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**WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS 21<sup>ST</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**

## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

- 1. Union Minister Bhupender Yadav Launches New Features in e-Shram Portal for Unorganised Workers:** Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, launched new features in eShram Portal to improve the utility of the portal and facilitate ease of registration for unorganised workers. The new version also has a Data Sharing Portal (DSP) and a Data Analytics Portal. The portal was added with a feature of capturing family details of migrant worker which will be supportive in providing Child education and women-centric schemes to the migrant workers who have migrated with family.
- 2. Unecops Plans to set up First Green Hydrogen Microgrid Project in Leh Region:** Unecops Technologies Limited, a Delhi-based company specialising in green hydrogen and solar development, announced its plans to set up the First green hydrogen microgrid project in Leh Region (Ladakh). This is a pioneering initiative that is expected to revolutionise sustainable energy solutions in the region and pave the way for similar projects in the future. ✓ The project involves setting up a 25kWe(Kilowatt-electric) green hydrogenbased fuel cell microgrid for a guest house located at the Power Station in Alchi, Leh.
- 3. RAMBAAN, Asia's 1st Mobile Biosafety Level-3 Laboratory, Exhibited at G20 Summit, Goa:** India's and Asia's first mobile biosafety level-3 (BSL-3) laboratory named 'Rapid Action Mobile BSL-3 Advanced Augmented Network (RAMBAAN)', designed to investigate emerging viral infections was showcased at the second G20(Group of 20) Health Working Group meeting held in Panaji ,Goa.The made-in-India mobile clinic RAMBAAN (Rapid Action Mobile BSL3+ Advanced Augmented Network) can be used to reach remote regions to carry out testing.
- 4. AAI & DGCA Signs Pact with European Agencies to Deepen Aviation Ties Between India & EU:** During the European Union (EU)-India Aviation Summit 2023 held from 20th to 21st April 2023 in New Delhi, Delhi, the Airport Authority of India (AAI) and Directorate General of Civil Aviation of India (DGCA India) signs a deal with European agencies to deepen the ties between India and European Union (EU) in the aviation sector. ✓ AAI and Eurocontrol signed a declaration of intent to enhance Air Traffic Management (ATM). ✓ DGCA of India and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) signed a letter of intent (LoI) for closer cooperation. ✓ Note: The summit was jointly organised by the European Commission DirectorateGeneral for Mobility and Transport and the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India.
- 5. Rajasthan Gets 3 New Conservation Reserves: Sorsan in Baran, Khichan in Jodhpur, & Hamirgarh in Bhilwara :**On the occasion of International Mother Earth Day (Earth Day) 2023 (22nd April 2023), the Forest Department, Government of Rajasthan announced 3 new conservation reserves that will protect the rare and endangered wildlife of Rajasthan.The 3 new wildlife conservation reserves

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are Sorsan in Baran, Khichan in Jodhpur, and Hamirgarh in Bhilwara. ✓ With the declaration of 3 new conservation reserves, the total number of reserves in Rajasthan has now reached 26.

