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### **1. Allahabad High Court orders carbon dating of 'Shivling' at Gyanvapi ( May 14, 2023 )**

The **Allahabad High Court** has recently ordered the **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** to conduct a **carbon dating test** of a '**Shivling**' located inside the **Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi, India**.

#### **An overview of the news**

- The court order came in response to a petition filed by a group of Hindu activists, which claimed that the mosque was built on the **site of a Hindu temple**.
- Activists argued that the '**Shivling**' inside the mosque was proof of the presence of a **pre-existing Hindu temple at the site**.
- The carbon dating test will be carried out by a team of experts from the **Physical Research Laboratory in Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.
- The court has given this order so that it can be determined whether there is any evidence of a pre-existing temple at the site.
- Gyanvapi Mosque is a **17th-century mosque** located in **Varanasi, one of the holiest cities in India**.

#### **What is Carbon dating?**

- Carbon dating is a **scientific technique** used to determine the age of organic materials by measuring the amount of **carbon-14 present in a sample**.
- Carbon-14 is a radioactive isotope of carbon that is produced in the **upper atmosphere** when cosmic rays interact with nitrogen atoms.
- Carbon-14 is absorbed by plants and animals through **photosynthesis and consumption**, and its concentration in living organisms is nearly constant.
- When an organism dies, it stops **absorbing carbon-14**, and the carbon-14 in its body begins to **decay at a predictable rate**.
- By measuring the amount of carbon-14 remaining in a sample, **scientists can calculate how long the organism has been dead**.
- Carbon dating can be used to determine the age of material approximately **50,000 years old**.
- Carbon dating is a widely used technique in **archaeology, geology and other fields**.
- Carbon dating is an important tool for understanding the history of life on Earth and the development of human civilizations, and has contributed to important discoveries in fields such as **evolutionary biology, paleontology, and anthropology**.

## **2. Bhopal joins global movement on SDGs ( May 13, 2023 )**

**Bhopal becomes the first city in India to adopt the localisation of the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDG).**

### **An overview of the news**

- India's Bhopal city has conducted **India's first city-level Voluntary Local Review (VLR)** of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
- Bhopal has launched '**Agenda for Action: Sustainable Urban Transformation in Bhopal**', which was unveiled by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.
- In 2015, all **193 UN member states** adopted "**Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**", which included **17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets**, as a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity.
- Member countries report on their progress towards achieving the goals through **Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)** to the **United Nations High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)**.

### **What is VLR?**

- A Voluntary Local Review (VLR) is a powerful tool that enables cities and regions to localize the SDGs and report their progress towards achieving them.

### **Bhopal's VLR**

- VLR enables cities and regions to localize the Sustainable Development Goals and report on their progress.
- Bhopal's VLR is the result of a collective collaboration of Bhopal Municipal Corporation, **UN-Habitat and over 23 local stakeholders** to demonstrate the city's aspirations for a sustainable and inclusive urban transformation.
- Bhopal's VLR incorporated a mix of quantitative and qualitative approaches to the SDG review, including a qualitative mapping of 56 developmental projects across the three pillars of People, Planet and Prosperity, and an in-depth quantitative review of SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).
- VLRs have emerged as a powerful tool at the forefront of local action.
- New York City became the first city in 2018 to submit its voluntary local review to the HLPF of the United Nations.
- By 2021, some **33 countries had publicly available 114 VLRs or similar review documents**.

### **United Nations sustainable development goals (SDG)**

- The United Nations sustainable development goals (SDGs) were adopted by all 193 member states **in 2015** as a plan of action for people, planet, and prosperity.
- There are 17 SDGs and 169 targets, which aim to eradicate poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all.
- The SDGs cover a range of areas such as health, education, gender equality, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, sustainable cities and communities, climate action, and more.
- The member states report their progress towards the achievement of the SDGs through a Voluntary National Review (VNR) to UN's High Level Political Forum (HLPF).
- Cities and regions have a pivotal role to play in the achievement of Agenda 2030, as at least 60% of the 169 targets could not possibly be achieved without their involvement.

### **3. Thiruvananthapuram to host fifth Global Ayurveda Festival in December ( May 13, 2023 )**

The **fifth edition** of the **Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF 2023)** will take place in **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala** from **December 1 to December 5, 2023**.

