

# **CURRENT AFFAIRS**



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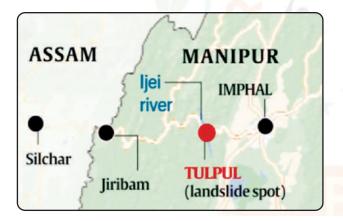
# **NATIONAL**

### 1. Manipur landslide 2022

**Why in news -** A large landslide occurred at the Tupul railway construction site in Manipur's Noney district.

### Key points -

- The disaster has so far claimed 42 lives 27 Territorial Army personnel and 15 civilians.
- The railway station being constructed was part of the Imphal-Jiribam (111 km-long) railway project.
- The proposed railway station is located on the banks of the Ijei river.



# 2. Kai chutney

Why in news – Odisha is set to make a presentation for the Geographical Indications (GI) registry of Kai chutney under food category.

#### Key points -

- In Mayurbhanj district of Odisha, red weaver ants are used to make the Kai chutney.
- Larval and adult stages of ants are preferred and are either eaten raw or turned into 'chutney' by mixing them with spicy ingredients.
- It is rich in proteins, calcium, zinc, vitamin B-

12, iron, magnesium, potassium, sodium, copper, fibre and 18 amino acids.

### **INTERNATIONAL**

### 1. Frozen baby mammoth

Why in news – Gold miner Travis Mudra discover a mummified baby woolly mammoth in Canada.

### Key points -

- Location In the Klondike gold fields of the Yukon in Canada.
- It was encased in the frozen layer of ground (permafrost) during the ice age more than 30,000 years ago.
- Earlier, Lyuba, a female woolly mammoth calf found in Siberia in 2017.

### 2. Typhoon Chaba

Why in news – Chaba (in South China Sea) made landfall in the coastal area of Maoming City in south China's Guangdong Province.

# LAWS & AMENDMENTS

# 1. Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA)

**Why in news -** The Union Home Ministry has amended certain rules related to FCRA 2010.

#### Key points -

- Now, Indians can receive up to ₹10 lakh a year from relatives staying abroad without informing the authorities. (earlier-₹1 lakh).
- If the amount exceeds, the individuals will now have 90 days to inform the government. (earlier 30 days).
- 2. Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)

**Why in news -** The Union Cabinet has approved categorizing CDRI as an 'International Organization'.

### Key points -

• It also approved the signing of the Headquarters Agreement (HQA) with CDRI for granting it the exemptions, immunities and privileges under the United Nations (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947.

#### About CDRI-

- CDRI is an international coalition of national governments, UN agencies and programmes, multilateral development banks among others.
- CDRI Secretariat New Delhi, India.
- It was launched in 2019 at UN Climate Action Summit in New York.
- 31 countries, 6 international organizations and 2 private sector organizations have joined CDRI as members.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

# 1. Largest floating solar plant

Why in news - India's largest floating solar plant is now fully operational at Ramagundam in Telangana's Peddapalli district from July 1.

### Key points -

- The 100 MW project (spread over 500 acres) was commissioned by the National Thermal Power Corporation.
- The total commercial operation of floating solar capacity in the southern region has risen to 217 MW.
- It is built at a cost of Rs 423 crores through Bharat Heavy Electricians Limited on an EPC contract.
- The NTPC has set a target of producing 60 GW capacity through renewable energy sources by 2032.
- Approximately, 32.5 lakh cubic meters per year water evaporation can be avoided.

# **RANKS & INDICES**

### 1. Asia Pacific Sustain ability Index 2021

Why in news - Global property consultant,

Knight Frank's APAC Sustainable index has been released which ranked 36 cities.

### Key points -

- Top five Singapore (1<sup>st</sup>), Sydney (2<sup>nd</sup>), Wellington (3<sup>rd</sup>), Perth (4<sup>th</sup>) and Melbourne (5<sup>th</sup>).
- Indian cities in top 20 Bengaluru (14<sup>th</sup>), Delhi (17<sup>th</sup>), Hyderabad (18<sup>th</sup>) and Mumbai (20<sup>th</sup>).
- The report noted that India's Green bonds issuance increased from USD 1.1 billion in 2020 to USD 6.8 billion in 2021.

### 2. World Cities Report 2022

**Why in news -** UN-Habitat released its report titled 'Habitat World Cities Report 2022'.

### Key points -

- India's urban population is expected to reach 675 million (43.2%) in 2035 after China's 1.05 billion urban people.
- World's urban population to increase by another 2.2 billion people by the year 2050.

