

# **CURRENT AFFAIRS**



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# **NATIONAL**

#### 1. Life term to Yasin Malik

**Why in news -** NIA court awarded the life sentence and a fine of Rs 10,65,000 to Yasin Malik in connection with a 2017 terror-funding case.

#### Key points -

- Additional Sessions Judge Parveen Singh awarded the sentence.
- Punishment has given under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).
- He is chief of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) founded in June 1976 in Birmingham, United Kingdom.

# **INTERNATIONAL**

# 1. Texas school shooting

Why in news - An 18-year-old gunman opened fire at a Texas elementary school (USA) killing at least 19 children and two adults.

#### Key points -

- Shooter name Salvador Ramos.
- It was the deadliest school shooting since a gunman killed 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut in December 2012.

# 2. One China Policy

Why in news – US President Biden said on 23<sup>rd</sup> May that he would use military force to defend Taiwan if it were ever attacked by China.

#### Key points -

#### About 'One China Policy' -

• Under it, US snapped ties with the Republic of China (ROC, Taiwan) and established ties with

- the People's Republic of China (PRC, Beijing) in 1979.
- It is outlined in three documents The Shanghai Communique (1972), the Normalisation Communique (1979) and the 1982 Communique.
- Since 1949, India has accepted the 'One China' policy that accepts Taiwan and Tibet as part of China.

# **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES**

#### 1. Swachh Survekshan 2023

Why in news – Shri Manoj Joshi has launched the 8th edition of Swachh Survekshan (SS) – SS 2023 under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

# Key points -

- Theme 'Waste to Wealth'.
- It would give priority to the principle of 3 Rs Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.
- Swachh Survekshan was introduced by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in 2016.
- Last Swachh Survekshan (2022) covered 4,355 cities and 85,860 wards.

# **IMPORTANT DAYS**

# 1. World Thyroid Awareness Day 2022

Why in news – It is observed on 25<sup>th</sup> May to promote awareness and understanding of thyroid diseases, their symptoms, prevention, and treatments.

#### Key points -

- Thyroid Awareness Week (May 22 and 28) theme-'It's not you, It's your thyroid'.
- The day came into existence in 2008 on a

proposal by the European Thyroid Association (ETA).

# **APPOINTMENTS**

# 1. Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Why in news – World Health Assembly reelects Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus to a second term (unopposed) as WHO Director-General.

#### Key points -

- He was first elected in 2017.
- He is the first African (Ethiopia) to head WHO.
- He had received 155 of the 160 votes cast.

# **ECONOMY**

#### 1. Co-branded credit cards

Why in news – HDFC Bank partnered with Retailio announced the launch of a new range of co-branded credit cards.

## Key points -

• Retailio is the India's largest B2B pharma marketplace.

# **REPORTS & INDICES**

# 1. Travel & Tourism Development Index 2021

Why in news – The World Economic Forum published its 2021 edition of the Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Report (TTCR).

#### Key points -

- Title 'Travel & Tourism Development Index 2021: Rebuilding for a Sustainable and Resilient Future',
- It consists of 5 subindexes, 17 pillars and 112 individual indicators.
- Top five Japan(1<sup>st</sup>), USA(2<sup>nd</sup>), Spain(3<sup>rd</sup>), France(4<sup>th</sup>), Germany (5<sup>th</sup>).
- India 54<sup>th</sup> rank (score of 4.2) (46th in 2019).

# 2. National Achievement Survey Report (NAS) 2021

Why in news – It was released on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 by the Ministry of Education.

#### Key points -

- It was conducted on12<sup>th</sup>November 2021 (last NAS 2017).
- Comprehensive evaluation of students from classes 3, 5, 8, and 10.
- It assessed over 34 lakh students in 1.18 lakh schools at 720 districts across 36 states and Union Territories.

# 3. Global Air Powers Ranking 2022

Why in news – The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) released Global Air Powers Ranking for 2022.

#### Key points -

- Top 3 Air force USA(1<sup>st</sup>), Russia(2<sup>nd</sup>), India(3<sup>rd</sup>).
- Score USA (242.9), Russia (114.2), India (69.4).
- According to the report, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has a total of 1,645 active aircraft in its inventory.

# **AWARDS & HONOURS**

# 1. Order of the British Empire (OBE) award

Why in news – Kishore Jayaraman has received an honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Her Majesty the Queen.

## Key points -

- He is president of Rolls-Royce for India and South Asia.
- He received the award for promotion of the India-UK trade.

# **FESTIVALS**

# 1. Shirui Lily festival

**Why in news** - The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Shirui Lily Festival began (25<sup>th</sup> May) at Shirui village in Manipur's Ukhrul district.

#### Key points -

- It is a 4-day (25-28<sup>th</sup> May) festival.
- Shirock is a singing competition related to this festival.

- Shirui lily or 'Lilium Mackliniae' is found exclusively in the upper range of the Shirui Kashong peak.
- It was discovered by English botanist Kingdon F Ward in 1946.

