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1. State News (Dec. 19, 2021)

Punjab

Punjab approach Supreme Court on BSF jurisdiction in the state

- Punjab has filed a suit in the Supreme Court **against the Centre's move to increase the limits of jurisdiction of the Border Security Force (BSF) from 15 km to 50 km along the India-Pakistan International Border.**
- The State has filed an original suit challenging the October 11,2021 notification issued by the Union Home Ministry extending the Central force's area of jurisdiction, calling it a breach of the federal form of governance under the Constitution.

Tamil Nadu

Tamil Thai Vaazhthu declared Tamil Nadu State song

- The M.K.Stalin led government of Tamilnadu has declared Tamil **Thai Vaazhthu song as the State song.**
- **The song is from the Tamil drama 'Manonmaniam' penned by P Sundaram Pillai.**
- The song is **composed in Mullaipaani Ragam also known as Mohana Raagam by M.S Viswanathan.**

Uttar Pradesh

North India's first Centre of Entrepreneurship in Medi Electronics and Health Informatics start operations in Lucknow

- North India's first Centre of Entrepreneurship - "MedTech" was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State, Ministry of Electronics and IT, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajeew Chandrasekhar at the Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute , Lucknow.
- It has been built in partnership with Software technology Park of India, Ministry of Electronics and IT and Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- The centre of entrepreneurship shall provide state of the art facilities to Startups in the field of Medi electronics and health informatics providing impetus to the startup culture in the state.
- Medi electronics sector is currently estimated to be at \$10 billion and is expected to grow to \$50 bn by 2025.
- India imports around 75-80% of its Medi electronic and health informatics requirements.
- Health Informatics (HI) is a relatively new, interdisciplinary field in the healthcare industry that uses information technology to organize and analyze health records to improve healthcare outcomes.

Uttar Pradesh

All India Mayor Conference

- Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the All India Mayor Conference via video conferencing on 17 December 2021.

- The conference was organised by the Urban Development Authority, Uttar Pradesh Government.
- It is being held at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The theme of the Conference is “New Urban India”.

Uttar Pradesh

The longest Expressway of Uttar Pradesh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Ganga Expressway in Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur on 18th December 2021.

- Length of the Ganga Expressway: 594 kilometers.
 - It will connect **Bijauli village near Kharkhanda on NH-334 in Meerut district with Judapur Dandu village near Soraon on NH-19 in Prayagraj district.**
 - It will **pass through 12 districts of Uttar Pradesh** namely (from west to east), Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr, Amroha, Sambhal, Budaun, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Raebareli, Pratapgarh and Prayagraj.
- The estimated cost of the six lane expressway: **Rs. 36,230 crores.**
- It will be constructed by: **Adani Group and IRB Infrastructure.**
- Expected to be completed by: **year 2025.**

There will be a **3.5km long airstrip** on the Ganga Expressway, which will **assist in emergency take-off and landing of Indian Air Force (IAF) planes.**

2. State News (Dec. 12, 2021)

1. Nagaland Government demands withdrawal of AFSPA form Nagaland

- Nagaland Chief Minister Mr. Neiphiu Rio has demanded the withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special powers Act from the state following the death of 14 civilians in the Army operation against the Naga insurgents in the Mon district of Nagaland on 4 December 2021. Nagaland's Mon district
- Nagaland's Mon district borders Myanmar from where members of the NSCN (Khaplang-Yung Aung) are said to carry out hit-and-run operations.
- The Konyak Union, the apex body of the Konyak Naga Tribe from the Mon district of Nagaland has also demanded the repeal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act or, AFSPA, from the entire Northeast of India and withdrawal of Assam Rifles from the Mon district of Nagaland .

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangama has also demanded the withdrawal of AFSPA from Manipur .

- The Nagaland government has two member Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate the circumstances leading to the killing of the civilians by the armed forces.

2. KVIC Rolls Out Project RE-HAB in Assam to Prevent Elephant - Human Conflicts Using Tiny Bees

Following the success of its innovative Project RE-HAB (Reducing Elephant-Human Attacks using Bees) in Karnataka, **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has now replicated the project in **Assam**.

- Under Project RE-HAB, “Bee-fences” are created by setting up bee boxes in the passageways of elephants to block their entrance to human territories.
- It is a cost-effective way of reducing human-wild conflicts without causing any harm to the animals.
- It is scientifically recorded that elephants are annoyed by the honey bees.

3. Nagaland Government cancel Hornbill festival

Nagaland Government has cancelled the famous annual “Hornbill festival “ as a respect to the 14 villagers mistakenly killed by the army during an anti-insurgent operation in the Mon district of Nagaland on 4 December .

- **Chief Minister of Nagaland : Neiphiu Rio**
- **Governor : Jagdish Mukhi**

4. Bird Flu confirmed in Ducks

The Alappuzha district was put on alert, after an outbreak of bird flu was confirmed at Kunnumma South (ward 10) in Thakazhy grama panchayat.

Highlights:

- The presence of H5N1 subtype of the Influenza A virus was reported in ducks.

5. NEDFI Announces New Scheme Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme for the Artisans under Ministry of Doner

With the objective to develop the petty artisans of the North Eastern Region by providing financial assistance in the form of term loan for income generating activities for setting up / expansion / modernization / working capital requirement and other activities related to the sector NEDFi has introduced Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme to the grass root Artisans of the region.

3. State News (Dec. 5, 2021)

Kerala

1. Norovirus Cases in Thrissur

Norovirus cases have been reported for the first time in India from Kerala.

Norovirus:

Norovirus causes **inflammation of the stomach or intestines**. This is called **acute gastroenteritis**.

2. Kerala accuses Tamilnadu of causing flood

Kerala government has accused Tamil Nadu of releasing 5000 cusecs of water to the Periyar River from Mullaperiyar reservoir, without any sufficient warning to Kerala, causing flood in Vallakadavu, Vandiperiyar, Chappathu and Upputhara area of Kerala.

Rajasthan

3. “Back to work” scheme of Rajasthan Government for women:

The **Congress government of Rajasthan** has come up with a **unique scheme to provide regular employment to women** who have had to quit their earlier jobs due to personal/family issues.

Delhi

4. Role of Stubble burning in Delhi Pollution

As per **SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research)** data, the average contribution of stubble burning in neighboring states of Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh to Delhi's PM 2.5 level in November was 14.6%.

Telangana

5. Padma Shri awardee ‘Sirivennela’ Seetharama Sastry passed away.

Veteran Telugu film lyricist '**Sirivennela' Sitarama Sastry (66)**, a recipient of the Padma Shri and numerous other awards, died due to lung cancer-related complications on November 30.

Uttarakhand

6. Uttarakhand government frees the temples from government control

The Uttarakhand Government took back the **The Uttarakhand Char Dham Devasthanam Management Act, 2019** that sought to extend control over **51 temples** in Uttarakhand and have been opposed tooth and nail by their seers and managements.