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<p>United Nation General Assembly (UNGA)</p>	<p>Contexts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 78th session of the UN General Assembly session was held recently. <p>About UN General Assembly (UNGA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The UNGA is the main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the UN.• All 193 Member States of the UN are represented in the General Assembly.• UNGA meets annually in session where general debate and discussion is held to which many heads of state attend and address.• Decisions on important questions, such as admission of new members and budgetary matters require a two third majority of the General Assembly.• Decisions on other questions are by simple majority.• The President of the General Assembly is elected each year by assembly to serve a one-year term of office. <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNGA is the only body with universal representation.
<p>Constitution Bench has decided to check the validity of 104th AA</p>	<p>Context</p> <p>Constitution Bench decided to examine whether Parliament can use its constituent power to repeatedly amend Article 334</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article 334 of the constitution is related to the reservation of seats for SC/ST in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies to cease after a certain period.• It was originally provided for ten years but the article has been amended several times to continue the reservation. <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article 15(4) and Article 16(4) of the Indian Constitution allows the federal government and state governments to reserve seats in government services for members of the SC and ST communities.



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Oldest fossils of a plant-eating dinosaur found in Rajasthan**Context**

The fossil of dinosaur found in the Thar desert near the Jaisalmer Basin.

Key points

- Scientists from IIT Roorkee have characterized the dinosaur fossils from the **Middle Jurassic period**.
- They discovered that they had uncovered remains of a **sauropod dinosaur**.
- They are the same as **Clade , the long-necked herbivores in Jurassic Park**.
- It may be the oldest known fossil of this kind.
- These fossils are the **first sauropods** of the *Dicraeosaurus* family to have been found in India.
- At 167 million years old, they are **the oldest known diplodocus fossils in the world**.
- The scientists named the dinosaur *Titanosaurus indicus*, with Tharo deriving from the Thar desert.

Geological survey of india**About:**

- It was set up in 1851 primarily to find coal deposits for the Railways.
- Its HQ in kolkata
- Over the years, it has grown into a repository of geo-science information required in various fields in the country..
- It also emphasizes systematic documentation of all geological processes, both surface and subsurface, of India and its offshore areas.
- The main functions of the GSI relate to the creation and update of national geoscientific information and mineral resource assessment.
- Presently, GSI is an attached office to the Ministry of Mines.

CM Chouhan unveils 'Statue of Oneness' in Omkareshwar**Context**

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveiled a gigantic statue of Adi Guru Shankaracharya on the Mandhata hillock at Omkareshwar in Khandwa district.

Key points

- It is called the Ekatmata ki Murti (Statue of Oneness).



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- The 108-feet-tall statue portrays the 8th-century Indian philosopher and theologian, who consolidated the **doctrine of Advaita Vedanta**.
- The unveiling is **part of the ambitious Ekatma Dham project of the State government** and marks the initiation of its first phase.
- The government wants to develop it along the lines of the **Mahakal Lok corridor as a major destination for spiritual-religious tourism**.

Adi Shankaracharya

- He was an Indian philosopher and theologian, Sankara (Jagatguru), and was a firm believer in ancient Hinduism.
- He took guidance from guru Govinda Bhagavatpada under whom he studied '**GaudapadiyaKarika**', 'Brahmasutra', Vedas, and Upanishads.
- Shankara propagated 'Advaita Vedanta' and 'Dashanami Sampradaya'

Did you know?

Advaita vedanta school advocates monism i.e soul and brahman are not distinguish but one

India's rank 87 in economic freedom index

Context

India has fallen one notch to the 87th position out of 165 countries.

Key facts:

- The 'Economic Freedom of the World: 2021 Report' released by Canada's Fraser Institute.
- It is released annually

About economic freedom index

- It is to measure the degree of economic freedom enjoyed by the nation
- As the economic freedom protect the liberty of an individual to pursue their own economic interest
- Economic freedom promotes greater prosperity for larger society.

Did you know?

According to the report the poor rank shows the country's dependability.



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U.N.'s Climate Ambition Summit(CAS)

Context

Major economies China , India and the US did not attend the summit .

Key points

- The CAS happened at the 78th session of UNGA
- China, the United States, and India, collectively responsible for **42% of global greenhouse gas emissions.**
- The CAS aimed to showcase leaders with credible actions and policies **to uphold the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C degree** goal and promote climate justice.

Did you know?

India has specified the target of net zero by 2070.

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