

# TEACHERS' VISION

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## WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIR 13<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> MAR 2022

- 1. YUVIKA - Young Scientist Program By ISRO.** The Indian Space Research Organisation is launching a unique program for school children called "YUva Vigyani KAryakram" (YUVIKA) or "Young Scientist Program." It aims to create awareness about emerging trends in science and technology, and this program is anticipated to encourage more students to pursue research and a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The Program is a residential program that runs from May 16, 2022, to May 28, 2022, during the summer vacations. A total of 150 class 9 students across the country will be selected for the programme, planned at 5 centers of ISRO. ISRO established: 15 August 1969.
- 2. World Rotaract Day is celebrated on the 13th of March every year to acknowledge the services provided by the rotaractors across the world.** The theme of World Rotaract Day 2022 is "Rotary Making a Difference". World Rotaract Week will be held from 11 March 2022 to 18 March 2022. Rotaract means rotary in action.
- 3. Rating Agency Morgan Stanley has projected India's GDP growth forecast for 2022-23 (FY23) at 7.9%.** Morgan Stanley is an American multinational investment bank and financial services company founded in 1935. India is affected through three key channels — higher prices for oil and other commodities, trade, and tighter financial conditions, influencing business/investment sentiment. Analysts at the brokerage also raised their inflation forecast to 6 per cent .
- 4. Rashtriya Raksha University: Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently dedicated to the nation the building of Rashtriya Raksha University near Gandhinagar in Gujarat.** The University aims to become an academic-research-training ecosystem for national security and police. The University, which is an Institution of National Importance, commenced its operations from 1st October 2020.
- 5. Museum of the Future: The Museum of the Future in Dubai was recently thrown open to the public.** The Museum of the Future is an exhibition space for innovative and futuristic ideologies, services, and products. The goal of this museum is to promote technological development and innovation, especially in the fields of robotics and artificial intelligence (AI).
- 6. International Arbitration Centre in Hyderabad: CJI lays foundation for International Arbitration Centre in Hyderabad:** Proposed by the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre Trust. IAMC-Hyderabad is India's first arbitration centre for alternate dispute resolution. Arbitration is an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedure in which a dispute is submitted, by agreement of the parties, to one or more arbitrators who make a binding decision on the dispute.
- 7. International Maths Day 2022, 14th March every year is observed as the International Day of Mathematics.** The first International Day of Mathematics was marked in March 2020. March 14 is already celebrated in many countries as Pi Day because that date is written as 3/14 in some countries and the mathematical constant Pi is approximately 3.14. The theme for the 2022 International Day of Mathematics is **Mathematics Unites.**

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**National Mathematics Day is celebrated every year on December 22.** It is observed to honor the birth anniversary of the famous mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan who greatly contributed towards mathematical analysis, number theory, infinite series and continued fractions.

- 8. First Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal: Indian Railways' first Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal commissioned in Asansol Division in pursuance of the Prime Minister's vision "Gati Shakti".** This is the first such GCT commissioned in Indian Railways since the publication of GCT policy in December 2021. Prime Minister launched PM Gati Shakti - National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity, essentially a digital platform to bring 16 Ministries including Railways and Roadways together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects. The Asansol Division of Indian Railways has successfully commissioned private siding of Maithan Power Limited at Thaparnagar, Jharkhand, in accordance with the Prime Minister's vision Gati Shakti and the Ministry of Railways' policy regarding the Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal or also known as GCT, informed the Ministry of Railways.
- 9. India's 1st GI-tagged Kashmir carpets flagged off to Germany.** The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has launched quick response (QR) code for its GI-tagged Kashmiri carpet. The QR code will contain relevant information of the artisans, manufacturer, weaver, district, raw material used etc.
- 10. Ajay Bhushan Pandey has been appointed as the chairman of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) for a period of 3 years.** National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) is an independent regulator set up to oversee the auditing profession and accounting standards in India under the Companies Act 2013. It came into existence in October 2018.
- 11. India's first medical city 'Indrayani Medicity' to set up in Maharashtra.** The state government of Maharashtra has announced to set up the country's first medical city named as 'Indrayani Medicity' in Pune, to provide all kinds of specialised treatment under one roof. The Medicity will be set up by the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA).
- 12. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 11th Khel Mahakumbh at Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad.** Khel Mahakumbh, which began in Gujarat in 2010 with 16 sports and 13 lakh participants, now includes 36 general sports and 26 para-sports. The 11th Khel Mahakumbh has received over 45 lakh registrations. Governor of Gujarat Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister of the State Bhupendra Patel.
- 13. Global Investment in Digital Shopping 2021: India ranked 2nd.** According to the London & Partners analysis of Dealroom. co-investment data, India is the second-largest global venture capital investment hub for digital shopping companies, growing by a whopping 175% from \$8 billion in 2020 to \$22 billion in 2021.
- 14. World Consumer Rights Day celebrates globally on 15th March.** This year the International Consumer Rights Day will be celebrated on the theme of "Fair Digital Finance."

