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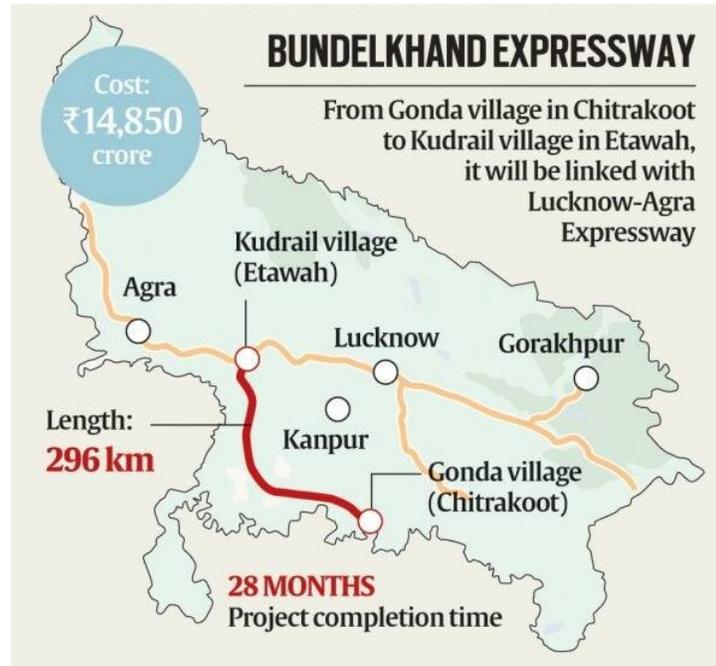
- **On July 16, the two-member cabinet of the Eknath Shinde and Devendra Fadnavis government - re-approved the renaming of Aurangabad and Osmanabad districts.**
- ✓ The government also approved the naming of the Navi Mumbai international airport after D B Patil.
- ✓ The proposals were first approved by the Maha Vikas Aghadi government at its last cabinet meeting
- ✓ According to the CM Shinde, the proposal to rename Aurangabad as Sambhajinagar, Osmanabad as Dharashiv has been approved by a cabinet that has the backing of 162-164 MLAs.
- ✓ The proposal will now be brought as a resolution before the state legislature and once it is passed, it will be sent to the Centre for approval.

NATIONAL

- **On July 16, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - has inaugurated the Bundelkhand Expressway in Jalaun, Uttar Pradesh.**



- ✓ The PM was accompanied by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy CMs Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak and other dignitaries.
- ✓ The 296 km long expressway will go through 7 districts in the Uttar Pradesh and then connect with Agra- Lucknow expressway
- ✓ The expressway will ensure seamless connectivity and further economic and industrial progress in the region
- ✓ The four-lane Expressway has been constructed at a cost of around Rs 14,850 crore, under the aegis of Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority
- ✓ It covers the seven districts of Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Aurraya, and Etawah
- ✓ The road has crossings over several rivers - Bagen, Ken, Shyama, Chandawal, Birma, Yamuna, Betwa, and Sengar
- ✓ The Bundelkhand expressway is one of the major links improving the connectivity in the state



- ✓ Because of the four-lane expressway, the journey between Delhi and Chitrakoot, which takes 9-10 hours, can now be completed in around 6 hours
- ✓ The Bundelkhand expressway is also crucial to the success of the upcoming Uttar Pradesh defence corridor project.
 - ✓ The western, central, and Bundelkhand parts of the state include more than 5,071 hectares of the Rs 20,000 crore defence corridor project.
- ✓ Bundelkhand is divided between the states of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, with the larger portion lying in the latter state.
 - ✓ With a population of 21 million, Bundelkhand ranks among the least developed regions in north-central India.
- ✓ The foundation stone for the construction of the Bundelkhand Expressway was laid by the Prime Minister on February 29, 2020.