#### **An overview of the news**

- The event is being organized by the **Center for Innovation in Science and Social Action (CISSA)** in collaboration with the **Ministry of AYUSH, Government of Kerala and several Ayurveda associations**.
- Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, **V Muraleedharan** is the **chairman of the organizing committee** of the event.
- The event will focus on showcasing the potential of Ayurveda in addressing the health challenges of the present day world and setting up a platform for **global networking of Ayurveda practitioners and stakeholders**.
- The theme of GAF 2023 is "**Emerging Challenges in Healthcare and a Resurgent Ayurveda**".
- Top scientists including Nobel laureates and **7,500 delegates from 75 countries** are expected to participate in the event.
- The event will also explore how to effectively present Ayurveda in the tourism sector, which can contribute immensely to the development of Kerala.

#### **About Global Ayurveda Festival**

- The Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF) is a **biennial event** that aims to showcase the **potential of Ayurveda as a holistic system of medicine**.
- The festival provides a **platform for global networking of Ayurveda practitioners and stakeholders**.

- The festival includes **presentations of research papers, poster sessions, and exhibitions of Ayurvedic medicines, herbal products**, and wellness services.

#### **4. Millet Festival in Dehradun ( May 13, 2023 )**

In **Uttarakhand**, a four-day **millet festival (Shri Anna Mahotsav)** began on May 13 in **Dehradun** to create public awareness about the health benefits of millets and deliberate on the state's potential to grow crops in this category.

##### **An overview of the news**

- Agriculture ministers, scientists and farmers of other states including Union Agriculture Minister **Narendra Tomar** participated in the Anna Mahotsav.
- The four-day deliberations aimed at attracting more and more people **towards millet production**, which has been set to double by 2025.
- The produce of millet will be discussed in the festival and through this festival the farmers of the state will be encouraged to cultivate millet.
- The Uttarakhand state government has made a provision of **Rs 73 crore for the promotion of millets in this financial year.**
- The aim of the government is that farmers produce more coarse grains so that their economy can be strengthened.
- On this occasion, 134 stalls will be set up under the Mahotsav by the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Universities and other institutions related to agricultural research.

#### **International Year of Millet (IYOM)-2023**

- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** adopted India's resolution and declared 2023 as the **International Year of millets** in **March 2021.**
- India's proposal received the **support of 72 countries.**
- In 2021, NITI Aayog signed a letter of intent with the **United Nations World Food Program (WFP).**
- The partnership focuses on mainstreaming millets and helping India take a global lead in **promoting its health benefits.**
- The objective of this partnership is to build resilient livelihoods for smallholder farmers and to build adaptability to climate change and changing food systems.

#### **5. Supreme Court rules in favour of Delhi Govt in tussle with Centre ( May 12, 2023 )**

The **Supreme Court** on May 11 **ruled unanimously in favour of the Delhi government** on the issue of who controls the **bureaucracy in the national capital.**

## **An overview of the news**

- **A 5-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud** held that in Delhi (National Capital Territory), all powers relating to services and administration, except in areas outside the legislative powers, would **rest with the elected government.**
- However, the authority of **police, public order and land will remain with the Centre.**
- The court said that this decision would uphold the **basic structure of federalism and democracy.**

## **Background of the case**

- A five-judge constitution bench of the Supreme Court was hearing the dispute between the **Delhi government and the central government.**
- The dispute was over matters relating to **transfer and control over the overall functioning of administrative services in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi.**
- Administrative services include **appointments and transfers in the national capital.**
- In 2018, a five-judge constitution bench headed by then **Chief Justice Dipak Misra** laid down broad principles governing relations between Delhi and the Center and ruled in favor of the Delhi government on most issues.
- However, the important issue of service was left unresolved after two judges gave a split verdict in 2019.
- After this the issue was referred to a three-judge constitution bench and then to a five-judge constitution bench, which has now settled it.

