



CURRENT AFFAIRS



24 MAY, 2022



NATIONAL

1. Ramban tunnel collapsed

Why in news – A part of an under-construction 4-lane tunnel on the Jammu-Srinagar NH-44 in Ramban district collapsed on 19th May.

Key Points –

- Government has constituted a 3-member committee to investigate the matter led by J T Sahu of IIT Delhi.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)

Why in news – USA launched IPEF in Tokyo on 23rd May 2022 to strengthen economic partnership resilience, fairness and competitiveness in the Indo-Pacific region.

Key Points –

- Members – 12 countries (7- ASEAN, 4- QUAD and New Zealand) including USA and India.
- It is based on 7 strategic pillars.
- India and USA signed an Investment Incentive Agreement (IIA) on 23rd May, 2022 to strengthen and promote DFC's investments in India.

2. 'Partygate' Scandal

Why in news – Fresh photos of UK PM drinking reignite 'Partygate' row.

Key Points –

- It involves parties attended by Johnson in

May and December 2020 when of the UK was under lockdown.

- Probe into the alleged parties is being conducted by Sue Gray.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. Anti-terrorism Day 2022

Why in news – Anti-Terrorism Day is observed every year on 21st May on the death anniversary of former PM Rajiv Gandhi (India's 7th PM).

Key Points –

- He was assassinated on 21st May, 1991 by the LTTE terrorists at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu.
- Rajiv Gandhi was the youngest (40 years) Prime Minister of India.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Global Health Leaders Award-2022

Why in news – India's ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers were honoured with the award by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 22nd May.

Key Points –

- ASHA constitutes more than 1 million (10.4 lakh) female health volunteers in India.
- Award was announced during the 75th World Health Assembly.
- Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only two countries where polio is still in transmission.

About ASHA –

- Their role was established under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in 2005.
- Requirements - Age 25 and 45 years, formal education up to Class 8, good communication and leadership skills.
- Aim - One ASHA for every 1,000 persons.
- Highest - Uttar Pradesh (1.63 lakh), Bihar (89,437) and Madhya Pradesh (77,531).
- Goa has no ASHA worker.

2. Rhythm Mamania

Why in news – The 10-year-old Rhythm Mamania from Mumbai has become one of the youngest Indian mountaineers to summit the Everest Base Camp (EBC).

Key Points –

- She reached base camp (5,364 meters) in 11 days.
- It was organized by Rishi Bhandari of Satori Adventures, Nepal.

SECURITY

1. CORPAT Exercise

Why in news – 4th edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) begins in the Bay of Bengal.

Key Points –

- It is an Indian and Bangladesh Navy patrolling drill.
- The last IN-BN CORPAT was conducted in October 2020.
- Indian Navy - INS Kora and INS Sumedha.
- Bangladesh Navy - BNS Ali Haider and BNS Abu Ubaidah.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. World Economic Forum 2022

Why in news – The World Economic

Forum's (WEF) annual meeting is going on in Davos, Switzerland from 22nd to 26th May.

Key Points –

- Theme - 'working Together, restoring Trust'.
- Maharashtra inaugurated its pavilion at the WEF meeting in Davos.
- Indian delegation was led by Piyush Goyal.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Jose Ramos-Horta

Why in news – Jose Ramos-Horta has been sworn in as president of East Timor (Timor-Leste).

Key Points –

- He defeated Francisco Guterres (Lu Olo).
- He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1996.

APPS & PORTALS

1. 'BioRRAP' Portal

Why in news – Dr. Jitendra Singh launched 'BioRRAP' portal for biotech researchers.

Key Points –

- Full form - Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal (BioRRAP).
- It would give approval for biological development and research in India.
- It would work under Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology.

REPORTS & INDICES

1. 'State of Inequality in India' report

Why in news – The report titled 'The State of Inequality in India' was released by EAC-PM's Chairperson Bibek Debroy on 18th May 2022.

Key Points –

- It has 5 key areas - income distribution, labour market dynamics, health, education and household characteristics and two parts.
- Data is based on PLFS, NFHS and United Information System for Education Plus.

Highlights –

- Wealth concentration - Urban (44.4%), Rural (7.1%).
- Unemployment rate (4.8% in 2019-20) - worker population ratio is 46.8%, self-employed workers (45.78%), salaried workers (33.5%) and casual workers (20.71%).
- Health Infrastructure - total health centres - 1,85,505 (2020).
- Household Conditions (NFHS-5) - 97% of households have access to electricity, 70% have access to sanitation and 96% have access to safe drinking water.

SPORTS

1. 12th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women National championship

Why in news – Haryana emerged as the winners of the 12th Sub-Junior Women National Championship 2022.

Key Points –

- Defeated Jharkhand by 2-0 in the final.
- Venue - Imphal, Manipur.
- Riya and Sejal scored a goal each.

BIHAR

1. Bal Hriday Yojana

Why in news – Successful heart operation was done for three children of Samastipur under the Bal Hriday Yojana run by the Bihar government.

Key Point –

- According to a study, 9 out of 1000 babies are born with congenital heart disease.

