



CURRENT AFFAIRS



25 MAY, 2022



NATIONAL

1. Centre orders ban on sugar exports

Why in news - India restricted exports of sugar (on 24th May 2022) by 100 lakh (10 million) MTs during the current sugar season (October 2021 to September 2022).

Key Points –

- Exports ban effective from 1st June.
- It also allowed duty-free import of 20 lakh metric tonnes of crude soyabean oil and crude sunflower oil for two years (2022-23 and 2023-24).
- India is the largest producer of sugar in the world and the second-largest exporter after Brazil.
- Last curb on sugar export – 2016.

2. International Yoga Day

Why in news - The main event of the 8th International Yoga Day celebrations would be held on 21st June in Mysuru, Karnataka.

Key Points –

- Special attraction would be 'Guardian Ring' - a relay Yoga streaming event.
- Streaming is likely to start from Japan.
- PM Modi would attend the event.

3. Jet Airways to start commercial flights

Why in news - Jet Airways received an air operator certificate (AOC) from regulator DGCA to resume operations.

Key Points –

- It went bankrupt and stopped flying from April 2019.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Taliban- UAE deal

Why in news - Taliban struck a deal with UAE to manage three airports in Afghanistan.

Key Points –

- 'GAAC Solutions' would manage the airports in Herat, Kabul and Kandahar.
- UAE has agreed to represent United States in Taliban-run Afghanistan.

2. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Corps (IRGC) guard assassinated

Why in news - Colonel Sayyad Khodai was shot dead in Tehran.

Key Points –

- It was the most high-profile killing since the November 2020 murder of top nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh.

3. Monkeypox in Europe

Why in news - Belgium becomes first country to make quarantine compulsory for monkeypox patients.

Key Points –

- 21-day compulsory quarantine.
- Cases reported in the UK, Portugal, Sweden, Italy, Spain, France, Belgium, Germany, the US, Canada and Australia,

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. QUAD Summit 2022

Why in news - The 2022 Quad summit held in Tokyo, Japan on 24th May 2022.

Key Points –

- It was the 4th Quad summit and the 2nd in-person summit.



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• Important initiatives launched –

- A. QUAD Fellowship - 25 students from each Quad country to pursue higher studies at leading universities in the United States.
- B. 'Indo Pacific Economic Framework' (IPEF) - 13 countries to work for ensuring economic competitiveness.
- C. Maritime monitoring plan - to curb illegal fishing in the Indo Pacific.

About QUAD –

- It is an informal strategic dialogue between India, USA, Japan and Australia.
- Aim – 'free, open and prosperous' Indo-Pacific region.
- Idea was first mooted by Japanese PM Shinzo Abe in 2007.
- In December 2012, Shinzo Abe gave the concept of Asia's 'Democratic Security Diamond'.
- 1st summit - March 2021.
- China term it as 'an Asian NATO'.

2. 75th World Health Assembly

Why in news – Minister of Health, Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the 75th World Health Assembly (22-28nd May 2022) in Geneva.

Key Points –

- Theme – 'Health for peace, peace for health'.
- He called for streamlining WHO's approval process for vaccines and therapeutics and strengthening WHO to build a more resilient global health security architecture.

RANKS & INDICES

1. Time's 100 most influential people 2022

Why in news – Time 100, an annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world has been released.

Key Points –

- From India - Gautam Adani (Business tycoon, Titans category), Karuna Nandy (Supreme Court lawyer, Leaders category) and Khurram

Parvez (Human Rights activist, Leaders category).

- The list is divided into 6 categories- Pioneers, Icons, Artists, Titans, Leaders and Innovators.

Category	Top
Titans	Tim Cook
Artists	Simu Liu
Innovators	Zendaya
Leaders	Mia Mottley (Vladimir Putin- 4 th , Xi Jinping – 10 th , Joe Biden – 11 th)
Icons	Mary J. Blige
Pioneers	Candace Parker

ENVIRONMENT

1. Maya's Pit viper

Why in news – Scientists have discovered a new species of venomous snake, Maya's Pit viper from Meghalaya.

Key Points –

- Scientific name - Trimeresurus mayaae.
- Discovered at Umroi Military station in Ri-Bhoi district of Meghalaya.

AGREEMENTS

1. Indian Railways and IIT Madras

Why in news - Indian Railways to join hands with IIT Madras for the development of 'indigenous' Hyperloop system.

Key Points –

- 'Avishkar Hyperloop' was formed by IIT Madras in 2017 for the development of Hyperloop - system for transportation.
- At the European Hyperloop Week 2021, it had bagged the 'Most Scalable Design Award'.

2. Project WARDEC

Why in news - The Army Training Command signed an MoU with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) to develop a 'Wargame Research and Development Centre' in New Delhi.

Key Points –

- It would use artificial intelligence (AI) to design virtual reality war games.
- The RRU would join hands with Tech Mahindra to develop the centre.

3. India-Jordan

Why in news – MOUs were signed between India and Jordan to ensure the supply of Phosphatic and Pietistic fertilizers to India.

Key Points –

- Short term (1year) - Supply of 30 LMT Rock Phosphate, 2.50 LMT DAP and 1 LMT phosphoric acid.
- Long term (5 years) - 2.75 LMT of MoP, which will gradually increase to 3.25 LMT each year.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Vinai Kumar Saxena

Why in news - Vinai Kumar Saxena has been appointed as the new lieutenant governor of Delhi. He succeeded Anil Bajjal.

