

# **CURRENT AFFAIRS**



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### **NATIONAL**

# 1. Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP)

**Why in news** - India's first OVEP by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was launched in Odisha on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

#### **Key Points** –

- It was developed in partnership with the Government of Odisha and the Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust.
- The IOC Session 2023 would be held at the Jio World Centre in Mumbai in May 2023
- Nita Ambani is an IOC Member.

### 2. Kolkata unveils biodiversity register

Why in news - Kolkata is the first metro city in the country to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity.

#### **Key Points** –

- It was prepared by the biodiversity management committee (BMC) of Kolkata Municipal Corporation.
- Other cities with People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) Chandigarh and Indore.

#### INTERNATIONAL

# 1. Monkeypox in Gulf countries.

Why in news - The United Arab Emirates became the first Gulf country to announce a case of monkeypox.

#### **Kev Points**-

- It is 2nd Middle Eastern country after Israel to detect monkeypox.
- The monkeypox virus is a DNA virus.
- It belongs to the family Poxviridae and the genus Orthopoxvirus.

# 2. RBI permits trade transactions with Sri Lanka in INR

**Why in news -** RBI allowed exporters to settle trade transactions with Sri Lanka in Indian Rupees (INR).

#### **Key Points**-

- India had guaranteed a term loan of \$1 billion to Sri Lanka (17<sup>th</sup>March, 2022) to purchase essential goods and services such as food, medicines, fuel etc.
- It is outside the Asian Clearing Union (ACU) (est 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 1974, Hq Tehran, Iran) mechanism on economising the use of foreign exchange reserves and transfer costs.

### **SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**

# 1. National Women Legislators Conference - 2022

Why in news - President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the National Women Legislators' Conference-2022 in Thiruvananthapuram on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

#### **Key Points** –

- Hosted by the Kerala Legislative Assembly.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla addressed the valedictory function.

# **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES**

# 1. Paper Import Monitoring System

**Why in news -** The government has made it compulsory for importers of paper products including newsprint to register their deals.

#### **Kev Points**-

- Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022.
- It has been shifted from 'free' to 'free subject to compulsory registration under the Paper Import Monitoring System'.

• China is the biggest supplier of cheap paper and such products.

# **REPORTS & INDICES**

# 1. National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021

**Why in news -** The Ministry of Education released its National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report.

#### **Key Points** –

#### Findings -

- Nearly 80% of students during the pandemic have found learning 'burdensome'.
- Nearly 24% of students responded that they had no digital device at home.
- Approx 45% of students found the digital learning experience 'joyful' and 38% also said that they had difficulties in learning.
- Students performed better in languages but lagged behind in subjects like mathematics and science.
- In Class 3, students scored the highest in languages (323) followed by EVS (307) and mathematics (306).
- Across various subjects and classes, SC, ST and OBC students performed worse.

# SCIENCE - TECH

#### 1. 'Param Porul' supercomputer

Why in news - A supercomputer named Param Porul was inaugurated at NIT Tiruchirappalli on 25th May, 2022.

#### **Key Points** –

- Speed 838 Teraflops
- Developed by the Centre for Development in Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- It is based on Direct Contact Liquid Cooling technology.
- PARAM Siddhi-AI is the fastest super computer in India with a speed of 5.267 Petaflops.
- Japan's Fugaku is the world's fastest super computer.

# **AWARDS & HONOURS**

### 1. Sangita Kalanidhi awards 2020-22

Why in news - The Music Academy announced Sangita Kalanidhi award winners for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

#### **Key Points**-

- Sangita Kalanidhi awards Neyveli R Santanagopalan (2020), 'Tiruvarur' Bhakthavathsalam (2021) and GJR Krishnan and Vijayalakshmi (2022).
- Sangita Kala Acharya awards Kivalur N G Ganesan (2020), Dr Ritha Rajan (2021) and Vainika & Dr R S Jayalakshmi (2022).
- TTK Awards Thamarakkad Govindan Namboodri (2020), Nemani Somayajulu (2021) and AV Anand (2022).
- Nritya Kalanidhi Rama Vaidyanathan (2020), Narthaki Nataraj (2021) and Bragha Bessell (2022).

