



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## NATIONAL

### 1. Blockchain system in Gadchiroli to weed out fake caste certificates

**Why in news** - The Maharashtra government is in the process of implementing a system to authenticate government-issued caste certificates through a blockchain system.

#### **Imp points-**

- The system will be put in place in the Maoism-affected Gadchiroli district.
- It will allow instant, 10-second verification that will rule out any duplication or forgery of caste certificates.
- Once the project is implemented, any third party, such as employers, educational institutions, government agencies, judicial bodies etc., can verify the authenticity of caste certificates.

### 2. Bharat Biotech to upgrade facility

**Why in news** - WHO pauses Covaxin supply via UN bodies

#### **Imp points-**

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has suspended supply of Covaxin, Bharat Biotech's COVID19 vaccine, through UN agencies to allow the

manufacturer to upgrade facilities and address deficiencies.

- The suspension was in response to its post EUL (emergency use authorisation) inspection.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. Dodgy declaration

**Why in news** - Pakistan slips into political uncertainty as Imran Khan ducks trust vote and bats for fresh elections.

### 2. Sri Lanka's Cabinet of Ministers resign en masse amid economic crisis

**Why in news** - The government declared a state of emergency after an angry mob surrounded the private residence of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

### 3. Taliban bans drug cultivation, including lucrative opium.

**Why in news** - Drug control has been one major demand of the international community of the Islamist group, which took over the country in August and is seeking formal international recognition in order to wind back sanctions that are severely hampering banking, business and development.

### Imp points-

- Afghanistan is the world's biggest opium producer.
- Afghanistan's opium production as the United Nations estimated was worth \$1.4 billion at its height in 2017.

#### 4. Nepal PM Deuba visits temples in Varanasi

**Why in news** - Nepalese Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba arrived in Varanasi on Sunday and offered prayers at the famous Kal Bhairav and Kashi Vishwanath temples.

### Imp points-

- The two Prime Ministers (Mr Modi and Mr Deuba) remotely flagged off the railway service between Jainagar in Bihar and Kurtha in Janakpur (Nepal).

#### 5. India-Mexico

**Why in news** - Mexico's Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard was in New Delhi for meetings with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

### Imp points-

- Capital : Mexico City
- Official Language : Spanish
- Money : Peso
- Major Mountain Ranges : Sierra Madre
- Major Rivers : Rio Grande, Yaqui

#### 6. Jordan

**Why in news** - Jordan's former Crown Prince, Hamzah, who was implicated in a coup plot against his half-brother King Abdullah II, gave up his royal title (Title of prince).

## TECHNOLOGY

### 1. Tata Group's super app Tata Neu

**Why in news** - Tata Group's super app Tata Neu is set for launch on April 7.

- Tata Neu is the conglomerate's super app that brings together all of its digital services and apps on a single platform.
- Several other internet conglomerates such as Amazon, Paytm, Reliance Jio have built their versions of super apps, where they provide a bouquet of services such as payments, content streaming, shopping, travel bookings, groceries, etc.

## ECONOMY

### 1. China's digital currency

**Why in news** - China's central bank expands digital yuan pilot scheme to more cities

### Imp points-

- Digital currency name : e-CNY
- Tianjin, Chongqing, Guangzhou, Fuzhou, Xiamen and six cities in the coastal Zhejiang province will be added to the existing 10 major "pilot" cities to test the use e-CNY.

### 2. Indian exports

**Why in news** - Goods exports up by 43%

### Imp points-

- India's goods exports grew 43.2% in 202122 to nearly \$418 billion, rising over \$125 billion over the COVID hit 2020.

- Total merchandise imports had crossed \$550 billion by February 2022, leading to a trade deficit of \$175.75 billion in the first 11 months of the year.

## SPORTS

### 1. **Australia wins ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022**

**Why in news** - Australia defeated England by 71 runs to win their record seventh Women's World Cup title(ODI).

#### **Imp points-**

- Venue - Hagley Oval in Christchurch, New Zealand
- Alyssa Healy of Australia scored 170 runs in the match, the highest individual score made by any cricketer, male or female, in the World Cup Final.
- Healy was also the leading run-scorer in the tournament with 509 runs.
- The Player of the Tournament went to Alyssa Healy.
- Sophie Ecclestone of England was the leading wicket-taker in the tournament, with 21 dismissals.
- The 2022 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup was the 12th edition of the Women's Cricket World Cup.
- The tournament was held in New Zealand from 4 March to 3 April 2022.

## ENVIRONMENT

### 1. **High Level Expert Group on the NetZero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities**

**Why in news** - UN chief names an Indian in climate team

#### **Imp points-**

- Arunabha Ghosh, CEO of the Delhi-based Council for Energy Environment and Water, has been appointed a member of a high level group constituted by United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, to bolster action against global warming.
- 16 member group will be led by Catherine McKenna, former Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

## BIHAR

### 1. **Bihar Vidyapeeth likely to become central university**

**Why in news** – Anti- encroachment drive is going on within Bihar Vidyapeeth premises.

#### **Imp points-**

- During national movement, Bihar Vidyapeeth(1st), Kashi Vidyapeeth (2nd) and Gujarat Vidyapeeth were established.
- This anti-encroachment drive will help UGC to apply for central university status like Kashi and Gujarat Vidyapeeth.
- Cental university status of Bihar Vidyapeeth was suspended in 1942 during British rule for its involvement in Indian national movement.

## 2. Bihar Hindi literature Convention

**Why in news** – 67 eminent hindi scholars honoured.

### Imp points-

- 41<sup>st</sup> convention lasted for 2 days in Patna.
- Prof Ram Mohan Pathak (Former vice-chancellor of Dakshin Bharat Hindi Pracharani Sabha) has been honoured with Acharya Shivpujansahay award.

## 3. Jal-Jeevan-Mission: Har Ghar Jal

**Why in news** – Rural Bihar households have most number of Tap water connection in the country.

### Imp points-

- In Bihar, one crore 57 lakh rural houses are getting water supply from taps.
- Maharashtra is in second place, where

one crore three lakh families are being supplied with tap water

- The figures released by the Central Government show that in rural areas of Bihar, one crore 72 lakh 20 thousand families have to be given tap-water connections. Out of these 91.11 percent target has been achieved.

## 4. Veer Kunwar Singh Mahotsav

**Why in news** - BJP formed committee to prepare for Kunwar Singh Mahotsav.

### Imp points-

- Home minister Amit Shah will also participate.
- Head of committee – Mithilesh Tiwari
- Coordinator – Amrendra Pratap
- Venue – Jagdishpur, 23<sup>rd</sup> April

