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❖ **National Science Day**

- National Science day is observed every year on February 28 across India. The day commemorates the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' by the famous scientist CV Raman on February 28, 1928.
- The day is to celebrate the scientific community's achievements and reflect on the incredible impact that science has had on our lives.
- The theme for National Science Day 2023 is "Global science for global well-being".
- The theme for National Science Day in 2021 was "The Future of STI."
- National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC) convinced the Indian government to designate February 28 as National Science Day in 1986.
- On the first National Science Day (February 28, 1987), the NCSTC revealed the creation of the National Science Popularization Prizes to honour outstanding accomplishments in science and technology.
- Sir CV Raman was the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize in any field of science.

❖ **Zero Discrimination Day**

- Zero Discrimination Day is celebrated on March 1 every year by the United Nations and other international organisations.
- The aim is to promote equality and fairness before the law and to fight systemic and cultural discrimination against people with HIV/AIDS.
- This year, the theme for Zero Discrimination Day is "Save lives: Decriminalise".

- The UN first celebrated this day on March 1, 2014 after UNAIDS, a UN program on human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), launched its Zero
- Discrimination Campaign on 'World AIDS Day' in December 2013.
- The day was launched by UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé on 27 February of that year with a major event in Beijing.

❖ **Khushbu Sundar nominated as a member of the National Commission for Women**

- Actor-politician Khushbu Sundar from Tamil Nadu has been nominated as a member of the National Commission for Women. She is presently a member of the BJP's national executive committee.
- The order issued by the NCW Director said that the nomination is for a period of three years from the date of assumption of charge or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
- Besides Sundar, the Centre has also nominated Mamta Kumari and Delina Khongdup as members of the commission.

❖ **Shailesh Pathak becomes the new secretary-general of FICCI**

- Former bureaucrat Shailesh Pathak has been appointed as the new secretary-general of FICCI.
- FICCI also announced that Arun Chawla, director general, will superannuate on June 30, 2023, and transition to an advisory role

❖ **Rajesh Malhotra appointed as the Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau**

- Senior Indian Information Service (IIS) officer Rajesh Malhotra was appointed as the Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau.
- Malhotra succeeds Satyendra Prakash, who superannuated on 1st March.
- He will be the principal spokesperson of the government of India.

➤ Rajesh Malhotra was elevated to a higher grade of IIS in June last year and appointed as the Principal Director General of the Central Bureau of Communication.

➤ The Information and Broadcasting Ministry also named Priya Kumar as the Director General of Doordarshan News (DD News). She succeeds Mayank Agrawal.

❖ **India wins GSMA Government Leadership Award 2023**

➤ GSM Association (GSMA) has conferred Government Leadership Award 2023 to India for implementing best practices in telecom policy and regulation.

➤ GSMA, which represents more than 750 mobile operators and 400 companies in the telecom ecosystem, recognizes one country every year.

➤ India was declared the winner in the ceremony held at Mobile World Congress Barcelona on 27 Feb 2023.

❖ **International Biotech Conclave: 1st ever in Northeast**

➤ Union MoS Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh has inaugurated the 'International Biotech Conclave' in Imphal, Manipur.

➤ It was held along with the 22nd Congress of the International Society for Ethno-pharmacology and the 10th Congress of the Society for Ethno-pharmacology.

➤ The theme for the conclave was "Reimagine Ethnopharmacology: Globalisation of Traditional Medicine".

➤ For the first time since Independence, the North Eastern Region is organizing an event involving over 700 International and national delegates, representing over 35 countries from across the world.

❖ **Tamil Nadu's Spiny Brinjal and Rannad Mundu Chillies Get The GI Tag**

➤ Due to their distinctive morphological and geographic traits, two new products from Tamil Nadu the Vellore Spiny Brinjal and Ramanathapuram Mundu Chillies have been awarded the prestigious Geographical Indications (GI) label.

- The Vellore Spiny Brinjal or Elavambadi Mullu Kathirikai in Tamil is an unusual, thorny native variety that is grown in a particular region.
- 2 per cent Protein and 10.5mg per 100g Vitamin C levels in Spiny Brinjals, which are high.
- 'Mundu Chilli', locally known as Ramanathapuram Mundu, is widely cultivated on about 14,000 hectares in the district.
- With these two products, there are now 45 products from Tamil Nadu that have received GI recognition, taking the state to the second position.
- The state of Karnataka has the most GI tags, at 46.
- Kerala, with 36 GI items, is in third place.

❖ **INS Sindhukesari :1st Indian submarine to dock in Indonesia**

- INS Sindhukesari has become the first Indian submarine to dock in Indonesia.
- The 3,000-tonne conventional diesel-electric submarine made its way to the Indonesian capital of Jakarta to dock after traversing through the nearby Sunda Strait.
- The exercise was part of INS Sindhukesari's first operational turnaround.
- In a bid to strengthen bilateral ties, the Indonesian Navy warmly welcomes the arrival of the Indian submarine INS Shindukesari in Jakarta," the Indonesian Navy tweeted.
- It was designed as part of Project 877 and built under a contract between Rosvooruzhenie, Russia, and the Ministry of Defence, India.

