

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. Which airline has become the first airline in the country to land aircraft using the indigenous navigation system GPS-aided geo-augmented navigation (GAGAN)?

- (a) Air India
- (b) IndiGo
- (c) Go First
- (d) SpiceJet

**IndiGo** becomes the first airline in Asia to land its aircraft using the indigenous navigation system GAGAN. This is a huge leap for Indian Civil Aviation and a firm step toward Aatmanirbhar Bharat, as India becomes the third country in the world to have its own SBAS system after the USA and Japan.

2. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)?

- (a) Atul Kumar Goel
- (b) Navrang Saini
- (c) Arun Kumar Mishra
- (d) Vijay Sampla

BJP leader and former Union minister **Vijay Sampla** has been appointed as the chairperson of the **National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)** for a second time. Sampla had resigned as the NCSC chairman ahead of the Punjab elections and had contested the polls. The official order for his appointment was issued by **President Ram Nath Kovind**.

3. "Special 301 Report", which was seen in the news recently, is released by which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] China
- [C] USA
- [D] Germany

WASHINGTON – The Office of the **United States** Trade Representative (USTR) today released its 2022 Special 301 Report on the adequacy and effectiveness of U.S. trading partners' protection and enforcement of intellectual property (IP) rights.

4. The Union Cabinet approved an additional funding of Rs 820 crore for which bank, to expand its services?

- [A] India Post Payments Bank
- [B] Unity Small Finance Bank
- [C] NSDL Payment Bank
- [D] AU Small Finance Bank

The Cabinet on Wednesday decided to raise the government's equity infusion into **India Post Payments Bank** to Rs 2,255 crore from Rs 1,435 crore to meet regulatory requirements.

**India Post Payments Bank** was launched on **September 1, 2018**, with 650 branches and controlling offices. It has enabled 1.36 lakh post offices to provide banking services and has

equipped nearly 1.89 lakh postmen and postal assistants with smartphone and biometric device to provide doorstep banking services.

5. Recently, which of the following nation has hosted the world's largest cyber exercise Locked Shields 2022?

- (a) Moldova
- (b) Croatia
- (c) Ukraine
- (d) Estonia

Some 24 defending "Blue Teams", each 50-strong, were tasked with helping "Berylia" resist the attacks in Locked Shields 2022 — the world's "largest and most complex international live-fire cyber defence exercise this month, organised by the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE) in Talinn, **Estonia**

6. Name the winner of the Indian Pharma Innovation of the Year award.

- (a) Poly Medicure Ltd
- (b) Zydus Lifesciences Ltd
- (c) Micro Labs Ltd
- (d) Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd

Indian Pharma Leader of the Year	Cipla Ltd.
India Pharma Innovation of the Year	Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
Indian Pharma (Formulation)	Micro Labs Ltd.
Indian Pharma CSR of the year	Zydus Lifesciences Ltd
India Medical Device Leader of the Year	Poly Medicure Ltd.
India Medical Device Company of the Year	Trivitron Healthcare Pvt Ltd.
India Medical Device MSME of the Year	Nice Neotech Medical Systems Pvt Ltd.
Indian Medical Device Start-up of the Year	Vanguard Diagnostics Pvt Ltd.
Indian Medical Device Innovation of the Year	Meril Lifesciences Pvt Ltd.

7. Which among the following projects has been awarded the Indian Building Congress (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award?

- a) Atal Tunnel
- b) Koteswar Diversion Tunnel
- c) Chenani Tunnel
- d) Head Race Tunnel

Border Roads Organisation (BRO) engineering marvel, **Atal Tunnel**, constructed in Rohtang in the eastern Pir Panjal range in Himachal Pradesh, won the Indian Building Congress (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award in New Delhi on Thursday.

8. Which city is hosting Global Patidar Business Summit 2022?

- a) Surat
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) Rajkot
- d) Jamnagar

The **Global Patidar Business Summit** is held every two years where the first two summits were organised in **Gandhinagar** in 2018 and 2020, and the current summit being held at **Surat**.

9. PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated Semicon India Conference 2022 at \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Vadodara
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Surat

The **Semicon India Conference-2022** will be inaugurated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. **Bengaluru** will host this three-day conference. According to a **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** statement, the three-day conference is being held to advance **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's** objective of making India a leader in **electronics manufacturing, semiconductor design, production, and innovation**.

10. Union Cabinet has recently approved additional funding of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ for India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).