## **Highlights of the court verdict**

- A five-judge Supreme Court bench unanimously **ruled in favor of the Delhi government** on the issue of who has control over the bureaucracy in the national capital.
- Earlier, the bureaucracy was controlled by the **Lieutenant Governor, the Chief Secretary and the Secretary of the Services Department.**
- The Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the **LG cannot have comprehensive administrative powers on all issues related to Delhi.**
- The LG's powers do not give him the right to interfere with the legislative powers of the Delhi Assembly and the elected government.
- The **posting and transfer of officers will be with the Delhi government.**
- The **elected government should have the right to administrative service.**

- The **Lieutenant Governor will have to follow the advice of the government.**
- The authority of **police, public order and land will remain with the center.**

## **6. Telangana Government Launches First-of-its-Kind State Robotics Framework ( May 10, 2023 )**

**Telangana government** launches **State Robotics Framework** to establish **self-sustaining robotics ecosystem** and position the state **as a leader in robotics in India**

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- This includes setting up a **Robo Park** with testing facilities and co-working spaces as well as a **world-class robotics accelerator** for startups.
- It aims to support **research and development**, promote **collaboration between academia and industry**, and promote the adoption of robotics technology.
- The framework focuses on leveraging robotics in **agriculture, healthcare, industrial automation and consumer robotics** to drive growth and development.

### **About Telangana**

- It is a state located in **south-central India** on the **high Deccan Plateau**.
- It is the **eleventh largest state of India by area**.
- Telangana was carved out of the **northwestern part of Andhra Pradesh** on **2 June 2014** and became the newly formed state of Telangana with **Hyderabad as the capital**.
- Telangana is bordered by **Maharashtra to the north, Chhattisgarh to the northeast, Karnataka to the west, and Andhra Pradesh to the east and south**.
- As of 2019, the state of Telangana is divided into **33 districts**.

Formed (by split) - **2 June 2014**

Capital - **Hyderabad**

District - **33**

Governor - **Tamilisai Soundararajan**

Chief Minister - **K Chandrasekhar Rao (BRS)**

State Legislature - **Bicameral**

Council - **(40 seats)**

Legislative Assembly - **(119 seats)**

Rajya Sabha - **7 seats**

Lok Sabha - **17 seats**

High Court - **Telangana High Court**

## **7. After J&K, lithium reserves found in Rajasthan ( May 9, 2023 )**

After J&K, lithium reserves found in Rajasthan

After discovering lithium deposits in Jammu and Kashmir, the **Geological Survey of India (GSI)** has discovered another deposit of the important mineral at **Degana in Rajasthan's Nagaur district.**

### **An overview of the news**

- It is believed that these reserves are **much bigger in quantity than the one found in the Union Territory** and **can meet 80% of the total country's demand.**
- Currently, India is dependent on imports for **several minerals such as lithium, nickel and cobalt.**
- Lithium deposits were **found for the first time in Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir in February this year.**
- This was the first significant lithium mineral discovery in India, as earlier only a small deposit had been **discovered in Karnataka.**
- Since lithium is a major component of batteries used in electric vehicles, the government is exploring deposits of the **rare metal within and outside the country.**
- Lithium reserves are concentrated in the **Lithium Triangle in South America - Argentina, Bolivia and Chile, with 50% of deposits** concentrated in these regions.
- China is ahead of other countries and it **controls 75% of lithium refining.**

### **About Lithium**

- It is a **chemical element with the symbol (Li).**
- It is a **soft and silvery white metal.**
- It is the **lightest metal and the lightest solid element** at standard conditions.
- It is **alkaline and a rare metal.**
- Lithium has an **atomic number of 3 and an atomic mass of 6.941u.**
- Lithium is one of the key components of rechargeable batteries for **mobile phones, laptops, digital cameras and electric vehicles.**

- It is also used in some **non-rechargeable batteries** for things like **heart pacemakers, toys, and watches.**
- Countries with the largest reserves: **Chile > Australia > Argentina**

## **8. First Pharma Park to be built in Uttar Pradesh ( May 7, 2023 )**

First Pharma Park to be built in Uttar Pradesh

The state government has given green signal to the project of setting up a **state's first Pharma Park in Lalitpur district of Bundelkhand.**

