheme of the Government of India.

• The Government of India launched the PRASAD scheme in the year 2014-2015 under the Ministry of Tourism.

• Government launched Swadesh Darshan scheme in 2014-15 for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits for eg Buddhist circuit, Ramayana circuit, desert circuit etc.

Centre Awards 9 GI Tags to Take a Total of 432, Kerala Bags 5

• The Centre government awards GI tags on December 14, 2022 taking the total number of GI tags in India to 432.

• The top 5 states holding the maximum number of tags are Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Kerala.

• Out of 432 GI Tags, 401 are Indian-origin tags while, 31 are foreign-origin.

• Karnataka and Tamil Nadu are states with highest number of GI Tags followed by Kerala (35), Uttar Pradesh (34) and Maharashtra (31).

• The government supported the promotion.

Birth Centenary Celebration of Pramukh Swami Maharaj

• PM Modi attended the bicentenary celebration of Pramukh Maharaj in Ahmedabad on December 14, 2022.



• The inaugural function of Pramukh Swami Maharaj Shatabdi Mahotsav was held in Gujarat, Ahmedabad.

• It is a month-log festival being held on a 600-acre venue.

• The event will be held from 15 December to January 15, 2023.

• Pramukh Swami Maharaj was the guru and Pramukh, or president, of the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha.

• Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha is a major branch of the Swaminarayan Sampradaya, a Hindu denomination.

Seven Zonal Cultural Centres Set up

• Ministry of Culture set up 7 zonal cultural centres (ZCCs) on December 12, 2022.

• The headquarters are located at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur.

• These centers aim to conserve and develop art, culture and crafts across the country.

• The government provides regular annual grant-in-aid for conducting various activities and programmes to ZCCs.

• However, no State and Union Territory wise funds are released by the Ministry for the purpose.

• This information was given by the Minister of Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region G. Kishan Reddy while replying to a question in the Lok Sabha.

• ZCCs organize a minimum 42 Regional Festivals for promotion of art and culture every year as per their programme calendar.

• These centers also implement a number of schemes for preservation and promotion of various folk arts and culture of the country.

Light and Sound Show at Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya

• Union Minister of State Meenakshi Lekhi inaugurated light and sound show at Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya in New Delhi on December 8, 2022.

• The first episode of the show presented the journey of the nation's space programme since independence.

• The 30-minute long episode depicted how the country has secured a prominent place globally on space technology.

• Briefing media, Ms Lekhi said, the world must recognise India's history of scientific mindset and our next generation also should be familiar with it.

• Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma, the first Indian citizen to enter into space, also attended the event.

Indo-Bangla Sylhet Festival

• Dr. AK Abdul Momen on December 2, 2022 inaugurated the Indo-Bangla Sylhet Festival.

• He is Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of North Easter Region of India and Foreign Affairs Minister of Bangladesh.

• Indo-Bangla Sylhet Festival was inaugurated at Silchar in the Barak Valley of South Assam. Indian Ministry of Culture and India Foundation are jointly organising the festival.

• The program organised in the context of the historical relations between Sylhet and Barak Valley of South Assam.

• Sylhet was a part of Assam during the period of 1874 to 1947, and before that it was a part of undivided Bengal.

Music, Art and Literature Festival Swar Dharohar

• Culture Ministry inaugurated a three-day long music, art and literature festival Swar Dharohar in New Delhi on December 2, 2022.

• Three-day-long music, art, and literature festival Swar Dharohar was inaugurated by the Culture Ministry on Friday under Kalanjali. The festival aims at showcasing the iconic art, culture and heritage of the country.
• The program will facilitate the upcoming local artists to perform with renowned artists on the same platform.
• The national, as well as local poets, will also exhibit their artistry through Kavi Sammelan. The festival will continue till 4th of this month at Central Vista, New Delhi.

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PM Attended 'Mangarh Dham ki Gaurav Gatha'

• The PM Narendra Modi attended a public programme 'Mangarh Dham ki Gaurav Gatha' on November 1, 2022.
• He paid homage to the sacrifices of unsung tribal heroes and martyrs of the freedom struggle.
• As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the government has initiated several steps to celebrate unsung tribal heroes of the freedom struggle.
• These include declaring 15th November (birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda) as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas', setting-up tribal museums across the country etc.
• Its aim is to recognise the contribution of tribal people to society and increase awareness about their sacrifices in the freedom struggle.