- (a) Rs 820 crores
- (b) Rs 1000 crores
- (c) Rs 1095 crores
- (d) Rs 1435 crores

11. Who among the following has been appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff?

- (a) V R Chaudhari
- (b) BS Raju
- (c) Manoj Kumar Mago
- (d) P K Purwar

Army Chief- Manoj Pande

Naval Chief- R Hari Kumar

Air Chief – Vivek Ram Chaudhari

IB- Arvind Kumar

BSF- Pankaj Kumar Singh

12. Salim Ghouse passed away recently. He was a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Musician
- (b) Poet

(c) Kathak dancer

(d) Actor

13. Atal Tunnel has received the Indian Building Congress (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award. It was built by the Border Roads Organisation in which state/UT?

(a) Jammu & Kashmir

(b) Arunachal Pradesh

(c) Himachal Pradesh

(d) Assam

14. Ardeshir B K Dubash has been conferred highest diplomatic award by which of the following country's government?

(a) Chile

(b) Equador

(c) Venezuela

(d) Peru

The former Honorary Consul of Peru in Mumbai, **Ardeshir B.K. Dubash** has received the Order of "**Merit in the Diplomatic Service of Peru Jose Gregorio Paz Soldan**" by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru. Ambassador of Peru in India, H.E. Carlos R. Polo has conferred the award to him. Dubash was designated as Honorary Consul of Peru in 1973. The Order of Merit was instituted in 2004, named after José Gregorio Paz Soldán.

15. Devendra Fadnavis has released a Marathi book on Amit Shah, titled "Amit Shah Ani Bhajapachi Vatchal", a Marathi version of the book "Amit Shah and The March of BJP". It has been translated into Marathi by \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Shantanu Gupta

(b) Jyostna Kolhatkar

(c) Shiwanand Dwivedi

(d) Jayanta Ghosal

Devendra Fadnavis, former Chief Minister (CM) of Maharashtra, released a Marathi book on Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs, titled "Amit Shah Ani Bhajapachi Vatchal", a Marathi version of the book "Amit Shah and The March of BJP". The book is published by Bloomsbury India. The book was originally written by **Dr Anirban Ganguly** and **Shiwanand Dwivedi** and it has been translated into Marathi by **Dr Jyostna Kolhatkar**. The book documents the life and political journey of Amit Shah and details his contribution to BJP in making it the world's biggest political organisation.

16. Which bank has launched "World Gold", a new feature on its mobile banking platform for seniors and the elderly?

(a) Bank of India

(b) State Bank of India

(c) Bank of Baroda

(d) Canara Bank

Bank of Baroda has launched "bob World Gold", a new feature on its bob World mobile banking platform for seniors and the elderly. It is a unique digital banking platform that has been designed to provide its senior customers with a simple, smooth and secure mobile banking experience.

17. Every year, the Ayushman Bharat Diwas is celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ in India.

- (a) 27 April
- (b) 28 April
- (c) 29 April
- (d) 30 April

Ayushman Bharat Diwas is celebrated on 30th April of every year across the country as a part of gram Swaraj Abhiyan. It is celebrated to promote the significance of the campaign to provide medical facilities to all the remote areas of the country and to provide healthcare facilities to every needy citizen in the country. On this day a scheme called Ayushman Bharat Yojana was also introduced by the prime minister of India Narendra Modi. The scheme is also known as the National health protection scheme.

18. Name the noted snow leopard expert and wildlife conservationist who has won the prestigious Whitley Gold Award.

- (a) Vinod Sharma
- (b) Narinder Singh Kapany
- (c) Annpurna Devi
- (d) Charudutt Mishra

Noted snow leopard expert and wildlife conservationist **Charudutt Mishra** has won the prestigious Whitley Gold Award for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation and recovery of big cat species in Asia's high mountain ecosystems

19. Who among the following has won bronze at Asian Badminton Championships in Manila?

- (a) Saina Nehwal
- (b) PV Sindhu
- (c) Sania Mirza
- (d) N. Sikki Reddy

In Asia Badminton Championships, India's **P.V. Sindhu** won her second Asian bronze medal after a heartbreaking three-game loss to top-seed and defending champion **Akane Yamaguchi** of Japan in the semifinal in Manila. She had won her first bronze in the Asia Badminton Championships 2014 Gimcheon edition.

20. Which Indian state is the first to set up a Gene Bank Project?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Telangana
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] West Bengal

**Maharashtra** Cabinet approved the 'Maharashtra Gene Bank', a first-of-its-kind project in India. To conserve genetic resources in Maharashtra including marine diversity, seeds of local crops, and animal diversity.

21. Which state's Chief Minister has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant, set up by Eastern India Biofuels Private Limited at a cost of ₹105 crores?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Assam

Bihar's Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar** has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant in **Purnia district, Bihar**. The plant has been set up by Eastern India Biofuels Private Limited at a cost of **Rs 105 crores**. Bihar came up with an ethanol production promotion policy in the first half of 2021. It is the country's first grain-based ethanol plant.