# **SECURITY**

# 1. Ex Bongosagar

**Why in news -** The 3rd edition of Indian and Bangladesh Navy bilateral exercise 'Bongosagar' commenced on 24th May 22.

#### Key points -

- At Port Mongla, Bangladesh.
- From India INS Kora and INS Sumedha.
- From Bangladesh BNS Abu Ubaidah and BNS Ali Haider.

# **SPORTS**

# 1. Rajat Patidar

Why in news - Royal Challengers Bangalore batter Rajat Patidar became the first uncapped player in the history of Indian Premier League (IPL) to smash a century in the playoffs.

#### Key points -

- Against Lucknow Super Giants at Eden Gardens in Kolkata.
- He smashed an unbeaten 112 off just 54 balls.
- The previous record was by Manish Pandey (KKR 2014). He had scored 94 runs.

# **PERSON IN NEWS**

#### 1. Abhilasha Barak

**Why in news -** 26-year-old Abhilasha Barak from Haryana becomes Indian Army's first woman combat pilot.

## **STATES**

#### 1. Kerala to cull wild boars

**Why in news -** The Kerala government has empowered local bodies to cull wild boars that pose a threat to agricultural crops.

#### Key points -

• Section 11B (1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act

- 1972 empowers Chief Wildlife Warden (CWW) to issue special orders to kill wild animal.
- Earlier, Centre has turned down a suggestion by Kerala to declare wild boars as vermin.

#### 2. Drone in healthcare

**Why in news -** Uttarakhand becomes the 1st Indian state to roll out drone in healthcare.

#### Key points -

- Redcliffe Labs has completed its first commercial drone flight in the healthcare sector between Uttarkashi and Dehradun.
- It was a part of Redcliffe and Skye Air tie-up.

# **BIHAR**

# 1. Operation Shadow

Why in news - CRPF Cobra Battalion has uncovered the hideout in Khapra hill area of Munger and recovered arms of CPI-Maoist organization.

# Key points -

- The raid was conducted under 'Operation Shadow'.
- It is an anti-Naxal operation by CRPF Cobra battalion.

# 2. Hon CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated 17 buildings

Why in news – CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated 17 buildings of Science and Technology Department costing Rs 893.60 crore through video conferencing.

#### Key points -

- Also, laid foundation stone for 5 buildings costing Rs 193.67 crore.
- Earlier, only 13.9% of the children (17-23 years of age) used to get higher education. (National 25%). Government want to increase it to 30%.
- According to the 2021 report, this ratio has reached 19.3% in Bihar.

# 3. Kosi-Mechi link yojana

Why in news – Water Resources Minister Sanjay Kumar Jha has said that the work of

Bihar's ambitious Kosi-Mechi link scheme would start soon.

## Key points -

- The Kosi Mechi main link canal (41.30 km) in the Araria district would join the Mechi River at Kishanganj after covering a distance of 76.20 km.
- Purnia, Katihar, Kishanganj and Araria would get irrigation facility in more than 2,15,000 hectare area as well as relief from floods.

## 4. National Education Excellence Award

Why in news – Ayushi Singh and Rajhans Singh have been awarded for their excellent work in the field of education in Bihar.

#### Key points -

- The event was organized at Breach Candy Auditorium, Mumbai.
- Both have been working for the all-round development of slum children in Bihar.

# 5. Free treatment of congenital diseases

Why in news – In Bihar, now children suffering from congenital diseases would get completely free treatment at IGIMS Patna.

#### Key points -

- It would be done under the National Child Protection Programme.
- The amount would be available under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK).

# 6. Biodiversity of Bihar praised

Why in news – Biodiversity of Bihar has been praised in Chennai on the occasion of International biodiversity day.

# Key points -

- The stall was set up by Mani Rohtas, the Biodiversity Management Committee on behalf of the Bihar State Biodiversity Board.
- The officials appreciated the Bihar Heritage Tree app and talked about its implementation across the country.

#### 7. Makhana cluster

Why in news – Industries Minister Syed Shahnawaz Hussain said Makhana cluster would be formed in Darbhanga.

#### Key points -

- Project cost -Two crore rupees.
- Mithila Haat would also be built in Darbhanga.



# **CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS**





# PERFECTION IAS



- Which state's Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has sacked state health minister Vijay Singla on charges of corruption Punjab.
- From when will India ban sugar exports 1st June 2022.
- JSW Group has recently appointed who as the CEO of JSW One Platforms
  Gaurav Sachdeva.
- > Profiting from Pain' report has been released by Oxfam International.
- Who has inaugurated the new Lord Venkateswara Temple in Bhubaneswar
   Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam.
- Veteran communist leader and how many times MP Shivaji Patnaik passed away recently at the age of 93 3 times.
- Adani Group recently signed an MoU with which state government for an investment of Rs.60,000 crore Andhra Pradesh.
- The country with which India has signed an investment promotion agreement to promote investment in key sectors USA.
- Indian-origin businessman who has been elected mayor of 'London Borough of Southwark' for the second time Sunil Chopra.
- Amidst increasing cases of Covid-19, the country which has banned its citizens from going to 16 countries including India Saudi Arabia.

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