

SHORTNEWS:

1.DIGHA TEMPLE

NEWS: The newly built Jagannath Temple in Digha, West Bengal was inaugurated on Akshay Trithiya in Purba Medinipur district.

About Digha Jagannath Temple

- The temple is a replica of the 12th-century Puri Jagannath Temple.
- Dedicated to: Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, Goddess Subhadra, and Goddess Mahalaxmi.
- Architectural style: The temple is 213 feet high and follows the Kalingan architectural style, using Bansi Paharpur sandstone.
- Supervised by: The West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation.
- Main features: It features four main structures i.e., Vimana (sanctum), Jagamohan (assembly hall), Nat Mandir (dance hall), and Bhog Mandap (offering hall).

2.REPAIRABILITY INDEX

NEWS: The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) has received the final report on the Framework for Repairability Index (RI) from a dedicated committee.

What is the Repairability Index (RI)?

- The Repairability Index is a score assigned to electronic products that indicates how easy it is to repair them.
- It is designed to empower consumers to make informed decisions and encourage manufacturers to produce more repair-friendly products.
- RI promotes “mindful utilization” over “wasteful consumption”, empowering consumer choice.
- It is provided by the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs)

Key Recommendations of the Committee

- The Repairability Index (RI) framework will apply initially to smartphones and tablets.
- OEMs to self-declare RI using standardized scoring criteria.
- RI to be displayed at point of sale, e-commerce platforms, and as a QR code on packaging.

- Focus on priority parts: Battery, Display, Cameras, Charging port, Buttons, Speakers, etc.
- Six RI parameters:
 1. Disassembly Depth
 2. Repair Information
 3. Spare Parts Availability
 4. Software Updates
 5. Tools
 6. Fasteners
- Scoring on a 5-point scale based on weighted criteria.

3.OPERATION SHIVA

NEWS: The Security forces are preparing to launch Operation Shiva to guard the upcoming Amarnath yatra in Kashmir.

About the Operation Shiva

- Objective: Operation Shiva is a multi-agency security initiative to safeguard the Amarnath Yatra, an annual Hindu pilgrimage in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Heightened Security Context: The operation is taking place amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.
- Route Vulnerability: One of the two main pilgrimage routes passes through Pahalgam, just 6 km from the site of the Baisaran attack.
 - The other route is from Baltal near Sonamarg.

About the Amarnath Yatra

- The Amarnath Yatra is an annual Hindu pilgrimage to the Amarnath cave shrine located in the Himalayas of south Kashmir.
- The cave houses a naturally formed ice Shiva Lingam, considered sacred by devotees of Lord Shiva.

4.MAHA-EV MISSION

NEWS: The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) announced the selection of seven e-Nodes for support under its MAHA-EV Mission.

About MAHA-EV Mission

- Full Form: Mission for Advancement of High-impact Areas on Electric Vehicles.
- Objective: To address critical challenges and drive innovation in India's electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem.
- Focus: Advancing R&D in electric mobility with industry-academia collaboration.
- The each selected electric mobility nodes (e-nodes) will execute the project in consortia mode involving academic institutions/R&D laboratories with the mandatory industry participation.

Technological Verticals (TV) under MAHA-EV

1. TV-I: Tropical EV Battery and Battery Cells
2. TV-II: Power Electronics, Machines and Drives (PEMD)
3. TV-III: EV Charging Infrastructure

Selected e-Nodes (Institutions)

1. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
2. International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad
3. National Institute of Technology (NIT) Surathkal
4. Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
5. Indian Institute of Technology-BHU
6. CSIR–Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute (CEERI), Pilani
7. Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

5.UN VESAK DAY

Context: The Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs addressed a global gathering at the United Nations Vesak Day-2025 Celebrations held at the Vietnam Buddhist Academy in Ho Chi Minh City.

About UN Vesak Day

- UN Vesak Day is an international observance recognized by the United Nations to celebrate the life of Gautama Buddha.
- It is one of the most important festivals for Buddhists worldwide.

Key Facts About UN Vesak Day

- Date: Celebrated on the full moon day (Purnima) of Vesakha (usually in May or early June).

- UN Recognition: Officially acknowledged by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999 (Resolution 54/115).
- Significance: Honors the three major events in Buddha's life:
 - Birth (in Lumbini, Nepal)
 - Enlightenment (under the Bodhi tree in Bodh Gaya, India)
 - Passing into Parinirvana (in Kushinagar, India)
- 2025 Vesak Day Date: The exact date varies by country and tradition, but in 2025, it will be celebrated on May 12.
- Theme of Vesak Day 2025: "Solidarity and Tolerance for Human Dignity; Buddhist Wisdom for World Peace and Sustainable Development".