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## National and International News

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



## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

Oldest fossils of a  
plant-eating dinosaur found  
in Rajasthan

## Context

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

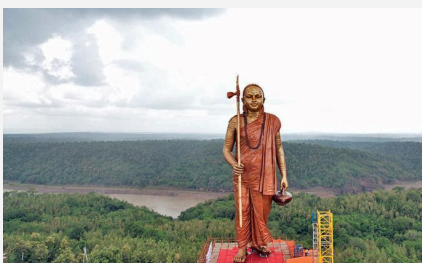
## Key points

- 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).
- 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**.



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	<p><b>Adi Shankaracharya</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He was an Indian philosopher and theologian, Sankara (Jagatguru), and was a firm believer in ancient Hinduism.</li> <li>• He took guidance from guru Govinda Bhagavatpada under whom he studied '<b>GaudapadiyaKarika</b>', 'Brahmasutra', Vedas, and Upanishads.</li> <li>• Shankara propagated 'Advaita Vedanta' and 'Dashanami Sampradaya'</li> </ul> <p><b>Did you know?</b> <b>Advaita vedanta school advocates monism i.e soul and brahman are not distinguish but one</b></p>
<p><b>India's rank 87 in economic freedom index</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> India has fallen one notch to the 87th position out of 165 countries.</p> <p><b>Key facts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'Economic Freedom of the World: 2021 Report' released by Canada's Fraser Institute.</li> <li>• It is released annually</li> </ul> <p><b>About economic freedom index</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is to measure the degree of economic freedom enjoyed by the nation</li> <li>• As the economic freedom protect the liberty of an individual to pursue their own economic interest</li> <li>• Economic freedom promotes greater prosperity for larger society.</li> </ul> <p><b>Did you know?</b> According to the report the poor rank shows the country's dependability.</p>
<p><b>U.N.'s Climate Ambition Summit(CAS)</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> Major economies China , India and the US did not attend the summit .</p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CAS happened at the 78th session of UNGA</li> <li>• China, the United States, and India, collectively responsible for <b>42% of global greenhouse gas emissions.</b></li> <li>• The CAS aimed to showcase leaders with credible actions and policies <b>to uphold the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C degree goal</b> and promote climate justice.</li> </ul> <p><b>Did you know?</b> India has specified the target of net zero by 2070.</p>

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