

# TEACHERS' VISION

WAY TO GOVERNMENT JOBS

**WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIR 6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> MAR 2022**

**1. National Mission for Clean Ganga receives Special Jury Award at 9th FICCI Water Awards.**

National Mission for Clean Ganga was awarded the Special Jury Award at the 7th India Industry Water Conclave and the 9th edition of the FICCI Water Awards that was held on a virtual platform from March 2-3. G Asok Kumar was appointed as the new Director-General of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).

The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was implemented by the National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection and Management of River Ganga also known as the National Ganga Council. This mission was established in 12th August 2011 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 as a registered society.

National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection and Management of River Ganga, also known as National Ganga Council replaced National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGBRA). NGBRA was dissolved from 7th October, 2016.

The Namami Gange Yojana is implemented by the National Mission for Clean Ganga along with its State Programme Management Groups (SPMGs).

**Is National Ganga Council a statutory body?**

**No, it is an authority created under the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016.**

**2. Indian women cricket captain, Mithali Raj has become the first woman to appear in six World**

**Cups.** She is the only third cricketer overall to play six world cup after Sachin Tendulkar and Javed Miandad. She has played in the ICC women's cricket world cup events in 2000, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017 and now in 2022. Mithali Raj becomes first Indian female cricketer to score 10,000 international runs.

**3. Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the**

**3rd edition of 'NIC Tech Conclave 2022',** a two-day event being organized by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on March 3 and 4, 2022.

**4. India's first indigenously developed Flying Trainer, 'HANSA-NG', successfully completed the sea-level trials at Puducherry.** It is developed by the CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR NAL).

National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), a constituent of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) established in the year 1959 is the only government aerospace Research & Development laboratory in the country's civilian sector. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is the largest Research and Development (R&D) organisation in India. CSIR holds the 7th rank in Asia and leads the country at the first position. The Prime Minister is the President (Ex-officio) and the Union Minister of Science and Technology is the Vice President (Ex-officio).

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- 5.** Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)'s, Indian Premier League (IPL) Governing Council has announced National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)'s flagship product RuPay as an official partner for the Tata IPL 2022. This will be a multi-year partnership. RuPay offers tech-led, innovative, and customized offerings to people across India, being accepted in India and internationally. The 15th edition of Tata IPL 2022 will start on 26th March 2022. Founded: 1928, Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, President: Sourav Ganguly.
- 6.** Future Generali India Insurance Company Limited (FGIL) has announced the launch of FG Dog Health Cover, comprehensive health insurance for pet dogs, along with industry-first 'Emergency Pet Minding' cover. The FGIL also focuses on a digital campaign named 'Oh My Dog!' with an aim to create awareness on purchasing dog health insurance cover and also targets on social media like Instagram and Twitter.  
FGIL CEO- Anup Rau, Headquarters location- Mumbai, Founded in 2000.
- 7.** Study in India meet 2022 inaugurated in Dhaka. The two-day-long Study in India (SII) 2022 meeting was inaugurated in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The event organised by the High Commission of India was inaugurated by the Education Minister of Bangladesh Dr Dipu Moni and the High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami. The Study In India programme is a flagship project launched by the Ministry of Education in 2018.
- 8.** International Women's Day 2022 Celebrates on 8th March. The day recognises the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The theme of 2022 International Women's Day is "gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow". International Women's Day was observed for the first time in 1911.
- 9.** Paytm to offer digital ticketing services by partnering with IRCTC. Paytm, a digital payments company, announced that it has expanded its partnership with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to provide consumers with digital ticketing services via Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVM) installed at railway stations across the country. This is the first time Indian Railways has made it possible for customers to pay for tickets services online using UPI on ATMs, promoting cashless commuting.
- 10.** Microsoft will set up India's largest Data Center region in Hyderabad. Microsoft has announced to set up its 4th data centre in India in Hyderabad, Telangana. Hyderabad Data centre will be one of the largest data centres in India and will be operational by 2025. Microsoft already has three data centres Pune, Mumbai, and Chennai. CEO and Chairman- Satya Nadella, Headquarters- Redmond, Washington, United States.
- 11.** Axis Bank and Airtel tie-up to boost India's digital ecosystem 2022. Axis Bank and Bharti Airtel have entered into a partnership to strengthen the growth of the digital ecosystem in India, through a range of financial solutions. Axis Bank CEO- Amitabh Chaudhry, Headquarters- Mumbai, Founded in 1993, Ahmedabad. Bharti Airtel CEO- Gopal Vittal, Founder - Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founded in 7 July 1995.

