



CURRENT AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL

1. PM unveils dairy complex in Gujarat

Why in news – PM Narendra Modi inaugurated a state-of-the-art dairy complex and potato processing facility in Gujarat's Banaskantha district.

Key Points –

- The new dairy complex has the capacity to process about 30 lakh litres of milk.
- Dr. Verghese Kurien is called the “Milkman of India”.
- Operation Flood was launched on 13 January 1970 as the world's largest dairy development program.
- India surpassed the United States of America in milk production in 1998.
- India is the world's largest milk producer, with 22% of global production.
- Uttar Pradesh is the highest milk producing state in India contributing around 18% to the total milk production, followed by Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Punjab.
- Bihar ranks 10th in milk production.

2. WHO-Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) in Jamnagar

Why in news – PM Modi inaugurated the WHO-Global Centre for Traditional Medicine at Jamnagar in Gujarat in the presence of WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Key Points –

- GCTM would establish a “global repository” of traditional medicine practices across the world.

- It is the first global center for traditional medicine
- The traditional Indian system of medicine comprises Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH).
- Autonomous bodies Center
 - A. Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga New Delhi
 - B. National Institutes for Ayurveda Jaipur
 - C. National Institutes for Naturopathy Pune
 - D. National Institutes for Unani Medicine Bengaluru
 - E. National Institutes for Siddha Chennai
 - F. National Institutes for Homoeopathy Kolkata
 - G. National Institutes for Sowa Rigpa Leh

3. World's highest tunnel at Shinku La Pass

Why in news – BRO to build world's highest tunnel at 16580 feet to connect Himachal to Ladakh through Shinku La Pass.

Key Points –

- It will connect Himachal Pradesh to Zaskar Valley in Ladakh.
- The construction will start by July 2022 and will be completed by 2025.
- Indian Govt has made 'Project Yojak' of BRO to execute this ambitious project.

4. Nation's first portable solar rooftop system

Why in news – India's first portable solar rooftop system in India has been inaugurated at Swaminarayan Akshardham temple complex in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Key Points –

- The 10 PV Port system has been designed by the German development agency Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).
- The PV Ports have been manufactured by New Delhi-based Servotech Power Systems Ltd (SPSL).
- Each system results in a median annual financial savings of Rs 24,000 on electrical energy payments.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Tropical Storm Megi

Why in news – Tropical Storm Megi wreaked havoc on the Philippines, killing at least 167 people in landslides and floods.

Key Points –

- Tropical Storm Megi is also known as Tropical Storm Agaton in the Philippines.
- Megi arose from a convection zone in the Philippine Sea.
- Megi made two landfalls, one at Guiuan's Calicoan Island and the other in Samar's Basey.
- Tropical cyclones are called by different names in different regions given below-
 - A. Hurricane – Atlantic
 - B. Typhoon – Western Pacific and the South China Sea
 - C. Willy-Willies – Western Australia
 - D. Cyclone – Indian Ocean

2. Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi resigns as President of Yemen

Why in news – Hadi, on April 7, had announced his retirement, further handing his powers to an eight-member council made up of various Yemeni groups.

Key Points –

- The Bab-el-Mandeb is a strait between Yemen on the Arabian Peninsula.
- The Bab-el-Mandeb links the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden.

- Yemen is bordered by Red Sea to the west, the Gulf of Aden and the Guardafui Channel to the south.
- Operation Rahat: It was launched by India to evacuate more than 4,000 Indian citizens from Yemen during the 2015 military intervention by Saudi Arabia and its allies.

TECHNOLOGY

1. Indo-Finnish Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing

Why in news - Recently, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Finland to establish an Indo-Finnish Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing.

Key Points –

- Indo-Finnish Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing will help to initiate cooperation in new emerging areas like 5G; Quantum Computing and Sustainability.
- The Indian side has identified three premier institutes viz IIT Madras, IISER Pune and C-DAC Pune for Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing.

SECURITY

1. 'NATPOLREX-VIII'

Why in news - The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) kicked off the 8th edition of Pollution Response Exercise, 'NATPOLREX-VIII' off Mormugao harbour, Goa.

Key Points –

- It was inaugurated by Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar.
- Two Coast Guard ships from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh were also present.
- The objective of NATPOLREX-VIII is to enhance the preparedness and response capability of all the stakeholders in combating marine spills.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Shanti Sethi

Why in news - Shanti Sethi, a trailblazing

Indian-American Navy veteran, has joined US Vice President Kamala Harris's office as her executive secretary and defence advisor.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Liver Day 2022

Why in news - World Liver Day is observed on 19 April annually to spread awareness about the causes of liver disease and tips for its prevention.

