

National Unity Day

- Since 2014, National Unity Day is celebrated on 31 October on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- This day is celebrated to strengthen unity and integrity.

● Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel:-

- Vallabhbhai Patel was born on 31 October 1875.
- Happened in Nadiad, Gujarat
- Sardar Patel had unified the princely states.
- He is also known as Iron Man.
- He is also called the Wonder of India

- Sardar Patel was the first Home Minister and first Deputy Prime Minister of the country.
- Bharat Ratna was awarded in 1991
- He died on 15 December 1950 in Mumbai.

● Statue of Unity:-

- It is situated in Kevadiya, Gujarat.
- This is the tallest statue in the world
- The length of the statue is 182 meters
- The Statue of Unity is twice the height of America's Statue of Liberty (93 metres).
- The architect of the Statue of Unity is Ram V. Sutar
- In 2018, the 'Statue of Unity' was unveiled in honour of Sardar Patel.

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- Between India and Kazakhstan
- From 30 October 2023 to 11 November 2023
- A team of 120 members of the Indian Army and Air Force had left for Kazakhstan to participate in this.
- The Indian Army contingent includes 90 soldiers of the battalion of Dogra Regiment.
- Air Force has also been included in the exercise this year.
- Apart from the military contingent, 30 each from the Air Force of both countries are also taking part in this exercise.
- This exercise was started in 2016 as Exercise PRABAL DOSTYK, in the second edition the name was changed to Exercise KAZIND.
- Apart from this, the operation of drones will also be practised.



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East China Sea

- It is a branch of the western Pacific Ocean located in East Asia.
- Its area is approximately 1,249,000 square kilometres (482,000 sq mi).
- It is located between the eastern coast of China, including the Shanghai coast, and the southwestern coast of Japan, including the Ryukyu Islands.
- The Korean Peninsula, China, Japan, and Taiwan lie within or border the East China Sea.
- The East China Sea and the South China Sea together form the China Sea.
- It connects to the Sea of Japan through the Tsushima Strait and to the South China Sea through the Taiwan Strait.
- Its northern extension is the Yellow Sea, between mainland China & the Korean Peninsula.
- This is mainly a shallow sea. The western edge of the sea is a continuation of the shelf extending between the South China Sea and the Yellow Sea.
- Rivers:- The Yellow River (Huang He) & the Yangtze River (Changjiang) drain into the East China Sea.
- The sea contains many islands, the most important of which are the Ryukyu Islands, which are part of Japan, and the Diaoyu Islands (known as the Senkaku Islands in Japan), which are a source of territorial dispute between China and Japan.