



CURRENT AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL

1. Valley of Flowers

Why in news – 'Valley of Flowers' opened for visitors in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district from June 1, 2022.

Key Points –

- On Nov 6, 1982, it was declared a National Park, while in 2005 UNESCO declared it as a World Heritage Site.
- It was discovered in 1931 by Frank S Smythe.
- Brahm kamal is the state flower of Uttarakhand.
- Blue Poppy is called Queen of Himalayan Flowers.

INTERNATIONAL

1. India held talks with Taliban

Why in news – For the first time since the Taliban takeover, India has sent an official delegation to Afghanistan.

Key Points –

- It was led by J.P. Singh.
- India has sent 20,000 metric tonnes (MT) of wheat, 13 tonnes of medicines and 500,000 doses of Covid vaccines for the Afghan people.
- Taliban took over Afghanistan on August 15, 2021.

2. Israeli Defence Minister visited India

Why in news – Benny Gantz is on his first official visit to India.

Key Points –

- Both signed an MoU to mark 30 years of security ties.
- India recognised Israel in 1950 but full diplomatic relations were established on January 29, 1992.

3. COVAX facility

Why in news – Bangladesh is the top recipient of COVID 19 vaccines under the COVAX facility.

Key Points –

- It has received over 190 million doses (62%) of COVID 19 vaccines.
- COVAX facility is a global initiative co-led by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and WHO.

ECONOMY

1. Textiles and apparel exports

Why in news – India has recorded its highest-ever textiles and apparel exports at \$44.4 billion in FY-2022.

Key Points –

- Top export destination – USA (27%) > EU (18%) > Bangladesh (12%) > UAE (6%).
- Product category - Cotton textiles (\$17.2 bn) > Ready-made garments (\$16 bn) > Man-made textiles (\$6.3 bn) > Handicrafts (\$2.1 bn).

RANKS & INDICES

1. THE Asia University Rankings 2022

Why in news – The Times Higher Education (THE) on June 1, 2022 released the latest edition of Asia University Rankings.

Key Points –

- It comprises 616 universities from 31 countries and territories.
- Top 3 - Tsinghua University (1st), Peking University (2nd), National University of Singapore (3rd).
- India is the 3rd most-represented country (Japan – 1st, China – 2nd) with 71 institutions. (2021- 62 institutions).

• Top Indian Institutes –

- A. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (42nd)
- B. JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru (65th)
- C. IITRopar (68th)
- D. IIT Indore (87th)

- There are 17 Indian universities in the top 200.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. Stockholm +50 conference

Why in news – It is being held to commemorate 50 years of the Stockholm conference (June 5-16, 1972) — the first UN conference on the environment.

Key Points –

- Environment minister Bhupender Yadav represented India.
- Date - June 2-3 in Stockholm, Sweden.
- Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) - It was launched by Sweden and India at the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019 to achieve the Paris Agreement climate goal.
- Indira Gandhi was the only foreign head of government out of 113 nations to attend the conference in 1972.

2. All India Ayurveda Mahasammelan

Why in news – President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 59th General Assembly of All India Ayurveda Mahasammelan at Kalidas Sanskrit Academy in Ujjain, MP.

Key Points –

- He also inaugurated Dhanwantri Ayurved Mahavidyalaya, Ujjain.
- Devendra Triguna was honoured with Life Time Achievement award in the program.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Bicycle Day

Why in news – It is observed on June 3 to recognize bicycling as a way to get a sustainable form of travelling. 1st World Bicycle Day - June 3, 2018.

APPOINTMENTS

1. S L Thaosen

Why in news – S L Thaosen has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). SSB guards borders with Nepal (1,751 km) and Bhutan (699 km).

AMBASSADOR

1. Sachin Tendulkar

Why in news – He would continue as UNICEF's 'Goodwill Ambassador' for a record 20th year.

Key Points –

- In 2003, he was chosen to promote polio prevention in India.
- In 2013, he was appointed UNICEF Ambassador for South Asia.

BIHAR

1. Bihar cabinet meeting

Why in news – 12 agendas have been approved in the meeting held on June 2, 2022.