# **IMPORTANT DAYS**

# 1. International Plastic Bag Free Day 2022

Why in news – It is observed on July 3 around the world to spread awareness about a plastic bag free world.

### Key points -

• It was initiated by Rezero, a member of Zero Waste Europe (ZWE), on July 3, 2008.

# 2. US Independence Day 2022

Why in news – July 4 marked the 246th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

### Key points -

- 13 American colonies were freed from the shackles of the Britishers.
- On July 4, 1776, the final words of the Declaration of Independence were approved by the Continental Congress.
- The British Empire made its first permanent American colony in 1607 at Virginia's Jamestown.

# **APPOINTMENTS**

# 1. Yair Lapid

Why in news – Yair Lapid became the 14th Prime Minister of Israel. He took over as a caretaker PM ahead of Israel's election on Nov 1,2022.

# 2. T. Raja Kumar

**Why in news** – T. Raja Kumar of Singapore has been appointed as the president of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). He replaced Marcus Pleyer.

### 3. Rahul Narvekar

**Why in news** – Rahul Narvekar of the BJP was elected Speaker of the Maharashtra assembly.

# **BOOKS & AUTHORS**

# 1. Gandhi and the Champaran Satyagraha: Select Readings

Why in news - The book edited by Jadavpur University Vice-Chancellor Suranjan Das, was released.

### **BIAHR**

# 1. 'Son Chiraiya' brand

Why in news - Products made under 'Son Chiraiya' brand are being sold on Flipkart and Amazon.

### Key points -

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the initiative to market the products of urban self-help groups (SHGs).
- In Bihar, 27,000 urban female poor and 2,70,000 urban female poor of SHGs have been connected.
- SHG made products are submitted in Sitamarhi, Bhagalpur, Purnea, Bettiah, Madhepura, Gaya and Patna.

• 'Son Chiraiya' brand counters have been opened in Patna and Bhagalpur.

### • Products identified –

- A. **Sitamarhi** Cherry, Lahathi, Makahana's lava, Besan, Sattu, Spices.
- B. Bihar sharif Sattu, Besan.
- C. Madhepura Bari, Papad, Pickles.
- D. **Gaya** Lehanaga, Kapde, Tilkut, Anarsa, Lai, Lungi, Adauri, Masala.
- E. Bhagalpur Tasar silk saree, Dupatta,
   Chadar, clothes of Pant-shirt, Handicraft,
   Dalia, Bamboo products.
- F. **Patna** Mouri, Douri, Soil made toys of elephants & horses, Pot, Basket, Fan, Pickle, Papad.

### 2. Dr. Sheil Avneesh

Why in news - Dr. Sheil Avneesh of IGIMS to be honoured by the Health department for doing the most number of heart surgeries under the Ayushman scheme.

### Key points -

• Also, on July 1 (Doctor's day), Bihar Industrial Association and IMA has honoured him with the excellence award.

# 3. Graphene extraction

Why in news – IIT Patna in its 'Plasma spray coating lab' has developed a new technology for extracting graphene from graphite.

### Key points -

- Cost of extraction with new technology Rs 88 per gram.
- Graphene is currently produced in Kerala and Jharkhand (Jamshedpur).



# **CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS**





# PERFECTION IAS



- The central government has imposed a tax of how much rupees per liter on the export of petrol and aviation turbine fuel Rs.6 per litre.
- ➤ Who has been conferred with the CII Quality Ratna Award 2021-Ashok Suta.
- ➤ Which organization has conducted the first flight of Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator DRDO.
- ➤ ISRO has recently successfully launched PSLV C53 mission from which state Sri Harikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- The central government has increased the import duty on gold from 10.75% to what percent -15%.
- ➤ Which organization has successfully test-fired a High-Speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) exercise recently DRDO.
- ➤ Who has recently taken over as the MD of SBI Alok Kumar Choudhary.
- Which state government has launched the crop insurance portal of 'Mukhya mantri Bagwani Bima Yojana' Haryana.
- ➤ Which department has launched 'Gatishakti Sanchar' portal for the Centralised Right of Way **Department of Telecommunications.**
- ➤ Which ministry has recently launched 'Yuktadhara' portal Ministry of Science and Technology

# NEW BATCHES FOR UPSC IS SCHEDULED ON 06th JULY 2022.