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- 15. The International Day of Action for Rivers is celebrated every year on the 14th of March.** The year 2022 marks the 25th anniversary of the International Day of Action for Rivers. The theme in 2022 is "The Importance of Rivers for Biodiversity".
- 16. Ranjit Rath has been named as the Chairman and Managing Director of Oil India Limited (OIL).** Oil India Limited is the Indian-government owned second-largest crude oil and natural gas producing company, under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Headquarters: Noida, Founded: 18 February 1959.
- 17. LivQuik becomes the first fintech to achieve RBI's PPI interoperability guidelines.** LivQuik, a prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuer, announced that it has achieved full interoperability for its Prepaid Payment Instruments, as mandated by the Reserve Bank of India. According to the firm, it is also the first PPI issuer to achieve full interoperability. PPI issuers must enable full-KYC wallet interoperability by March 31, 2022, according to RBI rules.
- 18. SIPRI Report: India emerges as largest importer of arms.** The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has released its latest report on Trends in International Arms Transfer, 2021. As per the report, India and Saudi Arabia emerged as the largest importers of arms between 2017-21. Both two countries accounted for 11% of all global arms sales. The report placed India at the top of the list. 85% of India's overall imports were from three countries. Russia (46%), France (27%), and the USA (12%) were the top three largest exporters of arms to India during the period.
- 19. Mission Indradhanush: Odisha topped in full immunization with 90.5% coverage.** According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5, Odisha became the top state in the list of full immunizations in India with 90.5% coverage under Mission Indradhanush. Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 (IMI) was rolled out on 7 March 2022, in Odisha to provide preventive health care for mothers and children and for boosting full immunization coverage. Mission Indradhanush was launched in 2014 as a special drive to expand full immunization coverage in India. It has completed seven years with immunization coverage among children aged 12 to 23 months increased to 76.4 percent.
- 20. National Vaccination Day celebrates on 16th March.** In India, the National Vaccination Day (also known as National Immunisation Day (IMD)) is observed on 16 March every year, to convey the importance of vaccination to the entire nation. The day was first observed in the year 1995. The theme for National Vaccination Day or National Immunisation Day 2022 is "Vaccines Work for all".
- 21. India's first 'World Peace Center' will be established in Gurugram.** Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti organisation established by Ambassador of Peace, Eminent Jainacharya Dr Lokeshji will establish India's first World Peace Center in Gurugram, Haryana.
- 22. The country's first Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) was launched in Bengaluru, Karnataka.** It is promoted by a not-for-profit foundation set up by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, with a seed capital of Rs. 230 crore from the State and Central governments. The ARTPARK has the objective of channelizing innovations to create a societal impact

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by executing ambitious mission-mode R&D projects in healthcare, education, mobility, infrastructure, agriculture, retail, and cyber-security aiming to solve problems unique to India.