- 6. NITI Aayog Releases Report on to revive and mainstream millets in diets:** NITI Aayog (National Institution For Transforming India) released a report titled "Promoting Millets in Diets: Best Practices across States/UTs of India" which presents a collection of good and innovative practices adopted by state governments and organisations in various aspects of the millet value chain. ✓ The report discusses the best practices across various aspects, especially production, processing and consumption and serves as a guiding repository to revive and mainstream millets in our diets.
- 7. Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approves Navratna status to Rail Vikas Nigam:** Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance (MoF), approved the upgradation of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) to a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) from a Category-I MiniRatna CPSE. According to the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), RVNL, a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Railways (MoR), has become the 13th Navratna amongst CPSEs.
- 8. Textile Minister Piyush Goyal dedicated Handloom & Handicraft Portal for Making Artisans & Weavers Self-Reliant:** Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Textiles, launched a new virtual Indian store i.e. ECommerce portal (Indiahandmade) for handicrafts and handloom industry from Gujarat. This platform will directly connect consumers with over 35 lakh handloom weavers and 27 lakh skilled handicraft artisans, thereby eliminating intermediaries. ✓ The platform also offers free shipping with return options and safe and secure multiple payment gateways for a smooth transaction experience.
- 9. 28 States/UTs adopts National Generic Document Registration System for Land Records:** National Generic Document Registration System(NGDRS) for Land Records has been adopted by a total of 28 States and Union Territories (UT). According to the Department of Land Resources (DoLR), under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), eRegistration is taking place in these States/UTs, or they have started sharing data with the national portal of NGDRS via User Interface /Application Programming Interface (API). ✓ According to the latest data from the DoLR's Land Resources Division, the (14- digit alpha-numeric unique ID) Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) or Bhu-Aadhar has been adopted by 26 States/UTs and pilot testing done in 7 more States /UTs.
- 10. MSME Minister Narayan Rane launches Revamped CGTMSE Scheme:** Union Minister Narayan Tatu Rane, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (M/o MSME) launched the revamped Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) Scheme in Mumbai, Maharashtra. This launch was on the lines of an additional corpus support of Rs 9,000 crore in the Union Budget for FY 2023-24 to CGTMSE to revamp its Scheme to provide guarantee for additional Rs 2 lakh crore to MSEs. ✓ CGTMSE will collaborate with National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NI-MSME), Hyderabad (Telangana) for setting up a Centre of Financial Inclusion for MSME.
- 11. Union Minister Amit Shah Launches World's 1st 'Nano DAP' Developed by IFFCO:** Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Cooperation, launched "IFFCO Nano DAP(liquid)", the world's first liquid Nano DAP(Diammonium phosphate), developed by Indian

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Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) at NewDelhi, Delhi. ✓ The launch of Nano DAP is a second initiative of IFFCO, i.e. in 2021, IFFCO introduced World's First 'Nano Urea'.

- 12. India's First Cable-Stayed Anji Khad Railway Bridge will be ready in May 2023:** Anji Khad cable-stayed train bridge, the 96 cables on India's 1st cable-stayed bridge connecting Katra and Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), have been installed, which will enable its 'superstructure' to be ready in May 2023 with the cost of over Rs.400 crore ✓ The cable-stayed bridge portion is 473 metres (m) long and has a total length of 725m. The cable-stayed train bridge crosses the Anji River, a tributary of the Chenab.
- 13. MoHUA launches the 'City Beauty Competition' and Portal:** On April 26, 2023, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the 'City Beauty Competition' portal for participation of all urban local bodies (ULBs) across the country through an online process. The aim of the portal is to encourage and recognize the transformational efforts made by cities and wards across the country to create beautiful, innovative and inclusive public spaces.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- 14. India-built Mongolia's First greenfield Oil Refinery to be completed by 2025:** Mongolia's first greenfield oil refinery, built in the South Gobi on the outskirts of the capital city - Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, and funded with Indian assistance, will be completed by 2025. Its first stage of Mongol Oil Refinery, built with a USD 1.2 billion Indian soft loan, will be completed at the end 2023 while its Stage-2 (Open Art Units, Utilities & Offsites, Plant Buildings) and Stage-3 (Captive Power Plants) at a cost of USD 790 million will be completed by 2025. ✓ The project is part of the Development Partnership Administration initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India. ✓ **About Mongolia: Capital– Ulaanbaatar , Currency– Mongolian Tugrik**
- 15. UK Bilateral Training Exercise 'Ajeya Warrior 2023' Begin at Salisbury Plains of UK:** The 7th edition of India and the United Kingdom (UK) bilateral training exercise 'Ajeya Warrior 2023' was planned to be conducted at Salisbury Plains, UK to build positive military relations, to learn each other's best practices and promote the ability to operate together while undertaking company-level sub-conventional operations in urban and semi-urban environments. ✓ It is a biennial training exercise of India and UK, which is conducted alternatively in the UK and India, the 6th edition was held at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand in October 2021.
- 16. India signs new Work Plan 2023 on Quality Infrastructure with Germany:** Department of Consumer Affairs, under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action signed the new Work Plan for 2023 during the 9th Annual Meeting of the Indo-German Working Group on Quality Infrastructure (QI) in Berlin, Germany. This year's Annual Meeting marks the 10th anniversary of the Working Group. ✓ **About Germany: Capital– Berlin, Currency– Euro**