World's 'Tallest' Shiva Statue Unveiled

• World's 'tallest' Shiva Statue Unveiled in Rajasthan's Rajsamand on October 29, 2022.
• A 369-feet-tall statue of Lord Shiva was unveiled in Nathdwara town of Rajasthan.
• The 'Viswas Swaroopam' statue was inaugurated Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.
• The statue, nearly 45 km from Udaipur city, has been constructed by Tat Padam Sansthan. It took 10 years to construct the statue.
• As many as 3000 tonnes of steel and iron and 2.5 lakh cubic tonnes of concrete and sand have been used in the construction.

AYODHYA'S DEEPOTSAV CREATED GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

Ayodhya's Deepotsav bagged the Guinness World record for the largest display of oil lamps on October 23, 2022. Over 15.76 lakh Earthen lamps were lit at 'Ram ki Paidi', Ayodhya on the eve of Diwali.

The record was created in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Deepotsav started in Uttar Pradesh in 2017 under the Yogi Adityanath government. In 2021, 9.41 lakh earthen lamps were lit to create the world record.

US Returned 307 Antiquities to India

• The US authorities on October 19, 2022, formally handed over 307 antiquities estimated to be worth nearly $ 4 million to Indian officials.
• Among the pieces being returned is the Arch Parikara, crafted from marble and dating to the 12-13th century.
• The ceremony for repatriation of the antiquities from US to India was held at India's consulate in New York.
• Antiquity is an article or object that is at least 100 years old. Possession of an unregistered antiquity is a punishable offence under law.

Gallery-cum-Exhibition of Maratha Commanders Inaugurated

• Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a gallery at the Jai Vilas Mahal, Gwalior on October 16, 2022. He inaugurated the Gatha Swaraj ki-Maratha Gallery depicting the history of the main Maratha rulers.
• Jai Vilas Palace was built in 1874 by the ruler of the erstwhile princely state of Gwalior, Jayajirao Scindia.

PM Modi Inaugurated Mahakal Lok Corridor Phase I

• PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Mahakal Lok corridor at Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain on October 11, 2022.
• PM dedicated to the nation the first phase of the Mahakaleshwar Temple Corridor Development Project in Ujjain.
• Under the project, the temple precinct will be expanded nearly seven times.
• The total cost of the entire project is around ₹ 850 crore.
• The Mahakal Path contains 108 stambhs (pillars) which depict Anand Tandav Swaroop (Dance form) of Lord Shiva.
• Mahakal temple is one of the 12 jyotirlinga sites in India. It is the only jyotirlinga that faces south.

ASI Unraveled Remarkable Archaeological Remains

• In a major find, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has unraveled remarkable archaeological remains in Madhya Pradesh's Bandhavgarh Forest Reserve on October 2, 2022.
• *During the exploration conducted by ASI are recorded*
  • 26 ancient temples/relics of Kalachuri period (9th century CE to 11th Century CE).
  • 26 caves (2nd Century CE to 5th century CE mostly Buddhist in nature).
  • 2 monasteries, 2 stupas, 24 Brahmi inscriptions (2nd century CE to 5th century CE).
  • 46 sculptures, 20 scattered remains and 19 water structures (c.2nd-15thCE).
• Among the 46 sculptures, also is a Varah sculpture which is one of the largest.

Varanasi Nominated as First SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital

• Varanasi was nominated as the first-ever SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital during the 22nd SCO Summit on September 16, 2022.
• This would promote tourism, cultural and humanitarian exchanges between India and other SCO (Shanghai

Cooperation Organisation) member states. The 22nd meeting of the SCO council in Samarkand was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

• Varanasi is also known as Banaras or Kashi. It is one of the oldest cities in the world. The city is known for Hindu mythology and history.

World's Largest Museum of Harappan Culture

• The world's largest museum of Harappan culture is coming up in Rakhigarhi in Haryana, announced on September 15, 2022.

• Its aim is to showcase about 5000-year-old Indus Valley artefacts.

• This world class museum would display photographs depicting Rakhigarhi's history. The museum would also house an open-air theatre and a library.

