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## **NATIONAL**

### **Hunar haat – Employment to Craftsmen**

- ❖ Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has decided to organise about 100 'Hunar Haat' in the next five years across the country.
- ❖ The program aims to provide
  - a platform to master artisans and craftsmen to display as well sell their products.
  - employment to lakhs of craftsmen.
- ❖ The next Hunar Haat will be organised in Prayagraj from 1st to 10th of November 2019.
- ❖ The theme of all these events will be 'Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat'.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Ancient Mummies**

- ❖ Egypt unveils its archeological discovery of 30 ancient coffins with mummies inside.
- ❖ These Mummies are dating back 3000 years ago.
- ❖ The coffins were for male and female priests and children and dated back to 10th century BC and the 22nd Pharaonic dynasty.
- ❖ The discovery was unveiled in front of Hatshepsut Temple at Valley of the Kings in Luxor city at Egypt.
- ❖ It is the first large human coffin cache ever discovered since the end of the 19th century.
- ❖ A mummy is the body of a person (or an animal) that has been preserved after death.



## **ECONOMY**

### **GOAL**

- ❖ Going Online as Leaders (GOAL) is a Facebook program launched for underprivileged young tribal women.
- ❖ It aimed at inspiring, guiding and encouraging tribal girls from across India to become village-level digital young leaders for their communities.
- ❖ Ministry of Tribal Affairs associated with Facebook have recently launched the 2nd phase of this program.



## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Leadership Expeditions

- ❖ It is a global initiative by the French's National Centre for Space Studies, that conducts leadership expeditions for women in science to Antarctica.
- ❖ In its 5th edition, Priyanka Das Rajkakati, a 27-year-old woman, originally from Assam, has been selected.
- ❖ It is a one-year long programme where women with STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine) backgrounds will be trained.

### Van Allen Probes mission

- ❖ NASA recently decommissioned its 7-year-old Van Allen Probes mission.
- ❖ It consists of 2 satellites in Van Allen belts to study space weather and the radiation belts around the Earth.
- ❖ Van Allen radiation belts are giant swaths of magnetically trapped, highly energetic charged particles that surround earth.
- ❖ The mission studied how these radiation rings acquire and lose electromagnetic particles.
- ❖ James Van Allen, a physicist at the University of Iowa, discovered these radiation belts in 1958.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Saharan Silver Ants

- ❖ Scientists have discovered the world's fastest ant which runs at speeds equivalent of 360mph in humans.
- ❖ The Saharan silver ant — named after where it lives — can put in 50 strides a second, covering a distance of nearly a metre.
- ❖ These Ants are found at the deserts of Douz, Tunisia.



## STATES

### **Local Treatment of Urban Sewage Streams for Healthy Reuse (LOTUS-HR)**

- ❖ The second phase of an Indo-Dutch project called Local Treatment of Urban Sewage Streams for Healthy Reuse, was launched at in New Delhi by the Minister of Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan and the Dutch Royal couple, Netherlands King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima.
- ❖ The Dutch Royal couple is on a five-day visit to India at the invitation of President Ram Nath Kovind.
- ❖ This trip will be King Willem-Alexander's first state visit to India following his ascension to the throne in 2013.
- ❖ It is a water treatment laboratory that seeks to treat dirty water from Drain.
- ❖ Technology being used in LOTUS-HR is called wetland technique.
- ❖ It is jointly supported by Department of Biotechnology, under the Union Ministry of Science and Technology and Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research.
- ❖ Moreover, IIT-Delhi and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) are partners in this project.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### **Viswanathan Anand pens inspirational book**

- ❖ Chess legend Viswanathan Anand has authored an inspirational book.
- ❖ The Book is named as 'Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life'.

### **Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award**

- ❖ The Vice President of India Venkaiah Naidu presented 'Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award' to legal luminary, scholar and former Attorney General of India, K. Parasaran at New Delhi.
- ❖ He was Advocate General of Tamil Nadu in 1976 and Attorney General of India under former PMs Rajiv Gandhi and Indira Gandhi.

### **William Dalrymple's Book**

- ❖ The eminent historian William Dalrymple's new book 'The Anarchy' was recently released globally.



- ❖ 'The Anarchy: The East India Company, Corporate Violence, and the Pillage of an Empire', as the title suggests, tells the fascinating story of the East India Company (EIC) and how it grew its profits by exploiting India's riches.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **Digital Society Day – October 17**

- ❖ India celebrates October 17 as the Digital Society Day.
- ❖ October 17 is significant for the Digital Society in India since it was on October 17, 2000, that Information Technology Act 2000, the first law of the digital society in India was notified.
- ❖ This notification gave for the first time in the country, legal recognition for electronic documents.
- ❖ It also provided a legally recognized method of authentication of electronic documents by means of digital signatures.
- ❖ Additionally, Information Technology Act 2000 recognized Cyber Crimes and prescribed a fast track grievance redressal mechanism for Cyber Crimes.

### **Police Commemoration Day – October 21**

- ❖ National Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on October 21 to remember remembering the brave policemen who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties.
- ❖ Last year, Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first national police museum in Delhi on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day 2018.

#### **Police Commemoration Day history**

- ❖ On October 21, 1959, twenty Indian soldiers were attacked by the Chinese troops in Ladakh.
- ❖ This altercation between the troops led to the death of ten policemen.
- ❖ Seven of the others, who were also imprisoned, managed to escape from the Chinese troops.
- ❖ On November 28, 1959, the Chinese troops handed over the dead bodies of the martyred policemen to India.
- ❖ Their cremation was held with full Police honours at the Hot springs in Ladakh.





## **UN Day – October 24**

- ❖ UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter.
- ❖ The United Nations officially came into existence on 24 October 1945.
- ❖ 2019 is the 74th year of foundation.
- ❖ UN India commemorated the day by remembering Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary with the theme "Gandhi and Sustainability".



## **World Development Information Day - October 24**

- ❖ It is observed annually to draw the attention of the world to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.
- ❖ In 1972, the United Nations General Assembly decided to institute a World Development Information Day coinciding with United Nations Day on October 24.
- ❖ It was first held on October 24, 1973.