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- 17. WB's World Development Report 2023: Globally 185 million People are Migrant :** According to the World Bank's (WB) annual report 'World Development Report 2023: Migrants, Refugees, and Societies', there are 184 million people (i.e. 2.3 % of the world's population) are migrants (i.e. they lack citizenship in the country in which they live) in which the largest share of 43% of them was living in low- and middle-income countries.

## **BANKING, FINANCE, ECONOMY & BUSINESS**

- 18. HDFC Bank, Axis Bank Signs the Definitive Agreements with Go Digit Life Insurance:** On April 21, 2023, the two largest Private sector banks of India, HDFC Bank and Axis Bank signed the definitive agreements with insurance technology startup Go Digit Life Insurance to pick up each a 9.94% equity stake of the insurance firm for a payment of each Rs 69.90 crore, which will be made in two tranches.
- 19. Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe to Launch Gold-Pegged Digital Currency:** Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) is set to launch a gold-backed digital currency to serve as legal tender in Zimbabwe. This is an initiative of the government of Zimbabwe to stabilize the local currency from continued depreciation against the United States (US) dollar. ✓ This will allow small amounts of Zimbabwean dollars to be exchanged for the digital gold token, enabling more Zimbabweans to hedge against currency volatility
- 20. Reliance General Becomes 1st Insurer to Accept eRupee in Partnership with Yes Bank:** Reliance General Insurance, a subsidiary of Reliance Capital, has become the first company to accept eRupee(e₹)/ Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency) for premium payments. Reliance General Insurance accepts the eRupee through a partnership with Yes Bank to enable its customers to make premium payments digitally using the bank's platform.
- 21. NPCI Bharat BillPay launches NOCS platform to process ONDC transactions:** NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL) has developed and launched the NOCS platform to provide reconciliation and settlement services for transactions undertaken on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) network. NOCS will help ONDC by providing a populationscale solution for the challenges of high transaction volume among different entities on the network. ✓ NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL) :-  
CEO– Noopur Chaturvedi ,Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 22. WYLD, World's 1st Social Currency Payment Card, launched in Mumbai:** WYLD, the world's 1st Social Currency Payment Card, was launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra, and was powered by San Francisco (California, USA)- based VISA Inc., an American multinational financial services corporation. The app lets anyone who has over 1000 Instagram followers and a "WYLD Score" of over 100 can apply for the WYLD payment card via the app.
- 23. SBI General Insurance Launched Digitalonly Health Insurance Plan – Health Edge Insurance:** SBI General Insurance Company Limited announced the launch of a fully customizable digital-only health insurance plan named 'Health Edge Insurance'. It is a Single Comprehensive Plan variant with 9 Basic indemnity Covers and 18 Optional covers to stand in need of medical exigency. ✓ Multiple Sum Insured options under the policy range from 3 to 25 lakhs. Long term Policy options are available for up

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to 3 years and offer customers value with premiums starting from less than Rs.15/day. ✓ **SBI General Insurance Company Limited: MD&CEO – Kishore Kumar Poludasu , Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

**24. NPCI International Partners with PPRO to Facilitate Global e-commerce Payments through UPI:**

NPCI International Payments, a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), signed a definitive agreement with digital payments infrastructure provider PPRO to facilitate global e-commerce payments through Unified Payments Interface (UPI). ✓ Aim: To expand RuPay card and UPI acceptance globally such as Payment Service Providers (PSPs) and global merchant acquirers.

