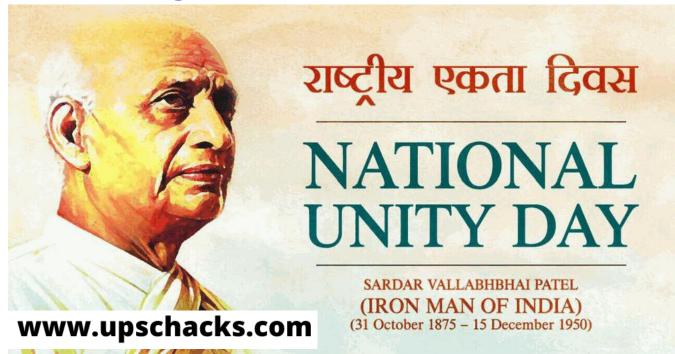


Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day: 31st October



- In India, the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day is observed every year on October 31 since 2014, to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- This year marks the 146th anniversary of the great leader who played an instrumental role in India's struggle for independence, and later during the integration of the country

Uttarakhand gets country's largest aromatic garden



- Uttarakhand gets India's largest aromatic garden in the Nainital district.
- The research wing of the Uttarakhand forest department inaugurated the biggest aromatic garden of India in Lalkuan of Nainital district.
- Established in an area of over 3 acres, the garden has 140 different species of aromatic species from across India.
- The project was initiated in the year 2018-19 after approval of the Research Advisory Committee in June 2018.

South Korea inaugurated World's Largest Hydrogen Fuel Cell Power Plant



- The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of South Korea held that the 'Shinincheon Bitdream Fuel Cell Power Plant' at the Shinincheon Bitdream headquarters of Korea Southern Power in Seo-gu, Incheon has been completed and inaugurated.
- The power plant is operated by South Korea's independent power production company, POSCO Energy and Doosan Fuel Cell.
- It has a capacity of 78 MW constructed in four stages from 2017. The project cost about 340 billion won (\$292 million).

Karnataka tops State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2020



- Karnataka has topped the State Energy Efficiency Index 2020 (SEEI), scoring 70 points out of 100 on the back of several initiatives to improve energy efficiency in the state.
- Rajasthan is on second rank followed by Haryana on third. Last year i.e in SEEI 2019 ranking, Rajasthan was on top.
- The State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2020 was released under the Ministry of Power.
- State Energy Efficiency Index is released by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and Alliance for an Energy-Efficient Economy (AEEE).
- The SEE index, assesses the states in four categories of Aspirant with a score below 30 points, Contenders with a score between 30-50, Achievers with a score of 50-60 and the Frontrunners with above 60 points score.

 SEEI 2020 has assessed the performance of 36 states and Union territories in energy efficiency (EE) using 68 qualitative, quantitative, and outcome-based indicators aggregating to a m



THE's World Reputation Rankings 2021 announced



- 4 Indian institutes have made it to the Times Higher Education (THE)'s World Reputation Rankings 2021, the annual ranking of THE that features the top 200 universities based on the votes from leading academics across the globe.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru ranked among the top 100 (91-100) has topped the Indian Institutes. The other 3 Indian institutes are the IIT Bombay, the IIT Delhi, and the IIT Madras
- Harvard University of the United States of America (USA) has topped the 2021 ranking.
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA and University of Oxford from the United Kingdom (UK) has secured the 2nd and 3rd rank respectively.