



CURRENT AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL

1. Broadcast Seva Portal

Why in news : I&B Minister launches Broadcast Seva Portal.

Imp points –

- Anurag Singh Thakur launched Broadcast Seva Portal as part of the “ease of doing business” initiative for the broadcasting sector.
- It is an online portal solution for speedy filing and processing of applications by the broadcasters for various kinds of licences, permissions and registrations.

2. Supreme Court Strikes Down Vanniyar quota

Why in news : The Supreme Court struck down the 10.5% internal reservation to Vanniyakula Kshatriya community in Tamil Nadu.

Imp points –

- Reservation in Tamil Nadu comprises 69% under a 1994 Act protected under the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution.
- The Ninth Schedule was added by the first amendment to the Indian Constitution.
- It was introduced on 10th May 1951 by the Jawaharlal Nehru Government to protect land reform laws from being

challenged in the courts on the grounds of violation of fundamental rights.

3. Human Genome

Why in news : Scientists had published the map of the human genome for the first time nearly two decades ago which was hailed as a break through.

Imp points –

- In 2020, the Ministry of Science and Technology had approved an ambitious gene-mapping project called the Genome India Project (GIP).
- Every organism's genetic code is contained in its Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid (DNA), the building blocks of life.
- The discovery that DNA is structured as a “double helix” by James Watson and Francis Crick in 1953.

4. Operation Upalabdh: RPF

Why in news - Railway Protection Force (RPF) conducted a Pan India Drive against the alleged black marketeers under Operation Upalabdh.

Imp points –

- To curb the activities of touts substantially and make railway tickets available to the common man.
- Earlier RPF had launched a nationwide

operation to curb human trafficking named Operation AAHT.

5. Darlong Community

Why in news - Darlong community was officially included in the list of Scheduled Tribes after the Lok Sabha passed the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

Imp points –

- Darlong is one of the 19 tribal communities of Tripura.
- The Darlongs adopt Jhum cultivation / shifting cultivation and they call it as 'Loi'.

6. Microsoft's 'Startup Founders Hub' Platform

Why in news - Microsoft has launched 'Startup Founders Hub' platform in India.

Imp points –

- This platform will provide all kinds of support to startup founders in India.
- The Hub offers benefits and credits of over US\$ 3,00,000.

7. Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records (FASTER)

Why in news - Chief Justice of India NV Ramana has launched 'Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records' (FASTER) software.

Imp points –

- It will act as a digital platform through which court orders will be communicated securely and expeditiously.
- Orders passed by high courts and

Supreme Court will Be Transmitted Securely Through FASTER Software Without Any Third Party Interference.

INTERNATIONAL

1. India appoints new Foreign Secretary

Why in news : Vinay Mohan Kwatra appointed as new Foreign Secretary

Imp points –

- Vinay Mohan Kwatra is currently India's ambassador to Nepal.
- He will succeed the incumbent Harsh Vardhan Shringla.

2. Street in Newyork named after Hindu temple

Why in news : In the United States, a street outside a renowned and prominent temple in New York has been named the Ganesh Temple Street.

Imp points –

- Sri Maha Vallabha Ganapati Devasthanam, popularly known as the Ganesh Temple, is regarded as the first and oldest (1977) Hindu temple in North America.

3. Hungary and Serbia election

Why in news : Pro-Putin leaders in Hungary and Serbia win re-election

Imp points –

- Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban re-elected again.
- Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic won a second term.

4. The India-Australia trade agreement

Why in news : On April 2, India and Australia signed an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA).

Imp points –

- The landmark bilateral trade pact is the second trade agreement India has signed this year after inking a similar deal with the United Arab Emirates in February.
- Expected to increase trade between the two sides to \$45-50 billion over five years from the current estimate of \$27 billion.
- Australia will provide 'preferential access' to “all the labour intensive sectors” of export items from India.
- Create over 10 lakh additional job opportunities.
- This is the first trade deal signed by India that has a compulsory review mechanism after 15 years of implementation
- India's Commerce Minister - Piyush Goyal.
- Australian Trade Minister - Dan Tehan.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Running out of time : says IPCC

Why in news : In its latest assessment report released, the IPCC has provided an assessment of actions that are being taken, and where they will take us in the fight against climate change.

Imp points –

- IPCC said that global greenhouse emissions needed to peak by 2025 “at the latest” if the world wanted to restrict temperature rise to within 1.5 degree Celsius from pre-industrial times.
- Global emissions would have to be reduced by 43 per cent from current levels by the year 2030 in order to meet the 1.5 degree Celsius target.
- Paris agreement 2015 aims to limit global warming to well below 2° Celsius, and preferably limit it to 1.5° Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels.

