

Current Affairs

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Today's Important News

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1.50-Year-Old Amar Jawan Jyoti To Be Put Out, Merged With War Memorial Flame

- According to defence officials, the Amar Jawan Jyoti flame at India Gate will be merged with the flame at the newly constructed National War Memorial in the same complex.
- The Amar Jawan Jyoti was erected as a memorial to fallen soldiers of the 1971 operations that led to the freedom of Bangladesh.
- It is housed inside the India Gate, a British era memorial to soldiers who lost their lives in pre-independence operations.



2. Dileep Sanghani elected as IFFCO chairman

- Dileep Sanghani has been elected as chairman (17th) of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO).
- He succeeds Balvinder Singh Nakai.
- Sanghani was elected as the vice-chairman of IFFCO in the year 2019.
- IFFCO is a multi-state cooperative society engaged in the business of manufacturing and marketing fertilisers.



Foot Notes:

About IFFCO:

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 3 November 1967

Chairman: Dileep Sanghani

MD & CEO: Dr. U.S Awasthi

3. India successfully test fires BrahMos supersonic cruise missile

- BrahMos supersonic cruise missile with increased indigenous content and improved performance was successfully testfired from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha
- The launch was conducted by Brahmos Aerospace in close coordination with the teams of the Defence Research and Development Organisation
- The missile was equipped with advanced indigenous technologies and followed a modified optimal trajectory for enhanced efficiency and improved performance



Foot Notes:

About BrahMos:

Place of origin: India, Russia

Manufacturer: BrahMos Aerospace Limited

Operational range

Surface/Sea Platform - 500 km (310 mi; 270 nmi)

Air Platform - 400 km (250 mi; 220 nmi)

4. Bangladesh to make Unique Business ID mandatory for e-commerce entities

- The Bangladesh government will make the Unique Business ID (UBID) mandatory for all e-commerce entities in the country
- According to Zunaid Ahmed Palak(State Minister for IT),all digital commerce operators in the country will be required to register with the government using the UBID.
- The use of these mechanisms to regulate the e-commerce sector will restore public confidence in the digital business



Foot Notes:

About Bangladesh:

Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina

Capital: Dhaka

Currency: Bangladeshi taka

President: Abdul Hamid

5. Over 76500 'Agri Nutri Gardens' established under Agri Nutri Garden Week

- Over 76 thousand 500 'Agri Nutri Gardens' have been established under the Agri Nutri Garden Week' as against the target of 7500.
- Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) observed this week from 10th to 17th of this month.
- It is the Mission's agenda to support every rural poor household to have Agri Nutri Garden to fulfil the family's nutritional needs.
- Excess production can also be sold for income generation.



6. PM Modi inaugurates newly built Circuit House building near Somnath Temple

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the newly built Circuit House building near Somnath Temple in Gujarat through video conferencing.
- The new circuit house building has been constructed by the Gujarat government at a cost of more than 30 crore rupees.
- The historic Somnath Temple is visited by lakhs of devotees from India and abroad every year.
- The landscaping of the circuit house has been done in such a way that sea view is available from every room.



Foot Notes:

About Somnath Temple:

The Somnath temple, also called Somanātha temple or Deo Patan, is located in Prabhas Patan, Veraval in Gujarat, India. One of the most sacred pilgrimage sites for the Hindus, they believe it to be the first among the twelve Jyotirlinga shrines of Shiva.

7. India, Sri Lanka extend existing Science & Technology cooperation for three

- India and Sri Lanka have extended the existing Science and Technology cooperation for three more years.
- Now, the countries focus on new areas like waste-water technologies, sustainable agriculture, aerospace engineering, robotics and artificial intelligence.



- The decision was taken during the 5th Joint Committee meeting on Science and Technology Cooperation between India and Sri Lanka.

Foot Notes:

About Sri Lanka:

Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

Currency: Sri Lankan rupee

President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa

8. Babar Azam named captain of ICC Men's ODI Team of Year 2021

- According to the global cricket body, Pakistan captain Babar Azam has been named as the captain of the ICC Men's ODI Team of the Year.
- He was also named the skipper of the Men's Team of the Year for 2021.
- There were no Indians in the ICC T20I Men's Team of the Year but Smriti Mandhana found a spot in the Women's T20I Team of the Year.



Foot Notes:

About ICC:

Chairman: Greg Barclay

CEO: Geoff Allardice

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded: 15 June 1909

9. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's grand statue to be installed at India Gate

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that a grand statue of iconic freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chand Bose will be installed at India Gate.
- He said, till the grand statue of Netaji Bose is completed, a hologram statue of his would be present at the same place.
- Mr. Modi will unveil the hologram statue on 23rd January, Netaji's birth anniversary.



Foot Notes:

About Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose:

Subhas Chandra Bose was an Indian nationalist whose defiant patriotism made him a hero in India, but whose attempts during World War II to rid India of British rule with the help of Nazi Germany and Fascist Japan left a troubled legacy.

Born: 23 January 1897, Cuttack

Died: 18 August 1945, Taipei City, Taipei, Taiwan

Nickname: Netaji

10. Saturnino de la Fuente, the world's oldest man passes away at 112

- The oldest person living (male) Saturnino de la Fuente García (112 years & 341 days) has passed away at home in León, a city in north-west Spain,
- Saturnino claimed the record as the oldest person living (male) in September 2021 when he was exactly 112 years and 211 days.
- De la Fuente was a cobbler by trade and started working in a shoe factory at age 13.
- He was born in the Puente Castro neighbourhood of León on Feb. 11, 1909.



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