**25. Arya.ag Partners with Shivalik SFB to Lend Farmers & FPO: Arya.ag, India's largest Grain commerce platform of Aryatech Platforms Private Limited, made partnership with Shivalik Small Finance Bank (SFB) to drive financial inclusion for farmers and FPOs (Farmers Producers Organisations) through offering loans via Shivalik SFB under warehouse receipt finance. ✓ Shivalik Small Finance Bank Ltd : MD&CEO – Anshul Swami ,Headquarters– Noida, Uttar Pradesh.**

**26. ITC Overtakes Infosys as India's 6th Largest Company; RIL tops the list:** ITC Limited has overtaken Infosys Limited, an Indian multinational information technology company, to become India's 6th largest company, as per market capitalization(m-cap). ITC's market cap stands at Rs 5.11 lakh crore (as of April 24, 2023) while the market cap of Infosys (7th place) stands at Rs 5.08 lakh crore. ✓ Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) is India's largest company with a market cap of Rs 16.07 lakh crore followed by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) with Rs 11.62 lakh crore and HDFC Bank with Rs.9.28 lakh crore. ✓ ICICI Bank stands at the 4th position with an m-cap of ~Rs 6.38 lakh crore and Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) stands at 5th place with an m-cap of ~Rs 5.85 lakh crore.

**27. ADB Annual Report 2022: Pakistan is the Largest Recipient of ADB Loans in Asia:** According to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Annual Report 2022, Pakistan received loans of USD5.58 billion, making it the largest recipient of ADB-funded programs/projects in 2022. According to the report, released on 24th April 2023, ADB has disbursed a total of over USD 31.8 billion to 40 countries in 2022.

## **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

**28. 14th Dalai Lama gets the 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award in Person after 64 years:** The 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award was presented to Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama in person after 64 years in Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh, by Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation president Susanna B Afan and foundation trustee Emily A Abrera. ✓ It was the first international recognition given to the 14th Dalai Lama for his leadership in the preservation of Tibet's society, religion and culture and way of life during a critical time. ✓ The Ramon Magsaysay Award, often called the "Nobel Prize of Asia", is an annual award established to preserve former Philippine seventh President Ramon Magsaysay's

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example of integrity in governance, courageous service to the people, and practical idealism within a democratic society

- 29. Ratan Tata honoured with Order of Australia(AO), highest civil honour of Australia:** Ratan Tata, Indian industrialist, philanthropist, and chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, was awarded the Officer of the Order of Australia (AO), Australia's highest civilian honour, in recognition of his contribution to strengthening the bilateral ties between India and Australia particularly in trade, investment, and philanthropy. The announcement was made by the Australian Ambassador to India Mr. Barry O' Farrell. ✓ In March 2023, Ratan Tata was appointed as an Honorary Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia.
- 30. Winners of Goldman Environmental Prize 2023 Announced:** On April 24, 2023, winners of the Goldman Environmental Prize 2023 were announced at the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco, California, the United States of America (USA). 6 winners of the 2023 prize are Alessandra Korap Munduruku from Brazil, Chilekwa Mumba from Zambia, Delima Silalahi from Indonesia, Diane Wilson from the USA, Tero Mustonen from Finland, and Zafer Kızılkaya from Türkiye. ✓ 2023 marks the 34th anniversary of the Goldman Environmental Prize which honors one grassroots activist from each of the six inhabited continents. ✓ The award is also known as the "Green Nobel Prize".

