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INDIA – UK RELATIONS (THE HINDU)

COVERED IN GS : 3 (INTERNATIONAL RELATION)

NEWS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his UK counterpart Boris Johnson reviewed the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries during their bilateral talks in New Delhi. British PM Boris Johnson is on a two-day visit to India.

About:

- ❖ Issues of defence and security cooperation, cyber security and space also figured in the discussion between the two leaders.
- ❖ India and United Kingdom have decided to do their best to conclude the Free Trade Agreement by the end of 2022.
- ❖ Both countries have decided to deepen climate and energy partnerships and invited UK to join India's National Hydrogen Mission.
- ❖ They welcomed the establishment of a mechanism on maritime electric propulsion.



- ❖ India and United Kingdom have signed six Memorandums of Understanding. Of the six MoUs exchanged, two are Government to Government, while four are Non-Governmental.

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- ❖ The 2 sides agreed on a new and expanded India-U.K. defence partnership and vowed to seal an ambitious free trade agreement by the end of the year.
- ❖ The U.K. is creating an Open General Export Licence (OGEL) for India to “reduce bureaucracy and slashing delivery times” for defence procurement.

**NATIONAL RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(NRDC) (THE HINDU)****COVERED IN GS : 3 (ECONOMICS)****NEWS**

Aiming to give a boost to the export value chain, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Research Development Corporation (NRDC).

About:

- ❖ The MoU has been signed for the implementation of the Agri Export Policy announced by Government of India in 2018 and to strengthen the export value chain.
- ❖ NRDC is an enterprise of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.
- ❖ and it was established in 1953 with the primary objective to promote, develop and commercialize the technologies, know-how, inventions, and patents.



INDIAN NATIONAL CALENDAR (THE HINDU)

COVERED IN GS : 1 (ARTS AND CULTURE)

NEWS

The first day of the Two-day Conference and Exhibition on the Indian National Calendar as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav concluded in Ujjain.

About:

- ❖ The 'Indian National Calendar,' which was officially established by India's Parliament in 1957, is a scientific statement of India's identity. This was an act of reclaiming our identity after independence.
- ❖ The Indian national calendar, sometimes called the Saka calendar, is used, alongside the Gregorian calendar, by The Gazette of India, in news broadcasts by All India Radio and in calendars and communications issued by the Government of India.

Indian National Calendar

	Month	Length	Start date (Gregorian)
1	Chaitra	30/31	March 22*
2	Vaishakh	31	April 21
3	Jyaishta	31	May 22
4	Ashadha	31	June 22
5	Shravana	31	July 23
6	Bhadrapad	31	August 23
7	Ashwin	30	September 23
8	Kartik	30	October 23
9	Margashirsha (Agrahayana)	30	November 22
10	Paush	30	December 22
11	Magh	30	January 21
12	Phalgun	30	February 20

Types of Calendar in India

1. Vikram Samvat
2. Saka Samvat
3. Hijri calendar
4. Gregorian calendar

HUMAN-ANIMAL CONFLICT (THE INDIAN EXPRESS)

COVERED IN GS : 3 (ENVIRONMENT)

NEWS

The Environment Ministry must constitute an advisory body of experts to tackle growing instances of human-animal conflict, according to a report by the Standing Committee on Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change headed by Rajya Sabha member Jairam Ramesh.

About:

- ❖ The report analyses the Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021 tabled in the Lok Sabha in December 2021.
- ❖ The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 provides a legal framework for the protection of various species of wild animals and plants.



- ❖ While it has been amended several times, the latest set of proposed amendments by the Environment Ministry were to make it more compliant with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), to which India is a signatory.

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- ❖ One of the clauses proposed by the Ministry was to have a Standing Committee of the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) to make the functioning of the body “more purposive”
- ❖ The report recommends an advisory committee to be headed by the Chief Wildlife Warden, who can consult the committee to act appropriately.

POSTAL BALLOTS FOR NRIs (THE HINDU)

COVERED IN GS : 2 (POLITY)

NEWS

Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra, during a recent visit to South Africa and Mauritius, urged Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to register as overseas electors and told them that a proposal on postal ballots for NRIs was being contemplated, the Election Commission of India said.

About:

- ❖ He shared with the members of the Indian community that extension of Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) facility to overseas voters is being contemplated.
- ❖ In meetings with NRI groups, Mr. Chandra spoke of the experience of conducting elections in India, which has 950 million voters in over 1 million polling stations.

Voting Rights of NRIs



- ❖ The ECI had written to the Law Ministry in 2020 proposing that NRIs be allowed to vote through postal ballots, following which the matter has been under consideration by the government.
- ❖ While the ECI at present allows NRIs to register as overseas electors as long as they have not acquired the citizenship of another country, they have to reach their respective polling booths to cast their votes in person on voting day.