



# CURRENT AFFAIRS



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## NATIONAL

### 1. ASI's excavation at the Harappan site of Rakhigarhi

**Why in news** - ASI's excavation at Harappan site of **Rakhigarhi** reveals drainage system, copper and gold jewellery.

#### Key Points –

- The 5,000-years-old Harappan site of Rakhigarhi is located in Haryana's **Hisar district**.
- The digging has been going on at three of the **seven mounds**.
- The site was **first** excavated by the ASI in **1998-2001**.
- Mound **No. 3** has revealed “an **aristocratic settlement**”.
- Materials found - Drainage system, copper and gold jewellery, terracotta toys, earthen pots and seals, a (possible) **jewelry-making unit**, semi-precious stones such as agate and carnelian, street planning with a general width of 2.6m.
- The **Rakhigarhi** site is one of the “**five iconic sites**” declared by the Central government in the Union budget 2020-21. The other sites are **Hastinapur** in Uttar Pradesh, **Sivasagar** in Assam, **Dholavira** in Gujarat and **Adichanallur** in Tamil Nadu.
- Ancient mounds 6 and 7 at Rakhigarhi is identified by the ASI that is going to be notified as “sites of national importance”.
- **Sanjay Manjul** is leading the excavation team.

### Other Harappan sites –

SITE	EXCAVATED BY	LOCATION
Harappa	Daya Ram Sahini in 1921	bank of river Ravi in Montgomery district of Punjab (Pakistan)
Mohenjodaro	R.D Banerjee in 1922	Bank of river Indus in Larkana district of Punjab (Pakistan).
Sutkagendor	Stein in 1929	Balochistan province, Pakistan on Dast river
Chanudaro	N.G Majumdar in 1931	Sindh on the Indus river
Amri	N.G Majumdar in 1935	On the bank of Indus river
Kalibangan	Amalnand Ghosh in 1953	Rajasthan on the bank of Ghaggar river
Lothal	R.Rao in 1953	Gujarat on Bhogva river near Gulf of Cambay
Surkotada	J.P Joshi in 1964	Gujarat
Banawali	R.S Bisht in 1974	Hisar district of Haryana
Dholavira	R.S Bisht in 1985	Gujarat in Rann of Kachchh

### 2. Martand Sun Temple

**Why in news** - J&K LG Manoj Sinha joins pooja at ruins of ASI-protected temple.

#### Key Points –

- The Martand Sun Temple also known as **Pandou Laidan** is a Hindu temple dedicated to Surya (The **Sun god**).
- Martand is another name for the Sun God in Sanskrit.
- It was **built** by the third ruler of the Karkota Dynasty, **Lalitaditya Muktapida**, in the **8th century CE**.
- It was **destroyed** during the rule of **Sikandar Shah Miri** between 1389 and 1413.
- It had blended the Gandharan, Gupta and Chinese forms of architecture.
- The Archaeological Survey of India has declared the Martand Sun Temple as a site of national importance in Jammu and Kashmir.

### 3. 'World's Largest' Film Restoration Project

**Why in news** - I&B minister Anurag Thakur said that an amount of **Rs 363 crore** has been allotted for the world's largest film restoration project under the **National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM)**.

**Key Points** –

- The process of restoring over 5900 short films, documentaries and features is under way.
- This exercise is carried out by the **National Film Archive of India**.
- The NFHM was launched in **2016** with an outlay of 597 crore rupees to preserve, restore and digitize the cinematic heritage.
- The history of Indian cinema goes back to 18th May 1912 when **Shree Pundalik** – a silent film directed by **Dadasaheb Torne**, in Marathi was released.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. Monkeypox virus case confirmed in U.K.

**Why in news** - Health authorities in the United Kingdom have confirmed a case of Monkeypox in an individual who recently travelled to that country from Nigeria.

**Key Points** –

- The Monkeypox virus is an **orthopox virus**, which is a genus of viruses that also includes the variola virus, which causes smallpox.
- Monkeypox causes symptoms similar to smallpox.
- vaccination eradicated **small pox** world wide in **1980** but monkey pox continues to occur in a swathe of countries in **Central and West Africa**.
- Monkeypox is a **zoonotic disease**. It has been detected in **squirrels**, Gambian

poached **rats**, **dormice** and some species of **monkeys**.

