



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## NATIONAL

### 1. 'Bharat Gaurav' train

**Why in news** - Indian Railways has launched the first train under its 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme on June 14, 2022.

**Key Points** –

- Flagged off from Coimbatore (TN) to Sainagar Shirdi (MH). (Southern Railway).
- This particular train is being operated by private operator South Star Rail.
- They are theme-based tourist circuit trains to showcase India's rich cultural heritage.

### 2. India's first display fab

**Why in news** - Telangana has signed an MoU with Elest to setup fabrication unit to manufacture next-generation displays for smart phones, tablet computers and laptops.

**Key Points** –

- Elest is a subsidiary of Rajesh Exports.
- Investments - Rs 24,000 crore.
- It would be set up under the India Semiconductor Mission (MeITY).

### 3. Saint Tukaram temple

**Why in news** – PM Modi inaugurated the Saint Tukaram Shila Mandir in Dehu, Pune district.

**Key Points** –

- Saint Tukaram was a Warkari saint and poet in the 17th-century. (contemporary of Shivaji).
- His followers belong to the Warkari sect.
- He made the Vithoba cult popular.
- He composed devotional songs on Vithalswamy called Abhangs.
- His master was Saint Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

### 4. Startup accelerator program

**Why in news** – Google announced 'Google for Startups Accelerator India – Women Founders' program on June 14, 2022.

**Key Points** –

- To help them in fund-raising and hiring.
- would run from Jul-2022 to Sep-2022.
- The inaugural batch would accept up to 20 women-founded / co-founded startups in the country.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. UAE suspended re-export of Indian wheat

**Why in news** - The United Arab Emirates has ordered a 4-month suspension in exports and re-exports of wheat and wheat flour originating from India.

**Key Points** –

- India banned wheat exports on May 14.
- India is the world's second-biggest producer of wheat after China.

## GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

### 1. StartUps for Railways' policy

**Why in news** - Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched 'StartUps for Railways' on June 13, 2022 to encourage start-ups in railways sector.

**Key Points** –

- It aims to spend Rs 1.5 crore of seed money for innovative technological solutions.
- Funding mechanism - 50:50 (Indian Railways: Innovator). i.e., 50% capital grant.

## REPORT & INDICES

### 1. Digital News Report 2022

**Why in news** - Digital News Report 2022 was

recently released by Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism.

#### Key Points –

- The survey was conducted by YouGuv.
- It covers 46 markets on 6 continents.
- Facebook is the most-used social network for news.
- Globally, TikTok became the fastest-growing network with 15% using the platform for news.
- News avoidance has doubled in Brazil (54%) and the U.K. (46%) since 2017.

#### India specific findings –

- It was produced with the help of Asian College of Journalism.
- 72% accessed news through smart phones and 35% via computers.
- Source of news – Online (84%), Social media (63%), Television (59%), Print (49%).
- Top social media source - YouTube (53%), WhatsApp (51%).
- India registered a small increase in the level of trust (41%). (Globally reduced - 42%).

## 2. Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER)

**Why in news** - The GSER was released on June 14, 2022.

#### Key Points –

- Kerala has been ranked first in Asia in Affordable Talent and 4<sup>th</sup> in global ranking in the GSER.
- Bengaluru moved to the 22<sup>nd</sup> position.
- The report was prepared by Startup Genome and Global Entrepreneurship Network.
- In the first GSER published (2020), Kerala was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in Asia and 20<sup>th</sup> in the world.

## SCIENCE – TECH

### 1. XPay.Life

**Why in news** - Fintech startup XPay.Life launched its UPI services targeted at rural India.

#### Key Points –

- It claims to be India's first blockchain-enabled transaction framework.

## SPORTS

### 1. Paavo Nurmi Games

**Why in news** - Neeraj Chopra broke own national record with 89.30m Javelin throw.

#### Key Points –

- Top 3 - Oliver Helander (89.93 m, Gold), Neeraj Chopra (89.30m, Silver), Anderson Peters (86.60, Bronze).
- Host country - Finland.
- His previous national record - 88.07 meters.
- He won gold medal by throwing 87.58 meters at the Tokyo Olympics on August 7, 2021.

### 2. BWF Indonesia Masters 2022

**Why in news** – The badminton tournament took place at the Istora Gelora Bung Karno, Jakarta, Indonesia, from 7 to 12 June 2022.