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- 12. 9th India-Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise SLINEX begins.** The 9th edition of India – Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise named SLINEX (Sri Lanka–India Naval Exercise) is held at Visakhapatnam from 07 Mar to 10 Mar 2022. The aim of the exercise is to enhance interoperability and improve mutual understanding between the navies of the two countries in the Indian Ocean Region. Sri Lanka Navy is being represented by SLNS Sayurala, an advanced offshore patrol vessel and the Indian Navy by INS Kirch, a guided missile corvette. The first SLINEX exercise took place in 2005.
- 13. MSME Ministry launches “SAMARTH” Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women.** Objective - To provide Skill Development and Market Development Assistance to women and to train more than 7500 women candidates from rural and sub-urban areas in the FY 2022-23.
- 14. Jio World Centre Opens in the Heart of Mumbai.** Reliance Industries Ltd. announced the opening of India's largest and most prestigious multi-faceted destination, the Jio World Centre.
- 15. Ministry of Labour launches ‘Donate-a-Pension’ initiative.** Union Labour and Employment Minister, Bhupender Yadav has launched the ‘Donate-a-Pension’ campaign under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM) scheme. Under the new initiative, citizens can contribute to the pension fund of their immediate support staff such as domestic workers, drivers, helpers etc, by donating the premium amount. The ‘Donate-a-Pension’ program is part of various initiatives to be launched in the ‘Iconic Week’ celebrations by the Labour Ministry from March 7 to 13, 2022.
- 16. India Global Forum annual summit held in Bengaluru.** The IGF, an agenda-setting forum for international business and global leaders, provides a variety of opportunities for corporations and policymakers to engage with stakeholders in their relevant sectors. India Global Forum is where India meets the World, and the World meets India.
- 17. DN Patel named as Chairperson of TDSAT 2022.** The Government of India has appointed Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel, Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, as the Chairperson of Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT). He was appointed as Chief Justice of Delhi High Court on June 7, 2019, and is now given the Chair of TDSAT, days before his retirement on March 12, 2022. TDSAT Establishment- 2000, Headquarter- New Delhi.
- 18. PM Modi unveils the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Pune, Maharashtra.** The Statue is made up of 1,850 kg of gunmetal and is about 9.5-feet tall. He also launched a 12-km stretch of 32.2-km-long metro rail project at a total cost of more than ₹ 11,400 crores in Pune. Pune Metro is the first project in India to have aluminium body coaches, indigenously manufactured under the ‘Make in India’.
- 19. India was called a “partially free” country for the second year in a row in the 2022 report by the United States non-governmental organisation, Freedom House.** India's was 66th on the “Freedom of the World” rankings – a notch higher from last year's 67. A total of 210 countries were ranked in the report. The status of a country is based on the score that is calculated on two indicators— political rights and civil liberties. India was a free country till 2020 when its score was 71.

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- 20.** Russia is now world's most sanctioned country 2022. Russia faced 2,778 new sanctions since February 22, 2022, led by the US and European nations, bringing the total sanctions to 5,530. The country already had 2,754 sanctions in place before February 22.
- 21.** The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) has designed and installed a supercomputer named "PARAM Ganga", at IIT Roorkee, under Phase II of National Supercomputing Mission (NSM). PARAM Ganga has a supercomputing capacity of 1.66 Petaflops. NSM is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeiTY) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST). Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore. The NSM Mission aims to build and deploy 24 facilities with cumulative compute power of more than 64 Petaflops. The National Supercomputing Mission was announced in 2015, with an aim to connect national academic and R&D institutions with a grid of more than 70 high-performance computing facilities at an estimated cost of ₹4,500 crores over the period of seven years. NSM's first supercomputer named ParamShivay has been installed in IIT-BHU, Varanasi, in 2019. It has 837 TeraFlop High-Performance Computing (HPC) capacity.
- 22.** Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Textiles are organising a programme called "Jharokha- Compendium of Indian handicraft/ handloom, art and culture" to celebrate the traditional Indian handicrafts, handlooms, and art & culture. To begin with, the first event under this celebration has been organized in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh at Rani Kamalapati Railway Station, on March 08, 2022, which also marks International Women's Day.
- 23.** Reserve Bank of India has launched two initiatives related to digital payments. One is UPI123pay- which provides a UPI payment facility on feature phones and the second is "DigiSaathi" which is a 24x7 Helpline for Digital Payments.
- The name UPI123pay denotes that the UPI payment can be done in three (123) easy steps i.e. 1. Call 2. Choose and 3. Pay. Presently the option available for feature phone users for digital payments is of USSD which is a bit cumbersome and not popular.
- DigiSaathi"- 24x7 Helpline for Digital Payments: This service will provide users with automated responses on information related to digital payment products and services. Presently it is available in English and Hindi language.
- 24.** There are 40 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India. Dholavira (Gujarat) and Ramappa Temple (Telangana) are the latest addition to the list under the 'Cultural' category list of UNESCO World Heritage sites in 2021. This decision was made in the UNESCO World Heritage Committee's 44th session held in China. In 2021 the total number of World Heritage Sites has increased from 38 to 40. UNESCO World Heritage Site is a place that is recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
- 25.** National shooter Arushi selected to represent India at Climate Force Antartika Expedition to be held in March 22. The 'carbon negative' expedition aims to inspire, develop and train the

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next generation of leaders to promote a more sustainable future. The key to this mission is to promote the use of renewable energy across the globe.