FESTIVALS

1. Lavender festival

Why in news - Bhaderwah (Doda district) of Jammu and Kashmir to host lavender festival on 25-26th May.

Key Points –

- To be organised by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM).
- CSIR-IIIM Jammu has developed an elite variety (RRL12) of lavender.
- Purple revolution – lavender cultivation.

SPORTS

1. English Premier League

Why in news - Manchester City has won 2021-22 title.

Key Points –

- It has defeated Aston Villa (3-2) in the final game.
- It was their 6th Premier League title in 11 seasons.

STATES/UTs

1. 'Sambhav' portal

Why in news – Uttar Pradesh launched the SAMBHAV (Systemic Administration Mechanism for Bringing Happiness and Value) portal for disposal of public grievances.

BIHAR

1. Caste census

Why in news – An all-party meet on the statewide caste census issue would be held on 1st June 2022.

Key Points –

- The Central government ruled out caste census despite the state legislature's two unanimous resolutions favouring the same.

2. First art museum

Why in news – The country's first craft museum would be built in Patna, Bihar.

Key Points –

- Building cost - 30 crores and display center cost -6.2 crores.
- It is being built at Upendra Maharathi Crafts Research Institute Patna.

3. Ganga Uplift Project

Why in news – Hon CM Nitish Kumar inspected the Ganga Udvah (uplift) project in Nalanda, Nawada and Gaya districts.

Key Points –

- Also, inspected the rubber dam being built at Devghat of Vishnupad.
- The length of the Ganga Udvah Project is about 491 km. It aims to provide drinking water to Gaya, Bodh Gaya and urban areas during summers.
- The rubber dam was to be completed in 2023, which would be completed in August 2022.

4. Abdul Haq

Why in news – Abdul Haq has been made the chairman of Bihar Hajj Committee. He is son-in-law of Elias Hussain alias Sonu Babu, former chairman of Bihar State Hajj Committee.



5. UDISE portal

Why in news – It is mandatory to upload student's report on U-DISE (Unified District Information System for Education) portal in Bihar.

Key Points –

- Last date to upload information - 30 September 2022.
- Under the new National Education Policy, Anganwadi centers are being included as pre-nursery this time in the report of U-DISE.
- For the first time, data of transgender students would also be collected in U-DISE.

6. Prof BP Verma

Why in news – Indian Chemical Society, Kolkata has decided to confer an award in the name of Prof BP Verma.

Key Points –

- He was instrumental in establishment of thermal laboratory in Magadha University.
- He has earned fame for his work on 'triphenylphosphine'.
- He organised 27th National Conference of Chemists at Bodhgaya.

7. E-content for engineering colleges

Why in news – The Department of Science and Technology has decided to prepare course design, research, online e-content reading material with help of retired ITI teachers.

Key Points –

- All India Council for Technical Education has also given consent.
- Also, compulsorily program for skill development.

8. Reverse vending machine

Why in news – It has been installed at Maurya Lok Complex and Boring Road chauraha in Patna.

Key Points –

- Other types of plastic including water bottles could be recycled.

- It can crush and recycle 3000 bottles at a time.

9. Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat

Why in news – On the occasion of 'Azadi ke Amrit Mahotsav', the folk culture of Bihar and Tripura were displayed on one stage.

Key Points –

- It was organized by Eastern Zone Cultural Center, Kolkata and Bihar Art, Culture and Youth Department.
- Artists from Bihar performed on the songs of the folk festival Sama-Chakeva and Jhijhiya, Jhumar, Jat-Jatin, Kajri, Holi.
- Artists from Tripura performed Levang-Bomani and Momita dance.

10. Surprise inspection of panchayats

Why in news – Officers to conduct surprise inspection on 25-26th May 2022 in selected panchayats.

Key Points –

- The District Magistrate himself would examine and monitor the inspection report.
- Like before, this time also the officers would inspect a total of 14 points.
- DM would monitor for least 20 minutes the way of teaching and the quality of learning of the students.

11. National Career Service(NCS) report

Why in news – According to NCS report, 73% of the youth of Bihar seeking employment are illiterate.

Key Points –

- The number of such people is 537000.
- The people of Bihar are at the forefront of seeking employment across the country.
- After 10th, 19,39,000 unemployed people have registered across the country who have done diploma. Out of this, 10,371 i.e., 5.35% belong to Bihar.

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- With whom has the BCCI tied up for the Women's T20 Challenge - **NFT partner.**
- The export duty on new iron ore and concentrates has been increased from 30% to what percent- **50%.**
- Which company has become the first company to be traded on the Indian Gas Exchange - **ONGC.**
- Who has launched the revamped 'Abha' mobile app to manage health records - **National Health Authority.**
- Which edition of Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Petrol has been launched recently - **Fourth edition.**
- Which bank has constituted a committee to review customer service standards in banks and NBFCs - **Reserve Bank of India.**
- Who has broken the national record of women's 100m hurdles - **Jyoti Yrajji.**
- Which state government has ordered 33% reservation for women in outsourced employees in all its departments - **Karnataka.**
- With whom has the Information and Public Relations Department of Jammu and Kashmir signed an MoU for J&K's First National Film Festival. - **National Film Development Corporation Limited.**
- India and which country have recently signed a MoU for cooperation in the fertilizer sector - **Jordan.**

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