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1. MP Government has changed the name of Bhopal's Islam Nagar village to 'Jagdishpur' with immediate effect (Feb. 3, 2023)

Madhya Pradesh government announced that **Islam Nagar village** located in Bhopal district has been renamed as **Jagdishpur**.

An overview of the news

- The notification informing the change of name also states that the central government has not objected to the decision.
- Islam Nagar village is located at a distance of about 12 km from **Bhopal** and is **famous for forts**.
- **308 years ago** the name of Islam Nagar used to be **Jagdishpur**.
- The iconic **Mughal Gardens** at the Rashtrapati Bhavan was renamed **Amrit Udyan** recently.
- According to the Madhya Pradesh Raj Bhavan website, Bhopal was **founded in 1724** by Dost Mohammad Khan, an **Afghan soldier**.
- Dost Mohammad Khan established his capital at **Jagdishpur**, 10 km from modern Bhopal and named it **Islam Nagar (City of Islam)**.
- Dost Mohammad Khan built a small fort and some palaces at Islamnagar.
- After a few years, he built a big fort on the northern bank of the **upper lake**. This new fort was named **Fatehgarh Fort (Fort of Victory)**.
- After some years, he shifted his capital to the present city of **Bhopal**.
- Earlier, the Madhya Pradesh government had renamed **Hishangabad as Narmadapuram** and **Nasrullaganj as Bhairunda**.

2. 46th International Kolkata Book Fair inaugurated (Feb. 1, 2023)

46th International Kolkata Book Fair inaugurated

Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** on 30 January inaugurated the **46th edition** of the **International Kolkata Book Fair**.

An overview of the news

- The fair is being organised at **Boimela Courtyard, Central Park Fair Ground, Karunamayee, Salt Lake Kolkata**.

- **Mara José Gálvez Salvador** from the Spanish Ministry of Culture and Sports and Ambassador of Spain to India, **Jose Maria Ridao Domínguez** were present at the inauguration.
- The fair will be open for visitors from **January 31 to February 12**.
- Around 20 countries from all over the world are participating in the fair. **Spain** is the **focal country** for the second time this year.
- The United States, United Kingdom, Bangladesh, Japan, France, Cuba, Italy, Australia and many other Latin American countries will be represented at the book fair.
- **Thailand** is participating for the first time.
- The fair will have several kiosks sponsored by the Jute Board to reduce plastic and bio-toilets.

About International Kolkata Book Fair

- It is the **largest book fair** in Asia and the most attended book fair by the people.
- It is the **world's third largest** annual collection of books after the **Frankfurt Book Fair** and the **London Book Fair**.
- The book fair was started in **1976** on a small scale by the **Kolkata Publishers and Booksellers Guild**.

3. Madhya Pradesh government announces 'Ladli Bahna' scheme (Jan. 31, 2023)

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the implementation of **Ladli Bahna Yojana** on the occasion of Narmada Jayanti.

An overview of the news

- **Through this scheme, ₹ 1000 per month will be given** to the sisters of poor and middle class families of Madhya Pradesh.

Scheme Benefits / Eligibility

- To get the benefit of the scheme, the woman must be a resident of Madhya Pradesh.
- Women of all castes of the state – General, Backward, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes will be able to get the benefit of this scheme.
- The benefits of the scheme will be given to such sisters who are not income tax payers.
- 65% sisters of Madhya Pradesh will be able to get the benefit of this scheme.

- Through the scheme, an amount of ₹ 60000 will be added to each sister's account by the government in 5 years.

Madhya Pradesh

- Capital - Bhopal
- Chief Minister - Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Governor - Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
- Lok Sabha seats - 29
- Rajya Sabha seats - 11
- National Parks - Kanha Tiger Reserve, Bandhavgarh National Park, Panna National Park
- Festivals - Khajuraho Festival, Bhagoria Haat Festival, Madai Festival

4. First survey of migrants started in Jharkhand (Jan. 30, 2023)

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Recently the **first survey of migrants has been started by the Government of Jharkhand.**

An overview of the news

- This **survey will be done in 11 thousand houses in 24 districts** of the state.
- The objective of the survey is to create a robust database of migrants and migration patterns in the state.
- The results of the survey will be used for state level policy making.
- The survey will collect information about migrants coming into the state, migrants going out of the state, quality of life of migrants, understanding the mindset of migrants etc.

