



# CURRENT AFFAIRS



31 MAY, 2022



## NATIONAL

### 1. Indus Water Treaty (IWT)

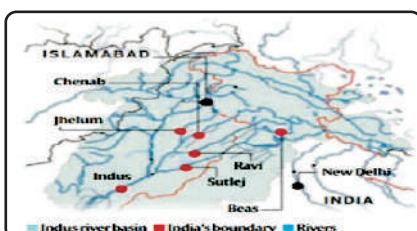
**Why in news** – The 118<sup>th</sup> bilateral meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission held between India and Pakistan in New Delhi on 30-31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

**Key Points** –

- Indus Commissioner - Syed Mehr Ali Shah (Pakistan), AK Pal (India).
- New issues in IWT –
  - A. Pakal Dul (1,000 MW) on Marusudar river, a tributary of Chenab river.
  - B. Lower Kalnai (48 MW) on Lower Kalnai Nalla, a tributary of Chenab river.
  - C. Kiru project (624 MW) on Chenab river.

**About IWT** –

- Signed between then PM JL Nehru and Pak President Ayub Khan on 19th September 1960 in Karachi.
- Brokered by the World Bank.
- Eastern rivers i.e., Sutlej, Beas, and Ravi (33 million acre feet) is allocated to India for unrestricted use.
- Western rivers i.e., Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab (135 million acre feet) is allocated largely to Pakistan.
- India is allowed to use 20% water of the western rivers for irrigation, power generation and transport purposes.



### 2. Biotech Park

**Why in news** – North India's first Industrial Biotech park inaugurated at Kathua in J&K.

**Key Points** –

- Inaugurated by Jitendra Singh on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.
- It has more than 3500 medicinal plant species and can produce 25 startups in a year.
- Another Biotech Park at Handwara (Kupwara) is under construction.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. UK's new VISA policy

**Why in news** – The United Kingdom to offer work visas to graduates from world's top universities.

**Key Points** –

- Visa name - High Potential Individual (HPI) visa.
- To attract the 'best and brightest' talent from around the world.
- Applicable to top 50 universities identified from 'QS', 'Times Higher Education' and the 'Academic Ranking of World Universities'.

### 2. First Movers Coalition

**Why in news** – India joined a global public-private partnership initiative called the First Movers Coalition.

**Key Points** –

- It was launched by Joe Biden and the World Economic Forum (WEF) at COP26 Glasgow.
- India, Japan and Sweden also joined the steering board of the First Movers Coalition.
- It aims to decarbonize the most carbon-intensive sectors such as the heavy industry and transport sectors.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1. Hindi Journalism Day

**Why in news** – It is celebrated every year on 30<sup>th</sup> May to commemorate the India's 1<sup>st</sup> Hindi newspaper 'Udant Martand'.

**Key Points** –

- 'Udant Martand' (30<sup>th</sup> May, 1826) - Published from Kolkata, started by Pandit Jugal Kishore Shukla, closed on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1827.

### 2. World No Tobacco Day

**Why in news** – It is observed on 31<sup>st</sup> May globally.

**Key Points** –

- Theme - Tobacco : Threat to our environment
- In 1988, WHA passed resolution WHA42.19 to observe the day every year on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

## ENVIRONMENT

### 1. India's first Wind-Solar Hybrid Power Plant

**Why in news** – Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited (AHEJOL), a subsidiary of Adani Green has commissioned a 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan.

**Key Points** –

- Adani Green now has an operational capacity of 5.8 GW.
- MD and CEO of Adani Green - Vneet S Jaain.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### 1. Cannes Film Festival 2022

**Why in news** – The 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival came to a glittering close on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**Key Points** –

- Jury headed by Vincent Lindon. (Only Indian - Deepika Padukone).
- **Awards** –
  - A. Palme d'Or - Triangle of Sadness.
  - B. Grand Prix - Stars at Noon.
  - C. Jury Prize –Eo.

D. Jury Special Award (documentary) - Mariupolis 2

E. L'Oeil d'Or - All That Breathes.

## RANKS & INDICES

### 1. Fortune 500 List

**Why in news** – As per Fortune 500 list, Elon Musk was the highest-paid (\$23.5 billion) CEO in 2021.

**Key Points** –

- It evaluated the pay packages of 280 Fortune 500 CEOs.
- Top 3 - Elon Musk (Tesla, USD 23.5 Billion) > Tim Cook (Apple, USD 770.5 Million) > Jensen Huang (NVIDIA, USD 561 Million).

