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NATIONAL

1) Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in a programme commemorating Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary, on 13th December, 2022.
- The programme, being held in Kamban Kalai Sangam, Puducherry, under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, witnessed the Prime Minister releasing a commemorative coin and postal stamp in honour of Sri Aurobindo.

2) Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud virtually inaugurated 10 district court digitisation hubs

- Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud virtually inaugurated 10 district court digitisation hubs in Odisha, and said that modernisation of judiciary is the need of the hour.
- With this inauguration, a total of 15 DCDHs have now become functional in the state, with each catering to a neighbouring district, thus covering all 30 district courts.



3) Bank of Baroda

- State-owned Bank of Baroda said it plans to sell its majority stake in Nainital Bank.
- The board of directors of the bank has approved divestment of its majority shareholding in Nainital Bank Limited, and authorised issuance of an advertisement inviting Expressions of Interest through a Preliminary Information Memorandum from interested parties.
- 4) Joint hypersonic vehicle trial

























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- Indian Space Research Organisation successfully conducted a joint hypersonic vehicle trial along with the Headquarters, Integrated Defence Staff.
- According to the country's premier space research agency, the joint hypersonic vehicle trial matched with the predetermined targets.

STATE NEWS

- 1) Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to lay the foundation stone and inaugurate projects worth Rs 75,000 crores in Maharashtra.
- According to the Prime Minister's Office, PM Modi inaugurated Phase-I of Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg, covering a distance of 520 Kms and connecting Nagpur and Shirdi.



2) "Jan Andolan"

- The Meghalaya government, which has adopted a 'Jan Andolan' (people's movement) against Tuberculosis received an award for best practices in controlling the disease that affects 2.6 million people in India every year.
- The award for Best Practice in Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilisation in Tuberculosis control was presented to representatives of the health department at a national workshop, aimed at ending TB infections, in the national capital.
- The state registered 4,189 TB cases in 2021 while in the first quarter of 2022, around 1,075 patients have been enrolled for treatment.

3) 'Vanikaran'

- The Forest department in association with Noolpuzha grama panchayat has launched the 'Vanikaran' (afforestation) project to root out invasive plants, especially Senna spectabilis, and restore natural forests.













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- The project was being executed on 30 hectares of forestland under the Sulthan Bathery forest range of the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, where exotic invasive plants, including Senna spectabilis, Eupatorium, Mikania micrantha, and Lantana camara, were posing a serious threat to the local species of trees, S. Ranjith Kumar, Assistant Wildlife Warden of the sanctuary.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Centre the names of five high court judges

- The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended to the Centre the names of five high court judges for appointment as apex court judges.
- The recommendation came after the meeting of the six-member Collegium, led by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud.
- After the elevation of justice Dipankar Datta, former chief justice of Bombay High Court, SC's current bench strength is 28 as against the sanctioned strength of 34.
- If the five names recommended by the Supreme Court collegium are notified by the central government, then the bench strength of the court will become 33.



2) Dr Jeremy Farrar

- World Health Organization announced that Dr Jeremy Farrar will become its new Chief Scientist.
- Currently, Director of the Wellcome Trust, Dr Farrar will join WHO in the second quarter of 2023.
- As WHO's Chief Scientist, Dr Farrar will oversee the Science Division, bringing together the best brains in science and innovation from around the world to develop and deliver high quality health services to the people who need them most, no matter who they are and where they live.

3) Dr PC Rath

- Senior cardiologist from Hyderabad, Dr PC Rath, was formally elected president of the Cardiological Society of India for the year 2023-24, in an annual meeting held in Chennai.













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- Dr PC Rath is currently a senior consultant cardiologist and head of department of Cardiology at Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills.
- Dr Rath has pioneered many percutaneous cardiac interventions like complex coronary angioplasty and stenting, robotic angioplasty and percutaneous valve treatment procedures.

SPORTS

1) FIFA World Cup 2022 Semi Finals

- FIFA World Cup, isn't it incredible to think that the teams competing in the 2022 FIFA World Cup final will be revealed in the next few days.
- The semifinals, is scheduled to begin this week. The semifinals for the FIFA World Cup will be held on different days, with one semifinal taking place on Tuesday, December 13, and the other on Wednesday, December 14.



2) Karnataka shooter Divya

- Karnataka shooter Divya T.S has secured her first women's 10m air pistol national title at the 65th National Shooting Championship Competitions in Pistol events held in Bhopal.
- She defeated Sanskriti Bana from Uttar Pradesh by 16-14 in the gold medal match and Rhythm Sangwan from Haryana settled for bronze.
- The 27-year-old Divya as she topped the second stage with 254.2, ahead of a string of top shooters like Rhythm Sangwan, Esha Singh and Manu Bhaker.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Venkaiah Naidu

- Former vice president Venkaiah Naidu has been conferred with the 25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award.
- The award was presented during the event held at Shanmukhananda auditorium, King's Circle in Mumbai, Maharashtra.













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 The awards are given in the fields of public leadership, community leadership, science and technology, and social thinkers who have made outstanding contributions in their respective fields. The SIES was set up in 1932 by M. V. Venkateshwaran in Mumbai.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) National Energy Conservation Day

- The National Energy Conservation Day is celebrated every year on 14th December 2022. The purpose is to showcase the achievements of the nation in energy efficiency and conservation.
- This occasion has been celebrated since 1991 when is led by the Ministry of power.
- This day is celebrated to raise awareness regarding the conservation of energy as it is the best way to have a greener and brighter future.













