

International

The European Council Has Elected Antonio Costa of Portugal as Its New President



About News:-

- ❖ The European Council elected António Costa, a politician from Portugal who held the position of Prime Minister (PM) from 2015 to 2024.
- ❖ He will succeed Belgium's Charles Michel, who has held the position since 2019, when he assumes office in December 2024.
- ❖ The European Council serves as an informal platform for discussions between the leaders of state and government of the European Union's member states (EU).

Key Points:-

- ❖ During their meeting for the European Council on June 27 and 28, 2024, EU leaders talked about the high-level EU roles in the next institutional cycle.
- ❖ A second five-year term as President of the European Commission, the EU's executive body, has been proposed for German Ursula von der Leyen.
- ❖ The contender for the position of High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy is Kaja Kallas, Estonia's first female prime minister.

About European Council:-

- ❖ **Established:-** 1974
- ❖ **Head Office:-** - Brussels, Belgium.
- ❖ **President:-** Charles Michel
- ❖ **Members-** Heads of state or government of EU countries, European Council President, European Commission President

National

The government launched the Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao initiative under SBM-U 2.0



About News:-

- ❖ Through Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0), the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) presents the 'Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao' (SABB) initiative for clean and healthy cities.
- ❖ Campaign Period: 1st July to 31st August 2024.
- ❖ Preparatory phase: 14th June to 30th June 2024.

Key Points:-

- ❖ All Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are required by the SABB program to implement comprehensive interventions that prioritize interdepartmental convergence, swachhata, and advocacy.
- ❖ It also calls for the adoption of the Protect Prevent Treat Strategy (PPTS), quick evaluations to pinpoint high-risk regions, and coordination and monitoring.
- ❖ The project seeks to address the issues of illness and uncleanliness during the monsoon season by working together across many Ministries, Departments, and inter-sectoral convergence.
- ❖ Special cleanliness drives, collection and transportation of waste, regular cleaning of all community and public toilets, sanitation and hygiene facilities for children, adequate sampling of water quality, supply of safe drinking water, maintenance of water works, and planning for Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) and door-to-door mobilisation.

Regarding the Bimaari Bhagao, Safai Apnao:-

- ❖ With the help of the Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao program, Urban Local Bodies will be better able to deal with the difficulties that come with June through August's excessive rainfall and increased health hazards.
- ❖ The program will be carried out by the "Stop Diarrhea Campaign" to stop diseases that are vector- and water-borne.
- ❖ The campaign calls for action on the following three fronts: interdepartmental convergence, citizen-centric advocacy, and cleanliness drives.

Economic

The World Bank has approved USD 1.5 billion to help the low-carbon energy sector in India

About News:-

- ❖ To assist India in accelerating the development of low-carbon energy, the World Bank (WB) approved USD 1.5 billion for the "Second Low-Carbon Energy Programmatic Development Policy Operation" on June 29, 2024.
- ❖ It's the second of two operations of a similar size that are primarily focused on growing the market for green hydrogen, increasing the capacity for renewable energy, and encouraging investments in the low-carbon energy industry.



Key Points:-

- ❖ The first Low-Carbon Energy Programmatic Development Policy Operation was approved by the WB Board of Executive Directors on June 29, 2023, with an amount of USD 1.5 billion.

- ❖ By increasing the use of renewable energy, creating green hydrogen, and encouraging the use of climate finance for low-carbon energy projects, it seeks to assist India in promoting low-carbon energy.
- ❖ It assists India in achieving its 500 GW renewable energy target by 2030.
- ❖ It will encourage the construction of electrolyzers, which are necessary for producing hydrogen, as well as reforms targeted at boosting the production of green hydrogen.
- ❖ By amending the Indian Electricity Grid Code (IEGC), it also seeks to improve the integration of renewable energy sources into India's electrical grid and provide incentives for battery energy storage systems.
- ❖ The World Bank estimates that from FY 25 to FY 26, the changes will produce at least 450,000 metric tons (MT) of green hydrogen and 1,500 megawatts (MW) of electrolyzers annually.
- ❖ It will also assist in boosting the capacity of renewable energy sources and promoting annual emissions reductions of 50 million tonnes.