• Haryana is slated to host the world's largest museum dedicated to the Harappan civilization. Rakhigarhi is a hamlet in Haryana's Hisar district, some 150 km from Delhi.

• The settlement is also a well-known archaeological site from the time of the Indus Valley civilization.

'Kartavya Path' and Statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Inaugurated

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Kartavya Path' on September 8, 2022. The newly named Kartavya Path, which runs from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate.

• This ceremonial boulevard running from Raisina Hill Complex to India Gate was first known as Kingsway.

• PM also unveiled the statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate on this occasion.

• The statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is installed in the same place where a hologram statue of Netaji was unveiled earlier.

• It is crafted by Arun Yogiraj. The 28 feet tall statue has been carved from a monolithic granite stone and weighs 65 MT.

Three Indian Cities in UNESCO Network of Learning Cities

• The three cities in India have joined the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities on September 7, 2022.

• These include two cities Thrissur and Nilambur in Kerala and Warangal in Telangana.

• Warangal is the 2nd UNESCO recognition for Telangana.

• Nilambur is a famous eco-tourism destination in Kerala.

• Thrissur, an important center of academic and research institutions, is considered the cultural capital of Kerala.

• In the year 2022, 77 cities from 44 countries of the world including India have been included in this list.

GI Tag to Mithila Makhana

• The Central Government has given Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Mithila Makhana on August 22, 2022.



• With this, the growers will get maximum value of Makhana product.

• This decision will benefit more than five lakh farmers of Mithila region of Bihar.

• If a product gets GI tag, no person or company can sell similar material under the same name.

• This tag is valid for ten years and can be renewed later.

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 to be Held in Indore

• The government announced on August 19, 2022 that the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will take place in January in Indore.

• Every year on the 9th of January, the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas holiday is observed.

• Its aim is to honour the contribution of the Indian community living abroad who contributes to the growth of India.

• Additionally, it honours Gandhi's journey back to India from South Africa on the 9th of January, 1915.

• Since 2015, its structure has changed to recognise Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) once every 2 years.

• The 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was held during January 21-23, 2019 at Varanasi, India. The

• Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth, was the guest of honour.

Pingali Venkayya's 146th Birth Anniversary Celebrated

• Ministry of Culture organised Tiranga Utsav to celebrate Pingali Venkayya's 146th Birth Anniversary on August 2, 2022.

• A commemorative Postal Stamp in honour of Pingali Venkayya released in this event.

• Pingali Venkayya, a freedom fighter and the designer of India's National Flag was a follower of Gandhian principles.

• He designed the Indian National Flag with saffron, white and green colors with chakra in the middle.

Ellora Caves Becomes First Monument in India to Get Hydraulic Lift

• UNESCO World Heritage site in Maharashtra Ellora Caves becomes the first monument in India on July 31, 2022 to have a hydraulic lift.

• Ellora Caves has located 30 km from Aurangabad city and is one of the largest rock-cut temple complexes in the world.

• Out of the 34 caves in the complex, cave number 16 known as Kailash Cave is a two-story structure.

• The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has proposed the installation of lifts on both sides of the structure.

Kangra Tea will get GI Tag from European Commission

• Himachal Pradesh's Kangra Tea will soon get a European Commission Geographical Indication Tag (GI Tag); which helps Kangra tea to get an opportunity to enter the European market.

• Kangra tea received the Indian GI tag in 2005.

• Since 1999, the cultivation and development of tea have improved constantly in the Kangra region of Himachal Pradesh.

• The development and cultivation of Kangra tea is being promoted and looked after by four departments' ITea Board of India Regional office

Palampur, cooperative and agriculture departments of the state and CSIR, IHBT Palampur.

1st Cultural and Tourism Capital of SCO Declared

- Varanasi City is declared as the first Cultural and Tourism Capital of the SCO on July 18, 2022.
- Varanasi is the Cultural and Tourism Capital of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) for 2022-23.
- As per the reports, the eight-member organisation plans to initiate a rotating mechanism.
- Under this, the members will rotate the title of Cultural and Tourism Capital among different states.
- Membership of SCO are China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Russia, India and Pakistan.
- Varanasi is also known as one of the oldest living cities in the world.
- The city goes by several names like *Benaras* or *Kashi*.

