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STATES

- **On December 30, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - will inaugurate different projects worth more than Rs.7,800 crore in West Bengal.**
- ✓ It includes multiple sewerage infrastructure projects in the state, worth over Rs.2,550 crore, built under the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).
- ✓ PM Modi will also chair the second meeting of the National Ganga Council in Kolkata.
 - ✓ The Council has been given the overall responsibility of monitoring the pollution prevention and rejuvenation of the river Ganga and its tributaries.
 - ✓ It includes chief ministers of five states — West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand
- ✓ Further, PM Modi will inaugurate Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation which has been developed at Joka, Diamond Harbour Road, Kolkata at an estimated cost of around Rs.100 crore.
 - ✓ The institute will serve as an apex body in the country on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), serving as a hub of information and knowledge for central, state and local governments.
- ✓ The other projects which will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister include multiple projects of railways.
- ✓ He will also inaugurate the Joka-Taratala Stretch of Joka-Esplanade Metro Project (Purple Line), which has been constructed at a cost of more than Rs.2,475 crore.
- ✓ Besides inaugurating seven sewerage infrastructure projects, the PM will lay the foundation stone for five sewerage infrastructure projects to be developed under the NMCG at an estimated cost of Rs.1,585 crore.

- **Haryana government – has asked private hospitals to reserve 20% of beds for patients from economically weaker sections (EWS)**

- ✓ Multispecialty hospitals that received Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) land have to set aside 20% of the beds for EWS patients with annual family income up to Rs.1.8 lakh
- ✓ For those admitted under this policy, treatment up to Rs.5 lakh will not be charged.
- ✓ EWS patients will have to pay 10% if the bill amount is between Rs.5 lakh and Rs.10 lakh, and 30% if the bill is more than Rs.10 lakh.
- ✓ The new initiative has been announced as part of state measures to make private healthcare more affordable and accessible to the poor

NATIONAL

- **The Election Commission of India - has developed a prototype of the remote electronic voting machine to make voting easier for domestic migrant voters**



- ✓ This was announced by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar in an official statement.
- ✓ The EC has invited all recognised - eight national and 57 state - political parties at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi on January 16 to demonstrate the functioning of the RVM
- ✓ The poll panel has sought the written views of political parties on the legal, administrative and technical challenges in implementing it by January 31
- ✓ The Multi-Constituency Remote EVM can handle up to 72 constituencies from a single remote polling booth and will retain all security features of the EVMs currently in use.
- ✓ This modified form of EVM, or remote voting machines (RVM), will be standalone and non-networked and, thus, tamper-proof
- ✓ The RVM was developed with the assistance of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and the Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL).
- ✓ The VVPAT system is expected to work along the same lines with the new technology.

- ✓ Once the new system gets operational, the migrant voter need not travel back to his/her home district to exercise his/her franchise of voting and they can electronically cast a vote for elections in their home state from the state that they currently reside in.
- ✓ The new initiative of the Election Commission will be able to boost voter turnout and strengthen India's democratic process.
- ✓ Based on feedback from various stakeholders and demonstration of the prototype, the Commission will appropriately carry forward process of implementing the remote voting method
- ✓ The voter turnout in General Elections 2019 was 67.4 % and the Election Commission of India is concerned about the issue of over 30 crore electors not exercising their franchise
- ✓ As per the 2011 census, there are nearly 45.36 crore migrants in India (both intra and inter state) – amounting to approximately 37% of the country's population.

DEFENCE

- **The Indian Air Force (IAF) – has successfully test-fired an extended-range version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile**



- ✓ The tests were conducted in the Bay of Bengal region from a SU-30MKI aircraft against a ship target.
- ✓ This is the second time the 450-km BrahMos missile has been tested from the air after upgrade from the original 290-km range.
 - ✓ The maiden test of the extended range of the Brahmos Air Launched missile was conducted on May 12 earlier this year
- ✓ The IAF also mentioned the contributions of other organizations like the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), and the Indian Navy in achieving the feat
- ✓ BrahMos Aerospace is a joint venture between India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Russian Federation's NPO Mashinostroyeniya that produces cruise missiles.

- ✓ The BrahMos is a medium-range stealth ramjet cruise missile that can be launched from submarines, ships, aeroplanes, or land platforms.
- ✓ At the time of its introduction, it was the fastest supersonic cruise missile in the world.
- ✓ It is well-known for its speed which is thrice the speed of sound or 2.8 Mach in standard unit.
- ✓ The first test of the initial version of the Brahmos Air Launched Cruise Missile was conducted in 2017

OBITUARY

- **Brazilian football legend and its all time leading scorer, Edson Arantes do Nascimento, famously called Pelé - has passed away on December 29 aged 82.**



- ✓ He had been battling with cancer, as well as kidney and heart problems
- ✓ Pele had been regularly receiving hospital care since September 2021, when a tumor was removed from his colon.
- ✓ Widely considered one of football's greatest ever players, Pele is the only player in history to have won three World Cups (1958 in Sweden, 1962 in Chile and 1970 in Mexico).
- ✓ In the first of those triumphs, he became the youngest ever scorer in a World Cup final, netting twice at the age of 17 years and 249 days.
- ✓ Pele, who made his international debut at the age of 16, played for Brazil and club sides Santos and New York Cosmos as a striker.
- ✓ In addition to several regional and national titles, he won two Copa Libertadores, the South American equivalent of the Champions League, and two Intercontinental Cups, the annual tournament held between the best teams in Europe and South America.
- ✓ He was the Brazilian national team's all-time top goalscorer, with 77 goals in 92 games.

- ✓ While playing the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, Neymar scored a goal in Brazil's quarterfinal tie against Croatia to go joint-level with Pele as Brazil's leading goal scorer.
- ✓ Guinness World Records recognised Pele as the player with the most career goals ever.
- ✓ According to Guinness World Records, the legendary footballer scored 1,289 goals in 1,363 matches in a glorious 21-year career.
- ✓ Following his playing career, Pele went on to hold a number of posts, including as a UNESCO Goodwill ambassador.
- ✓ Pele was named "Athlete of the Century" by the International Olympic Committee in 1999 and a "national treasure" by Brazil's government
- ✓ He was awarded the FIFA Player of the Century award - the feat he shared with Argentina's Diego Maradona, who passed away last year.
- ✓ Further, Pele was also named in the Time list of the 100 most important people of the 20th century, voted the World Player of the Century in 2000 by International Federation of Football History & Statistics, won Laureus Lifetime Achievement Award, the first-ever FIFA Ballon d'Or Prix d'Honneur in 2014 and named as the member of Ballon d'Or Dream Team in 2020

