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INTERNATIONAL

1) UNSC non-permanent members for 2023-2024 term

- Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland were elected to United Nations Security Council (UNSC) as non-permanent members for 2023-2024 term.
- They will replace India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico and Norway (term ending at the end of 2022).
- India began its two year term (overall India's eighth term) of UNSC in January 2021.

2) International Atomic Energy Agency

- India abstained from the resolution criticising Iran for flouting IAEA requests for inspections of its nuclear programme and other processes.
- IAEA Headquarters is in Vienna, Austria. It is a specialized UN agency created in 1957 with genesis in Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" address at UNGA in 1953.
- IAEA received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005.

NATIONAL

1) TVS-2M nuclear fuel

- Russia has supplied the first batches of more reliable and cost-efficient nuclear fuel, TVS-2M nuclear fuel, for Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant.
- Russia is building KNPP under an Inter Governmental Agreement of 1988 and follow on agreements in 1998 and 2008.
- TVS-2M increased uranium capacity, anti-debris filter protecting fuel bundles from debris damage etc.

2) Central Information Commission

- Central Information Commission achieved a consistent decline in pendency of RTI cases.
- It is a statutory body constituted under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005.

3) National Intelligence Grid

- Recently, Ministry of Home Affairs has curtailed tenure of NATGRID's CEO.
- NATGRID aims to develop cutting edge technology to enhance India's counter terror capabilities.





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- It is conceptualised as a seamless and secure database for information on terrorists, economic crimes and similar incidents.

4) IN-SPACE

- Prime Minister inaugurated headquarters of IN-SPACE at Ahmedabad.
- IN-SPACE, Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre, was established in 2020 to stimulate private investment and innovation in the space industry.
- IN-SPACE is an independent nodal agency under Department of Space (DOS) for allowing space activities and usage of DOS owned facilities by Non Government Private Entities (NGPEs) as well as to prioritize the launch manifest.

5) Amyloidosis

- Amyloidosis is a rare disease that occurs when an abnormal protein (normally not found in the body), called amyloid, builds up in one's organs, affecting their shape and functioning.
- Amyloidosis may be secondary to a different health condition or can develop as a primary condition as well.

STATE NEWS

1) YSR Yantra Seva Scheme

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched YSR Yantra Seva Scheme and flagged off the distribution of tractors and combine harvesters at Chuttugunta Centre in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) 'Cardless EMI' facility

- ICICI Bank has partnered with digital EMI/pay-later platform ZestMoney, to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases on retail and e-commerce platforms.
- The partnership enhances affordability of customers of the Bank who can use pre-approved cardless credit to instantly buy products/ services using ZestMoney and take care of the cost into Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs).





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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) N J Ojha

N J Ojha has been appointed as ombudsman for a two-year term under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Ojha has the power to investigate allegations by MGNREGA staff, consider them, award awards within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.