India Elected to UNESCO Panel on Intangible Cultural Heritage

- India has been elected a member of the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for the 2022-26 cycle.
- The election was held during 9th General Assembly of the 2003 Convention held at UNESCO headquarters in Paris on July 7, 2022.
- For its 2022-26 term, India has formulated a clear vision for the protection and promotion of the intangible cultural heritage of humanity.

Redeveloped Temple of Shree Kalika Mata Unveiled

- PM Narendra Modi unveiled the redeveloped temple of Shree Kalika Mata in Gujarat on June 18, 2022.
- It is one of the oldest temples located in at Pavagadh Hill in Panchmahal district. He also performed Puja with traditional rituals at the temple.
- He also hoisted a Dhwaja at full mast atop the shrine.
- The sanctum sanctorum of this grand Mahakali temple has been made of gold.
- The redevelopment of the temple has been done in 2 phases.

Narasinganpettai Nagaswaram Received GI tag

- Tamil Nadu's traditional wind instrument, Narasinganpettai Nagaswaram made by traditional village artisans of Kumbakonam has got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag under the category of musical instruments of class 15.
- On behalf of Thanjavur Musical Instruments Workers Co-operative Cottage Industrial Society Limited, the application for receiving the GI tag was filled by Tamil Nadu's Nodal Officer for GI Registration of Products.
- This musical instrument has a body that is cylindrical in shape and takes the shape of a bell at the bottom. It is made from the traditional wood 'acha'.

'JYOTIRGAMAYA' FESTIVAL INAUGURATED

Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy has inaugurated the Jyotirgamaya festival in New Delhi.

This festival was organised on the occasion of World Music Day on June 21, 2022.

It was organised by Sangeet Natak Akademi. It showcased the talent of rare musical instruments from across

'Kranti Gatha' Inaugurated in Mumbai

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Kranti Gatha' at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai on June 14, 2022.
- Kranti Gatha is a newly created Gallery of Indian Revolutionaries.
- It is inside the underground British–era bunker.
- He also inaugurated the newly reconstructed 'Jal Bhushan', the residence and office of the Governor of Maharashtra.
- The Gallery has been created in the bunker that was discovered below Raj Bhavan in 2016.
- It is a tribute to the known and unknown revolutionaries of the Indian freedom movement.

ASI Opposed Plea Seeking Restoration of 27 Temples

- The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) opposed a plea seeking the restoration of 27 Hindu and Jain temples in the Qutub Minar complex on May 24, 2022.
- The Court was hearing the plea filed by advocate Hari Shankar Jain on behalf of Jain deity Tirthankar Lord Rishabh Dev, which claimed that the Quwwat-ul-Islam Mosque inside the Qutub complex was built after the demolition of 27 temples.
- As per ASI, it will be contrary to the provisions of the AMASR Act, 1958 to agree to the contention of any person claiming a fundamental right to worship in this centrally protected monument.

PM Modi Unveiled Statue of Lord Hanuman in Gujarat

- PM Narendra Modi has unveiled 108-feet statue of Lord Hanuman at the Ashram of 'Param Pujya Keshvanand ji' at Morbi Gujarat on Hanuman Jayanti on April 16, 2022.
- The statue is the second of the four statues being set up in the four directions across the country, as part of 'Hanumanji Char Dham' project.
- First statue of this series was set up at the Jakhu hills in the North in Shimla in 2010 and the work on the third statue in the south at Rameswaram has been started.

Museum Dedicated to Former PMs of India in Delhi

- A museum of all former Prime Ministers, Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya (the Museum of Prime Ministers), has been built at Teen Murti Estate, in New Delhi.
- The ₹ 270 crore project will be inaugurated on April 14, 2022, at the Teen Murti Bhavan complex which was residence of ex-PM Jawaharlal Nehru.
- The Museum will showcase the life, times and contribution of all 14 Prime Ministers of India so far, except for the collections and works on Jawaharlal Nehru, who has a separate Nehru Memorial Museum, which was also his residence.

India's First Community Museum in Ladakh

- Tashi Gyaltson, Chairman/Chief Executive Councillor, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, LAHDC, Leh inaugurated the India's