



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## NATIONAL

### 1. Pakistan objects to PM Narendra Modi's visit to Kashmir

**Why in news** - Pakistan has objected to the construction of the Ratle and Kwar hydroelectric projects on the Chenab river, which it claimed was a "direct contravention" of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT).

#### **Key Points –**

- The Indus system comprises the main Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas and Sutlej.
- IWT is a water-distribution treaty between India and Pakistan signed on September 19, 1960.
- It was signed between PM Nehru and Pakistan's President Ayub Khan.
- It was brokered by the World Bank.
- The three 'western rivers' (Indus, Jhelum and Chenab) went to Pakistan and the three 'eastern rivers' (Sutlej, Ravi and Beas) were portioned to India.
- India is allowed to use 20% water from the western rivers for irrigation, power generation and transport purposes.

### 2. Religious Freedom Violation in India

**Why in news** - United States Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) recommends designating India as a 'country of particular concern'.

#### **Key Points –**

- The latest report asks the US government to include India in the category of governments performing most poorly on religious freedom criteria.

- Other countries recommended for the CPC designation were: Afghanistan, Nigeria, Syria and Vietnam.
- USCIRF recommended that the US government to redesignate Myanmar, China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan as CPCs.
- USCIRF advisory body to the US Congress. It is headquartered in Washington DC.

### 3. Posoco ties up with IIT Delhi for research

**Why in news** - IIT Delhi has partnered with Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO)-NRLDC to encourage research on issues related to India's power sector.

#### **Key Points –**

- Indian government aims for net-zero carbon emissions by 2070 and intermediate goals through 2030.
- POSOCO is a wholly owned Government of India Enterprise under the Union Ministry of Power.
- It is responsible for ensuring the integrated operation of the national electricity grid in a safe manner.

### 4. Raisina Dialogue 2022

**Why in news** - On 25th April 2022, the Raisina Dialogue was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

#### **Key Points –**

- The chief guest of the event was European Commission President Ursula Von Der Leyen.
- The theme of Raisina Dialogue 2022 is "Terranova- Impassioned, Impatient,

Imperilled" and it will be modelled along six thematic pillars.

- Raisina Dialogue is India's premier conference on geopolitics and geo-economics, which started in 2016.
- It is organised by MEA in partnership with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF).

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **1. Elon Musk acquires Twitter for \$44 billion**

**Why in news** - In one of the world's biggest deals in the tech world, billionaire Elon Musk has taken control of Twitter.

#### **Key Points –**

- Musk acquired Twitter for approximately \$44 billion with shares valued at \$54.20 each.
- Musk is the world's richest person, with a fortune of \$257 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

### **2. To counter China's BRI, MEA launches a growth model**

**Why in news** - Ministry of External Affairs has launched a platform called the Trilateral Development Corporation (TDC) Fund to provide an alternative to the Chinese model that has pushed developing countries into a debt trap.

#### **Key Points –**

- India's Global Innovation Partnership (GIP) launched with the UK will provide a template to use the TDC Fund for trilateral projects with other countries like Japan, Germany, France and the EU.
- Both India and UK have agreed to co-finance £75million over 14 years to implement various components of GIP.

## **DEFENCE**

### **1. India is 3rd the largest military spender**

**Why in news** - At \$76.6 billion, India is the third highest military spender in the world, says Stockholm International Peace Research

Institute (SIPRI) report.

#### **Key Points –**

- The top five military spenders are the United States, China, India, the United Kingdom, and Russia accounting for 62 percent of the global military expenditure.
- The global defence expenditure reached an all-time high of \$2.1 trillion in 2021.
- India's military spending, amounting to \$76.6 billion (Rs 5.87 lakh crore) in 2021, grew by 0.9 percent from 2020 and by 33 percent from 2012.
- Roughly 50 % of India's defence exports from 2017 to 2021 were to Myanmar, followed by Sri Lanka at 25%, and Armenia at 11%.
- China is the second largest spender, allocating USD 293 billion to its military in 2021.
- The USA far outspent any other nation with \$801bn decreased its spending by 1.4 percent in 2021.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **1. World Malaria Day 2022**

**Why in news** - To raise awareness about this life-threatening disease, citizens all across the world celebrate World Malaria Day on April 25 every year.

#### **Key Points –**

- Malaria is spread through the female Anopheles mosquito's bite (which is infected with the malaria-causing plasmodium parasite).
- In 2008, the first World Malaria Day was observed.
- The theme for World Malaria Day 2022 is "Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives".
- On 30 June 2021, WHO announced that the People's Republic of China had been certified malaria-free.
- India aims to eliminate Malaria by 2030.
- Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said

124 districts in the country have reported “zero” malaria cases.

## 2. **International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace 2022**

**Why in news** – It is celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> April to promote and maintain the UN's three pillars of peace and security, development, and human rights.

**Key Points** –

- By a recorded vote of 144 in favour to 2 against, the General Assembly adopted the resolution “International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace” on December 12, 2018.
- Climate change, geopolitical conflicts, humanitarian and migration crises are global concerns that cut beyond states' beliefs and interests, necessitating collective attention.

