



CURRENT AFFAIRS



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NATIONAL

1. 'HANSA-NG' aircraft

Why in News – 'HANSA-NG' aircraft successfully completed engine relight test in the air.

Key Points –

- 'HANSA-NG' is a two-seater flying trainer aircraft, designed and developed by CSIR-NAL (National Aerospace Laboratory).
- Flight conducted at DRDO's Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) facility at Challakere, Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- Flown by Wg Cdr K V Prakash and Wg Cdr NDS Reddy.

2. Cotton Council of India

Why in News – The Union Government on 18th May announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India.

Key Points –

- It would be set up under the chairmanship of renowned veteran cotton man Suresh Bhai Kotak.
- It would have representation from Textiles, Agriculture, Commerce, and Finance Ministries along with Cotton Corporation of India and Cotton Research Institute.
- 1st meeting (proposed) - 28th May 2022.

3. NIELIT Centre at Leh

Why in News – Ashwini Vaishnav has inaugurated the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) Centre at Leh.

Key Points –

- Its extension centre has been opened at Kargil.

- NIELIT Leh would play a very important role to augment IT enablement in Ladakh.

4. Aurangzeb's tomb

Why in News – The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) shut Aurangzeb's tomb for five days.

Key Points –

- The tomb is located in Khuldabad, Aurangabad district, Maharashtra.
- He was buried in an unmarked grave (no majestic building) at the complex of the shrine of Sheikh Zainuddin.
- Aurangzeb died in 1707 at Ahmednagar.
- After his burial, Aurangzeb was given the of "Khuld-makan" (he whose abode is in eternity).

INTERNATIONAL

1. \$40 bn in aid for Ukraine

Why in News – The U.S. Senate approved nearly \$40 billion in new aid for Ukraine.

Key Points –

- The USA already approved almost \$14 billion for Ukraine in mid-March.
- The legislation was approved by 86-11 majority.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. 'Suposhit Maa' Abhiyan

Why in News – Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla launched the second phase of 'Suposhit Maa' Abhiyan in Kota on 17th May 2022.

Key Points –

- 3000 women would be given nutrition kits for 9 months.



- Only one pregnant woman would be adopted from a family.
- To provide nutritional support to pregnant women and adolescent girls.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. 'Order of the British Empire' award

Why in News – Ajay Piramal received honorary British award from Queen Elizabeth II.

Key Points –

- He received the 'Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)', for having a prominent role at the national level.
- He received the award for services to the UK-India trade relationship as India Co-Chair of the UK-India CEO Forum.

2. William E. Colby award 2022

Why in News – Author and journalist Wesley Morgan won the William E. Colby award for military and intelligence writing.

Key Points –

- For his book 'The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley'.
- It is presented by Norwich University in North field, Vermont.
- It was established in 1999.
- Previous winners - Dexter Filkins, Karl Marlantes and Adam Higginbotham.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting

Why in News –The meeting was hosted by China (Wang Yi, China's Foreign Minister) on 19th May 2022 via video conference.

Key Points –

- It was attended by – S. Jaishankar (India), Naledi Pandor (South Africa), Carlos Alberto (Brazil), Sergey Lavrov (Russia).
- India has handed over the BRICS Chairmanship to China in January 2022.

About BRICS-

- BRICS stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- The acronym 'BRICS' was coined in 2001 by economist Jim O'Neill.
- The 1st BRICS summit was held in Yekaterinburg, Russia.
- In Sept 2010, the BRIC group was renamed as BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) after South Africa was accepted as a full member.
- BRICS accounts for 41% of the world population, 24% of the world GDP, 16% share in world trade and 29.3% of the total land surface of the world.
- BRICS bank - New Development Bank (NDB), established in 2014 at the 6th BRICS Summit at Fortaleza, Brazil. HQ: Shanghai, China.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Bee Day 2022.

Why in News - World Bee Day is observed across the world on 20th May to recognise the importance of bees and other pollinators in the ecosystem.

