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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) India becomes 68th country to Join Interpol's international child sexual exploitation database

- India has joined Interpol's international child sexual exploitation database which will allow it to draw links between victims, abusers, and crime scenes using audio-visual data.
- The CBI, which is India's nodal agency for Interpol matters, joined the database making India the 68th country to connect to it, according to a statement from Interpol.

### 2) World Population Prospects 2022

- World Population Prospects 2022 is released by United Nations Department of Economic and Social affairs.
- The report provides data and analysis of population trends and development outcomes for all countries and areas of the world.
- As per the report, India will overtake China as most populous country in 2023 and is likely to retain top spot till 2100.

## NATIONAL

### 1) 6th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals

- The 6th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals was held as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav legendary week celebrations in New Delhi.
- Shri Amit Shah was the chief guest. The one-day conclave was officially opened by Union Minister of Mines, Coal, and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi.

### 2) India's longest double decker bridge in Nagpur

- The National Highways Authority of India and Maharashtra Metro achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in Nagpur.
- The longest viaduct with highway flyover and metro rail supported on single column piers.

### 3) National emblem

- Narendra Modi unveiled the national emblem that has been placed atop new



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Parliament.

- National Emblem is an adaptation of Lion Capital of Asoka at Sarnath. It was adopted on January 26, 1950.
- Motto Satyameva Jayate means 'Truth Alone Triumphs, written in Devanagari script.

#### 4) 'AI in Defence'

- Ministry of Defence launched 75 newly-developed AI products/technologies during the first-ever 'AI in Defence' (AIDef) symposium.
- Products include robotic mine detector, intrusion detection system, sensors for under water domain awareness, Mandarin translation device etc.

#### 5) *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*

- *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* is a strain of bacteria (developed by ICMR) that kills mosquito and black fly larvae without harming other animals.
- When ingested by mosquito larvae, the bacterial toxins destroy their gut within 10-30 minutes upon ingestion.

### BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

#### 1) Deutsche Bahn- world's first Intermodal Partner of Star Alliance

- Deutsche Bahn (DB) will be the world's first Intermodal Partner of Star Alliance. With this, DB and the aviation industry are sending another strong signal for the environment-friendly evolution of the travel industry.
- Germany is the first market and DB is the world's first partner in the new Star Alliance initiative.

### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

#### 1) Parameswaran Iyer

- Parameswaran Iyer takes charge as NITI Aayog CEO. NITI Aayog is premier policy think tank of Government of India, providing directional and policy inputs.

#### 2) Elon Musk terminates deal to buy twitter

- Twitter has hired top law firm to charge legal action against Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk on his decision to terminate the \$44 billion takeover deal.



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- Musk decided to suspend the deal due to multiple breaches of the purchase agreement.

## SPORTS

### 1) Gijon Chess Masters

D. Gukesh (India) won the Gijon Chess Masters, with eight points out of nine rounds.

- GM Alexandr Fier of Brazil finished second with 6.5 points while International Master Pedro Antonio Gines of Spain came third scoring six points.

- With the win, Gukesh took his FIDE rating to 2693.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) International Malala Day

- International Malala Day is celebrated every year on July 12 on the occasion of young activist Malala Yousafzai's birthday.

- The United Nations (UN) designated this date to be marked as Malala Day to honour the young woman who has been advocating for female education.