About World Bank (WB):-

- ❖ **Established:-** 1944
- ❖ **Headquarters:-** Washington, D.C., United States of America (USA)
- ❖ **President :-** Ajay Banga
- ❖ **Member states:-** 189

Defence

After 17 years of service, the Indian Navy de-inducted the UH-3H helicopter at INS Dega, Visakhapatnam



About News:-

- ❖ After 17 years of use, the Indian Navy said goodbye to the UH-3H helicopter on June 28, 2024.

- ❖ The de-induction ceremony was presided over by Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena, Chief of Staff (COS), Eastern Naval Command (ENC), at the naval air base in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- ❖ To maintain and provide operational power and capability, the Sea King 42C helicopter will take the position of the UH-3H helicopter in the Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 350.

Key Points:-

- ❖ In the 'City of Destiny' in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, one UH-3H will be permanently on display in a conspicuous place.
- ❖ The AP government received the commemorative plaque from Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena. The plaque signifying the aircraft handover was given to K. Mayur Ashok, Joint Collector, Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Visakhapatnam.

About UH-3H :-

- ❖ Having arrived in India in 2007 with the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Jalashwa, the UH-3H was officially welcomed into INAS 350 on March 24, 2009, and given the name "Saaras".
- ❖ The powerful "Saaras" accentuates the squadron crest with the words "Fortitude, Bravery, and tenacity."
- ❖ The UH-3H helicopter is an adaptable platform that has proven invaluable in special operations, offshore facility security, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) efforts.
- ❖ It brought cutting-edge capabilities to SAR (search and rescue) missions and Special Operations.
- ❖ Numerous lives were spared after natural catastrophes thanks to its sophisticated SAR skills and logistical support.

About the Indian Navy:-

- ❖ **Founded:-** 26 January 1950
- ❖ **Headquarters:** - New Delhi, Delhi
- ❖ **Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS):** - Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi

Award

Bank of India receives Atal Pension Yojana Annual Award for FY2023-24 by PFRDA



About News:-

For the second year in a row, the Bank of India (BOI) has been the recipient of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Awards' Atal Pension Yojana Annual Award for FY2023–2024.

Key Points:-

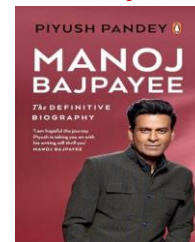
- ❖ BOI received the 'APY Ultimate Champions Cup' in addition, and three of its branches were named in the top five in all of India.
- ❖ Three regional rural banks (RRB) sponsored by the BOI were also acknowledged for their achievements in APY enrollment: Vidharbha Konkan Gramin Bank (VKGB) in Nagpur, Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank (MPGB) in Indore, and Aryavart Bank (AB) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ In the presence of Dr. Deepak Mohanty, Chairman of PFRDA, Dr. Vivek Joshi, Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS), awarded the awards.

About Bank of India (BOI):-

- ❖ **Founded:-** 7 September 1906
- ❖ **Headquarters:-** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ❖ **MD & CEO :-** Rajneesh Karnatak

Book

"Manoj Bajpayee: The Definitive Biography" Journalist Piyush Pandey wrote the book



About News:-

- ❖ Journalist Piyush Pandey's biography of the National Award-winning Bollywood actor Manoj Bajpayee is titled "**Manoj Bajpayee: The Definitive Biography**".
- ❖ The book tells the tale of Manoj Bajpayee's dedication to and enthusiasm for performing and was released by Penguin Ebury Press, an imprint of Penguin Random House.
- ❖ Translated into English by journalist Rachit Vats, the book "Manoj Bajpayee: Kuch Paane Ki Zid" was originally written in Hindi. Hind Pocket Books, an imprint of Penguin India, published the book in 2022.

About Manoj Bajpayee:-

- ❖ Three National Film Awards have been given to him: Best Actor for Bhonsle (2018) in 2021; Special Jury Award (Feature Film) for Pinjar in 2004; and Best Supporting Actor for Satya in 1999.
- ❖ In 2019, the Indian government bestowed upon him the Padma Shri for arts.
- ❖ Among his well-known pieces are Aligarh (2015), Sonchiriyaa (2019), Shool (1999), and The Family Man (2019).

