



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## NATIONAL

### 1. Centre says Delhi should be under its control

**Why in News** - The Central government in Supreme Court argued that Delhi, the nation's capital and a sprawling metropolis, should be under its control.

#### **Key Points** –

- In 1911, Delhi became the capital of India.
- Pattabhi Sitaramiyya Committee (1947) suggested Delhi to function under a Lieutenant Governor, to be appointed by the President.
- In 1952, the Legislative Assembly of Delhi came into existence.
- Prabhu Committee (1975) recommended delegation of enhanced financial and administrative powers to the Delhi administration.
- Balakrishnan committee (1987) favoured granting statehood to Delhi.

#### **Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991**

- The recommendations of the Balakrishnan Committee were given effect with the 69th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1991 through which Articles 239AA and 239AB were introduced in the Constitution.
- The 69th Constitutional Amendment Act of 1991 redesignated the UT of Delhi as the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT).
- Article 239AA
  - a. It also creates a legislative assembly for Delhi which can make laws on subjects under the State List and Concurrent List except on these matters: public order, land, and police.
  - b. It also provides for a Council of Ministers

for Delhi consisting of not more than 10% of the total number of members in the assembly.

- Article 239AB - President may by order suspend the operation of any provision of Article 239AA or of all or any of the provisions of any law made in pursuance of that article.

### 2. India's first Amrit Sarovar prepared in UP's Rampur

**Why in News** - India's first 'Amrit Sarovar' has been completed in Rampur's Gram Panchayat Patwai.

#### **Key Points** –

- Under the Amrit Sarovar initiative, 75 water bodies will be developed and rejuvenated in each district as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- In Rampur, 75 ponds were chosen to be developed as Amrit Sarovar.
- Work on the pond having the largest area (1.67 hectares) in Gram Panchayat Singan Kheda has also started.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. Indonesia's Palm Oil Export Ban

**Why in News** – Indonesia's ban on palm oil exports starting from April 28 rattles Indian markets.

#### **Key Points** –

- Indonesia is the world's largest producer of palm oil.
- India is the largest importer of palm oil in the world.
- Indonesia is the second-largest exporter of Palm oil to India after Malaysia.
- India imports over 13.5 million tonnes of edible oil every year. Out of this, 8-8.5 million tonnes

(around 63 percent) is palm oil.

- India imports 90 percent of its sunflower oil needs from Russia and Ukraine.

### **National Mission on Edible Oil - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) 2021**

- NMEO-OP is a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- It is proposed to have an additional 6.5 lakh hectares for palm oil by 2025-26.
- Special emphasis will be on India's North-Eastern (NE) states and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- It aims to raise the domestic production of palm oil by three times to 11 lakh MT by 2025-26.
- It will get an investment of over Rs 11,000 crore over five years.

## **2. Russia stops gas supply to two NATO nations**

**Why in News** – Russia's Gazprom halted natural gas supplies to Poland and Bulgaria as Moscow presses its demand for payment in roubles.

### **Key Points** –

- It comes after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered "unfriendly" countries to pay for gas in roubles.
- Supplies from Russia account for about 40% of the EU's natural gas imports.
- Nord Stream is the 1,200 km subsea export gas pipeline that runs under the Baltic Sea carrying gas from Russia to Europe.

## **3. Myanmar Army court jails Suu Kyi for 5 years for corruption**

**Why in News** – A court in military-ruled Myanmar sentenced deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi to five years in jail after finding her guilty in the first of 11 corruption cases.

### **Key Points** –

- Myanmar Army chief - Min Aung Hlaing.
- Aung San Suu Kyi received Nobel Peace Prize in 1991.
- She was awarded the Jawaharlal Nehru Peace Prize in 1992.
- She is called the "Children of Gandhi".

- Aung San Suu Kyi became famous through the 8888 uprising. The 8888 uprising is also called the 'People Power Uprising'.
- Aung San Suu Kyi is the leader of the National League for Democracy.

## **4. H3N8 Bird Flu**

**Why in News** – China's Henan province reports the first human case of the H3N8 Bird Flu.

### **Key Points** –

- The H3N8 variant has previously been detected in horses, dogs, birds and seals but no human cases of H3N8 have been reported.
- Last year China reported the first human case of H10N3.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **1. WHO's World Immunization Week**

**Why in News** – WHO is celebrating World Immunization Week from April 24 to April 30.

### **Key Points** –

- World Immunization Week is celebrated worldwide in the last week of April.
- The theme of this year's Immunization Week is "Long Life for All".
- The world's first "World Immunization Week" was observed in 2012.

## **STATES/UTs**

### **1. Cosmos Malabaricus project**

**Why in News** – Kerala signs MoU with the Netherlands for Cosmos Malabaricus project.

### **Key Points** –

- It will help illustrate the history of Kerala in the 18th century.
- 18th-century Dutch documents on Malabar are regarded as the most comprehensive source of information on the period in Kerala from 1643 to 1852.
- The Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR) is carrying out this project.
- This project will take six years to complete.
- The agreement also aims to establish paint academics at Kollam and Malappuram.

## 2. Minorities Rights Day to be observed annually on Dec 18.

**Why in News** – Tamil Nadu government will observe December 18, every year, as Minorities Rights Day at the state level.

**Key Points** –

- A sum of Rs 2.50 lakh will be provided for the purpose.
- The government would provide education aid to minority girl students in rural areas of Rs 500 to the students of Classes 3 to 5 and Rs 1,000 to the wards of Class 6.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### 1. 'Chinese Spies : From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping'

**Why in News** – A new book titled “Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping” authored by French journalist Roger Faligot published.

