



CURRENT AFFAIRS



18 MAY, 2022



NATIONAL

1. The Gyanvapi Mosque-Kashi Vishwanath dispute

Why in news – During a survey at Gyanvapi mosque, the Hindu side claimed to have found a Shivling in the mosque reservoir.

Key Points –

- It is located in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- It is claimed temple was constructed by Maharaja Vikramaditya about 2,050 years ago at the spot.
- Saqib Khan's book 'Yasir Alamgiri mentions that Aurangzeb had demolished the temple in 1669 by ordering Governor Abul Hassan.
- Ahilya Holkar (queen of Indore) built a new Kashi Vishwanath temple in 1780.
- Section 3 of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 bars the conversion of places of worship.

2. PM Modi launched 5G Testbed

Why in news – PM Modi inaugurated the country's first 5G testbed to enable startups and industry players to test and validate their products locally on 17th May 2022.

Key Points –

- Cost of testbed- Rs 220 crore.
- It is a collaborative project of 8 institutes led by IIT Madras.

- India plans to launch 6G telecom services by 2030.
- On 17th May 2022, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) completed 25 years.

3. National Cyber Forensic Laboratory (NCFL)

Why in news – HM Amit Shah inaugurated the NCFL at Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) campus in Hyderabad.

Key Points –

- A NCFL has also been established at CyPAD, Dwarka, New Delhi.
- There are seven CFSL in the country.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Taliban shuts down Human Rights Commission

Why in news – Taliban has dissolved five departments including the human rights commission.

Key Points –

- Other departments are - Election Commission, Ministry of women's affairs, High council for national reconciliation ministries for peace and Parliamentary affairs.
- Taliban took over the country on 15th August 2021.

2. Russia jumps to 4th in Indian oil supply

Why in news – According to Tanker tracking data, Russia became the 4th largest oil supplier to India in April 2022.

Key Points –

- Russia's share rose to 6%, about 277,000 barrels per day (bpd) in April 2022 from about 66,000 bpd in March (10th position).
- India is the world's 3rd largest oil consumer and importer.
- Indian Oil Corp bought its first-ever Russian Arco oil cargo.
- Iraq continues to be the top oil supplier to India followed by Saudi Arabia and UAE.

ECONOMY

1. IMF raises Chinese yuan's weightage in SDR currency basket

Why in news – The International Monetary Fund has lifted the Chinese yuan's weighting to 12.28% from 10.92%.

Key Points –

- Yuan was included in the IMF currency basket in 2016.
- Weightage of the U.S. dollar raised to 43.38% but that of the Euro, Yen and Pound was decreased to 29.31%, 7.59% and 7.44% respectively.
- SDR currencies - US dollar, Euro, Japanese Yen, Pound sterling and the Chinese Renminbi (Yuan).

SECURITY

1. INS Surat and INS Udaygiri

Why in news – Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched two Indian Navy destroyer warship in Mumbai on 17th May 2022.

Key Points –

- INS Surat and INS Udaygiri was built

under the 'Project 15B' and 'Project 17A' frigate program respectively.

- Both 15B and P17A ships have been designed by the Directorate of Naval Design (DND).
- Both built at Mazagon Docks Limited (MDL), Mumbai.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. National Dengue Day 2022

Why in news – National Dengue Day is observed in the country on 16th May every year.

Key Points –

- It is an initiative of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- It is caused by any of four Aedes species mosquitos (main cause - Aedes Aegypti).
- Dengue NS1 serological tests and molecular tests are commonly used to diagnose Dengue.

2. World Hypertension Day 2022

Why in news – It is observed every year on 17th May to educate people about the problems caused due to hypertension.

Key Points –

- Theme for 2022 - 'Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer'.
- It is a condition of persistently high pressure on the blood vessels. (High BP)
- Hypertension is known as the 'silent killer'.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Elisabeth Borne

Why in news – French President Emmanuel Macron picked Elisabeth Borne as his new Prime Minister.

Key Points –

- She is the 2nd woman Prime Minister. (1st - Edith Cresson).
- She would succeed Jean Castex.

SPORTS

1. Uber Cup 2022

Why in news – South Korea won the Uber Cup (badminton) 2022 defeating China.

Key Points –

- Venue - Bangkok, Thailand.
- Sim Yu-jin (46th-ranked) defeated Wang Zhiyi (15th-ranked).
- It was South Korea's 1st Uber Cup crown in 12 years. (last - 2010)

2. Italian open 2022

Why in news – The 79th edition of the Italian Open (Internazionali BNL d'Italia) concluded in Rome, Italy.

Key Points –

- Novak Djokovic (Serbia) won title defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece).
- It was his 6th title in Rome and 5th consecutive win against Tsitsipas on clay.
- Complete list of winners -

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
Women's singles	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
Men's doubles	Nikola Pietrangeli and Mate Pavić (Croatia)	John Isner (United States) & Diego Schwartzman (Argentina)
Women's doubles	Veronika Kudermetova and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Russia)	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) & Giuliana Olmos (Mexico)

BIHAR

1. NCC's 'Ganga Sparsh' campaign started

Why in news – A boat expedition was started by Bihar Naval Unit on behalf of NCC Group Patna.

Key Points –

- It was launched from Gandhi Ghat at 7 AM on 17th May 2022.
- It would conclude on 28th May at Bhagalpur Visarjan Ghat.
- 60 cadets of NCC Navy are participating in this campaign.

2. Website for each Gram Panchayat

Why in news – All gram panchayat units would have their own websites to bring accountability and transparency in the rural governance system.

Key Points –

- Panchayati Raj Department has approached Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (BELTRON), National Informatics Center (NIC) to develop websites.
- Website would contain demographic details, places of historical importance, important institutions and details of the elected representatives of the area.

3. Bihar amendment to RTE Act

Why in news – Bihar government has made a big change in rules related to implementation of Right to Education Act 2009.

Key Points –

- Under RTE Act 2009, enrollment of children of socially and economically weaker classes in private schools upto class 8 would be made mandatory.
- It is compulsory for private schools to enroll poor children in 25% reserved seats.
- Annually, government gives upto Rs 8000 per student to private schools for education of poor children.

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- Which states have topped in terms of GST registration recently
- Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
- Who has been named as a member of the Bank of England recently
- Dr. Swati Dhingra.
- With which state police will Worldline India and BOI digitize e-challan
- Madhya Pradesh.
- The Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has recently launched a pilot project to skill tribal youth in which city **- Bhopal.**
- Which bank has nominated Rajeev Ranjan and Sitakantha Patnaik as executive directors **- Reserve Bank of India.**
- With whom has the Ministry of Skill Development partnered for capacity building programs **- Indian School of Business.**
- In which state India's first Regional Rapid Transit System train set was completed **- Gujarat.**
- Which state launched an incentive scheme for farmers opting for direct sowing of paddy **- Punjab.**
- Who started the investor awareness program of NSDL **- Nirmala Sitharaman.**
- Which country topped the Global Crypto Adoption Index **- USA.**

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