



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

≡ 20 JUNE, 2022 ≡

## NATIONAL

### 1. Integrated Transit Corridor (ITC)

**Why in news** – PM Modi inaugurated the main tunnel and 5 underpasses of the Pragati Maidan ITC Project in New Delhi on June 19, 2022.

#### **Key Points** –

- Tunnel length - 1.3-km.
- Work started in 2017.
- Project cost of - ₹920 crore.
- The tunnel runs from the National Sports Complex of India (Purana Qila) to the Ring Road near the Pragati power station.

### 2. Hanle Dark Sky Reserve (HDSR)

**Why in news** – A tripartite MoU was signed to set up India's first dark sky reserve at Hanle in Ladakh.

#### **Key Points** –

- It was signed between the UT administration, LAHDC Leh and Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) Bengaluru.
- Situated in Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary at Hanle, Ladakh.
- HDSR would span in 22 km in radius centered around the Hanle observatory.

### 3. 'Balika Panchayat'

**Why in news** – India's first-ever 'Balika Panchayat' was started in several villages of Kutch district in Gujarat.

#### **Key Points** –

- Initiative of the Women and Child Development Welfare department of the Gujarat Government.

- It started in Kunaria, Maska, Motagua, and Vadsar villages.
- It is managed by girls aged 11-21 years.
- Sarpanch of Balika Panchayat - Urmi Ahir.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. Padma Bridge

**Why in news** – Bangladesh rejected reports over links between a newly-built Padma bridge and China's BRI saying it was entirely financed by the government.

#### **Key Points** –

- Length – 10 km.

## SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

### 1. WTO Ministerial Conference

**Why in news** – The WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) was held in Geneva from June 12-17, 2022.

#### **Key Points** –

#### **Imp decisions (Geneva Package) -**

- To curb 'harmful' subsidies on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing for the next 4 years. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> multilateral agreement in WTO's history. (1<sup>st</sup> - Environmental sustainability).
- To exempt food purchased by the UN WFP for humanitarian purposes from any export restrictions.
- To temporarily waive intellectual property patents on Covid-19 vaccines without the consent of the patent holder for 5 years.
- MC12 was scheduled to take place in June 2020 in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

## About WTO-

- Set up in 1995. Replaced the GATT under the Marrakesh Agreement (April 15, 1994).
- Marrakesh Agreement culminated the 8-year-long Uruguay round.
- Only global organization dealing with the international trade between nations.
- HQ - Geneva, Switzerland. Director-General - Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala.
- Principles - Non-Discrimination, Most Favored Nation (MFN), National Treatment.
- Subsidies - Green Box, Amber Box and Blue Box.

## APPOINTMENTS

### 1. Hamza Abdi Barre

**Why in news** – Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud appointed Hamza Abdi Barre as the country's new prime minister. He replaced Mohamed Roble.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### 1. The Indian constitution: The Untold Story

**Why in news** – PM Modi has released the book 'Indian Constitution: The Untold Story' on June 18, 2022 authored by Ram Bahadur Rai.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### 1. Skytrax World Airport Awards

**Why in news** – Skytrax World Airport Awards event 2022 held at the Passenger Terminal EXPO in Paris on June 16, 2022.

#### Key Points –

- Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) won the title of 'Best Regional Airport in India and South Asia'.
- Bengaluru airport also won the Best Airport and Aviation Innovation award at the Wings India Awards earlier this year.

## ENVIRONMENT

### 1. Bamboo-dwelling bat

**Why in news** – A new species of bamboo-

dwelling bat found in Ri-Bhoi district of Meghalaya.

#### Key Points –

- Found near Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Scientific name - Glischropus Meghalayanus.
- Discovered by Uttam Saikia, Gabor Csorba and Manuel Ruedi.

## SPORTS

### 1. IPL broadcasting rights

**Why in news** - BCCI had floated a tender for awarding the media rights for IPL's broadcast from 2023 to 2027.

#### Key Points –

- Television and digital platforms rights were sold for a combined sum of ₹48,390 crore.
- Disney Star paid ₹23,575 crores for television rights for the Indian subcontinent.
- Viacom 18 group paid ₹23,758 crore for digital rights.
- The rest of the world rights were split between Viacom 18 and Times Internet Ltd. for a combined sum of ₹1,057 crores
- IPL would witness 410 games from 2023 to 2027.

### 2. FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

**Why in news** - FIFA has announced the schedule of Under-17 Women's World Cup-2022.

#### Key Points –

- Host – India. Venues - Odisha, Goa and Maharashtra.
- Run from Oct 11 to 30, 2022
- Semi-final - Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa. Final match - DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai on October 30, 2022.