- ✓ The expressway, from Chitrakoot to Etawah in Uttar Pradesh, has been completed eight months ahead of deadline.
- **India - is set to cross the milestone of administering 200 crore (2 billion) Covid vaccination doses on July 17**
- ✓ The first shot in the country was administered to healthcare workers on January 16, 2021.
- ✓ The country crossed the milestone of the first 100 crore (1 billion) doses on October 21 last year in nine months since the vaccination drive started
- ✓ The next 100 crore doses also come after another nine months now.
- ✓ The milestone comes just after the government made precaution doses free to all adults for 75 days from July 15 to celebrate 75 years of India's independence
- ✓ India had reached the 150 crore vaccination mark on January 7 this year and 175 crore mark on February 19 this year.

2ND COUNTRY TO HIT 2BN MARK

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ India close to 200cr (2bn) vaccine landmark, 18 months since jabs began on Jan 16, 2021 ➤ Total of 199.97cr doses given till 9pm Saturday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ These include 5.48cr precaution doses & 3.79cr first dose to kids aged 12-14 ➤ 71% of all vaccines administered in rural areas
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HIGHEST JABS: TOP 3 COUNTRIES

Country	Total Doses (In Bn)	Doses Per 100 Ppl	% Of Population Given		
			1st Dose	Fully Vaxxed	Booster
China	3.42	242.3	92.4	89.2	NA
India	1.99	144.9	73.9	70.7	3.7
US	0.59	178.8	77.8	66.4	31.8

Source: Bloomberg vaccine tracker (at 11pm, Saturday)

- ✓ The highest number of doses administered in a single day was 2.5 crore doses on September 17, 2021, when a mega vaccination drive was carried out to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday.
- ✓ At 4,37,50,599, India has the second highest overall covid cases in the world after the United States
- ✓ According to the health ministry data, 98% of the adult population has received at least one dose while 90% have been fully vaccinated.
- ✓ So far, less than 1% of the target population of 77.10 crore in the 18-59 age group has been administered the precaution or booster dose
- ✓ According to the Union Health Ministry, 71% of the vaccination has taken place in Covid vaccination centres located in rural areas and 29% in urban areas.
- ✓ Also, 48.9% of the total doses were administered to men while 51.5% were given to women
- ✓ Nearly 160 crore doses of Covishield, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, 33.5 crore doses of Covaxin, manufactured by Bharat Biotech, and 6.5

crore doses of Corbevax, manufactured by Biological E, have been administered till now

- ✓ The top five states where highest number of doses have been administered are Uttar Pradesh (34,41,93,641), Maharashtra (17,05,59,447), West Bengal (14,40,33,794), Bihar (13,98,52,042) and Madhya Pradesh (12,13,15,911).
 - ✓ In Andhra Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Lakshadweep, Chandigarh, Telangana and Goa, 100% of the 12+ age group eligible population is fully vaccinated
 - ✓ In Phase 1, between January and February last year, the vaccination drive was first opened up for healthcare workers and front line workers.
 - ✓ In Phase 2, between March and April 2021, vaccination was opened for those aged above 60 and between 45-59 age group.
 - ✓ In Phase 3 in May 2021, persons above 18 years of age were offered vaccination in private sector and in Phase 4 in June 2021, the vaccination was opened for free for all above 18 years of age.
 - ✓ In Phase 5, from January 2022, India opened vaccination for adolescents aged 15-18 and then precaution doses were offered for healthcare workers, front line workers and 60+ year population with co-morbidities.
 - ✓ In Phase 6, from this March, vaccination was opened for children between 12 and 14 years of age and precaution doses were opened for all adults above 60 years of age.
 - ✓ In the ongoing Phase 7 from April, precaution doses have been offered for 18-59 years age group as a paid facility in private hospitals while on July 15 precaution doses were opened for free for all persons above 18 years of age in all government facilities.
- **The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) - has named West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar as its candidate for the post of Vice President of India**



- ✓ The announcement was made by BJP chief JP Nadda following the party's parliamentary board meeting