**Key Points** –

- The book has been published by Harper Collins India.
- It has been translated by Natasha Lehrer.
- The foreword of the book is written by Vikram Sood, the former head of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW).

## AGREEMENTS

### 1. 'Women Change-makers' video series

**Why in news** - Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry to collaborate with Netflix to launch a short video series documenting the lives of “women change-makers” who have “broken the glass ceiling”.

**Key Points** –

- By 15 August, Netflix will release around 30 videos for the I&B Ministry.
- It is an initiative under 'Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya', an extension of the ongoing “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” celebrations,
- Three short videos were released at the launch that demonstrated the achievements of Basanti Devi (known for her efforts to save the Kosi river), Anshu Jamsenpa (who scaled Mount

Everest twice) and Harshini Kanhekar (India's first female firefighter).

## SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

### 1. World Congress of Accountants

**Why in news** - Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is set to host the 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA), the kumbh of accountants, for the first time in 118 years of its existence.

**Key Points** –

- The event will be held from November 18 to 21 after outbidding France.
- About 6000 top accountants from 130 countries will participate in the program physically.
- The event will take place in the newly built Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai.
- The WCOA is held every four years since it started in 1904.
- The theme this time would be 'Building Trust Enabling Sustainability'.

## ECONOMY

### 1. Reliance Industries crossed Rs 19-Lakh crore Market Cap

**Why in news** - Reliance Industries Limited became the first Indian company to hit the Rs 19 lakh crore market valuation mark in intra-day trade.

- Shares of RIL surged nearly 2% in the Wednesday's intraday trade to hit a 52-week high of Rs 2,827.10 per share on the BSE.

**Key Points** –

- Reliance Industries Ltd has signed a formal shareholder agreement for the USD 2 billion TA'ZIZ chemical joint venture in the UAE and inked a pact to collaborate with ADNOC in finding and producing conventional and unconventional resources.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### 1. Commonwealth Points of Light Award

**Why in news** - The founder of educational charity 'Bidyanando' Kishore Kumar Das from Bangladesh has been chosen for the

Commonwealth Points of Light Award.

#### Key Points –

- He has been chosen for his exceptional work in improving access to education for children from marginalised backgrounds.
- Kishore Das setup Bidyanando in 2013 with just 22 students. It now runs five primary schools which provide free education.
- Kishore has also started a meal program, 'Ek takayaahar' (Meal for one Taka or Rupee).

## 2. World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) Prizes 2022

**Why in news** - Meghalaya E-proposal System grabbed a prestigious UN Award.

#### Key Points –

- e-Proposal System, which is part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture (MeghEA), has been awarded the prestigious UN Award.
- MeghEA was launched by CM Conrad K Sangma in 2019 and is being executed by the Planning Department of the Government of Meghalaya.
- MeghEA has been backed by National e-Gov Division (NeGD).

## APPOINTMENTS

### 1. Robert Golob

**Why in news** - Robert Golob elected as Prime Minister of Slovenia.

#### Key Points –

- Robert Golob has defeated three-time prime minister Janez Janša in the Slovenia Prime Minister election.
- Golob belongs to Freedom Movement (GS) party.

## BIHAR

### 1. Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window (SPARROW) system

**Why in news** – The evaluation of the works of officers and employees of the Bihar government will now be done online under the SPARROW system.

#### Key Points –

- Using the Sparrow System, an applicant can file an Annual Performance Assessment (APR) from anywhere and anytime.
- SPARROW enables electronic filing of performance appraisals by government officers in a way that is user friendly and allows filing from anywhere, any time as per officer's convenience.
- It has been developed by National Informatics Centre.
- It was launched in 2019 at national level.

### 2. National recognition of Bihar tea

**Why in news** - Agriculture Minister Amarendra Pratap Singh has said that a letter has been sent to the Tea Board of India to give a national identity to Bihar tea.

#### Key Points –

- For the expansion of the tea area, 50 percent subsidy is being given under the 'Special Horticulture Product Scheme'.
- Bihar ranks fifth in the country in tea production.
- There is an annual production of 75 lakh kg in an area of about 10 thousand acres.
- Tea is being cultivated for about 20 years.

### 3. Bird census in Bihar

**Why in news** - Birds have been counted for the first time in Bihar. The counting of birds took 146 hours and 22 minutes.

#### Key Points –

- 45,173 birds of 202 species live in Bihar.
- There are 80 species of aquatic birds, whose number is about 39,937. Apart from this, 21 species of birds associated with aquatic nature and 101 species of terrestrial birds have been found.
- This census has been done by the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in collaboration with the Wetland International Organization.
- The next census will be held in February-March, 2023.

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# PERFECTION IAS

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- Recently in which city the 24th National Conference on e-Governance has been inaugurated – **Hyderabad.**
- Which leading private company has launched 'Care4Hockey' campaign – **Bajaj Allianz.**
- Which social media company has launched newsletter platform 'Bulletin' – **Facebook.**
- Which social media company has recently launched 'Aware Voter' campaign – **Twitter.**
- Which ministry has recently launched 'Donate-a-Pension' initiative – **Ministry of Labour.**
- Which country has hosted the World Sustainable Development Summit 2022 – **India.**
- Which Indian city has been selected as the host of FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022 – **Chennai.**
- In which state 'Bonalu' festival is celebrated – **Telangana.**
- Who has recently released the book 'Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra' written by – **Navdeep Singh Gill.**
- Recently, who has been appointed by the Sports Ministry as the director of the first High Performance of Weightlifting – **Avinash Pandu.**

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

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