#### Key Points –

- Winners list –

No.	Category	Winners
1.	Men's singles	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
2.	Women's singles	Chen Yufei (China)
3.	Men's doubles	Fajar Alfian (Indonesia) & Muhammad Rian Ardianto (Indonesia).
4.	Women's doubles	Chen Qingchen (China) & Jia Yifan (China)
5.	Mixed doubles	Zheng Siwei (China) & Huang Yaqiong (China)

## FESTIVALS

### 1. Raja festival (Mithun Sankranti)

**Why in news** - It is being celebrated in Odisha from June 14 to 16, 2022. It marks the symbolic menstruation of Mother Earth.

## STATES/UTs

### 1. 'Sujal' scheme

**Why in news** - Haryana launched the 'Sujal' initiative for Panchkula to monitor the water supply and control its flow in the region. If successful, it would be implemented across the state.

## BIHAR

### 1. Institutional delivery

**Why in news** – Health department is planning to boost institutional delivery to reduce IMR and MMR.

### Key Points –

- Financial incentive for institutional delivery –  
A. Pregnant women – Rs 1400 (rural) and Rs 1000 (urban).  
B. ASHA worker – Rs 600 (rural) and Rs 400 (urban).
- Top 3 –Samastipur (87000), Purnea (80000), East Champaran (68000).
- Bottom 3 –Arwal (10000), Sheohar (13000), Jehanabad (14000).

Year	Institutional delivery (In Lakh)
2014-15	14.98
2015-16	15.34
2016-17	15.48
2017-18	16.35
2018-19	16.02
2019-20	16.47
2020-21	15.77

## 2. Traffic park

**Why in news** –To reduce road accidents in Bihar, the Transport department has decided to make one permanent traffic park in every district.

### Key Points –

- First such park -Veer Kunwar Singh Park (4900 sq ft) in Patna.
- It would be the first permanent traffic park in Bihar.
- Agency would be given the responsibility of this traffic park for 10 years.

## 3. Research on Bhojpuri Songs

**Why in news** – Prof. Dr. Helen Mays arrived at Patna University for research purposes.

### Key Points –

- She would go to Bhojpur, Buxar, Sasaram, Vaishali, Muzaffarpur, East and West Champaran for research.
- Neera Choudhary (Prof of the Department of Music) has been made the research guide while Dr. Supriya Rani has been given the responsibility of overall care.

## 4. Training in folk music

**Why in news** – Under the Guru Shishya Parampara, talented artists started getting training at the Indian Nritya Kala Mandir from June 16, 2022.

### Key Points –

- It was inaugurated by Dr. Karuna Kumari (Addl Secretary, Department of Art, Culture and Youth).
- Guru Manoranjan Ojha would give training of Bhojpuri folk music to eight disciples.
- In Bihar, training is to be given for 22 months in Bhojpuri music, Venu craft and folk saga Bahura Godin.
- It is a joint initiative of East Zone Cultural Center (EZCC) Kolkata, Ministry of Culture, GoI and Department of Art, Culture and Youth.

## 5. Coffee table book

**Why in news** – Bihar government would publish a book based on the photographs of Raghu Rai.

### Key Points –

- Its responsibility has been given to Building Construction Department.
- The book would show the journey of modern Bihar.



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**PERFECTION  
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- In which state the first National Conference of Chief Secretaries organized from 16 to 17 June 2022 – **Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.**
- In May 2022, the wholesale price-based inflation has reached what percent – **15.88%.**
- After how many years has Microsoft's Internet Explorer been retired – **27 years.**
- Which ministry organized the National Workshop on Dam Safety Act 2021 – **Ministry of Jal Shakti.**
- Which edition of the WTO Ministerial Conference has started in Geneva-Switzerland – **12th edition.**
- Who has provided the first batch of nuclear fuel for the Kudankulam nuclear power plant in Tamil Nadu – **Russian State Atomic Energy Corporation Rosatom.**
- Which company has been granted the first Type Certificate (TC) under the Drone Rules, 2021- IO-Tech – **World Avigation Private Limited.**
- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to sign agreement between India and which organization on 'Way Finding Application' – **United Nations.**
- Neeraj Chopra has set a new national record with how many meters javelin throw – **89.30 meters.**
- Ather Energy has joined hands with bank to provide vehicle loans to its customers – **SBI.**

**NEW BATCHES FOR UPSC IS SCHEDULED ON 06<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022.**

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