- 23. Maternal Mortality in India: Kerala tops in maternal.** Kerala again emerged on top when it comes to maternal and child health, with the State recording the lowest Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of 30 (per one lakh live births) in the country. According to the latest data, India's maternal mortality ratio (MMR) has improved to 103 for the period 2017-19. The Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of Kerala has dropped from 42 to 30. Kerala, Telangana, and Maharashtra are included in the top 3 states with the lowest MMR in India. The Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has worsened in West Bengal, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Chhattisgarh. Italy, Norway, Poland, and Belarus have the lowest MMR in the world.
- 24. Delhi govt launched 'My EV' portal for registering and purchasing e-autos:** The Delhi government has launched an online 'My EV' (My Electric Vehicle) portal for the purchase and registration of electric autos in Delhi. It is accessible to all users on the website of the transport department of Delhi. Under the Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy, a 5% interest rate subvention will be provided on the purchase of e-autos on loans and become the first state to provide such a facility. The web portal was developed with the collaboration of the Delhi government and Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL).
- 25. India's 1st Digital Water Bank 'AQVERIUM' launched in Bengaluru:** India's First Digital Water Bank, 'AQVERIUM' has been launched in Bengaluru, Karnataka which is an innovative initiative aimed at better water management. It is a very unique innovation combining sustainable & green technologies along with information technology, skill development & entrepreneurship. It is a curated list of water data from all institutions and sources, that will help tackle some common development challenges.
- 26. FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022 will be held in Chennai:** The International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation, [commonly referred to by its French acronym FIDE Fédération Internationale des Échecs], is an international organization based in Switzerland that connects the various national chess federations and acts as the governing body of international chess competition. FIDE was founded in Paris, France, on July 20, 1924.
- 27. Nitin Gadkari inaugurates Toyota "Mirai" India's first Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell EV:** Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the world's most advanced technology-developed Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) Toyota Mirai at New Delhi. Toyota Mirai is India's first Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV), which is completely powered by Hydrogen.
- 28. Axis Bank won 'Asian Bank of the Year' at IFR Asia Awards 2021:** India's third-largest private sector bank, Axis Bank has been awarded IFR Asia's Asian Bank of The Year, for its breadth of coverage and depth of expertise in the Asian investment banking space. This year, the bank has also won the 'Best DCM House in India' Award at the Finance Asia's Country Awards. Morgan Stanley has been honoured with the Bank of the year award at the IFR Asia Award 2021 and the JSW Group has been awarded with the Issuer of the year award. The awards are organized by IFR Asia, a Hong Kong-based provider of capital markets intelligence.

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- 29. Net-Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050: Mumbai became first South Asian City to set target:** Mumbai, Maharashtra announced its detailed framework to 'zero out carbon emissions by 2050' and became the first city in South Asia to set such a target. Mumbai's target is 20 years ahead of India's target to reach net zero emissions by 2070. Targets also include a 30% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 and 44% reduction by 2040.
- 30. Global Recycling Day 2022 celebrated on 18th March:** The Global Recycling Day is observed every year on the 18th of March to recognise the importance of recycling as a resource, not waste. This year, the event's focus will be on the "recycling fraternity" – those who put themselves on the frontline to collect waste and recycling during the multiple lockdowns.
- 31. IIT Madras and RBI Innovation Hub make ties with Boost fintech startups:** IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) and RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India, inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in establishing the ecosystem needed to support and expand fintech businesses in India.
- 32. Karnataka govt developed Dishaank app to ensure easy access to land records:-**The Survey Settlement and Land Records (SSLR) unit of Karnataka's revenue department is ensuring easy availability of original land records through an app called Dishaank. The Dishaank app is developed under the Geographical Information System (GIS) program of the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Center (KRSRAC). Bhoomi is a project to digitize Karnataka's land records. The project is jointly funded by the Government of India and the Government of Karnataka. The project was developed and implemented by National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- 33. SBI to set up Innovation, Incubation, and Acceleration Centre at Hyderabad:** The State Bank of India (SBI) will set up an Innovation, Incubation, and Acceleration Centre (IIAC) at Hyderabad, Telangana which will be operational in six to nine months of on-boarding a consultant. This Centre will be the bank's in-house capability to enhance its current performance and drive higher top-line growth through innovation.
- 34. Mahila Money, Visa, and Transcorp launched Prepaid Card for Women Entrepreneurs:** The digital payments network Mahila Money, Visa, and Transcorp Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI) have launched Mahila Money Prepaid Card to help women entrepreneurs easily collect payments, loans and get incentives for transactions. The prepaid card has been designed keeping in mind the needs of digital entrepreneurs, small business owners and women. Transcorp International Ltd Established: 1994, Transcorp I Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi, MD : Gopal Sharma.
- 35. 36th edition of the International Geological Congress to be held in New Delhi:** On a virtual platform, the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) will be placed here on March 20-22, 2022, with the topic Geosciences: The Basic Science for a Sustainable Future. The 36th International Geophysical Congress is a collaboration between the Ministries of Mines and Earth Sciences, the Indian National Science Academy, and the Science Academies of Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