### **An overview of the news**

- For this, the state government will transfer **1500 hectares of land in Lalitpur district** to the Animal Husbandry Department.
- The state government will spend **Rs 1560 crore** for development works and providing necessary facilities to the investors in Lalitpur Pharma Park.
- A proposal has been prepared to transfer the vacant land of the **Animal Husbandry Department in Lalitpur** to the **Industrial Development Department.**
- The **Detail Project Report (DPR)** will be prepared soon after selecting a consultant for the development of the Pharma Park.
- Entrepreneurs setting up units in Pharma Park will be given **100% exemption in stamp duty on land purchase, capital subsidy, construction of houses for laborers, employment generation etc. by the government.**

### **First Medical Device Park in Gautam Buddha Nagar**

- The Uttar Pradesh government is setting up a **medical device park on 350 acres** of land at the **Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YIDA) in Gautam Buddha Nagar.**
- The park is being set up in **Sector 28 of Yeida** where plots have been allotted to 50 entrepreneurs so far.
- There is complete preparation to connect this park with **metro, expressway, transport city and bullet train.**
- A flatted factory with a **common hydrant facility** will also be constructed in the **Medical Device Park.**
- There is also a proposal to set up a **police station** here to help entrepreneurs.
- Uttar Pradesh has received **investment proposals worth Rs 16,420 crore** in the medical devices manufacturing sector at the **Global Investors Summit (GIS)** held in February this year.



- A total of **175 MoUs** have been signed in this area. Most of these investors have
- expressed their willingness to set up their units in **Medical Device Park and Pharma Park**.

## **9. Kiren Rijiju launched the trailer of the first Tagine language film ( May 6, 2023 )**

Kiren Rijiju launched the trailer of the first Tagine language film

The trailer of '**Love in 90s**', the **first film made in Tagin language of Arunachal Pradesh**, was launched by Union Law and Justice Minister **Kiren Rijiju** on 6th May in New Delhi.

### **An overview of the news**

- The film depicts the **vibrant and colorful world of the 90s**, based on the **Tagin community** in Upper **Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh** and the first film made **entirely in Tagin language**.
- Directed by **Tapen Natam**, the film brings to the national platform the **rich culture, tradition and local filmmaking initiatives of Arunachal Pradesh**.
- The film highlights the **love story of two youths** amidst the challenges faced by this community in Arunachal Pradesh during the 1990s.
- The film not only celebrates local talent and filmmaking initiatives, but also offers a unique perspective on the **struggles and triumphs of the Tagin community**.
- Through this film, viewers can witness the beauty and rich heritage of Tagine culture and traditions.

### **About Tagine Community**

- Tagin or Ghasi Miri tribe** is one of the **prominent tribe of Arunachal Pradesh**, members of the Tani tribe descended from **Abu Tani**.
- Most tagines are in **Upper Subansiri district**, but are also found in surrounding districts, especially in **West Siang and Papum Pare**.
- The most important festival of the Tagins is the **Si-Doni Festival**, in which the **Earth (Si) and the Sun (Doni) are worshiped**.
- The notable personality of this community is **Tapi Mra (1st Everest Climber)**.

## **10. Uttar Pradesh government plans to develop a theme park on the lines of Disneyland ( May 5, 2023 )**

Uttar Pradesh government plans to develop a theme park on the lines of Disneyland

The Uttar Pradesh government plans to develop a theme park named '**Ramland**' in **Ayodhya** on the lines of **Disneyland** to showcase the story of **Lord Ram** and **attract tourists**.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The park aims to provide visitors a unique learning experience with **entertainment, catering to both children and adults**.
- The development of Ayodhya as a global tourism hotspot is part of the '**Ayodhya Vision 2047**' initiative, which includes around 260 projects covering various sectors such as **tourism, infrastructure, housing, medicine, energy, culture, urban development and transport**.
- Around Rs 30,000 crore is expected to be spent on the **rejuvenation of Ayodhya**, and this expenditure will be borne by the Center and the UP government.
- Some of the projects under the initiative include Smart City Mission, modernization of bus terminals, widening of roads, cleaning of overhead **power supply cables, beautification of ghats and setting up of cultural centres**.

### **About Uttar Pradesh**

Uttar Pradesh is a state located in the **northern part of India**.

It is the most populous state in India as well as the most populous subdivision in the world.

The state was officially **established in 1950**.

Chief Minister - **Yogi Adityanath**

Capital - **Lucknow (Executive Branch)**

Governor - **Anandiben Patel**

Rajya Sabha - **31 seats**

Lok Sabha - **80 seats**