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP chief J.P. Nadda, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah and Nitin Gadkari, and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan were present in the Parliamentary Board meeting.
- ✓ Prior to his present role as the Governor of the state, Dhankhar has been a noted lawyer and was instrumental in getting OBC status for Jat community in Rajasthan
- ✓ Since taking over as the West Bengal Governor in July 2019, Dhankhar has had several run-ins with the Mamata Banerjee government.
- ✓ Born in an farming household in a remote village in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu district, he completed his school education from Sainik School, Chittorgarh
- ✓ After finishing his graduation in Physics, he pursued LLB from the University of Rajasthan and has practiced in both the Rajasthan High Court and the Supreme Court of India.
- ✓ Dhankhar had begun his political career as a socialist in the Lok Dal of Charan Singh
- ✓ After being elected as MP from Jhunjhunu in the 1989 Lok Sabha elections, he served as the Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs in 1990 in the minority government led by Chandrashekhar.
- ✓ He was elected to the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly from the Kishangarh Constituency in the Ajmer district between 1993 and 1998
- ✓ He is also known as an avid reader and a sports aficionado and has been the President of the Rajasthan Olympic Association, and Rajasthan Tennis Association.
- ✓ If the 71-year-old Jat leader Dhankhar is elected, the Rajya Sabha Chairman and Lok Sabha Speaker (Om Birla, an MP from Kota) will both be from Rajasthan, a Congress-ruled state that goes to the polls next year.
- ✓ Dhankhar, incidentally, will be the second politician from the Shekhawati region to be the Vice-President after Bhairon Singh Shekhawat
- ✓ The Jat community, with a population share of about 20%, will also be a crucial factor in Rajasthan
- ✓ The Election Commission made an announcement of the elections for the 16th vice president of India to take place on August 6, 2022
- ✓ The electoral college for picking the next vice president, who is also the Rajya Sabha chairperson by default, comprises members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha and the voting will happen in the Parliament
- ✓ In 2017, the NDA had nominated the then cabinet minister M Venkaiah Naidu, a former BJP president and veteran parliamentarian, as its candidate for the vice-presidential election
- ✓ In 2017, Naidu polled 516 votes defeating the opposition's Gopalkrishna Gandhi, who could manage only 244 votes
- ✓ He went on to become India's 15th vice president and his term ends on August 10, 2022

- **The government - has extended the Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) Scheme till March 31, 2024 for the export of apparel or garments and made-ups**
 - ✓ The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has approved the continuation of the Scheme for RoSCTL with the same rates as notified by the Ministry of Textiles in order to boost exports and job creation in the textile sector
 - ✓ After the introduction of GST in 2017, the RoSL (Rebate of State Levies) scheme was replaced by a new scheme, 'Rebate of State and Central Taxes Levies'
 - ✓ Under this scheme, the exporters are issued a Duty Credit Scrip for the value of embedded taxes and levies contained in the exported product.
 - ✓ Exporters can use this scrip to pay basic Customs duty for the import of equipment, machinery or any other input

- **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) - launched a 'Knowledge Portal' for Khadi, a platform to offer design directions to Khadi institutions**



- ✓ The portal was developed by the Centre of Excellence for Khadi and was inaugurated by KVIC chief executive officer Preeta Verma on July 14
- ✓ KVIC, Ministry of MSME, and NIFT have established the Khadi Center of Excellence to support Khadi Institutions.
- ✓ The portal seeks to create design intervention by simplifying trends that are specifically appropriate for Khadi
- ✓ The information will be updated twice a year to provide seasonal and trend-based directions
- ✓ The portal will be hosted on the website of the Center of Excellence for Khadi

INTERNATIONAL

- **On July 14, US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister of Israel Yair Lapid – adopted the 'Joint Declaration on the US-Israel Strategic Partnership' in Jerusalem**
 - ✓ Signing the Pact, the US reaffirmed its commitment to Israel's security and pledged that it will never allow Iran to acquire a nuclear weapon