### 2. International Booker Prize

Why in news - International Booker Prize for fiction winner announced on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Key Points** –

- Indian writer Geetanjali Shree and American translator Daisy Rockwell won the International Booker Prize for 'Tomb of Sand'.
- Originally written in Hindi as 'Ret Samadhi', translated into English by Daisy Rockwell.
- First book written in an Indian language to be awarded the Booker Prize.

# 3. VASVIK industrial research award 2020

Why in news - A Gopala krishnan has won the VASVIK (Vividhlaxi Audyogik Samshodhan Vikas Kendra) industrial research award for the year 2020.

#### **Key Points** –

- Won in the category of Agricultural Sciences and Technology.
- He is director of the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute.

# **BOOKS & AUTHORS**

# 1. 'Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure'

**Why in news -** A new book titled 'Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure' authored by Ruskin Bond has been released.

#### **Key Points** –

• Published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).

# **APPOINTMENTS**

#### 1. Balendra Shah

Why in news - Balendra Shah has been elected as mayor of Kathmandu Metropolitan City (KMC) (received 61,767 votes).

### **Key Points** –

• Sunita Dangol has won the post of deputy mayor of KMC (received 68,612 votes).

#### 2. Narinder Batra

Why in news - Narinder Batra resigns as president of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### **Key Points** –

- He is also the president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH)
- IOA senior vice president Anil Khanna took over as acting chief.

# **SPORTS**

# 1. IBA Women's World Boxing Championships

Why in news - The 12th edition of the 2022 IBA Women's World Boxing Championship (WWBC) concluded.

#### **Key Points** –

- Venue Istanbul, Turkey.
- 310 boxers from 73 nations participated.
- Belarusian and Russian boxers were barred from the event.
- The India Boxer Nikhat Zareen (Telangana) won the gold in the fly weight (52kg) division with 5-0 points against Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas.

- Manisha Moun (Haryana) and Parveen Hooda (Haryana) had won the bronze medals in the 57kg and 63kg categories respectively.
- Medal tally -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Turkey	5	0	2	7
2	Ireland	2	0	0	2
3	Canada	1	1	0	2
4	India	1	0	2	3

### STATES/UTs

# 1. Indira Gandhi Shahari Rozgar Yojana

Why in news - Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot has approved new guidelines for the implementation of 'Indira Gandhi Shahari Rozgar Yojana'.

#### **Key Points** –

- To provide employment in urban areas along the lines of MGNREGA.
- 100 days of employment per year.
- Budget Rs 800 crore per year.
- Eligiblity age group of 18 to 60 years.

### **BIHAR**

# 1. Investment in textile and leather industry

Why in news – Bihar Industrial Investment Promotion Policy (Textiles and Leather)-2022 was approved on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

#### **Key Points** –

- Government to give a grant upto Rs 10 crore to entrepreneurs and investors in the textile and leather industry.
- Other benefits –
- A. Power (electricity) subsidy Rs 2 per unit,
- B. Employment grant Rs 3000-5000 per worker per month.
- C. Freight transportation (export) Rs10 lakh per year
- D. Patent grant Rs 10 lakh.

- Benefits to new units 15% subsidy (Maximum 10 crores) on plant and machinery.
- To avail the benefits, investors need to submit applications online by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.
- In the policy, the textile manufacturing unit is divided into two parts.

# 2. Cabinet meeting

Why in news – 18 decisions have been taken in Bihar cabinet meeting held on  $26^{th}$  May 2022.

#### Key points -

- Decisions in the meeting –
- A. Rs 267.24 crore approved for construction of permanent structure in SDRF Bihta.
- B. Sanction of advance amount of Rs 50 crore from Bihar Contingency Fund.
- C. Rs 2.78 crore approved for DPR and survey of Kosi-Mechi inter-state link project.
- D. Rs.72 crore 79 lakh for various works in newly established Government Polytechnic in Barh.
- E. Rs 105 crore 50 lakh for laboratory, library, class room etc in engineering colleges established in 35 districts under 'SaatNischay'.
- F. Rs 45,98,80,900 in the current financial year for land and water conservation.
- G. For 99 years, Nalanda Institute of Dalai Lama have been exempted from state fees (Rs.6,56,40,000).
- H. IIT Patna and NIT Patna have been nominated for capacity building and training of teachers in engineering colleges operating under the Department of Science and Technology.

