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National Education Policy 2020:

(Importance level-3/5)

- In adherence to the recommendations of the National Education Policy 2020, the Union Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan held a meeting of the reconstituted National book promotion council.
- The purpose was to assess the draft National book promotion policy prepared by the Expert Advisory Committee. The need to place greater emphasis on digital content was discussed.



“Bhagwant Mann Sarkar Tuhade Dwar”:

(Importance level-4/5)

- “Bhagwant Mann Sarkar Tuhade Dwar” scheme launched by Punjab government. The scheme is aimed to deliver citizen-centric services at people’s doorstep.

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- Under this scheme, people will get 43 services including certificates of birth, marriage, death, income, residence, caste, rural area, border area, backward area, pension, payment of electricity bills and land demarcation.



COP28:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **India urged world leaders at the climate summit COP28 to implement the Paris Agreement in letter and spirit through the Global Stocktake process to focus on principles of equity and climate justice.**
- Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav said the collective efforts have sent positive signals to the world in reinforcing commitment to maintaining the temperature goals set in Paris.

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‘AMRIT’:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **The Indian Institute of Technology-Madras has developed a technology called ‘AMRIT’(Arsenic and Metal Removal by Indian Technology) for the removal of Arsenic and Metal ions from water.**
- ➔ The technology uses nano-scale iron oxy-hydroxide which selectively removes arsenic when water is passed through it. This water purifier has been developed for both domestic & community levels.

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MINUSMA:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **The United Nations mission in Mali has officially ended a 10 year deployment in the country in a pullout ordered by Mali's military government.**
- ➔ The mission, known as the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali(MINUSMA), lowered the UN flag in its headquarters in the capital Bamako. More than 10,500 uniformed and civilian MINUSMA personnel had left Mali because of this.

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Zhuque 2 Y-3:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **A Chinese Company LandSpace Technology became the first in the world to launch satellites with rockets fuelled by methane and liquid oxygen.**
- ➔ The Zhuque 2 Y-3 blasted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China. The rocket was 49.5 metres in length, had a diameter of 3.35m and had a lift-off mass of 220 tonnes excluding the payloads.



Heart Diseases:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **Asia, Europe, Africa, Middle East at greatest risk of heart diseases. The researchers from the National Institutes of Health and Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington, US revealed this report.**
- ➔ Globally, heart disease related deaths increased from 12.4 million in 1990 to 19.8 million in 2022, signifying high rates of such illnesses. The researchers found these after analyzing data from across 21 regions.



MisrSat-2:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **China and Egypt have achieved a significant breakthrough in their collaborative efforts with the successful launch of the MisrSat-2 satellite. Developed and assembled jointly by the two nations, this marks a pivotal moment in their burgeoning space partnership.**
- ➔ The satellite, assembled in Egypt with Chinese support, was launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China, utilizing the Long March-2C carrier rocket.
- ➔ The MisrSat-2 project, valued at \$72 million, originated from a 2019 agreement between the Egyptian Space Agency (EgSA) and the China National Space Administration.

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FTA:

(Importance level-3/5)

- ➔ **A team of officials from India's Department of Commerce is currently in Muscat, engaged in negotiations for a comprehensive free trade agreement (FTA) with Oman. The department has set an internal deadline to finalize the deal by the end of the month.**
- ➔ This development gains significance as negotiations between India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have faced obstacles, particularly with Saudi Arabia, delaying progress for over a year. If successful, Oman would become the second GCC member, after the UAE, to sign an FTA with India.

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Mohammed Shami:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **Pacer Mohammed Shami has been recommended for 2023 Arjuna Award by the country's cricket board.**
- The 33 year old had a spectacular run in the ODI world cup where India finished second best losing to Australia in the final. Arjuna award is the country's second highest sporting honour.

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