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National and International News

<p>Person in the news: Jon Fosse</p> 	<p>Why in the news? Jon Fosse won the Nobel Prize for literature for the year 2023. He hails from Norway.</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The writer was honored for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable. • The prize is awarded for a writer’s entire body of work. • “A New Name: Septology VI-VII” - One of his best works.
<p>World Elders Day</p>	<p>The International Day of Older People is observed on October 1 each year.</p> <p>2023 Theme is <i>“Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons: Across Generations”</i></p> <p>Year by year, the themes for International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 theme: Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World • 2021 theme: Digital Equity for All Ages • 2020 theme: Pandemics: do they change how we address age and aging? • 2019 theme: The Journey to Age Equality
<p>Senior citizens and their mental health</p>	<p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roughly 15 % of elders (22 million in India) have serious mental illness. • The “treatment gap“ is a staggering 90 % in India. <p>Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy aging, as a concept, should be introduced in the school curriculum. • The SCARF (Schizophrenia Research Foundation) has partnered with the Azim Premji Foundation to raise awareness about elder mental health in four rural Taluks of Chengalpet district in Tamil Nadu. • City and town planners should consider elder-friendly designs to improve mobility and reduce dependency.



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Did you know?

- India had **149 million older adults (10.5 %)** in 2022, This figure will grow to **347 million (20.8 %)** by 2050 according to projections

Unlawful Activities Prevention Act(UAPA)

Context

Recently a founder of a news portal got **arrested under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act(UAPA) Act**

About Unlawful Activities Prevention Act

- UAPA was passed in **1967** to designate a group or an **organization as unlawful.**
- The recent UAPA 2019 Amendment **allows to designation of an individual as a terrorist.**
- A law **aims at effective prevention of unlawful activity** associations in India.
- **Unlawful activity** refers to any action taken by an individual or association **intended to disrupt the territorial integrity and sovereignty of India.**
- The Act empowers the **central government to declare an activity as unlawful** by adding it to the Official Gazette of India.
- It has the death **penalty and life imprisonment** as the highest punishments.
- Under UAPA, **both Indian and foreign** nationals can be charged.

Veerangana Rani Durgavati

Context

Mr. Modi laid the foundation stone of **Veerangana Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden** in **Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.**

Rani Durgavati

- She was the ruling **Queen of Gondwana** from 1550 until 1564.
- She is chiefly remembered for **defending her kingdom against the Mughal Empire.**
- Heritage during that period and Khajuraho belonged to the **Chandel dynasty.**
- **She** assumed the leadership of the Gond kingdom around 1550.



<p>Statistics on Diabetes</p>	<p>Context Recently, a study was conducted by the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research and the Ministry of Health regarding diabetes.</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A study revealed that 11.4% of India's population or 10.13 crore people are living with diabetes. • 15.3% of the population or an additional 13.6 crore people are pre-diabetic. • It also found that 28.6% of the population would be considered to be obese as per the BMI measure. • According to the World Health Organization, a 10% increase in the consumption of ultra-processed food a day is associated with a 15% higher risk of type-2 diabetes among adults.
<p>Eat Right India Movement</p>	<p>About movement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a year-long social and mass media campaign. • It was started by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). • It is the new healthy eating approach to bring Health Revolution through food and fitness. • The FSSAI has put in place robust regulatory measures under three major pillars: Eat Safe, Eat Healthy and Eat Sustainably for the programme.
<p>Climate 'polycrisis</p>	<p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A term made popular by Adam Tooze • It refers to the interconnected and compounding crises related to climate change. • It encompasses the physical impacts of climate change (rising temperatures, sea-level rise, and extreme weather events). • It also encompasses social, economic, and political challenges that arise from these impacts



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<p>National Carbon Accounting (NCA) System</p>	<p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An NCA system extends carbon accounting ideas, unifying the nation, starting from individuals to households, under a single carbon accounting framework. • Carbon accounting (or greenhouse gas accounting) is a framework of methods to measure and track how much greenhouse gas (GHG) an organization emits.
<p>IBC 2016.</p>	<p>Context</p> <p>The government has notified that the protection offered under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 to debtors for repaying dues will not cover aircraft, helicopters and engines.</p> <p>Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code(IBC), 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBC was formulated in 2016. • It is implemented to consolidate all laws related to insolvency and bankruptcy • Its aim is to tackle Non-Performing Assets (NPA). • The IBC Covers all individuals, companies, Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) and partnership firms. • Adjudicating authority are:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for companies and LLPs. 2. Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) for individuals and partnership firms. <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insolvency is unable to repay outstanding debt. • Bankruptcy is a situation whereby a court of competent jurisdiction has declared a person or other entity insolvent. It is a legal declaration of one's inability to pay off debts.



Kerala Regional News

Blue whale spotted off Kozhikode coast



In News:

Four days after the carcass of a 50-foot-long blue whale was seen ashore at Kozhikode beach, another blue whale was spotted around 12 nautical miles off Kozhikode coast.

Key Points:

- Marine scientists believe that **climate change and ensuing impacts on ocean ecosystems might be one of the reasons** for increased events of whale stranding.
- Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) **has embarked on a 100-day coastal survey** to study the diversity and distribution of marine mammals.
- The **researchers will study the marine mammal diversity on the Indian coast within 12 nautical miles** and analyze the relation between stranding events and climate change.
- The research project, was undertaken in **collaboration with the Fishery Survey of India.**
- It also aims to achieve a holistic understanding of marine mammal behavior, population dynamics, and ecology.

Kerala student won silver medal at 2nd International olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics



In News:

A student from Kerala won silver at the **second International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics** for Juniors (IOAA-Jr) in Volos, Greece, last week.

Key Points:

- **Siddharth Kumar Gopal from St Thomas Residential School, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, bagged silver**
- The event, held from **September 24-30, saw high school students from around the globe**, including China, Thailand, Ukraine, Sweden, and the UAE competing in theoretical and observational astronomy.

Did you Know?

- The 2nd IOAA was held in **Bandung, Indonesia**



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<p>Absolute Poverty alleviation in Kerala by 2025</p>	<p>In News: Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan has said the state government will ensure alleviation of absolute poverty in the state by November 2025.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM said this at the review meeting for projects designed for Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, and Alappuzha in Kochi. • He also said that the Kerala government has made significant achievements in the Haritha Keralam Mission • State government also made significant progress in education and health. • The state has also made the Jal Jeevan Mission successful.
<p>First-ever nightlife project in Thiruvananthapuram</p>	<p>In News: In a move to stimulate nightlife in the capital city, the first-ever nightlife project in Kerala will be launched at Manaveeyam Veedhi in Thiruvananthapuram this month.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan is to keep the Manaveeyam Veedhi, the designated cultural corridor in the capital, alive and open from 7:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. every day. • There will be a ban on traffic in the area during these hours to ensure a smooth nightlife. • It was also decided to form a managing committee to monitor the operations here. • The remaining work under the redevelopment plan, being executed by the Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Ltd (SCTL), will be completed before October 25.
<p>International workshop on genes in Kerala</p>	<p>In News: Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB) has started a six-day workshop-cum-course on the basic mechanisms of genes and diseases.</p>



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Key Points:

- Dr. Shekhar C Mande, former director general, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Government of India, inaugurated the program titled '**Immuno-India 2023**'.
- He said that the government has adopted the Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) program very aggressively and medicines are given to TB patients only through DOT

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