### 3. Kuortane Games

**Why in news** - Neeraj Chopra won gold in the 2022 Kuortane Games in Finland.

#### Key Points –

- Top 3 - Neeraj Chopra (86.69 m, Gold), Keshorn

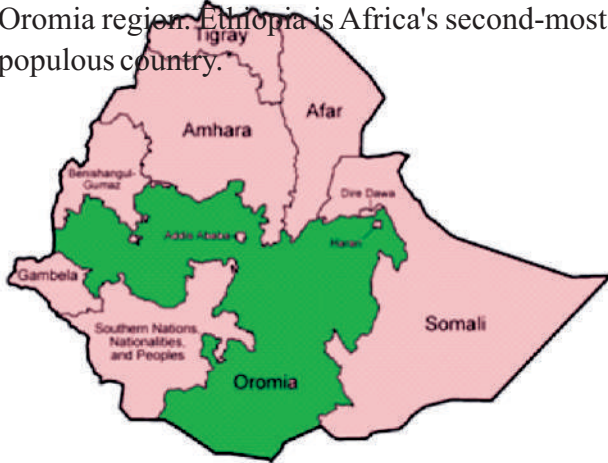
Walcott (86.64m, Silver), Anderson Peters (84.75m, Bronze).

- India's Sandeep Chaudhury was 8<sup>th</sup> in the standings with a throw of 60.35m.

## PLACES IN NEWS

### 1. Oromia (Ethiopia)

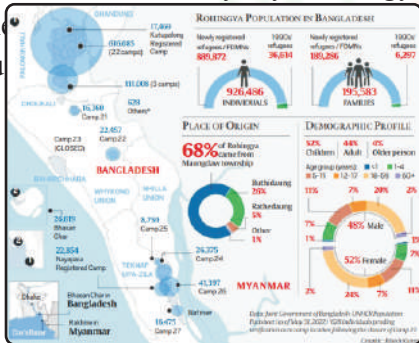
**Why in news** – More than 200 ethnic Amhara have been killed in an attack in Ethiopia's Oromia region. Ethiopia is Africa's second-most populous country.



### 2. Kutupalong refugee camp

**Why in news** – It is the world's largest refugee camp located in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh and inhabited mostly by Rohingya refugees.

Other... Nayapara



## BIHAR

### 1. Works Accounts Management Information System (WAMIS)

**Why in news** – A 3-day (June 20 to 22) training

program would be conducted to train all regional engineers and personnel on WAMIS.

#### Key Points –

- Developed by the water resources department to monitor irrigation projects.
- To be adopted from July 1, 2022.
- Officials can upload real-time (geo-tagged) updates of their area.

### 2. Student Credit Card scheme

**Why in news** – Officers to raise awareness about the schemes in educational institutions.

#### Key Points –

- Target for 2022 – to give loan to 1 lakh students.
  - District wise target
- A. Highest 3 - Patna (5965), Gaya (5200), Samastipur (4714).
- B. Lowest 3 – Sheohar (473), Seikhpura (810), Kisananj (825).

Year	Beneficiary	Sanctioned loan (in crore)
2021-22	36715	266.70
2020-21	23000	665.56
2019-20	53327	1292.15

### 3. Smart city awards

**Why in news** – Patna, Bhagalpur, Biharsharif and Muzaffarpur are included in the list of 100 cities to be considered for Smart city awards.

### 4. Koilwar mental hospital

**Why in news** – Bihar's only mental hospital would be started in the new building from July in Bhojpur.

#### Key Points –

- 272-bed mental hospital is spread over 100 acre.
- Project cost – 124 crores.

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- What is the percentage of reservation announced by the Central government for Agniveers in CAPFs and Assam Rifles recruitment - **10%**.
- India and which country have launched a logo to celebrate 50 years of diplomatic relations - **Vietnam**.
- Zomato and who has inked an agreement to support Zomato's commitment to 'Env 100 percent of Climate Group's EV fleet by 2030' initiative : **Jio-BP**.
- In which city the 47th meeting of the GST Council will be held - **Srinagar**.
- Which country will participate in the NATO summit for the first time - **Japan**.
- In which country will the 14th BRICS summit be held - **Beijing, China**.
- 44th Chess Olympic Torch Relay has been inaugurated by - **PM Narendra Modi**.
- RBI has increased the limit of e-mandate for transactions up to - **Rs 15,000**.
- Which IIT institute has developed a robot to clean septic tanks - **IIT Madras**.
- Which state government has signed a water cooperation agreement with Israel - **Haryana**.

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

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