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## Crime against women:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **National Crime Records Bureau data for 2022 signifies a decrease in crime against women on Indian Railways compared to 2019.**
- ➔ Various precautionary measures have been implemented including CCTV surveillance in coaches and stations and “Meri Saheli” initiative for women travelling alone. Rs 200 crore has been allocated in the NIRBHAYA fund to strengthen women’s safety.



## Lok Sabha:

(Importance level-3/5)

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- **Election Commissioner, Press Regulation bills up for Lok Sabha Discuss. Lok Sabha to consider the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners Bill.**
- The Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill also among the scheduled discussions in the Lok Sabha. Various other bills like the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Telecommunications Bill will be addressed in the Rajya Sabha.



**“SAANS”:**

**(Importance level-4/5)**

- **Manipur initiates “SAANS” campaign to counteract Pneumonia. The state Newborn resource centre introduced at JNIMS, Imphal to advance neonatal health.**
- Amidst rising COVID-19 cases in South India, the state is coordinating with the Union Health Ministry for adequate measures.

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## Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance and IDFC First Bank:

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- ➔ In a strategic move to broaden their service offerings and strengthen their market presence, Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance and IDFC First Bank have joined forces through a bancassurance partnership.
- ➔ This collaboration aims to provide comprehensive insurance solutions to the bank's extensive customer base by leveraging the robust distribution network of IDFC First Bank.



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## LEADS:

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- ➔ **Tamil Nadu has once again secured the coveted 'Achiever' status among coastal states in the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) 2023 rankings, affirming its position as a logistic powerhouse in India.**
- ➔ The state's remarkable performance in the export-import ecosystem has earned accolades, marking the second consecutive time it has achieved this prestigious status.
- ➔ LEADS, initiated by the Ministry of Commerce and Industries in 2018, has become a crucial benchmark for evaluating the logistics performance of Indian states and Union Territories.
- ➔ The rankings are based on three based on three key elements: infrastructure, services and the operating and regulatory environment.



## Gelephu Smart City Project:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **The Gelephu Smart City Project is a significant initiative announced by Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck.**
- The project aims to build a massive “international city” in an area of over 1,000 sq.km on Bhutans border with Assam. Under this project, the government of India agreed to build the first India-Bhutan railway line to Gelephu.

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## World Basketball Day:

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- **World Basketball Day is an annual celebration held on December 21, commemorating the invention of basketball by Dr. James Naismith in 1891.**
- The sport has grown into one of the most popular and widely practiced games globally, uniting people with its athleticism, joy, and camaraderie. Dr. James Naismith, a Canadian physical education educator, invented basketball on December 21, 1891, at the International YMCA Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts, USA.
- The game was created to keep students active during the winter months. Recognizing the global influence of the sport, the United Nations declared August 25, 2023, as World Basketball Day through resolution A/RES/77/324.



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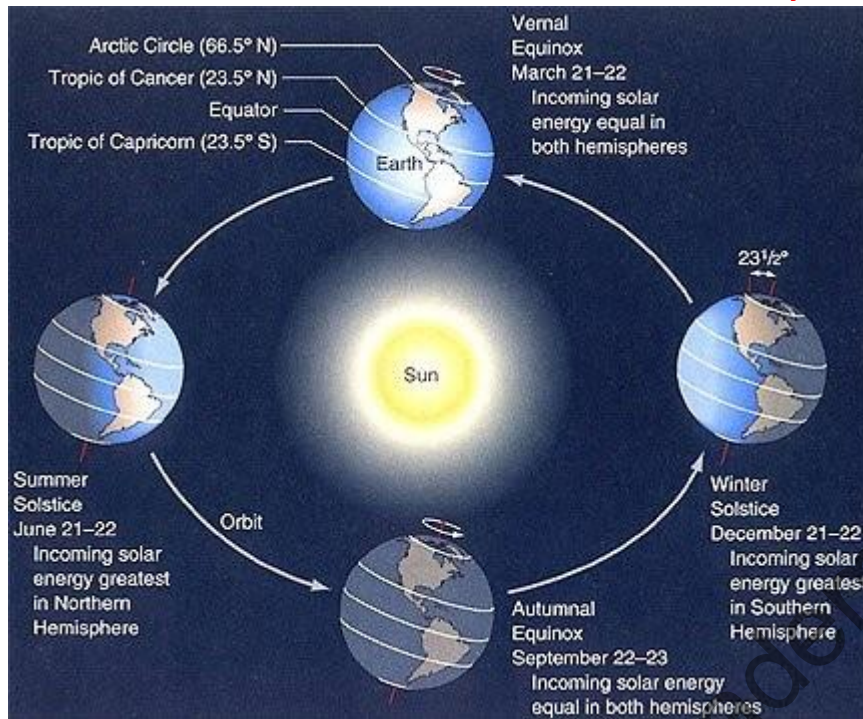
## December Solstice:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **This year, the December Solstice, also known as Winter Solstice, falls in India on December 22, 2023. For some regions, it falls on December 21.**
- ➔ The first day of astronomical spring in the Northern Hemisphere, the Winter Solstice can fall anytime from December 20 to 21. In rare cases, the winter solstice can fall on December 23. The last time the Winter Solstice fell on December 23 was in 1903.
- ➔ Winter Solstice 2023 falls at around 8:57 am IST on December 22. Solstices occur twice a year. They mark the beginning of astronomical summer and winter. Solstices take place around June 21 and December 21.

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## Noma:

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- ➔ **Noma, also known as cancrum oris or gangrenous stomatitis, has recently been added to the World Health Organization's (WHO) list of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).**
- ➔ This move aims to elevate awareness, stimulate research, secure funding and intensify efforts to combat this rare yet severe infection.
- ➔ Noma primarily affects impoverished communities in tropical and subtropical regions, particularly targeting children aged 2 to 6 years old. Noma, also known as cancrum oris or gangrenous stomatitis, has recently been added to the World Health Organization's (WHO) list of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).
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## International Gita Mahotsav:

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- ➔ **International Gita Mahotsav Commences In Kurukshetra, Haryana. Kurukshetra, a sacred town resonating with cultural heritage and spiritual significance, witnessed a grand spectacle as it hosted the inauguration of the International Gita Mahotsav – 2023.**
- ➔ This week-long celebration promises a unique blend of spirituality, cultural diversity, and global participation, captivating visitors until December 24.

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## Maharashtra:

(Importance level-3/5)

- In a stunning display of skill and determination, Maharashtra emerged victorious in the women's team event at the 75th Inter State-Inter Zonal Badminton Championship held in Guwahati.
- The championship, organized by the Badminton Association of India, witnessed Maharashtra's women's team clinching the title with a commanding 3-0 victory.



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