



CURRENT AFFAIRS

22 JUNE, 2022

NATIONAL

1. Centre for Brain Research

Why in news - PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Centre for Brain Research at IISc Bengaluru on June 20, 2022.

Key Points -

- Also, laid the foundation stone for Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital (832-bed) at IISc Bengaluru.
- NIMHANS (Bengaluru, KA) is the apex centre for mental health and neuroscience education in the country.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Khuvsgul lake

Why in news - Mongolia's Khuvsgul Lake National Park has been added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO.

Key Points -

- The decision was made during the 34th session of the International Co-ordinating Council of MAB program taking place in Paris, France.
- It holds nearly 70% of Mongolia's fresh water or 0.4% of the world's total.
- The lake is 1,645 meters above sea level, 136 km long and 262 meters deep.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. UN CBD CoP15

Why in news - UN convention on biological diversity (UNCBD) CoP15 would now happen in Montreal, Canada.

Key Points -

- From December 5 to 17, 2022
- Previous host - Kunming, China.

About UN CBD -

- CBD is a legally binding treaty to conserve biodiversity that has been in force since 1993.
- Secretariat of CBD - Montreal, Canada. it operates under UNEP.

• CBD supplements -

- A. Cartagena Protocol (2000) - To protect biological diversity from the potential risks posed by LMOs resulting from modern biotechnology.
 - B. Nagoya Protocol (2010) - Access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.
- Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (Aichi Targets) - It provided a set of 20 ambitious targets.
 - India enacted Biological Diversity Act in 2002.

REPORTS & INDICES

1. Renewables 2022 : Global Status Report (GSR 2022)

Why in news - Recently, GSR 2022 was released by REN21 (Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century).

Key Points -

- For the first time, GSR 2022 provided a world map of renewable energy shares by country.
- India's Performance -
 - A. India ranked 3rd in renewable energy installations in 2021 after China and Russia.
 - B. Hydropower Capacity (Total - 45.3 GW) - 843 MW added in 2021.
 - C. Solar PV (Total - 60.4 GW, overtook Germany 59.2 GW) - 13 GW added in 2021.
 - D. Wind Power (Total 40.1 GW).

SECURITY

1. Operation Sankalp

Why in news - The Indian Navy has launched 'Operation Sankalp' in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman for the safety of the Indian vessels through the Strait of Hormuz.

Key Points -

- Op Sankalp launched in 2019
- Stealth Frigate INS Talwar is presently deployed.

About strait of Hormuz -

- Connects the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.
- Bordered by Iran in the north and UAE and Oman's Musandam peninsula in the south.
- Apx 33 km wide with shipping lane just 3km wide on both sides.



2. Women Peace and Security Seminar

Why in news - Women soldiers of the Indian Army participated in the 4-day seminar at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Key Points -

- They were part of the Indian Army contingent participating in Exercise KhaanQuest.
- Indian singer Mohit Chauhan gave special appearance.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Refugee Day 2022

Why in news - Every year, World Refugee Day is observed on June 20 dedicated to refugees all over the world.

Key Points -

- Theme 2022 - 'Whoever. Wherever. Whenever. Everyone has the right to seek safety'.
- USA created Welcome Connect, a user-friendly platform to connect displaced Ukrainians with American sponsors.

2. International Yoga Day 2022

Why in news - PM Narendra Modi led the (8th) International Day of Yoga celebrations on June 21, 2022 from Mysuru in Karnataka.

Key Points -

- Theme - Yoga For Humanity.
- Ministry for Ayush organized mass yoga demonstrations at 75 iconic locations across the country.

AWARD & HONOURS

1. UNESCO King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa of the Year 2021 Award

Why in news - PM e-VIDYA has been accorded UNESCO recognition for using ICT, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key Points -

- PM e-VIDYA was launched by the Ministry of Education on May 17, 2020.
- Initiatives of PM e-VIDYA - DIKSHA (one nation, one digital platform), Swayam Prabha TV channel (one class, one channel), CBSE Podcast- Shiksha Vani, Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) etc.
- SDG 4 - Quality Education.

2. Women's Prize for Fiction

Why in news - US-Canadian author Ruth Ozeki has won the Women's Prize for Fiction 2022 for her novel 'The Book of Form and Emptiness'.

FESTIVALS

1. Juneteenth festival

Why in news - It is a federal holiday in the USA to commemorate the end of slavery after the American civil war (1861-65).