- The infection was **first** discovered in **1958**.
- The first **human case** was recorded in **1970** in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (**DRC**).

## ECONOMY

### 1. Adani Wilmar became India's largest FMCG company

**Why in news** - Adani Wilmar Ltd (AWL) has surpassed Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) to become the largest FMCG company in India.

**Key Points** –

- At Rs 54,214 crore AWL's sales pipped HUL's Rs 51,468 crore in FY22.
- The company is well on its way to implement its "go-to-market strategy focused to capture the rural growth story."
- However, AWL's profit margins remained lower than the FMCG industry average.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### 1. 26<sup>th</sup> summit of Mt Everest

**Why in news** - A 52-year-old **Nepali Sherpa** has climbed Mount Everest for the **26th time**, beating his own record for the most number of times to scale the world's highest peak.

**Key Points** –

- **Kami Rita** and his group of 11 Sherpa guides summited the 8,848.86-metre peak at 6.55 pm (local time).
- The group used the Southeast ridge route which was pioneered by New Zealand's Sir Edmund Hillary and Nepali Sherpa Tenzing Norgay in 1953.
- Rita scaled Mt Everest for the **first** time on **May 13, 1994**.

- Besides Mt Everest, Rita has also scaled Mt Godwin-Austen (K2), Mt Lhotse, Mt Manaslu and Mt Cho Oyu.
- He also holds the record for most climbs over 8000 metres.
- Till date, Everest has been climbed **10,657 times**.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1. Mother's Day 2022

**Why in news** - Mother's Day is observed on the **second Sunday of May** every year. This year, it falls on May 8.

**Key Points** –

- The **first** Mother's day was celebrated by **Anna Jarvis** of Philadelphia in the year **1908**.
- The Mother's Day officially came into existence in 1914 after former US President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday of May as a national holiday.
- The first Mother's Day 'service of worship' was given at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, by Anna Jarvis.

### 2. World Thalassemia Day 2022

**Why in news** -The International Thalassemia Day is marked annually on May 8 devoted to raising awareness about Thalassemia.

**Key Points** –

- Thalassemia is an **inherited blood disorder** passed down to a child from either one of the parents or both.
- The body of a person suffering from thalassemia makes **less haemoglobin** than that of a normal person.
- World Thalassemia Day came into existence in **1994** on recommendation of the Thalassemia International Federation (TIF).
- Theme for 2022 - **“Be Aware, Share, Care:**

**Working with the global community as one to improve thalassemia knowledge”.**

## SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

### 1. Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022

**Why in news** - Union Minister for MSME **Shri Narayan Rane** inaugurated the 'Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022' at **Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu**.

**Key Points** –

- Coir industry provides employment to more than **7 lakh people** in the rural areas of the coconut growing states.
- A **'Run for Coir'** was also organized on **6th may, 2022** to promote the use of coir.
- Coir Board was set up under the Coir Industry Act, 1953.
- Coir Udyami Yojana is a credit-linked subsidy scheme for setting up coir units with project costs up to Rs.10 lakhs.
- The headquarters of the Board is located at Coir House, Kochi, Kerala.

### 2. 'JITO Connect 2022'

**Why in news** - PM Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural session of Jain International Trade Organisation's 'JITO Connect 2022' via video conferencing.

**Key Points** –

- Theme of the summit - **'Together Towards Tomorrow'**.
- The Prime Minister gave new dimension to the word EARTH.
  - A. E means environment
  - B. A means agriculture and natural farming
  - C. R means recycling and focusing on the circular economy
  - D. T means technology for all
  - E. H means health care

## **BOOKS & AUTHORS**

### **1. Book 'INDO-PAK WAR 1971 Reminiscences of Air Warriors'.**

**Why in news** - Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has released a book titled 'INDO-PAK WAR 1971- Reminiscences of Air Warriors' at the 37th Air Chief Marshal PC Lal Memorial at New Delhi.

**Key Points** –

- The book comprises 50 articles penned by the veterans who have shared their experiences in detail.
- The book was **edited** by Air Marshal **Jagjeet Singh** and Group Captain **Shailendra Mohan**.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **1. John Lee**

**Why in news** - John Lee was elected as Hong Kong's next leader by an election committee comprised of nearly 1,500 largely pro-Beijing members. Lee received 1,416 votes in the chief executive election, far exceeding the 751 votes needed to win.