Miscellaneous

Elephants from Borneo are listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List



About News:-

- ❖ The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species has classified the Bornean elephant (*Elephas maximus borneensis*), the smallest Asian elephant subspecies, as "**Endangered**" because of risks from human activity.
- ❖ For the first time, the Bornean elephant has been recognized as a separate subspecies of Asian elephant on the IUCN Red List.

- ❖ The evaluation verifies that there are roughly 400 breeding adult Bornean elephants remaining in the wild, out of an estimated 1,000 total.
- ❖ Under the direction of Professor Adrian Lister of the Natural History Museum in London, United Kingdom (UK), the Asian Elephant Specialist Group of the IUCN Species Survival Commission (AsESG) carried out the Red List Assessment.

About Bornean Elephant:-

- ❖ The Bornean elephant, which was first named in 1950, is genetically different from all other populations of elephants.
- ❖ Elephants are characterized by their diminutive stature; males reach up to 2.5 meters (m) in height, whereas mainland elephants reach up to 3 m.
- ❖ Compared to other Asian elephants, they have a wider face due to the different shapes of their skulls.
- ❖ With a small number in the Indonesian province of Kalimantan, they are mostly found in the Malaysian state of Sabah.
- ❖ These elephants are restricted to the island of Borneo, which is the third-largest island in the world and one of the largest in Southeast Asia. They are a separate subspecies.
- ❖ The island of Borneo holds a unique distinction in that it is shared by three nations: Malaysia, Indonesia, and Brunei.
- ❖ In the last forty years, logging and the planting of commercial oil palm have been the main causes of the loss of almost 60% of the forest habitat used by Bornean elephants.
- ❖ There are further risks associated with automobile collisions, pesticide consumption by accident, and ivory poaching.
- ❖ Elephants are moving more and more into human-dominated regions in Sabah as the population grows. This causes crop damage and retaliation kills.

About the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN):-

- ❖ **Established-** 5th October 1948
- ❖ **Headquarters-** Gland, Switzerland
- ❖ **Director General-** Dr Grethel Aguilar

Obituary

Pahalman Subba, a former Lok Sabha MP from Sikkim, has passed away



About News:-

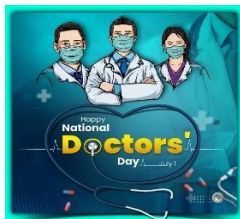
In Gangtok, Sikkim, Pahalman Subba, the state's first elected MP (Lok Sabha) passed away.

Key Points:-

- ❖ He was born in the West Sikkim village of Tikjek on March 12, 1966.
- ❖ On the platform of the Sikkim Janata Party (SJP), he won the 1980 election and was an MP till 1984.
- ❖ He was the first to win a fought election and Sikkim's second Member of Parliament.
- ❖ In 1975, Sikkim joined the Indian Union as a state.
- ❖ The first Sikkim MP was Indian National Congressman Chatra Bahadur Chhetri.
- ❖ In the 1977 election, he was elected without a challenge.

Important Day

National Doctor's Day - 1 July



About Day:-

National Doctor's Day, celebrated every year on July 1st in India, honors and appreciates the dedication of the country's healthcare professionals. It's a special occasion to recognize their unwavering commitment and hard work in protecting the nation's health and ensuring well-being.

Theme 2024:- 'Healing Hands, Caring Hearts'

History:-

- ❖ Doctor's Day in India is celebrated in honor of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, a distinguished physician, freedom fighter, and prominent politician.
- ❖ Dr. Roy served as the Chief Minister of West Bengal for over 14 years and was affectionately known as the 'Maker of Bengal' for establishing renowned educational institutions and cities like Ashoknagar, Durgapur, Kalyani, and Bidhannagar.
- ❖ Awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1961, India's highest civilian honor, Dr. Roy dedicated his life to serving the nation in various capacities.
- ❖ Following his passing on July 1, 1962, this date was chosen to commemorate National Doctor's Day, recognizing his immense contributions to society.

Significance:-

- ❖ Doctor's Day is celebrated to honor and acknowledge the invaluable contributions of doctors to society.
- ❖ It emphasizes the crucial role healthcare professionals play in saving lives, promoting well-being, and alleviating suffering.
- ❖ This special day serves as a tribute to their unwavering dedication and empathy in treating patients and enhancing public health.
- ❖ It also inspires gratitude towards doctors for their selfless service and steadfast commitment to humanity's well-being.