22. Mega Health Festival has been recently inaugurated in which of the following UT?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Lakshadweep
- (d) Puducherry

Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry Dr. **Tamilisai Soundararajan** and Chief Minister N. **Rangasamy** today inaugurated a Mega Health Festival organised jointly by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Puducherry Health and Family Welfare Services Department. The Mela shows the aim of Central Government and its efforts towards a healthy India.

23. Which Ministry has signed a pact with the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) for the modernization of Telecommunication for Public Safety and Security Services?

- (a) Ministry of Railways
- (b) Ministry of AYUSH
- (c) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- (d) Ministry of Jal Shakti

The **Ministry of Railways** has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) for modernisation of telecommunication facilities related to operations and safety, the ministry said in a statement on Thursday. The agreement is aimed at establishing a collaborative working partnership between the ministry and C-DOT for coordination and resource sharing.

24. Senior IFS officer \_\_\_\_\_ recently assumed charge as India's new Foreign Secretary.

- (a) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- (b) Rajiv Kumar
- (c) Suman Bery
- (d) Harsh Vardhan Shringla

25. Anshul Swami has been appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which small finance bank?

- (a) Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- (b) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- (c) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank

Anshul Swami, former retail chief of RBL Bank, named as MD-CEO of **Shivalik Small Finance Bank**. Anshul Swami has been named managing director and chief executive officer of Shivalik Small Finance Bank. Swami's nomination has already been accepted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

HQ: **Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh.**

26. Who among the following has been appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff?

- (a) V R Chaudhari
- (b) BS Raju
- (c) Manoj Kumar Mago
- (d) P K Purwar

The Indian Army's Director General of Military Operations, **Lieutenant General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju** has been appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff from May 1. He was an alumnus of Sainik School Bijapur and National Defence Academy and commissioned in the Jat Regiment on December 15, 1984.

27. Which state's 'Miyan Ka Bada' railway station has been renamed as "Mahesh Nagar Halt"?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan

**Rajasthan's** 'Miyan ka Bada' Railway Station renamed to 'Mahesh Nagar Halt' 'Miyan Ka Bada' railway station in the Balotra area of Rajasthan's Barmer district was renamed "Mahesh Nagar Halt."

28. Which university with 20 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals has won the 2nd edition of the Khelo India University Games 2021?

- (a) Amity University
- (b) JAIN University
- (c) GD Goenka University
- (d) SRM University

Around 3,879 participants from around 190 universities competed for 257 gold medals in 20 disciplines in the second edition of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) held at Bengaluru. The host, **Jain University** became the overall winner of the KIUG with 20 gold medals along with 7 silver and 5 bronze.

Rank	University	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Jain University	20	7	5	32

Rank	University	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
2	Lovely Professional University	17	15	19	51
3	Panjab University	15	9	24	48

29. Who has been recently appointed as the ex-officio member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) by Central Board of Directors of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- (a) Ashima Goyal
- (b) Shashanka Bhide
- (c) Mridul Saggarr
- (d) **Rajiv Ranjan**

**Rajiv Ranjan** nomination as ex-officio member of Monetary Policy Committee, approved by RBI Board. The Reserve Bank of India's Central Board of Directors met for the 595th time. The meeting was held through video conferencing under the chairmanship of RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.

30. Which team has won 75th Santosh Trophy National Tournament for the seventh time at the Payyanad Stadium in Malappuram, Kerala?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) **Kerala**
- (d) West Bengal

In an eventful summit clash, hosts Kerala came back from behind and eventually got the better of **West Bengal** 5-4 in a penalty shoot-out to emerge as champions of the 75th National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy on Monday at the Manjeri Payyanad Stadium in Malappuram.

31. Who among the following has been appointed as the advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- (a) **Tarun Kapoor**
- (b) Atish Chandra
- (c) Hari Ranjan Rao
- (d) Vinodanand Jha

Former petroleum secretary **Tarun Kapoor** has been appointed as an **advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, according to a government order issued. Kapoor, a 1987-batch IAS officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre, superannuated as the secretary of the ministry of petroleum and natural gas on November 30, 2021.

32. Which country has topped in the World Press Freedom Index 2022, published by Reporters Without Borders?

- (a) Sweden

(b) Norway

(c) Switzerland

(d) Finland

This year, **Norway** (1st) Denmark (2nd), Sweden (3rd) Estonia (4th) and Finland (5th) grabbed the top positions, while North Korea remained at the bottom of the list of the 180 countries and territories ranked by the Reporters Without Borders.

33. Who has been appointed as the first-ever Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)?

(a) Akshay Bhatia

(b) Raj Subramaniam

(c) Anahat Singh

(d) Nand Mulchandani

Central Intelligence Agency has appointed **Nand Mulchandani** as CIA's first-ever Chief Technology Officer (CTO). With more than 25 years of experience working in Silicon Valley as well as the Department of Defense (DoD), Mulchandani brings substantial private sector, startup, and government expertise to the CIA.