Key Points –

- The caste census to be completed by Feb 2023. For this, approved Rs 500 crores from the Bihar Contingency Fund.
- Nodal officer at the district level for caste-based enumeration – DM.
- Approval of Rs 880 crores 49 lakh 41 thousand for special survey work of revenue map and khatian till March 31, 2024 under Bihar Special Survey and Settlement Program.
- Approval of Rs 97,19,39,824 for a period of 4 years (2022-23 to 2025-26) under Digital India Land Records Modernization Program.
- Approval to celebrate the birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap on May 9 as a state function in Patna.
- Rs 44.40 crores sanctioned for the purchase of 6 'Hydraulic platform Sir Turntable Aerial Ladder' for fire safety of multi-storey buildings.
- Draft of Bihar Witness Protection Fund Rules 2022 approved.

2. GPR survey for ancient Patliputra city

Why in news – Ground Penetrating Radar Survey to conducted in Patna city to discover 2500 years old Pataliputra.

Key Points –

- The Department of Earth Science, IIT Kanpur has done the survey and mapping work.
- Art, Culture and Youth department has approved Rs 8,19,200.

3. Appointment of Judges in Patna HC

Why in news – The Patna high court has got seven new judges.

Key Points –

- With this, the number of judges increased from 27 to 35.(sanctioned strength – 53).
- Chief Justice of Patna High Court - Sanjay Karol.
- Andhra Pradesh HC Judge Justice A Amanullah transferred to Patna HC.

4. Online portal for house maps

Why in news – People can apply online on portal to make map of houses in Patna.

Key Points –

- The Municipal Corporation has created this portal under the guidance of Urban Development and Housing Department.
- The department had given permission for this on May 26.

5. North Koel Reservoir Project

Why in news – The way forward for the reservoir was cleared in a meeting chaired by the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister.

Key Points –

- In meeting, it was decided to reduce the full water level (FRL) from 367.28 m to 341 m to avoid submerged of Betla NP in Jharkhand.

About the reservoir

- It is situated on the North Koel river (origin - Ranchi plateau), a tributary of the Son river.
- North Koel River flows through the Betla National Park.
- Construction started in 1972 but stopped in 1993.
- Sanctioned money – Rs 1738 crores.
- Length – 77.70 km (Bihar) and 31.40 km (JH).
- Palamu and Garhwa districts of Jharkhand as well as Aurangabad and Gaya districts of Bihar would get irrigation in 111,521 hectares of land.

6. GI tag for sweets of Bihar

Why in news – An initiative by NABARD would be taken to get GI tag for sweets like Khurma, Tilkut and Balushahi.

Key Points –

- Khurma (Bhojpur), Tilkut (Gaya) and Balushahi (Sitamarhi).
- Earlier, Katari Rice, Jardalu Mango, Shahi Litchi, Magahi Paan and Makhan have got GI tag.



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**PERFECTION
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- Who has been appointed as the Director General of National Informatics Center recently - **Rajesh Gera.**
- Which state's Rashmi Sahu has been honored with the Times Business Award 2022 - **Odisha.**
- Which medal has India won in the Asia Cup Men's Hockey 2022 - **Bronze medal.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director-General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) - **Zulfikar Hasan.**
- Har GharDastak 2.0 campaign has been launched by which ministry - **Ministry of Health.**
- According to the recent NSO update (June 2022), what is the estimated GDP growth of India in 2021-22 - **8.7%.**
- Natarajan Sundar, a former executive of which bank, has been inducted as the Managing Director and CEO of National Assets Reconstruction Company Limited - **State Bank of India.**
- In which city, PM Narendra Modi has recently addressed the 'Garib Kalyan Sammelan' - **Shimla.**
- Recently Krishnakumar Kunnath (KK) has passed away at the age of 53, who was he - **Singer.**
- Who has been appointed as its new brand ambassador by Titan Raga - **Alia Bhatt.**

NEW BATCHES FOR BPSC IS SCHEDULED ON 15th JUNE 2022.

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