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NATIONAL

1) Intranasal Covid vaccine

- Bharat Biotech sought approval for its intranasal Covid vaccine candidate, BBV154, as two-dose vaccine as well as booster dose. It submitted data from Phase 3 clinical trials of BBV154 to seek approval.
- According to Bharat Biotech, BBV154 is stable at 2-8 degrees Celsius. It is safe, well-tolerated and immunogenic under controlled clinical trials.

2) Ramsar sites

- India has added 11 more wetlands in the Ramsar Sites list. In year 2022, 28 sites have been included in the Ramsar sites list, so far. Tamil Nadu accounts for 14 and Uttar Pradesh has 10 Ramsar sites.
- United Kingdom is the country with maximum number of Ramsar sites, 175 in number. It is followed by Mexico with 142 Ramsar Sites.

3) Gallantry awards for the armed forces

- President Droupadi Murmu approved around 107 gallantry awards for the armed forces and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). It comprises of 3 Kirti Chakras and 13 Shaurya Chakras. Apart from that, 81 Sena Medals, 1 Nao Sena Medal and 2 Bar to Sena medals were also announced.
- Kirti Chakra was awarded to Naik Devendra Pratap Singh from the Army.

4) Ayush Grid Project

- Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) inked a Memorandum of Understanding for Ayush Grid Project. As a part of MoU, MeitY will provide technical support to Ministry of Ayush to digitise Ayush Sector, for a period of 3 years.
- Ayush Grid Project was launched by Ministry of Ayush in 2018 to create a backbone for IT sector.

5) Operation Yatri Suraksha

- Indian Railway Protection Force (RPF), have launched a pan-India operation known as Operation Yatri Suraksha.
- Under this initiative, several steps are taken to provide round-the-clock security





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STATE NEWS

1) “Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana”

- Government of Rajasthan has planned to devote approximately Rs 17 crore to provide “Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana”.
- Under this scheme, free coaching is provided to students for competitive exams. Under the scheme, government provides free coaching from reputed coaching students to those meritorious students, so that they can fulfil their dreams.

2) “Donyi Polo Airport”

- The third airport in Arunachal Pradesh, which is now under construction in Itanagar, the state capital, has been given the name “Donyi Polo Airport” by the Arunachal Pradesh administration.
- The “Donyi Polo Airport” in Itanagar would be Arunachal Pradesh’s third airport after Pasighat and Tezu airports.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) “Utsav Deposit Scheme”

- State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced a unique term deposit programme called “Utsav Deposit Scheme”. This fixed deposit scheme has higher interest rates and is only available for a limited time.
- SBI increased interest rates on fixed deposits maturing in 180 to 210 days from 4.40% to 4.55%.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Parsi New Year

- The Parsi New Year is observed in the month of July or August. It is commonly called as Navroz. Navroz has derived its name from two word, viz., ‘Nav’ and ‘Roz’. In English, it means “New Day”.