Key Points -

- It is observed on June 19 every year and is also known as Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day.
- On Jan 1, 1863, then-president Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.
- On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger issued an order to free the last enslaved people on US soil.

SPORTS

1. Sunil Chhetri

Why in news - Sunil Chhetri became the joint fifth highest goal scorer in international football history.

Key Points -

- Chhetri achieved this feat by scoring his 84th goal in AFC Asian Cup Qualifier clash against Hong Kong.
- He has now equalled legendary Hungarian player Ferenc Puskas.
- He is now third on the list of active international goalscorers, just behind Cristiano Ronaldo (117) and Lionel Messi (86).

STATES

1. Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan (Vadodara)

Why in news - PM Narendra Modi has launched 'Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana' and 'Poshan Sudha Yojana' in Vadodara, Gujarat on 18 June, 2022.

Key Points -

- **CM Matrushakti Yojana** - First scheme of Gujarat to tackle the deficiency of diet within the first 1,000 days of the conception of the child (till 2 years of pregnancy).
- **Poshan Sudha Yojana** - Pregnant and lactating mothers registered in Anganwadi are provided complete nutritious food.

- A. Krishi Mechanization Scheme has been approved for 2022-23 (Rs. 94.05 crores) and approved the grant on 90 agricultural machines for 2022-23.
- B. Under CM Divyangjan Empowerment scheme, people would get 10,000 battery-operated tricycles. (Rs 42 crores approved).
- C. Rs 10,000 crores for buying Ravi and wheat.
- D. Construction of ropeway on Brahmayoni (Rs 8.76 crores) and Dungeshwari hills (Rs 16.76) in Gaya.
- E. Rs 10,000 crores operational loan to different procurement bodies in the state for buying wheat and paddy.

BIHAR

1. Cabinet Meeting

Why in news - The cabinet meeting was held under the chairmanship of hon' CM Nitish Kumar on June 21, 2022.

Key Points -

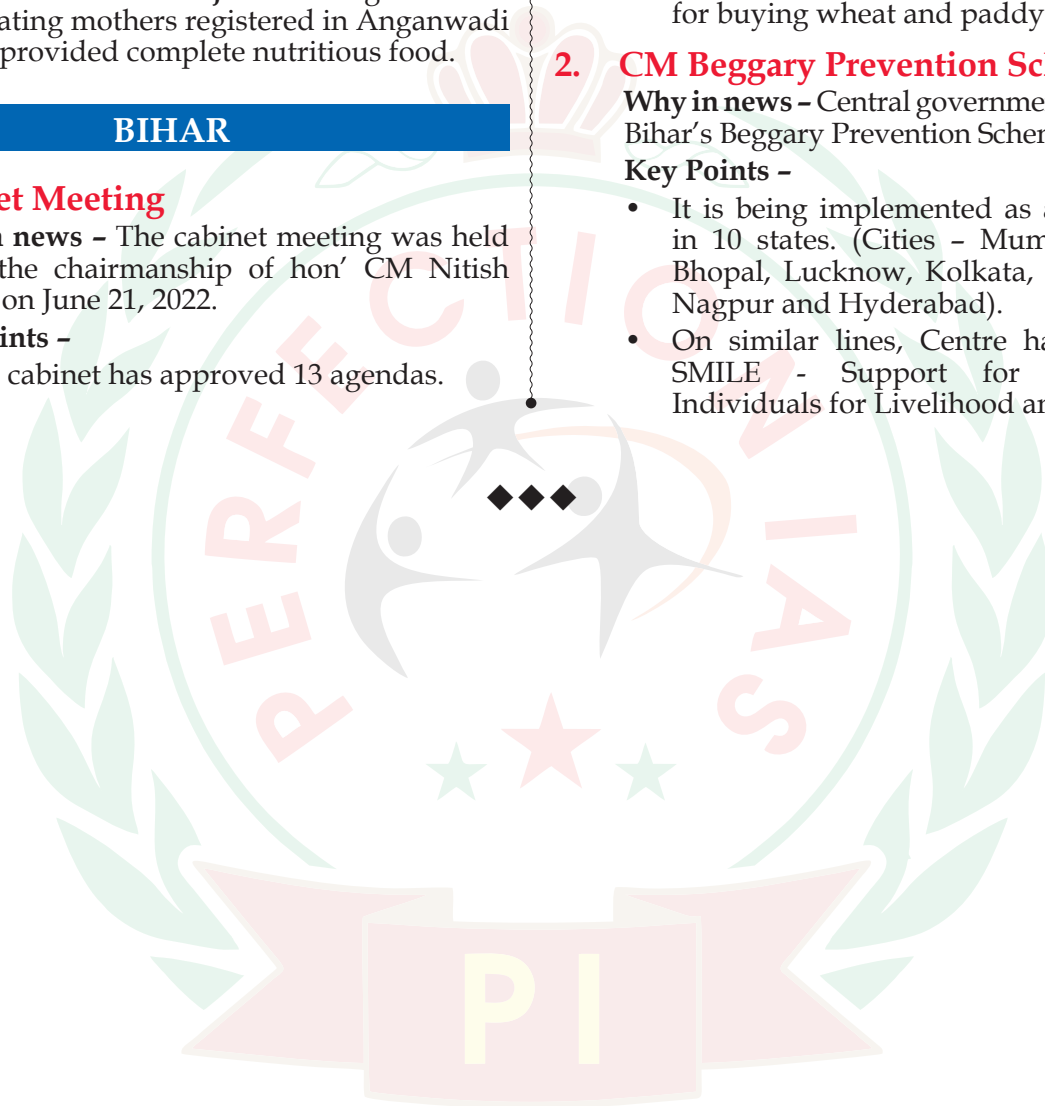
- The cabinet has approved 13 agendas.