- ✓ Further, Israel thanked the United States for its ongoing and extensive support for deepening and broadening the historic Abraham Accords.
 - ✓ Abraham Accords is a joint peace declaration which was signed on September 15, 2020
 - ✓ Israel has signed peace and normalisation agreements with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Morocco in addition to its strategic peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan
- ✓ The US and Israel have long accused Iran of state-sponsored terrorism in the Middle East.
- ✓ Iran is accused of funding, training and providing weapons to Lebanon's powerful Hezbollah movement, and the Palestinian groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad in the Gaza Strip
- ✓ The Iran nuclear deal was brokered by Barack Obama's administration in 2015.
- ✓ The agreement obliged Iran to scrap or send abroad 98% of its enriched uranium stockpile, remove two-thirds of its centrifuges that produce nuclear fuel and stop work on a heavy-water reactor that could have produced plutonium for a nuclear weapon.
- ✓ Recently, Biden and Lapid participated in a virtual summit with India and the United Arab Emirates, a grouping of countries called the I2U2
- **Nepal's Parliament - passed the country's first Citizenship Amendment Bill, which was under discussion for more than two years**
 - ✓ The bill has been under discussion in the House of Representatives since 2020 as political parties had different opinions on different provisions
 - ✓ The contentious clause in the bill included the seven-year waiting period to get "naturalised citizenship" for foreign women who is married to Nepali men.
 - ✓ On July 13, the bill has been tabled in parliament to amend the Nepal Citizenship Act 2006 and make provisions for providing citizenship as directed by the Constitution.
 - ✓ In 2018, the then KP Sharma Oli government had registered the bill at the Parliament Secretariat

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh – addressed the first ever BRICS Anti-Corruption Ministerial meet through video conference on July 13, 2022**



- ✓ The purpose of the meeting is to arrive greater consensus regarding the BRICS anti-corruption agenda, share best practices on anti-corruption efforts, suggestions, learn from expertise of international organisations, and contribute to the global fight against corruption
- ✓ During the meeting, representatives from BRICS countries and international organizations also shared their ideas on anti-corruption cooperation and efforts needed to fight corruption.
- ✓ During the meeting, chaired by China, member countries adopted a Ministerial Declaration, the BRICS Anti-Corruption Ministerial Communique
- ✓ Under the communique, BRICS countries are committed to striving to prevent the overseas transfer of proceeds of corruption, combat proceeds-generating crimes and fight corruption
- ✓ The term 'BRICS' stands for world's leading emerging countries namely Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa
- ✓ BRICS countries comprise 41% of the world population, have 24% of the world GDP and share over 16% of the world trade.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Nasa and SpaceX – have launched the CRS-25 Cargo Dragon spacecraft towards the International Space Station**



- ✓ It is the 25th commercial resupply services (CRS) mission for the International Space Station (ISS) on a Falcon 9 rocket that lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on July 14
- ✓ CRS-25 was the third Dragon mission, SpaceX's second CRS mission, and the overall 30th launch of the year
- ✓ The uncrewed flight will carry scientific experiments for studies into the immune system ageing and recovery, mapping the composition of Earth's dust and its effect on the climate, how communities of microorganisms in soil are affected by microgravity, and several others.
- ✓ The launch of CRS-25 was postponed in June 2022, due to a leak in hydrazine leak on the spacecraft

DEFENCE

- **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh - launched the second P17A stealth frigate 'Dunagiri' into the Hooghly river in Kolkata on July 15**



- ✓ The Project 17A frigate is built by Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders Limited (GRSE).
- ✓ Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of Naval Staff, and other senior officers from the Indian Navy and Ministry of Defence were amongst the dignitaries who attended the ceremony.
- ✓ Kala Hari Kumar, President, Navy Wives Welfare Association (NWWA) performed the traditional honours and named the ship Dunagiri.

- ✓ During the launch, the Defence Minister said that 'Dunagiri' would be a world-class stealth frigate with multidimensional capabilities to destroy enemies from sea, sky, and underwater.
- ✓ Named after a mountain range in the state of Uttarakhand, 'Dunagiri' is the fourth ship of P17A frigates.
- ✓ These are a follow-on of the P17 Frigates (Shivalik Class) with improved stealth features, advanced weapons and sensors and platform management systems.
- ✓ Seven P17A Frigates are under various stages of construction at Mazagaon Dock Ltd (MDL) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE).
- ✓ 'Dunagiri' is the reincarnation of the erstwhile 'Dunagiri', the Leander Class ASW Frigate, which in her 33 years of service from 5 May 1977 to 20 October 2010, had witnessed various challenging operations and multinational exercises
- ✓ The first two ships of the P17A Project were launched in 2019 and 2020 at MDL and GRSE respectively.
- ✓ The third ship (Udaygiri) was launched at MDL on 17 May 22 earlier this year
- ✓ P17A ships have been designed in-house by the Indian Navy's Directorate of Naval Design (DND)

