

# 4th February 2023

#### **NATIONAL**

### 1) Annual Bilateral Agreement

- Minority Affairs Minister Smriti Irani has informed that the Government, under the Annual Bilateral Agreement with Saudi Arabia for Haj pilgrimage this year, has restored the original Haj quota which stands at one lakh 75 thousand 25.

# 2) Visit India Year - 2023

- Minister of Tourism G. Kishan Reddy launched the Visit India Year 2023 initiative and unveiled the logo in New Delhi.
- Minister of Tourism G. Kishan Reddy kicked off the year of grand plans and activities for promoting tourism in the country.



#### 3) NBFCs, Mobicule

- In Mumbai, an industry first for banks and NBFCs, Mobicule, a specialist in debt collection, has announced the release of its mCollect Repossession module.
- As a component of its debt collection and recovery product, the ground-breaking Asset Repossession Solution is a comprehension solution that maps all the intricate steps involved in the repossession of an asset.

#### 4) 'Pay as You Drive' (PAYD) policy

- New India Assurance has launched a 'Pay as You Drive' (PAYD) policy, which offers a comprehensive motor insurance policy that charges a premium based on the usage of the vehicle.
- The policy has two components- Third Party cover and own-damage cover.















#### 5) Foxconn and Vedanta

- Foxconn and Vedanta are close to inducting European chipmaker STMicroelectronics as the technology partner in their proposed semiconductor chip manufacturing unit in India.
- Foxconn will be the lead partner in the joint venture (JV) that was announced last February.
- The Vedanta-Foxconn consortium is one of the five applicants seeking government incentives under a \$10-billion package announced in December 2021 to promote domestic semiconductor manufacturing.

## 6) Google has invested around \$300 million in Anthropic

- Google has invested around \$300 million in Anthropic, an artificial intelligence startup whose technology is said to rival OpenAI, the company behind ChatGPT.
- According to the deal, Anthropic has agreed to purchase some of Google's services to support its technology.
- The terms of the deal, through which Google will take a stake of about 10 per cent, requires Anthropic to use the money to buy computing resources from the search company's cloud computing division.



#### 7) Alkesh Kumar Sharma

- The Secretary of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Alkesh Kumar Sharma inaugurated the G20 Cyber Security Exercise and Drill for more than 400 domestic and international participants under India's G20 presidency.
- The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) conducted the Cyber Security Exercise and drill in hybrid mode (Physical and Virtual) where international participants from more than 12 countries joined through online mode while domestic participants from diverse sectors such as Finance, Education, Telecom, Ports & Shipping, Energy, IT/ITeS and others attended in-person as well as in virtual mode.

#### 8) Space Exploration Technologies Corp

- Space Exploration Technologies Corp. is part of a payload contract NASA has awarded for as much as \$100 million over a decade.













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- Elon Musk's rocket launch and satellite operator will share the contract for unspecified "commercial payload processing services" with Astrotech Space Operations LLC, a unit of Lockheed Martin Corp, the government's space agency announced in a statement.
- The deal is for payload processing, which involves preparing spacecraft to be flown on top of a rocket ahead of a flight to space.

#### 9) IBM has partnered with NASA

- IBM has partnered with NASA to gain new findings on Earth's climate through the power of AI technology. The two organizations will use AI tech developed by IBM together with the large amounts of Earth observation and geospatial data that NASA has available to share.
- Earth observation is the gathering of information about Earth's physical, chemical, and biological systems, usually through the use of satellite imaging.



#### **STATE NEWS**

# 1) Patanjali Foods Limited

- Nagaland government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Patanjali Foods Limited for development and area expansion under palm oil cultivation and processing for Zone-II (Mokokchung, Longleng, and Mon districts) of Nagaland under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP).

#### **SPORTS**

#### 1) Asian Football Confederation

- The Asian Football Confederation announced that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) won the hosting of the 2027 Asian Nations Cup, for the first time in its history, since its inception in 1956.
- This came during the work of the 33rd Congress of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), February 1, in the Bahraini capital, Manama. Saudi Arabia was the only bid presented at the Congress in Manama after India's withdrawal in December 2022.













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#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## 1) The International Day of Human Fraternity

- The International Day of Human Fraternity was established by the United Nations General Assembly on December 21, 2020.
- The International Day of Human Fraternity has been observed every year on February 4. This day, which falls in the middle of the International Interfaith Harmony Week is recognised by one of the world's leading transnational organisations—the United Nations.
- It underscores the importance of humanity coming together as a united community in times that are increasingly characterised by ethno-nationalistic, political, and economic polarisation.
- The motto is "harmony in difference".

# 2) World Cancer Day 2023

- Each year on February 4, World Cancer Day is celebrated worldwide. It is believed to have brought everyone together in the fight against cancer.
- World Cancer Day seeks to save millions of lives by educating the public, promoting awareness, and pressuring individuals and governments around the world to take action every year.