About Bal Hriday Yojana

- Screening of patient (children) is done at Indira Gandhi Institute of Cardiology, Patna.
- Free operation is done at Sathya Sai Hospital, Ahmedabad.

2. Common database for universities

Why in news – The education department has decided to prepare a common database of all the institutions by August 2022.

Key Points –

- An Integrated Management Information System (Unified-MIS) would be set up in the Directorate of Higher Education.
- It would bring uniformity in the higher education system.

3. Negligence in non-communicable diseases

Why in news – The performance of Patna in screening of non-communicable diseases like diabetes, hypertension, cancer is worse.

Key Points –

- In April, only 0.62% people were screened against the target of 521223 people.
- Only 0.5% i.e., 7923 got registered.
- 3254 got screened for the first time.

4. Micro irrigation awareness chariot (Rath)

Why in news – CM Nitish Kumar flagged off 59 micro-irrigation awareness chariots under Kharif Mahabhiyan on 23rd May 2022.

Key Points –

- CM also launched the 'Micro Irrigation Scheme Booklet'.

- Farmers would be informed about the technicalities of Kharif crops and schemes run by the Agriculture Department in Kharif season.

5. Flood fighting in Bihar

Why in news – The Water Resources Department to start flood fighting works from 1st June. (2021 – started from 15th June).

Key Points –

- To deal with floods and droughts, a high-level meeting was convened on 18th May.
- Any road damaged during floods would be made operational within 48 hours.

6. Booking of vehicle parking from home

Why in news – People of Patna would soon get the facility of 37 smart parking lots in the city.

Key Points –

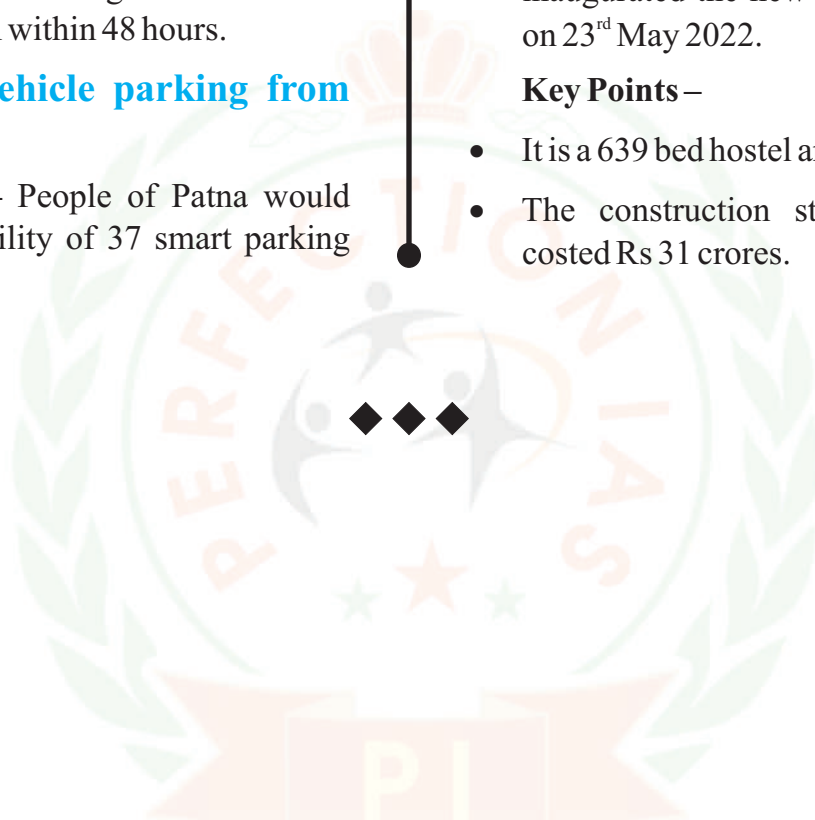
- Cashless online payment, card payment facility would also be available.
- The agency would meet the target of smart parking within 45 days.
- It would also be monitored by ICC (Integrated Control and Command Center).

7. Hostel dedicated to Magadha Women's College

Why in news – CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated the new hostel of the college on 23rd May 2022.

Key Points –

- It is a 639 bed hostel and has 7 floors.
- The construction started in 2019 and costed Rs 31 crores.



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- Recently, which became the first Indian company to sponsor the FIFA World Cup – **Byju's**.
- Who became the first Indian company to touch the market valuation mark of Rs 19 lakh crore – **Reliance**.
- Which motor vehicle company has launched a mobile showroom named 'Anubhav' – **Tata Motors**.
- Which country removed emergency after 15 days - **Sri Lanka**.
- To tackle the problem of rising global temperature, which country proposed imposition of carbon tax on his people - **New Zealand**.
- Which company was removed from S&P 500 ESG index – **Tesla**.
- Which country announced lifting of ban on export of palm oil – **Indonesia**.
- The Central Consumer Protection Authority has issued notices to which two online passenger - **Ola and Uber**.
- Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit will be held in - **Uzbekistan**.
- Who addressed the 8th meeting of BRICS Environment Ministers - **Bhupendra Yadav**.

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