Jharkhand:

- Capital - Ranchi
- **Chief Minister - Hemant Soren**
- **Governor - Ramesh Bais**
- Lok Sabha seats - 14
- Rajya Sabha seats - 6
- National Parks - Hazaribagh National Park, Palamu National Park and Betla National Park, Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhendia Wildlife Sanctuary.

Festivals - Karma, Sarhul, Jitiya, Sohrai Parab

5. Chhattisgarh CM announces unemployment allowance for youth from financial year 2023-24 (Jan. 30, 2023)

Chhattisgarh CM announces unemployment allowance for youth from financial year 2023-24

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, in his address on the occasion of Republic Day, **announced unemployment allowance for the youth from the financial year 2023-24.**

An overview of the news

- The amount to be given as unemployment allowance to the youth has not been announced yet.

Other announcements made on the occasion:

- Rice will be provided free of cost for one year to the ration card holders of Chhattisgarh.
- A grant amount of Rs 50,000 will be provided to construction workers registered in the Chhattisgarh Building and Construction Workers Welfare Board for the construction of houses for a period of three years.
- The **formation of Chhattisgarh State Innovation Commission** has also been announced.
- Several other announcements were also made on the occasion including establishment of Aerocity near Raipur airport, housing assistance scheme for labourers and scheme to promote women entrepreneurship.

Chhattisgarh:

- Capital - Raipur
- **Chief Minister - Bhupesh Baghel**
- Governor - Anusuiya Uikey
- Lok Sabha seats - 11
- Rajya Sabha seats - 5
- National Parks - Indravati National Park, Kanger Valley National Park, Guru Ghasi Das National Park
- Dams - Gangrel Dam (Mahanadi River), Murum Silli Dam (Silari River), Dudhwa Dam (Mahanadi River), Hasdeo Bango Dam (Hasdeo River)
- **Festivals - Hareli, Navakhana, Chherchera, Bhojli**

6. PM to address 1111th Avataram Mahotsav of Bhagwan Devnarayan in Rajasthan's Bhilwara on Jan 28 (Jan. 27, 2023)

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will address the ceremony commemorating **1111th 'Avataram Mahotsav'** of **Bhagwan Shri Devnarayan Ji** in **Bhilwara, Rajasthan** on 28th January. PM Modi will be the chief guest during the programme.

Bhagwan Shri Devnarayan Ji

- Bhagwan Shri Devnarayan Ji was born in the family of a popular **Mandalji Gurjar** who established the famous **Mandal Lake** near Bhilwara district in Mewar.
- Devnarayan was a **mighty warrior** who fought many battles and wars against tyrannical rulers. He was also a ruler.
- He attained many achievements. On the basis of miracles, gradually he became a **deity and was worshipped** as the presiding deity.
- Devnarayan is worshipped as an **incarnation of Vishnu** by the Gujjar community as a folk deity in **Rajasthan and South-Western Madhya Pradesh**.

7. Norovirus cases detected in Kerala (Jan. 27, 2023)

Norovirus cases detected in Kerala

The Kerala Health Department on January 24 confirmed two cases of the **gastrointestinal infection norovirus** in class 1 students in Ernakulam district.

What is Norovirus?

- This virus has been found in humans for more than 50 years and is known to be one of the primary causes of gastroenteritis (**inflammation of the stomach and intestines**).
- The virus is estimated to kill **200,000 people globally every year**, with the majority of deaths occurring in children under the age of five and adults over the age of 65.
- The virus is able to survive in low temperatures, and outbreaks are more common during winter and in colder countries, so it is sometimes called "winter vomiting disease".

Transmission

- Having direct contact with the infected person.
- Consuming contaminated food or water.
- Touching contaminated surfaces

Infection usually occurs in closed and crowded environments.

