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1. CM Dashboard inauguration by the CM of Tamil Nadu (Dec. 23, 2021)

To the point:

- The Chief Minister of **Tamil Nadu Thiru M.K. Stalin** launched the state-of-the-art "**CM Dashboard - Tamil Nadu 360**" monitoring system on 23rd December.
- This dashboard would **track, analyze and increase the efficiency of the government** and would avoid delay in decision making.
- This dashboard will **provide real-time information on all State government departments, storage levels of key reservoirs, rainfall patterns, price mesh, which monitors the price stability over 25 food grains/vegetables/fruits**, and it will provide projections on possible increases in price, enabling government intervention.
- Across the country, the Chief Ministers of a **few States, including Orissa, Punjab, Haryana have dashboards** which provide available information.

2. PM inaugurates and lays the foundation of multiple projects in Varanasi (Dec. 23, 2021)

- In an endeavour to strengthen the rural economy and help farmers of the region, **PM lays foundation stone of 'Banar Dairy Sankul'** at the UP State Industrial Development Authority Food Park, **Karkhiyaon, Varanasi**.
 - **Spread across 30 acres of land, the Dairy will be built at a cost of about Rs 475 crores and will have a facility for processing 5 lakh litre of milk per day.**
- The Prime Minister also **laid the foundation stone for the Biogas based Electricity generation plant** for the **Milk Producers Cooperative Union Plant, Ramnagar, Varanasi**.
- The Prime Minister **launched a Portal and Logo** dedicated to the **Conformity Assessment Scheme** of milk products, developed by the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** with the help of **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)**.
- PM distributes rural residential rights record '**Gharauni**' under the Swamitva scheme of the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj to over 20 lakh residents of UP.
- The PM also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of **developmental Projects worth over Rs. 1500 crores in Varanasi**.
- He paid tribute to "**Chaudhary Charan Singh on Kisan Diwas**".

3. State News (Dec. 19, 2021)

Punjab

Punjab approach Supreme Court on BSF jurisdiction in the state

- Punjab has filed a suit in the Supreme Court **against the Centre's move to increase the limits of jurisdiction of the Border Security Force (BSF) from 15 km to 50 km along the India-Pakistan International Border**.

- The State has filed an original suit challenging the October 11, 2021 notification issued by the Union Home Ministry extending the Central force's area of jurisdiction, calling it a breach of the federal form of governance under the Constitution.

Tamil Nadu

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Uttar Pradesh

North India's first Centre of Entrepreneurship in Medi Electronics and Health Informatics start operations in Lucknow

- North India's first Centre of Entrepreneurship - "MedTech" was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State, Ministry of Electronics and IT, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajeesh Chandrasekhar at the Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute, Lucknow.
- It has been built in partnership with Software Technology Park of India, Ministry of Electronics and IT and Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- The centre of entrepreneurship shall provide state of the art facilities to Startups in the field of Medi electronics and health informatics providing impetus to the startup culture in the state.
- Medi electronics sector is currently estimated to be at \$10 billion and is expected to grow to \$50 bn by 2025.
- India imports around 75-80% of its Medi electronic and health informatics requirements.
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- The theme of the Conference is "New Urban India".

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The longest Expressway of Uttar Pradesh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Ganga Expressway in Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur on 18th December 2021.

- Length of the Ganga Expressway: 594 kilometers.
 - It will connect **Bijauli village near Kharkhauda on NH-334 in Meerut district with Judapur Dandu village near Soraon on NH-19 in Prayagraj district.**
 - It will **pass through 12 districts of Uttar Pradesh** namely (from west to east), Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr, Amroha, Sambhal, Budaun, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Raebareli, Pratapgarh and Prayagraj.
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4. India's 2nd Mega Common Facility Centre for Gem and Jewellery sector to be set up in Mumbai (Dec. 19, 2021)

- It will be set up at the Santacruz Electronic Export Processing Zone (SEEPZ) Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Mumbai.
- It will be the second such facility in India after Surat, in Gujarat.
- The Mega Common Facility will provide training to the workforce in the Gems and Jewellery sector and will provide cutting-edge technology for manufacturing and other allied processes of the gem and jewellery sector.
- **The Indian Gems and Jewellery sector is one of the largest in the world, contributing around 29% to the global jewellery consumption.**
- **As of February 2021, India's gold and diamond trade contributed ~7.5% to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and 14% to India's total merchandise exports.**
- **The Government of India is aiming at US\$ 70 billion in jewellery export in the next five years (until 2025),**
- **In FY 2020-21, gems & jewellery exports in India stood at US\$ 25.30 billion.**
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List of other Indian states with Official State Songs -

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Odisha, Puducherry, and Uttarakhand

9. National Summit on Agro and Food Processing (Dec. 16, 2021)

- **It is organised by the Government of Gujarat from 14 to 16 December 2021 at Anand, Gujarat.**
- **The theme of the summit is “Agro and Food Processing: Entering a new era of Cooperation Atma Nirbhar Krishi”.**

- It is being attended by over 5000 farmers who will be present in the Summit, apart from farmers being connecting Live through Central Institutes of ICAR, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and ATMA (Agricultural Technology Management Agency) network in the States.

10. State News (Dec. 12, 2021)

1. Nagaland Government demands withdrawal of AFSPA from Nagaland

- Nagaland Chief Minister Mr. Neiphiu Rio has demanded the withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special powers Act from the state following the death of 14 civilians in the Army operation against the Naga insurgents in the Mon district of Nagaland on 4 December 2021. Nagaland's Mon district
- Nagaland's Mon district borders Myanmar from where members of the NSCN (Khaplang-Yung Aung) are said to carry out hit-and-run operations.
- The Konyak Union, the apex body of the Konyak Naga Tribe from the Mon district of Nagaland has also demanded the repeal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act or, AFSPA, from the entire Northeast of India and withdrawal of Assam Rifles from the Mon district of Nagaland .

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma has also demanded the withdrawal of AFSPA from Manipur .

- The Nagaland government has two member Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate the circumstances leading to the killing of the civilians by the armed forces.

2. KVIC Rolls Out Project RE-HAB in Assam to Prevent Elephant - Human Conflicts Using Tiny Bees

Following the success of its innovative Project RE-HAB (Reducing Elephant-Human Attacks using Bees) in Karnataka, **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has now replicated the project in **Assam**.

- Under Project RE-HAB, "Bee-fences" are created by setting up bee boxes in the passageways of elephants to block their entrance to human territories.
- It is a cost-effective way of reducing human-wild conflicts without causing any harm to the animals.
- It is scientifically recorded that elephants are annoyed by the honey bees.

3. Nagaland Government cancel Hornbill festival

Nagaland Government has cancelled the famous annual "Hornbill festival " as a respect to the 14 villagers mistakenly killed by the army during an anti-insurgent operation in the Mon district of Nagaland on 4 December .

- **Chief Minister of Nagaland : Neiphiu Rio**
- **Governor : Jagdish Mukhi**

4. Bird Flu confirmed in Ducks

The Alappuzha district was put on alert, after an outbreak of bird flu was confirmed at Kunnumma South (ward 10) in Thakazhy grama panchayat.

Highlights:

- The presence of H5N1 subtype of the Influenza A virus was reported in ducks.

5. NEDFI Announces New Scheme Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme for the Artisans under Ministry of Doner

With the objective to develop the petty artisans of the North Eastern Region by providing financial assistance in the form of term loan for income generating activities for setting up / expansion / modernization / working capital requirement and other activities related to the sector NEDFi has introduced Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme to the grass root Artisans of the region.