2. CM Beggary Prevention Scheme

Why in news - Central government has adopted Bihar's Beggary Prevention Scheme as 'model'.

Key Points -

- It is being implemented as a pilot project in 10 states. (Cities - Mumbai, Chennai, Bhopal, Lucknow, Kolkata, Delhi, Indore, Nagpur and Hyderabad).
- On similar lines, Centre has formulated SMILE - Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise.

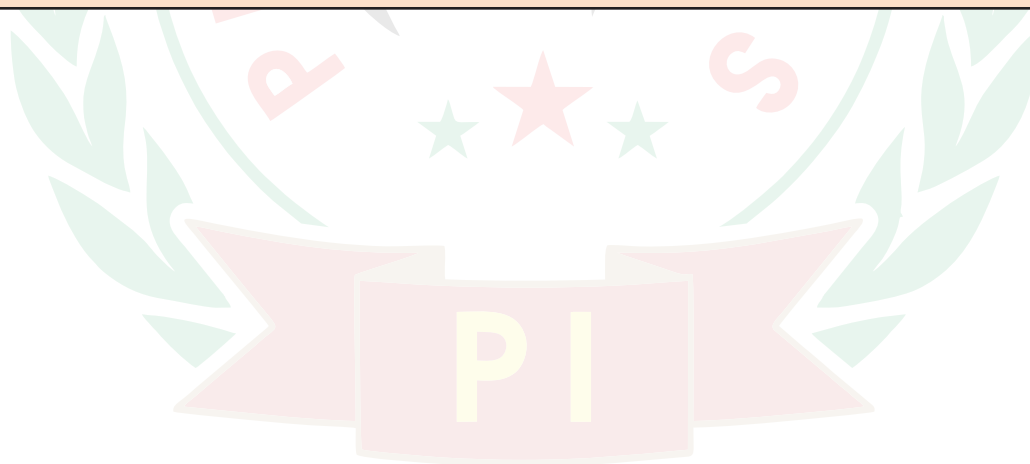




➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

POINTERS

- Which player recently won the bronze medal in the Asian Track Cycling Championship and won India its first international medal in the 1 km time trial competition - **Ronaldo Singh.**
- How many gold medals did Indian cadet women wrestlers perform in the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championship - **Four.**
- The 'Grand Prix Badminton League' will be organized by the Badminton Association of which state - **Karnataka.**
- Which country has recently launched the indigenous space rocket 'Nuri' - **South Korea.**
- Which Indian state won the title of the first T20 National Cricket Championship for the Deaf - **Andhra Pradesh.**
- Who became the first woman president of Federation of International Cricketers Association (FICA) - **Lisa Sthalekar.**
- For the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup 2022, who has been chosen as the captain of the World Cup team - **Savita Punia.**
- Shabaash Mithu is the biopic of which cricketer - **Mithali Raj.**
- Hubert Herkage defeated which player to win the title of Open Tennis Tournament recently - **Daniil Medvedev.**
- Who among the following will captain the Commonwealth Games to be held in Birmingham from 29 July 2022 - **Manpreet Singh.**



NEW BATCHES FOR BPSC IS SCHEDULED ON 15 JUNE 2022.