## **AWARDS & HONOURS**

### 1. **India Pavilion at Paris Book Festival 2022.**

**Why in news** – India is designated as the Guest of Honour Country at the Paris Book Festival 2022 being organized from 21st to 24th April, 2022.

**Key Points** –

- The inauguration was followed by a Rajasthani folk music program, “Sounds of India”.
- The National Institute of Design (NID) developed the India Pavilion, which comprises over 15 digital and physical exhibitions showing over 400 books published in various Indian languages.

### 2. **World Intellectual Property Day**

**Why in news** – World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated on 26th April to learn about the role that intellectual property (IP) rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity.

**Key Points** –

- Theme 2022 - “IP and Youth: Innovating for a Better Future”.
- The event was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in

2000.

- World Intellectual Property Organization (Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland) is the International Nodal agency for IP.

## **SPORTS**

### 1. **Khelo India University Games 2022**

**Why in news** – Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the Khelo India University Games on Sunday, April 24, at the SreeKanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru.

**Key Points** –

- The Games will see about 4,500 athletes representing nearly 200 universities in 20 sports vying for top honors.
- Indigenous sports - mallakhamb and yogasana - have been added as special attractions this year.
- VP Venkaiah Naidu gave a call "to return to our roots".

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### 1. **Macron re-elected as French President**

**Why in news** – Macron won in the second round of the presidential election with 58.55% of the votes, while his rival Marine Le Pen got 41.45%.

**Key Points** –

- He is the first President of France to have won a re-election bid since Jacques Chirac in 2002.
- He is the founder and leader of the independent party called En Marche! (Onwards).
- The **2022 French presidential election** was held on 10 and 24 April 2022.

## **DEFENCE**

### 1. **New vessel 'UrjaPravaha' inducted into the Indian Coast Guard**

**Why in news** – The Indian Coast Guard Ship named UrjaPravaha has been inducted into the Indian Coast Guard at Gujarat's Bharuch.

**Key Points** –

- It is a cargo ship that will function under the operational command of Coast Guard District Headquarters-4 (Kerala and Mahe).
- UrjaPravaha, is 36 metres long.
- the ship will give additional support to auxiliary barge UrjaShrota.

## STATES/UTs

### 1. **Telangana launches SpaceTech Framework**

**Why in news** –Telangana launched its SpaceTech Framework to help the state emerge as a commercial hub for all space-related products and services.

#### **Key Points –**

- It aims at promoting domestic production of launch vehicles, satellite systems and subsystems, ground equipment manufacturing and other facilities.
- It was the first-ever official government event to be hosted on Metaverse.
- Space industry is expected to grow to \$558 billion by 2026.

## BIHAR

### 1. **Rs 1207 crore approved for new medical colleges in Munger and East Champaran.**

**Why in news** – State government has recently approved the proposal of one new medical college and hospital each in Munger and East Champaran.

#### **Key Points –**

- According to the information received from the health department, both the medical colleges will be developed with 150

enrollment capacity of MBBS.

- There will be a total of 630 beds for patients.

### 2. **Work station being built in districts under NAFIS**

**Why in news** – Under the National Automated Finger Print Identification System (NAFIS) project, work is in progress in all 44 districts including Rail District.

#### **Key Points –**

- Under this scheme, along with the fingers of the accused, a database of their palm impressions will also be created.
- Regional Photo Unit is being set up in 9 ranges to assist in the research of serious cases.
- It will be linked to the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network (CCTNS) and will immediately go into the database of the Finger Print Bureau of the state.

### 3. **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)**

**Why in news** – In BJP ruled states including Bihar, the demand for UCC from BJP is increasing. BJP is in favor of implementing it, JDU has rejected it five years back.

#### **Key Points –**

#### **About UCC –**

- UCC is a directive principle under Article 44 of the Constitution.
- UCC would provide for one law for the entire country, applicable to all religious communities in their personal matters such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption etc.
- In the Shah Bano case (1985) and Sarla Mudgal Case (1995), Supreme Court asked the government to move toward a UCC.



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# PERFECTION IAS

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- On which river in Kishtwar district the foundation stone of 540 MW Kwar hydroelectric project was laid – **Chenab river.**
- Which country closed its airspace for Russian civilian and military flying ships – **Turkey.**
- Colombo Defense Conclave Virtual Conference was organized by the National Investigation Agency of which country – **India.**
- Who has been included in UNICEF Youth Board – **Ashwin Yardi.**
- Who won the Formula One Emilia Romagna Grand Prix race in Italy – **Max Verstappen.**
- Which country celebrated Anzac Day on 25 April – **Australia and New Zealand.**
- Who was appointed by Aditya Birla Capital as its CEO – **Visakha Mulay.**
- In which state DefConnect2.0 was organized – **New Delhi.**
- Which became the first district in the country to have a library in every village – **Jamtada.**
- In which state did PM Modi inaugurate community radio station "Doodh Vani" – **Gujarat.**

**NEW BATCHES FOR BPSC IS SCHEDULED ON 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022.**

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