34. Who has been appointed as the chief national rifle coach by National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)?

(a) Abhinav Bindra

(b) Joydeep Karmakar

(c) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

(d) Anjali Bhagwat

The 42-year-old Karmakar last represented India at an international event in 2014 but had never formally retired. **Joydeep Karmakar**, a London 2012 Olympian, has been appointed as India's new chief national rifle shooting coach until 2025 by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

**President:** [Raninder Singh](#)

**Founded:** 1951

35. Which TV channel has won Exchange4media News Broadcasting Awards (ENBA) Award 2021 for the best in-depth Hindi series for its TV series based on pet care 'Best Friend Forever'?

(a) SONY SAB

(b) StarPlus

(c) DD National

(d) Colors TV

**Doordarshan** has won ENBA Award 2021 for the best in-depth Hindi series for its TV series based on pet care 'Best Friend Forever' at the **14th** edition of the Exchange4media News Broadcasting Awards (ENBA). The show is aired **every Sunday at 7 pm** and is also available on the YouTube channel of DD National.

36. Which state has launched 'Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana' for doorstep delivery of 100 public services?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Jammu & Kashmir
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Sunday launched the scheme, titled 'Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojna' (Mitaan stands for friend), which will be implemented as a pilot project in 14 civic bodies, including the state capital Raipur and cities like Durg, Bilaspur and Rajnandgaon, a government official said. People will have easy access to around 100 services, like obtaining birth, marriage, caste, domicile, income and death certificates, through this scheme, he said.

37. Who among the following has been appointed as Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- (a) M Ajit Kumar
- (b) J B Mohapatra
- (c) Sangeeta Singh
- (d) T V Narendran

The Central Board of Direct Taxes is **a statutory authority functioning under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963**. The officials of the Board in their ex-officio capacity also function as a Division of the Ministry dealing with matters relating to levy and collection of direct taxes. Historical Background of C.B.D.T.

38. Harshada Sharad Garud has become the first Indian to win a gold medal at IWF Junior World Championships 2022 held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Serbia
- (b) Montenegro
- (c) Albania
- (d) Greece

Weightlifter **Harshada Sharad Garud** created history on Monday by becoming the first-ever Indian to win a gold medal in the IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships 2022 in **Heraklion, Greece**.

**Headquarters:** [Lausanne, Switzerland](#)

**Interim President:** Dr. Michael Sheriar Irani (Interim)

**Founded:** 1905

39. Coal Miners Day is celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ every year.

- (a) 3 May
- (b) 4 May
- (c) 5 May
- (d) 6 May

While the first-ever coal mine was opened in 1575 by one George Bruce of Carnock, Scotland. In India, the coal mining business began in 1774. It was when the East India Company exploited the

Raniganj coalfield which is located in the Asansol and Durgapur region. It falls along the bank of River Damodar that crosses Jharkhand and West Bengal.

40. Which university has topped in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2022?

- (a) Stanford University
- (b) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- (c) Western Sydney University
- (d) Harvard University

The Times Higher Education (THE) has released the 2022 edition of its Impact Rankings. 8 Universities from India are placed in the top 300 universities in the world. The ranking is topped by **Western Sydney University** (Australia); followed by Arizona State University (The US), Western University (Canada).

41. What is the rank of India in Reporters Without Borders' World Press Freedom Index 2022?

- (a) 150
- (b) 140
- (c) 142
- (d) 144

**Reporters Without Borders (RSF)** has released the **20th World Press Freedom Index 2022**, which assesses the state of journalism in 180 countries and territories. The Index highlights the disastrous effects of news and information chaos – the effects of a globalised and unregulated online information space that encourages fake news and propaganda.

- **Pakistan at 157th position, Sri Lanka 146th, Bangladesh 162nd and Myanmar at 176th position.**
- **Norway (1st) Denmark (2nd), Sweden (3rd) Estonia (4th) and Finland (5th)** grabbed the top positions, while **North Korea** remained at the bottom of the list of the 180 countries and territories.

42. Name the Bengaluru-based neo banking startup which has become the country's 100th unicorn after raising \$50 Million at a valuation of \$1 billion from IIFL.

- (a) Jupiter
- (b) FI Money
- (c) Niyo
- (d) Open

Bengaluru-based neo-banking start-up **Open** has become the country's 100th unicorn as it raised \$50 million at a valuation of \$1 billion from India Infoline Finance Limited (IIFL). The Series D round was led by IIFL and saw participation from existing investors Temasek, Tiger Global, and 3one4 Capital.

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