## BIHAR

### 1. Gold reserve in Bihar

**Why in news** – Geological Survey of India has stated that a gold reserve of around 222.88 million tonnes are present in Jamui district of Bihar.

**Key Points** –

- It is being called as India's largest gold reserve.
- Area - Karmatia, Jhajha and Sono in Jamui district.
- It accounts for 44% of the total gold reserves in the country.

### 2. Bihar's longest elevated road.

**Why in news** – The elevated road would be constructed between Kachchi Dargah of Patna to Anisabad.

**Key Points** –

- Length – 15 km, 4-lane road, to be built on NH-30.
- It would replace the Raxaul-Sonvarsha bypass (provision Rs 1500 crore).

### 3. Reduction in crime against women in Bihar

**Why in news** – The Police headquarters has claimed this based on the number of cases registered in Jan, Feb and Mar 2022 (compared to the first 3 months 2021).

### Key Points –

- Recorded 10-34% reduction in incidents like rape, molestation, dowry harassment etc.
- Also, a decline in the number of cases registered under the POCSO Act. (Jan, Feb, Mar 2021 - 396 cases, 2022 – 342 cases).

## 4. New Film Development and Promotion Policy

**Why in news** – A meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> May under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Amir Subhani on this matter.

### Key Points –

- The Art, Culture and Youth department has been entrusted to finalize the new Film Development and Promotion Policy. (Earlier - Tourism department).
- A film city project is underway at Rajgir in Nalanda.

## 5. Bihar labourers on e-Shram portal

**Why in news** – According to e-shram portal data, half of the workers of Bihar are earning their livelihood from agriculture in the unorganized sector.

### Key Points –

- 2,82,00,000 workers have been registered. Out of this, 1,39,00,000 i.e., 49.52% of workers are associated with farming work.
- Sector-wise registration (in Lakh) - Agriculture (139.95) > Domestic work (41.66) > Construction (28.01) > Miscellaneous (10.01) > Electronics (5.66).

- 65.23% are in the age group of 18 to 40 years. 19.92% are 40 to 50 years and 10.79% are over 50 years old.
- The government has set a target of registering 3.5 crore workers.

## 6. Committee for New Education Policy

**Why in news** – To implement New Education Policy in Bihar, the Education department has constituted a state level steering committee.

### Key Points –

- The State Project Director of Bihar Education Project is made convener of the committee.
- Special invitees – Sudha Varghese (Padma shree), Pallava Kumar, Pramila Maohar etc.
- Dipak Kumar Singh would participate in a conference wrt New Education Policy 2020 to be held in Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.

## 7. Eklavya Center

**Why in news** – Eklavya Centers, meant for preparation of the Olympics, could not be opened in five districts of Bihar.

### Key Points –

- Begusarai (Wrestling), Aurangabad (Kabaddi), Banka (Archery), Bhojpur (Archery) and Madhepura (Athletics) were to be opened.
- Functional – Sitamarhi (Kabaddi), Bhagalpur (Archery).
- In Eklavya Centers, children of 12 to 14 years take training.



## CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS

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# PERFECTION IAS

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- Justice Pradeep Kumar Mohanty has been given the additional charge of the head of which institution - **Lokpal.**
- Who has recently won the International Panorama Golden Award - **K. V. Raghupati.**
- Who has constituted an inter-ministerial panel to regulate the online gaming industry - **Central Government.**
- Which organization has recently released 'State of the Global Climate Report 2021' - **World Meteorological Organization.**
- Who has laid the foundation stone of the new International Sports Complex in Ahmedabad - **Amit Shah.**
- BOB Financial and who has recently launched a co-branded contactless RuPay credit card - **HPCL.**
- Which international organization has released its 8th report titled 'Monitor on the World of Work' on the global labor market - **International Labor Organization (ILO).**
- Which has become the first Indian public sector gas producer to trade domestic gas on the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) - **ONGC, New Delhi.**
- Which state government has launched 'Sambhav portal' to hear the complaints of electricity consumers - **Uttar Pradesh.**
- Which has become the first state in India to form a 'Drone Force' to rescue the people trapped in the disaster - **Uttarakhand.**

**NEW BATCHES FOR BPSC IS SCHEDULED ON 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022.**

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