❖ **Multinational exercise "Cobra Warrior" to be held in UK**

- The Cobra Warrior Exercise is to be held at Waddington Air Force Base in the UK in March 2023.
- This exercise is proposed to be organised from 06 March 2023 to 24 March 2023.
- It is a multinational exercise. Countries like Singapore, Finland, the USA, South Africa, and Sweden will participate in the exercise.

- India is also participating in the exercise. The IAF will send five Mirage 2000 fighters along with IL-78 mid-air refueller aircraft, and two C-17 Globemaster.
- The Cobra Warrior is one of the largest Royal Air Force exercises. The Royal Air Force provides special training to pilots from different countries during the exercise.
- The exercises are considered one of the most challenging exercises in the world.

❖ **World Sustainable Development Summit 2023**

- The 22nd World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) was held on 22-24 February 2023 in New Delhi. This event is primarily the flagship event of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).
- The Summit deliberations will focus on the umbrella theme: Mainstreaming Sustainable Development and Climate Resilience for Collective Action.
- The summit discussed a wide range of topics such as climate change, sustainable production, energy transition, global common resources and their security.
- TERI is an independent think-tank, multi-dimensional organisation, with expertise in research, policy, consultancy, and implementation.
- It was formerly known as the Tata Energy Research Institute. It was later renamed The Energy and Resources Institute in 2003.

❖ **Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni to be Chief Guest at 8th Raisina Dialogue**

- The Italian Prime Minister will be the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker at the 8th Raisina Dialogue, 2023.
- The Dialogue is scheduled to take place on March 3 and 4.
- She will be accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Antonio Tajan and a high-powered business delegation.
- The purpose of the Raisina Dialogue is to enhance business ties between Italy and India and explore opportunities for collaboration and investment.

- India and Italy are celebrating 75 years of establishment of diplomatic relations this year.
- Prime Minister of Italy Giorgia Meloni will be on a two-day visit to India from 02 March 2023.

❖ **NASA appoints first woman science chief**

- For the first time, the American space agency NASA has appointed a woman as the Science Chief. This post has been given to a woman for the first time.
- NASA has picked Nicola Fox, a longtime solar scientist who heads its heliophysics division to become the U.S. space agency's science chief.
- She is a former top scientist on the Parker Solar Probe mission studying the sun.
- Fox will lead NASA's science directorate, a unit with an annual budget of roughly \$7 billion.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is an independent agency of the U.S. federal government responsible for the civil space program, aeronautics research, and space research.
- It is headquartered in Washington, D.C., United States.
- Founded: 29 July 1958, United States
- Founder: Dwight D. Eisenhower

❖ **'bird's eye chilli'**

- Mizoram would soon export 'bird's eye chilli' of the state to the United States for the first time.
- Bird's Eye Chilli or Thai chilli as it is popularly known is a variety of chilli peppers from the Capsicum annum species of plants.
- The chilli pepper gets its name from the fact that the chilli peppers resemble the eyes of a bird.

➤ This particular chilli pepper came into the limelight of Northeast India when it acquired the Geographical Index (GI) from a small and remote district in Mizoram called Siaha.

❖ **Pepsi Appoints Ranveer Singh as its New Brand Ambassador**

➤ Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh becomes the Brand Ambassador of the beverage manufacturing company, Pepsi.

➤ This youth-focused corporation has invented a new tagline which is “Rise Up Baby”.

➤ Ranveer Singh reportedly had a brand value of \$158.3 million and saw an improvement in brand rankings in 2021.

➤ After cricketer Virat Kohli, Singh had the second-highest brand value in the rankings. Singh has 45 brand endorsements.

❖ **Manchester United won the Carabao Cup title 2023**

➤ Manchester United defeated Newcastle to win the Carabao Cup title in 2023 after six years. Newcastle is a Saudi Arabia-backed club.

➤ Liverpool is the most successful club in the competition and has won more than nine championships.

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➤ The Carabao cup is also known as the EFL cup, a major football trophy played in England.

➤ The competition was open to all clubs participating in the Premier League and the English Football League.

❖ **Lionel Messi wins FIFA’s best men’s player award**

➤ Argentina’s world-acclaimed football player Lionel Messi has been awarded the “FIFA Best Men’s Player Award” at the FIFA Football Award Ceremony 2022 held in Paris.

➤ The star Argentine footballer has won the prestigious award for the second time since its inception in 2016. Messi has become the third footballer after Cristiano Ronaldo (2016, 2017) and *Robert Lewandowski (2020, 2021) to win the award for second time.

- The Sports Governing Body, FIFA organizes the awards function annually.
- Messi strikes the team member Kylian Mbappe along with Real Madrid Captain Karim Benzema to win the title.
- FC Barcelona Femení's Spanish midfielder Alexia Putellas claims the award for best player in the women's game
- Mary Earps, Emiliano Martínez, Sarina Wiegman, Lionel Scaloni, and Marcin Oleksy are amongst other winners in different categories.