Key Points –

- Theme 2022 : 'Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems'.
- 20th May is the birth anniversary of Slovenian beekeeper Anton Janša, the pioneer of modern beekeeping.
- It was first observed on 20th May 2018.

SPORTS

1. IPL highest opening wicket partnership

Why in News - Quinton de Kock and KL Rahul of Lucknow Super Giants created a new IPL record with their 210 run partnership for the 1st wicket.

Key Points –

- In the 66th match of the IPL 2022 against against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR).

- Venue - DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai.
- It broke the record of Jonny Bairstow and David Warner 185 runs partnership for Sunrisers Hyderabad against Royal Challengers Bangalore in 2019.

APPOINTMENTS

1. SS Mundra

Why in News - S S Mundra has been appointed as the chairman of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). He replaced Justice Vikramajit Sen.

RESIGNATIONS

1. Anil Bajjal

Why in News - Lt Governor of Delhi, Anil Bajjal has submitted his resignation to President Ram Nath Kovind.

Key Points –

- He was appointed LG in December 2016.
- He is a 1969 batch AGMUT cadre IAS officer.

BIHAR

1. E-Sanjeevani healthcare facilities

Why in News - In just 14 months, about 13 lakh people of the state have availed health facilities through the e-Sanjeevani portal.

Key Points –

- It was started in February 2021.
- There are two types of services under e-Sanjeevani.
- Under e-Sanjeevani-In, people consult and get treated with the doctor available in the hub through the ANM in any health center.
- Under e-Sanjeevani OPD, patients connect directly with the doctor.
- 1636 doctors and 14104 spokes are connected under e-Sanjeevani-In. E-Sanjeevani OPD consists of 47 doctors.
- In Saran district, 82887 people have got health benefits from e-SanjeevaniIn which is the highest in the state.

2. Emergency call boxes in Patna

Why in News - In case of disaster, emergency or accident, any person would be able to directly contact the control room from where immediate facilities would be provided to the people.

Key Points –

- To be set up at 50 places in the city including Gandhi Maidan, Golghar, GPO, Kargil Chowk and Zoo among others.
- Under the Integrated Command and Control Center project, cameras (total - 2500) are being installed across the city.
- In the first phase, 500 cameras would be installed at 42 places.
- 220 km of optical fiber would be laid under the project.

3. UDISE Report 2020-21.

Why in News - According to the UDISE Report 2020-21, the number of CBSE schools has doubled in the last five years.

Key Points –

- 10,957 schools across the state are affiliated with CBSE. only 68 schools up to class 10th and only 12 schools till class 12th across the state are affiliated with ICSE.
- Every year more than two lakh students are enrolled in class one of the private school.

4. Food processing testing center in Bihar

Why in News – Union Minister of State (MSME) Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma announced setting up of a testing center for chemical, food processing and leather industries in Bihar.

Key Points –

- It would be situated at MSME development institute, Patna.
- On 19th May, he inaugurated the Ministry of MSME development institute, Patna.

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- Which Union Minister has released the e-book Civil List-2022 of IAS Officers
-Jitendra Singh.
- Who has chaired the 4th meeting of the National Startup Advisory Council
- Piyush Goyal.
- According to a recent report, which country has recorded the highest number of deaths related to air pollution - **India.**
- Who has been re-appointed as Managing Director & CEO by Bharti Airtel Board for a period of 5 years - **Gopal Vittal.**
- Recently, Naveen Srivastava has become the Ambassador of India to which country- **Nepal.**
- Who has been recently elected to the US National Academy of Sciences
- Kamal Bawa (head of ATREE).
- Which country hosted the "XV World Forestry Congress" recently - **South Korea.**
- Which edible oil company has announced to buy the food division of Patanjali Ayurved for Rs 690 crore - **Ruchi Soya.**
- India Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC)' is related to which ministry
- Ministry of External Affairs.
- Which international company has recently launched cyber security skills training program in India – **Microsoft**

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