Key Points –

- The liver is the second largest and the second most complex organ in the body, after the brain.
- The liver regulates blood sugar, removes toxic substances from the body, helps blood clot, and controls cholesterol levels.
- The most common causes of liver disease are viral hepatitis i.e. hepatitis B and hepatitis C, excessive consumption of alcohol, and unhealthy lifestyles leading to obesity.
- A patient who drinks alcohol for prolonged periods of time in substantial quantity ultimately develops cirrhosis.

OBITUARY

1. Philippine envoy to China dies

Why in news - The Philippine envoy to China Jose Santiago Sta. Romana passed away while in mandatory quarantine in eastern Anhui province.

STATES/UTs

1. Brain Health Initiative

Why in news - Indian cricketer Robin Uthappa has been recently appointed as the brand ambassador for Karnataka- Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI).

Key Points –

- Karnataka has launched the Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI) with the help of NIMHANS and NitiAyog.
- NIMHANS, Bengaluru is the apex centre for mental health and neuroscience education in the country.

- It is an Institute of National Importance that operates autonomously under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

BIHAR

1. Bihar third in new HIV infections

Why in news - Bihar records around 8,000 new cases of people living with HIV (PLHIV) annually despite a 27% reduction in the new infection rate from 2010.

Key Points –

- Bihar ranks third after Maharashtra and UP in new HIV/AIDS infections every year.
- The youth accounted for a higher incidence of PLHIV in the state.
- The intravenous drug user and gays or men who have sex with men (MSM) accounted for most of the new HIV/AIDS cases. (Earlier - female sex workers).
- With a 0.17% PLHIV prevalence rate, Bihar fared better than the national average of 0.22%.
- India aims to eliminate the public threat of the disease by 2030.
- With 1.34 lakh infected, Bihar accounted for nearly 5.77% of India's 23.19 lakh people living with HIV/AIDS.

2. Bihar ranks second in the country in providing tele-medicine facility

Why in news - Health Minister Mangal Pandey said that Bihar stood second in the whole country in the telemedicine facility provided to the general public.

Key Points –

- 52 thousand 779 people across the state availed telemedicine facilities through e-Sanjeevani.
- Bhagalpur district tops by providing tele-medicine facility to three thousand 144 people.
- Apart from this, the performance of Saran, Madhepura, Purnia and Muzaffarpur districts has also been better.

3. Smart classes in Bihar government school

Why in news – 2.5 thousand schools will be made digital by equipping them with computer labs.

Key Points –

- Central government has given approval under the 'ICT at the school' initiative.
- Rs 6.40 lakh are to be spent on the installation of computers in a school.
- It aims to bridge the digital divide among students backward due to socio-economic and geographical reasons.

4. Bihar Board President Anand Kishore to get Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration

Why in news – The Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration is now going to be released for the error-free issuance of Bihar Board results.

Key Points –

- It will be given to him on the occasion of Civil Service Day being celebrated in Delhi on 20 and 21 April 2022.
- Earlier in 2021, he was honored with the Outstanding Educational Leader Award.

5. Neetu Chandra Srivastava

Why in news – Bihar's daughter Neetu Chandra Srivastava, who has worked in several films in Tamil, Telugu and Kannada languages along with Bollywood, has also stepped into Hollywood.

Key Points –

- Neetu has become the first Bihari actress to get a lead role in Hollywood by playing the lead role in the Hollywood film 'Never Back Down: Revolt'.
- Neetu said that she is also the brand ambassador of Taekwondo Federation of India.

6. Three time fluoride in Banka water

Why in news – Public Health Engineering Department team took water samples. It was found that the amount of fluoride in the village water is three times.

Key Points –

- The executive engineer of the department has claimed that a fluoride removal plant will be installed in the village within three days.
- Due to high fluoride content in water, people of Nirpadih village of Fullidumar block of Banka district are becoming victims of disability.



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- To which country India has assured help in space, telecommunication and energy sectors – **Mongolia.**
- Who has set up its first IT training and service center in Leh - **Ethosh Digital.**
- Who has inaugurated the 10-day National Cyber Security Incident Response Exercise in New Delhi - National Security Advisor (NSA) - **Ajit Doval.**
- Who has been appointed by Lloyd's as its brand ambassador - **Sourav Ganguly.**
- Who has inaugurated the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of India International Center (IIC) in New Delhi - **President Ram Nath Kovind.**
- Which new app from Google allows Apple users to transfer their data from iPhone to Android very easily - **'Switch to Android'**
- The Chief Minister of which state has announced free electricity for up to 125 units - **Jai Ram Thakur, the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.**
- Which state has announced to celebrate the birth anniversary of Siddalinga Swami as 'Integration Day' - **Karnataka.**
- Who has been appointed as the CMD of Air India Asset Holding - **Vikram Dev Dutt.**

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