

Current Affairs

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Today's Important News

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1. Railways connects India's longest tunnel T-49 in Katra-Banihal section

- The main tunnel of T-49 of Udhampur- Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project has been connected successfully.
- It is constructed between Sumber and Arpinchala station of Katra-Banihal section USBRL
- It is the longest tunnel of Indian Railways.
- T-49 is a tunnel of length 12.758 km long and it is going to be the longest tunnel of Indian Railway.
- Peer Panjal Tunnel of 11.2 km length constructed by USBRL on the Banihal-Qazigund section is the 2nd longest tunnel.



Foot Notes:

About Indian Railways:

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 6 May 1836

Railway Minister: Ashwini Vaishnaw

Chairman: VK Tripathi

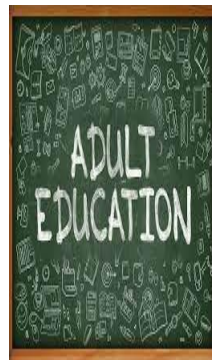
2. India to showcase Agriculture and Food Processing prowess at EXPO 2020 Dubai

- India will showcase its Agriculture and Food Processing prowess at EXPO 2020 Dubai.
- Dr. AbhilakshLikhi inaugurated the Food, Agriculture and Livelihood fortnight at the India Pavilion.
- The fortnight will showcase India's prowess in sectors like food processing, horticulture, dairy, fisheries, and organic farming.
- India will exhibit investment opportunities in millets, organic farming, horticulture and dairy to investors worldwide.



3. Government approves 'New India Literacy Programme' for Education of adults

- The Union Govt. approved a new scheme "New India Literacy Programme" during the FYs 2022-2027 to cover all the aspects of adult education and also to align with national education policy 2020
- The scheme will cover non-literates of the age of 15 years and above in the country.
- Now, Govt. has replaced the term "Adult Education (प्रौढ़ शिक्षा)" as 'Education for All' in the country.
- It will be implemented through volunteerism through online mode.



4. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal unveil Water taxi service in Mumbai

- The much-awaited water taxi service promising connectivity between Mumbai and Navi Mumbai has been unveiled by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal
- The initiative will help in promoting tourism as well as reducing traffic congestion in the city.
- The WT services are expected to cut the commuting time between Mumbai and Navi Mumbai by almost 45 minutes to an hour.
- The service will begin from Domestic Cruise Terminal at ferry wharf in Mumbai to Navi Mumbai destinations.



5. NITI Aayog and PhonePe to launch Fintech Open Hackathon

- NITI Aayog in association with PhonePe will launch the Fintech Open Hackathon.
- The Hackathon will provide an opportunity for innovators, digital creators and developers from all over India to think, ideate and code.
- It aims to showcase path-breaking solutions for the Fintech Ecosystem.



- The last date to register: 23rd February
- The winners of the Hackathon: 28th February

Foot Notes:

About NITI Aayog:

Formed: 1 January 2015

Headquarters: New Delhi

Chairperson: Narendra Modi

About PhonePe:

CEO: Sameer Nigam

Headquarters: Bengaluru

Founded: 2015

6. RBI extends timeline by six months for NBFCs to adhere new NPA recognition

- The Reserve Bank of India extended the timeline by six months for Non-Banking Financial Companies to adhere to the new NPA recognition norms
- Earlier the regulator had set March 31 deadline for non-bank lenders to upgrade NPAs only after all arrears and principal dues are paid.
- NBFCs will have time till Sep 30 to put in place the necessary systems to implement this provision.
- Loans classified as NPA will be upgraded to the standard category only if all dues are paid.



Foot Notes:

About RBI:

Governor: Shaktikanta Das

Founded: 1 April 1935

Headquarters: Mumbai

7. According to Govt Foodgrain production likely to hit record high for 2021-22

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has released the Second Advance Estimates of production of major crops for the agricultural year 2021-22.
- As per the estimate the total foodgrains production in the country is pegged to reach an all-time record high of 316.06 million tonnes.



- The estimated foodgrains production for agricultural year 2021-22 (July-June) is 1.71 per cent higher than 310.74 million tonnes recorded in 2020-21.

Foot Notes:

About Ministry of Agriculture:

Founded: 1947

Headquarters: New Delhi

Minister: Narendra Singh Tomar

8. Chelsea defeated Palmeiras to win first FIFA Club World Cup

- Chelsea have been won first FIFA Club World Cup by defeating Brazil's Palmeiras in extra-time in the final in Abu Dhabi.
- Chelsea defeated South American counterparts in the final at Mohamed bin Zayed Stadium by 2-1.
- The winner came from the penalty spot in the 117th minute.
- Chelsea Football Club is an English professional football club based in Fulham, West London.



Foot Notes:

About FIFA:

President: Gianni Infantino

Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland

9. Haryana Men's Team & Kerala Women's Team won Senior National Volleyball

- Haryana Men's Team and Kerala Women's Team became champions of 70th Senior National Volleyball Championship.
- The tournament was held at the Biju Patnaik Indoor Stadium, KIIT Deemed to be University.
- Haryana Men's Team defeated Indian Railway 3-0.
- Likewise, the women team of Kerala lifted the trophy after outplaying the women team of Indian Railway 3-1.
- The Championship was jointly organized by Odisha Volleyball Association (OVA) & KIIT-DU, Bhubaneswar.



Foot Notes:

About Haryana:

Capital: Chandigarh

Governor: Bandaru Dattatreya

Chief Minister: Manohar Lal Khattar

10. Kannada poet Chennaveera Kanavi passes away at 94

- Kannada writer and poet Dr Chennaveera Kanavi (94-years) passed away due to age-related illnesses at a private hospital in Dharwad.
- He was also known as 'Samanvaya Kavi' (Poet of Reconciliation).
- Dr Kanavi received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1981 for his work Jeeva Dhvani (Poetry).
- Kanavi's first book, 'Kavyakshi', was published in 1949.



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