About IPCC

- Full form - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- It was set up in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- So far, five assessment reports have been produced, the first one being released in 1990 (5th report - 2014).

2. UNEP Report on Noise Pollution

Why in news : United Nations Environment Programme report titled Annual Frontiers Report 2022.

Imp points –

- This is the fourth edition of the Frontiers Report, first published in 2016.
- Delhi, Jaipur, Kolkata, Asansol and Moradabad are the five Indian cities mentioned in this list.
- At a maximum value of 114, Moradabad

was the second-noisiest city in the list.

- The first was Dhaka, Bangladesh at a maximum value of 119 dB.
- In India, Noise pollution is regulated separately under the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000.

ECONOMY

1. India Inc's biggest merger

Why in news : Mortgage firm HDFC Ltd will merge with HDFC Bank.

Imp points –

- The combined market capitalisation will enable HDFC Bank to overtake TCS and become No. 2 in valuation after Reliance Industries Ltd (Rs 18.01 lakh crore).
- HDFC Bank is India's largest private sector bank by assets with a market cap of Rs 9.17 lakh crore.
- HDFC Ltd is India's largest housing finance company with total market cap of Rs 4.85 lakh crore.
- H T Parekh was the founder chairman of HDFC, the first retail housing finance company in the country set up in 1977.
- Present HDFC Chairman - Deepak Parekh.

AWARDS

1. 64th Grammy Awards

Why in news : Two Indians – Falguni Shah and Ricky Kej win big at the 64th Grammy Awards

Imp points –

- Ricky Kej received the Grammy for

Divine Tides (Lahiri Music) for the Best New Age Album. This is the second Grammy for the Indian musician. His first had come at the 57th Grammy ceremony in 2015 for Winds of Samsara.

- Falguni Shah aka Falu won the Best Children's album for A Colourful World (El Cerrito Records). The album stemmed from her struggles to explain racial equity to her child.
- Sitar maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar became the first Indian to win a Grammy in 1968. The celebrated musician and composer collected four golden gramophones.
- The Grammy Awards was presented by the Recording Academy at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas

BIHAR

1. Liquor Prohibition Amendment Act 2022.

Why in news : In a meeting of the state cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, the proposal to notify the fine amount and other powers of the magistrate under the Prohibition Amendment Act 2022 was approved.

Imp points –

- If caught drinking alcohol for the first time, the accused will have to pay a fine ranging from two thousand to five thousand rupees. What will be the amount of fine, it will be decided in the presence of the executive magistrate.
- He will be sentenced to 30 days imprisonment for not paying the fine or

cooperating with the police action

- Being caught drinking alcohol for the second time, a provision for compulsory imprisonment of one year to the accused concerned.
- Vehicles seized in the illegal trade of liquor can also be redeemed by paying a fine of up to 50 percent of the fixed sum insured of the vehicle.

2. Two new Information commissioner appointed.

Why in news : Tripurari Sharan (former chief secretary of Bihar) and Phool Chandra Choudhary (Retired judge) has been appointed as the State Information Commissioner.

Imp points –

- Governor of Bihar Phagu Chauhan administered the oath.
- The Bihar State Information Commission is a statutory body which was established by the Government of Bihar in accordance with Section 15 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in June 2006.
- State Information Commission are appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the committee consisting of the Chief Minister as Chairperson, the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly and a state Cabinet Minister.

3. Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccine

Why in news : Special campaign will

be organised for children deprived of JE vaccine.

Imp points –

- Health department will conduct a special vaccination drive to vaccinate children to left out children (9 month to 10 years).
- Will be conducted in 12 districts of Bihar.
- Japanese encephalitis is a viral brain infection that's spread through mosquito bites. The virus is found in pigs and birds.
- JE virus is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected Culex species mosquitoes, particularly Culex tritaeniorhynchus.

4. First Fire Brigade Training Institute in Bihar

Why in news : A fire training institute will be set up in Bihta.

Imp points –

- The consultancy of CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) will be specially consulted in the establishment of this training center.
- So far, about 400 firemen including others from the state have been sent to other places for better training. In this, Nagpur-based NFSC, Hyderabad-based NISA and Delhi-based Fire Safety Management Academy are the main institutes.
- Now firemen will not need to go to outside states to take training.