ECONOMY

- **BMW – has announced its decision to export G310 RR motorcycles made in Hosur, Tamil Nadu to China**



- ✓ BMW Motorrad India launched the BMW G310 RR in India on July 15
- ✓ The company will roll out this latest model in the 310 series in China next year
- ✓ India is the first country to launch the third and latest member of the BMW 310 model series and is also the largest market for the 310 range worldwide.
- ✓ The BMW G310 RR motorcycle is being made in TVS Motor Company's Hosur plant as part of collaboration between BMW Motorrad and TVS.
- ✓ India is the largest market for the 310 series of motorcycles with cumulative numbers of over 15,000 units out of the 50,000 units sold worldwide.

- ✓ China is the second largest market with cumulative sales of 6,000 units while Latin America comes in third.

SPORTS

- **Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar - won the gold medal in the men's 3 Position match at the ongoing ISSF World Cup in Changwon, South Korea.**
- ✓ The 21-year old Aishwary defeated Hungary's Zalan Pekler to win the gold medal
- ✓ He qualified for the ranking round in the field that included Tokyo bronze medallist Milenko Sebic of Serbia.



- ✓ The former world No. 1 shooter was only one point behind the current world record qualifying score of 594, shot by Ukraine shooter Serhiy Kulish.
 - ✓ The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) has changed the formats of all the events since January 1 this year.
 - ✓ In the 50m 3P competition, shooters used to fire 120 shots (40 each in standing, kneeling and prone).
 - ✓ In the new format, shooters have to fire only 60 shots (20 each).
- **Murali Sreeshankar - became the first Indian male long jumper to qualify for World Athletics Championships finals**



- ✓ Meanwhile, 3000m steeplechaser Avinash Sable also qualified for the finals on the first day of the competitions on July 16

- ✓ Sreeshankar had a best jump of exactly 8m in his second attempt, to finish second in qualification round Group B and finished seventh overall in Oregon, USA.
 - ✓ The 23-year-old from Kerala, Sreeshankar could not touch the automatic qualification mark of 8.15 m but made it to the finals nonetheless as one of the best twelve performers.
 - ✓ Only Japan's Yuki Hashioka (8.18m) and Marquis Dendy (8.16m) of USA crossed the 8.15m mark during the qualification round of two groups.
 - ✓ The other two Indians in the fray - Jeswin Aldrin and Muhammed Anees Yahiya - failed to qualify for the final after finishing ninth and 11th in the group A qualification round with the best jumps of 7.79 m and 7.73 m respectively
 - ✓ Anju Bobby George was the first Indian to make it to the World Championships long jump finals and first to win a medal bronze in Paris 2003 edition.
 - ✓ The 23-yr-old Sreeshankar has been a consistent performer with his 8.36m jump at the Federation Cup in April, followed by 8.31m and 8.23m at an event in Greece and National Inter-State Championships respectively.
 - ✓ The 27-year-old Sable, who had also qualified for the 3000m steeplechase final during 2019 edition, finished third to qualify for the finals
 - ✓ Sable has been in a national record breaking spree in recent times with the latest being finishing fifth at the prestigious Diamond League Meeting in Rabat last month.
 - ✓ The World Athletics Championships 2022 is being held in Oregon from July 15 to July 24.
- **Former National Champion, Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram - won the 41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open at Benasque (Spain).**
- ✓ He overcame Armenia's Robert Hovhannisyian and compatriot Raunak Sadhwani on the basis of tie-break score



- ✓ **In another development, Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 in Serbia on July 16, scoring 8 points from nine rounds.**
- ✓ The 16-year-old second seeded GM Praggu remained unbeaten and finished half a point ahead of the field.

- ✓ Top seed, Alexandr Predke took the second spot with 7.5 points ahead of Alisher Suleymenov and India's AL Muthaiah, who both scored 7 points
- ✓ The chess prodigy Praggu will be part of a strong India 'B' team in the 44th Chess Olympiad to be held near Chennai from July 28

