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History, Art and Culture
Babri Masjid in Ayodhya
33rd anniversary of the mosque demolition.   • **Built in –** 1529, by Mir Baqi, Mughal Emperor Babar's commander.   • Along with the mosques at *Sambhal and Panipat*, it was one of three mosques said to have been constructed in the 16th century upon Babur's orders.   • **Demolition of Babri Masjid held in –** 6th December 1992.   • **Supreme Court verdict in –** 2019, handed over 2.77 acres of land, which was at the centre of a long legal scrutiny, to a trust for the construction of a Ram temple at the site.   • Allotted 5 acres of land at a "prominent site" in Ayodhya for the mosque.
Social Issues
Update on National Tele Mental Health Programme
• **Tele-MANAS Mobile Application** – Expanded to *10 additional regional languages* like Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Odia, and Punjabi — along with the previously available languages, English and Hindi.   • **Currently operational in –** *36 States/UTs with 53 Tele-MANAS cells* across the country.   • **Video consultation facility –** It launched to strengthen tele-mental health support services.
Dedicated Tele-MANAS cell
• **Established at –** Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) Pune.   • **Aim –** To provide tele-mental health support to armed forces personnel and dependents.
Defence
Navy Day 2025
The Navy Day is being celebrated with a spectacular Operational Demonstration at Shangumugham beach in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.   • **Observed annually on –** 4th December.   • **Commemoration to –** The *Operation Trident in 1971*, in which the Indian Navy sank 4 Pakistani vessels, including PNS Khaibar.   • **Aim –** To recognise the achievements and role of the Indian Navy.   • **Significance –** It resolve as the *'Preferred Security Partner'* in the Indian Ocean Region, guided by MAHASAGAR initiative.
Economy
Unified Payment Interface (UPI) Global Expansion

India is in talks with approximately 8 more countries, including those in East Asia.
 • **Currently accepted in 8 countries –** Bhutan, Singapore, Qatar, Mauritius, Nepal, UAE, Sri Lanka, and France.
 • **Advantages –**
   - It permits Indian tourists to make UPI payments for transactions abroad, enhancing convenience.
   - It fosters a digital payments ecosystem and promotes financial inclusion globally.
   - It enables easier trade and remittances, potentially reducing transaction costs.

Science

National Conference on Use of AI And ML Technologies in Power Distribution Sector
• **Conducted under –** Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).
• **Organised by –** Ministry of Power.
• **Theme –** "Harnessing AI/ML for Smart, Efficient and Sustainable Power Distribution".
• **Objectives –** To promote adoption of advanced technologies like Blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and smart home automation for enhanced power distribution management.
• To facilitate knowledge sharing and best practices towards achieving operational efficiency, grid reliability, and sustainability goals.

Renewal of 'Engagement Strategy'
• **Signed between –** Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) with Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
• **Aim –** To encompass research and development for allied technologies, such as monoclonal antibodies.
• To enable timely and effective response to emerging health threats, contributing to the broader goals of good health and well-being
• **Significance -** It aligns with national development priorities and Sustainable Development Goals.

Earlier Engagement Strategy
• **Executed in –** October 2019 for a period of 5 years.
• **Key achievements –**
   - Early-stage development of vaccine candidates for Chikungunya, Coronavirus and Monkey pox.
   - Creation of shared infrastructure such as bioassay laboratory and animal facility.

NMDC Signs MoU with IIT Kanpur
• **Aim –** To facilitate new initiatives in the areas of cybersecurity and promote the adoption of modern digital technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), across NMDC's operations.
• **Key areas –**
   - Cybersecurity risk assessments;
   - Policy, governance and compliance support;
   - Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) integration and advancement;
   - Security operations and incident response;
   - Capacity building and knowledge sharing; and
   - Joint research and innovation.
• **Significance –** It strengthen our digital defences, improve operational intelligence, and build a secure and future-ready technological foundation for NMDC."

National Mineral Development Corporation

• It is an India's largest iron ore producer.

• **Incorporated in –** 1958 as a Government of India public enterprise.

• **Nodal ministry –** Ministry of Steel.

• **Exploration of minerals –** It includes copper, rock phosphate, limestone, magnesite, diamond, tungsten and beach sands amongst others in some of the most remote corners of the country.

• **Objectives –**

  - To expand the operations in the areas of Mining and Mineral Processing to meet the growing demands from domestic and international Markets.

  - Achieve international standards in per capita productivity, value addition and cost effectiveness.