# 3. Infant mortality rate (IMR) in Bihar

Why in news – According to Sample Registration System 2020 report, IMR has come down to 27 (National level - 28).

#### Key points -

• There has been a 2-digit reduction in IMR in Bihar compared to 2020.

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Year	IMR (Bihar)		
2015	42		
2016	38		
2017	35		
2018	32		
2019	29		

# 4. Bihar's 2nd doppler radar system

Why in news  $-2^{nd}$  Doppler radar would be installed in Purnia to forecast the weather changes in Seemanchal region.

#### Key points -

- Presently, Bihar's only radar is installed in Patna Meteorological Center.
- It can accurately predict time regarding cyclonic storm and rain activities.

### 5. Evaluation of B.Ed colleges

Why in news – About 300 private B.Ed (Bachelor of Education) colleges would be tested by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) standards.

#### Key points -

• In June, NCTE team would examine the faculty and infrastructure in BEd colleges.

# 6. 200 MW Solar Power project

Why in news – 200 MW solar power generation project to be set up in Banka (75 MW) and Jamui (125 MW).

### Key points -

- Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN) (Government of India undertaking) would set up the project.
- North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited and South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited entered into an agreement with SJVN.
- At present, 130 MW solar projects are operating within the state, generating 23 crore units of solar power per year.
- On completion of all projects, solar power generation within Bihar would be 830 MW.

# 7. E-storage facility in Bihar

**Why in news** – Bihar Dy CMTarkishor Prasad has launched web-based online software for estorage.

#### Key points -

- Bihar became the 1st state in the country to automate the entire activities of the warehouses in a centralized manner.
- The functioning would be transparent through e-warehousing.

# 8. Integrated manufacturing cluster (IMC) in Bihar

Why in news – A special purpose vehicle (SPV) would be formed to realise IMC.

#### Key points -

- IMC would be developed in 10sq km area (1839 km) near Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC) passing through the state.
- BIADA is the nodal authority for formation of SPV.
- AKIC passes through 7 states including Bihar.

# 9. Farming area reduced by 200000 ha in Bihar

Why in news – Due to the rapid pace of urbanization, two lakh hectares of agricultural land has been made concrete.

#### Key points -

- In the year 2020, 42.02 lakh hectares were cultivated in the state.
- Present 39,72,488.52 hectare.

# 10. Oxygen pipeline

**Why in news** – Oxygen pipeline to be laid in 68 Community Health Center.

#### Key points -

- Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation has been given the responsibility of laying the pipeline.
- It would be completed in one to one and a half months after the completion of the tender process.
- Last year, to overcome the shortage of oxygen, it was decided to set up oxygen generation plants in 122 government hospitals.

# **CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS**





# PERFECTION IAS



- ➤ RBI has issued norms for import of gold by eligible jewelers through which exchange mode India International Bullion Exchange IFSC (IIBX).
- ➤ Who has won the 2021 22 English Premier League title Manchester City.
- ➤ Which state government and BPCL have signed MoU for renewable energy projects—Uttarakhand.
- ➤ In which city of Tamil Nadu has Prime Minister Modi laid the foundation stone of projects worth Rs 31500 crore Chennai.
- ➤ DCO and who has launched a new initiative to promote digital FDI flows across the world WEF.
- In which state/UT was the Lavender Festival 2022 organized **Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir.**
- ➤ Which player has become the first player in IPL history to hit 700 fours Shikhar Dhawan.
- ➤ The National Achievement Survey report for the 2021 edition has been released by the ministry Ministry of Education.
- ➤ Which magazine has recently released the list of 100 most influential people Time.
- Which state, have approved new guidelines for the implementation of 'Indira Gandhi Shahari Rozgar Yojana'recenty Rajasthan.

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