## **STATES/UTs**

### **1. Haryana's 'e-Adhigam' Scheme**

**Why in news** - Haryana government launched “e-Adhigam” scheme under which nearly **three lakh tablets** were distributed to government school students of Classes 10 and 12.

**Key Points** –

- These devices come with pre-loaded content along with Personalised and Adaptive Learning (**PAL**) **software** and 2GB of free data.
- The country has set a target to implement the New Education Policy by 2030 but Haryana's target is 2025.

### **2. Kerala's 'Shaili App'**

**Why in news** - The Kerala government to

launch 'Shaili App' aimed at diagnosing and controlling lifestyle diseases.

**Key Points** –

- It would be launched under the '**Nava Kerala Karma plan**'.
- The app would collect information about diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, lung diseases as well as other lifestyle-related ailments and cancers.

### **3. “Delhi Startup Policy”**

**Why in news** - Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal said that the cabinet passed an ambitious Delhi Startup Policy that would help turn the capital into an international startup hub.

**Key Points** –

- The vision is to enable Delhi to emerge as a “Global Innovation Hub and the most preferred destination for Startups by 2030”.
- The government intends to “encourage, facilitate and support” 15,000 startups by 2030.
- Students building startups while studying in Delhi government colleges will be able to seek 1-2 years of leave.
- The government will form a monitoring committee to oversee the startup policy. This committee will be headed by Delhi's Finance Minister.

## **BIHAR**

### **1. Swimming will be taught to people living nearby to the river.**

**Why in news** - Swimming will be taught to the people of villages within a radius of five kilometers from the rivers of the state. The government will run a special campaign for this.

**Key Points** –

- According to the Bihar State Disaster Management Authority report, it was found that in the last four years, 1140 people have

died due to drowning in only 18 districts of the state.

- This campaign will be run exclusively in those 18 districts of the state.
- **18 districts** are - East Champaran, Saran, Jehanabad, Khagaria, Patna, Arwal, Munger, Samastipur, Rohtas, Sheohar, Begusarai, Madhepura, Lakhisarai, Katihar, Bhagalpur, Nalanda, Gaya and Kishanganj.

## 2. Plug and Play center

**Why in news** –200 Plug and Play centers will be started in Bihar in three months.

**Key Points** –

- Under the plug and play model, the workplace is made available for rent to the entrepreneurs by making sheds or making all kinds of arrangements in a big hall for setting up industries. Here the entrepreneurs just have to install their equipment and start work.
- Priority will be given to readymade garments and the IT sector.

- Places have been identified to start Plug and Play centers in **Bhagalpur** and **Champaran**.

## 3. Bihar to provide special facility for organic farming

**Why in news** – BSSOCA (Bihar State Seed and Organic Certification Agency) will now take online applications for certification of crops related to organic and traditional farming.

**Key Points** –

- Earlier, farmers of Bihar had to get organic certification from Sikkim.
- Now, the certifying agency's jurisdiction located in **Mithapur, Patna** extends to **Bihar, Bengal, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, Assam** and **Rajasthan**.
- BSSOCA performstesting of Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) in theDNA Finger Printing laboratory.



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- What has been the export of India's service sector in the financial year 2021-22 - **\$ 254.4 billion.**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Flipkart Health Plus - **Prashant Jhaveri.**
- With which country signed agreement to set up Hydrogen Task Force in India - **Germany.**
- Who was appointed as the chairman of the Board of Directors of Inter Globe Aviation - **Venkataramani Sumantran.**
- In which country the 19th Asian Games to be held on 10-25 September has been postponed - **China.**
- Which Indian was included in Top-50 IT Leaders of the Year - **Nikhil Deshpande.**
- Which country's medical inflation is highest among Asian countries in the year 2021 - **India.**
- RailTel in collaboration with WHO inaugurated Mobile Container Hospital in which city - **Visakhapatnam.**
- Which state has tied up with Flipkart to create a pool of supply chain operators - **West Bengal.**
- Which organization has imposed a 2-year ban on journalist Boria Majumdar in the Wriddhiman Saha case - **BCCI.**

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

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