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- 36.** International Day of happiness is observed every year around the world on March 20. The United Nations started celebrating this day in 2013, but the resolution for the same was passed on July 12, 2012. The resolution was initiated by Bhutan which shed the light on the importance of National Happiness. The theme for Happiness Day 2022 is **Keep Calm, Stay Wise and Be Kind**.
- 37.** World Sparrow Day (WSD) is celebrated every year on March 20<sup>th</sup>: This day is meant to raise awareness about the house sparrow and the dangers it confronts. The theme of World Sparrow Day is "LOVE Sparrows" The first World Sparrow Day was held in the year 2010. In 2011, the World Sparrow Awards were established.
- 38.** The International Day of Forests (also known as World Forestry Day) is celebrated every year on March 21: The main aim of the day is to raise awareness of the significance of all types of forests. The theme for 2022 is "Forests and sustainable production and consumption." The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21 March the International Day of Forests (IDF) in 2012.

## WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIR QUIZ 6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> MAR 2022

- 1.** Who authored "Role of Labour in India's Development"?
- a) Bhupender Yadav      b) Sunil Barthwal      c) Smriti Irani      d) Sushma Swaraj
- 2.** In which city, India's largest floating solar power plant was inaugurated in March 2022?
- a) Srinagar      b) Udaipur      c) Ahmedabad      d) Tuticorin
- 3.** Who has been appointed as Air India Chairman?
- a) N Chandrasekaran      b) Harish Manwani      c) Ajay Piramal      d) Venu Srinivasan
- 4.** Prime Minister Modi dedicated a new campus building complex of the Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) to the nation in which city?
- a) Guwahati      b) Pune      c) Gandhinagar      d) Guwahati
- 5.** The first consignment of QR code-based GI tagged hand-knitted Kashmiri Carpet has been exported to which country?
- a) United Kingdom      b) France      c) Saudi Arabia      d) Germany
- 6.** Name of the minister who launched Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Center?
- a) Rajnath Singh      b) Amit Shah      c) R.K. Singh      d) None
- 7.** Which state/UT recently (in March '22) launched a "My EV" portal for the purchase and registration of electric autos?
- a) Gujarat      b) Karnataka      c) Chandigarh      d) Delhi
- 8.** In March 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ became the first city in South Asia to set a target of "zero out carbon emissions by 2050".
- a) Mumbai, India      b) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
c) Bangkok, Thailand      d) Jakarta, Indonesia

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9. Which day is celebrated as the National Vaccination Day to convey the importance of vaccination?

- a) 09 March                      b) 08 March                      c) 15 March                      d) 16 March

10. Which country has emerged as the largest importer of arms in 2017-2021?

- a) Afghanistan                      b) Saudi Arabia                      c) India                      d) United Kingdom

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