- 26. HDFC Mutual Fund has launched a women-led financial empowerment initiative 'LaxmiForLaxmi' which will connect women investors to a woman financial expert near them through a unique missed call service.** The female financial expert will guide and address the queries of the woman investor. Through this initiative, HDFC Mutual Fund aims to support women investors in their journey to become financially independent while making mutual fund investments accessible to them. Headquarters: Mumbai, Founded in 1994, CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan, Chairman: Atanu Chakraborty, Bank Tagline: We understand your world.
- 27. Chief Minister of Sikkim, Prem Singh Tamang has announced Government will soon implement 'AamaYojana, a scheme for helping non-working mothers & 'Bahini Scheme' benefitting girl students of the state.** AamaYojna scheme aims to inculcate the habit of saving among non-working mothers in the state and hence the Government will provide them Rs. 20,000 each in their bank accounts annually. Bahini Scheme is to reduce the dropout rate of girl students due to the lack of accessibility/availability of Sanitary Napkins & also to ensure menstrual health and hygiene. Under this scheme, over 18,000 girl students who study in class 9 and above are provided with free sanitary napkins in the state. Sikkim Capital- Gangtok.
- 28. Haryana government has announced Matrushakti Udaymita Scheme to provide support to women entrepreneurs, on International Women's Day.** Under the scheme, the women whose family annual income is less than 5 lakh rupees based on Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) verified data, will be provided access to soft loans by financial institutions to the extent of 3 lakh rupees.
- 29. No Smoking Day 2022 is celebrated on 9th March.** No Smoking Day is celebrated on the second Wednesday in the month of March every year across the world. This year No Smoking Day will be celebrated on 9th March. No Smoking Day was first observed in the year 1984 in the Republic of Ireland on Ash Wednesday. The 2022 theme for No Smoking Day is "quitting smoking doesn't have to be stressful".
- 30. India's largest reclining statue of Lord Buddha is being built in Bodh Gaya.** Built by Buddha International Welfare Mission, the statue will be 100 feet long and 30 feet high.
- 31. Axis Bank launches the initiative - 'HouseWorksWork'.** Due to a low participation of urban educated women in the workforce, Axis Bank has launched the 'HouseWorksWork' project, which provides possibilities for those who want to return to the workforce.
- 32. ToneTag has partnered with NSDL Payments Bank and NPCI to launch its "VoiceSe UPI payments service" for feature phone users.** This comes after the Reserve Bank of India has launched the UPI 123Pay facility that enables UPI payments for feature phone users. ToneTag is a sound-based proximity communication and payments service provider based in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

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Every user can only proceed with the financial transaction through UPI PIN. They do not require internet connectivity or a smartphone for making payments.

- 33. World Kidney day is celebrated on the second Thursday of March every year. This year, it is being observed on March 10.** The theme for World Kidney day 2022 is "Kidney Health for All". The observance of this day was started by the International Society of Nephrology and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations. World Kidney Day was first celebrated in 2006.
- 34. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, M K Stalin has inaugurated India's largest floating solar power plant constructed at a cost of Rs 150.4 crores.** The floating plant is established in Southern Petrochemicals Industries Corporation Limited (SPIC) factory at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu to provide clean energy. It aims to provide environmentally sustainable power generation and to reduce carbon footprint.
- 35. Skoch State of Governance ranking 2021: Andhra Pradesh gets first rank.** Andhra Pradesh has retained its number one spot in the SKOCH State of Governance rankings for the second consecutive year. The second rank was bagged by West Bengal and Odisha was ranked 3, Gujarat was ranked 4 and Maharashtra was ranked 5. Neighbouring Telangana was ranked 6. The SKOCH Group has released the SKOCH Governance Report Card for 2021 in New Delhi, ranking the states according to their performance in various projects at state, district, and Email Article Print Article municipal levels. Skoch founded in 1997.
- 36. The 3rd edition of the National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) has been organised jointly by the Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports on March 10 and 11, 2022, in the Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi.** Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur w addressed the inaugural session of NYPF on March 10, while the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla addressed the valedictory function on March 11.
- 37. India gets first Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Centre in Manesar.** As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Program, Union Minister for Power R.K. Singh launched the Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Center (SGKC) and Innovation Park. The Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Centre will be one of the leading Centers of Excellence globally to foster innovation, entrepreneurship and research in smart grid technologies.
- 38. Haryana's CM announced 'SushmaSwaraj Award' for women.** The "SushmaSwaraj Award" for women for their significant achievements or contribution in different walks of life in the international and national spheres. The Award will carry an award money of Rs 5 lakh along with a commendation.
- 39. India's first fully owned by women industrial park opened in Hyderabad.** The park, that is promoted by the FICCI Ladies Organization – FLO in collaboration with the State government, consists of 25 units which represent 16 different sectors of green category, and all of them are owned and controlled completely by women. FLO was established in 1983, as a division of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) which is the apex body of industry and commerce in India.

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**40.** Debasish Panda has been appointed as the chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). He is a former financial services secretary. The post of Chairman of IRDAI was lying vacant since May 2021 when Subhash Chandra Khuntia completed his term. IRDAI Founded: 1999, Headquarters: Hyderabad.

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