Symptoms

- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Stomach Pain

Symptoms of dehydration include-

- Decrease in urination
- Dry mouth and throat
- Feeling dizzy when standing up

Treatment

- There is no real treatment for this virus. Consuming large amounts of fluids.
- In cases of severe dehydration, hospitalisation may be required for treatment through **intravenous or IV fluids.**

8. Himachal Pradesh Foundation Day (Jan. 26, 2023)

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An overview of the news

Background of the State

- After India's independence, Himachal Pradesh was formed on April 15, 1948 by uniting 30 hill princely states of the region.
- It was **granted the status of a Union Territory on November 1, 1956.**
- After this, in the year 1966, the hilly areas of Punjab were included in Himachal Pradesh.
- On December 18, 1970, the Parliament passed the Himachal Pradesh Act, and on January 25, 1971, Himachal Pradesh came into existence as a full-fledged state and **became the 18th state of India.**

Himachal Pradesh State

- The state is bordered by Jammu and Kashmir to the north, Punjab to the west and southwest, Haryana to the south, Uttarakhand to the southeast, and China to the east.
- Capital: Shimla
- Chief Minister - **Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu**
- Governor: Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- **State Symbol**
- State Animal: Snow Leopard
- State Bird: Western Tragopan
- State Flower: Pink Rhododendron

9. J&K govt to host its maiden SARAS Fair 2023 from February 4 to 14 (Jan. 24, 2023)

The Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir** is going to host the **Saras Mela 2023** from **February 4 to February 14** for the first time.

An overview of the news

- The fair would be organised at **Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammu.**
- In the fair artisans and women self help groups from across the country will showcase their **crafts, handcrafts, handloom and foods.**
- The national level food and cultural fair will showcase unique and famous indigenous products from different states and union territories of the country.
- The event will provide a platform to the participants to **sell and promote their self-made products.**
- Another prominent feature of this national fair is that it will have cultural programs showcasing the **cultural and traditional heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.**
- It is organised under the guidance of the **Ministry of Rural Development.**
- The fair is organised jointly by the **Centre-State Government** as part of the **National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM)** in which entrepreneurs from across the country participate.

10. Uttar Pradesh Day (Jan. 24, 2023)

Uttar Pradesh State Day is celebrated on 24 January.

An overview of the news

- On 24 January 1950 itself, United Provinces or United Provinces was renamed as Uttar Pradesh.
- In 2017, the state government announced to celebrate January 24 every year as Uttar Pradesh Day.
- It was celebrated for the first time in 2018.

General information about Uttar Pradesh

- State Reorganisation - 1st November, 1956

Naming of the state

North-West Provinces	since 1836
North-West Agra and Awadh Provinces	since 1877
United Provinces of Agra and Awadh	since 1902
United Provinces	since 1937
Uttar Pradesh	since January 24, 1950

State Symbol

- Official language - Hindi (second Urdu)
- State Animal - Barasingha
- State Bird - Stork / Crouch
- State Flower - Palash (since 2011)
- State symbol - two fish inside a circle and an arrow bow

First in the state

- The first Chief Minister of the state - Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant
- First Deputy Chief Minister of the state - Chaudhary Narayan Singh
- The first woman Chief Minister of the state and the country - Sucheta Kriplani
- The first woman governor of the state and the country - Sarojini Naidu
- Current Chief Minister - Yogi Adityanath

• Current Governor - Anandiben Patel

Geographical Situation

- District - 75
- Area of Uttar Pradesh -2,40,928 sq km. (about 7.33% of the area of India)
- Largest district (in area) - Lakhimpur Kheri (7680 sq.km.)
- The smallest district (in area) - Hapur (660 sq.km.)
- Number of states adjacent to the state-9 (8 states and 1 union territory)
- Legislative Assembly Seats - 403
- Lok Sabha seats - 80
- Rajya Sabha seats - 31
- State Legislative Council Seats - 100

Census-2011

- Total population -19,98,12,341 (16.51% of the total population of the country)
- Population density -829 persons per sq km.
- Total Literacy -67.72%
- Male literacy -77.30%,
- Female literacy -57.20%
- Most populated district - (1) Prayagraj (2) Moradabad (3) Ghaziabad
- Districts with minimum population - (1) Mahoba (2) Chitrakoot (3) Hamirpur