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

- 31. Md Sahabuddin sworn in as 22nd president of Bangladesh:** A former judge, freedom fighter, Mohammed (Md) Sahabuddin, was sworn in as the 22nd president of Bangladesh in Durbar Hall of Bangabhaban, Dhaka in Bangladesh. Md Shahabuddin, the 73-year-old politician, an Awami League candidate, was elected uncontested on February 13 2023.
- 32. Nasscom appoints Microsoft India President Anant Maheshwari as Chairperson:** The National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) appointed Anant Maheshwari, who is the President of Microsoft India, as its Chairperson for the year 2023-24. Anant Maheshwari, who was Nasscom's vice-chairperson, succeeds Krishnan Ramanujam, the President of Business and Technology Services at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). ✓ Krishnan Ramanujam was served as Chairperson of Nasscom for 2022-23.
- 33. RBI approves re-appointment of Kamakodi as MD & CEO of CUB for 3 years:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of N Kamakodi as the Managing director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a Kumbakonam (TamilNadu) based private sector bank City Union Bank (CUB) for a period of three years with effect from May 1, 2023. ✓ **City Union Bank (CUB): MD & CEO–** Dr N. Kamakodi , **Headquarters–** Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu
- 34. Government appoints Arun Sinha as Chairman of NTRO:** The Government has appointed Arun Kumar Sinha, a 1984 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of Kerala cadre, as the appointed

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Chairman of the National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO). Arun Sinha has been an advisor in NTRO for 2 years.

- 35. A Madhavarao selected as CMD of Bharat Dynamics Limited:** A Madhavarao, Director (Technical) of Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India has been selected for the Post of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), Bharat Dynamics Limited BDL recommended by Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).
- 36. ACC appointed Debadatta Chand as MD & CEO of BoB & Rajneesh Karnatak as MD & CEO of Bol:** The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the appointments, Debadatta Chand, Executive Director of Bank of Baroda (BoB) was appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BoB with effect from the date of assumption of office on or after 1st July 2023 for a period of three years. He will succeed, **Sanjiv Chadha**, the incumbent MD & CEO of BoB, who is set to retire on 30th June 2023. ✓ Rajneesh Karnataka, Executive Director of Union Bank of India was appointed as the MD & CEO of Bank of India(Bol) for a period of three years from the date of assumption of office or until further orders. He succeeds **Atanu Kumar Das** whose tenure as MD and CEO of Bol ended in January 2023.
- 37. Vodafone appoints Margherita Della Valle as Permanent CEO:** Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone), a British multinational telecommunications company, appointed Margherita Della Valle, Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (Interim) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), as the permanent CEO of Vodafone. She is the first permanent female CEO of Vodafone. ✓ She had taken up the charge as interim CEO of the organisation on 1st January 2023 after Nick Read stepped down from the CEO role.

## SPORTS

- 38. Jaden Pariat becomes 1st Indian in 6 years to get on Podium in British F4 Championship:** India's Jaden Pariat of Argenti Motorsport, a 16- year-old from Meghalaya, become the 1st Indian in 6 years to get on Podium in the first round of the ROKiT British F4 Championship, the FIA (Federation Internationale de l'Automobile) certified championship, at Donington Park in Leicestershire, England, United Kingdom (UK). ✓ Jaden Pariat is the 2nd Indian to get an international podium in a Tatuus F4 car after Kush Maini of Jenzer Motorsport who finished 3rd in the 2017 Italian F4 Championship. ✓ Jaden Pariat clinched the 3rd position in Race 2 of the ROKiT British F4 Championship.
- 39. 1 – Antalya: India finished 2nd with 4 medals:** India finished 2nd in the overall medal tally at the 2023 Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 1 held in Antalya, Türkiye, with 4 medals (2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze). The United States of America (USA) topped the medal tally with 4 medals(2 gold and 2 silver). ✓ 2023 Hyundai Archery World Cup is the 17th edition of the international archery circuit organised annually by World Archery. ✓ Indian archer Jyothi Surekha Vennam wins gold in women's individual compound and mixed team events along with Ojas Pravin Deotale.

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### OBITUARY

- 40. Five-time Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal passed away:** Five-time Punjab Chief Minister (CM) and veteran Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Parkash Singh Badal passed away at the age of 95 in Mohali, Punjab. He was born on 8th December 1927 at Abul Khurana, near Malout in Punjab. ✓ The Government of India awarded him the second-highest civilian award, Padma Vibhushan, in 2015 (public affairs), however he returned his award in 2020 to support the 2020–2021 Indian farmers' protest against the farm laws.
- 41. Tripura's 1st Padma Shri awardee, Himangshu Mohan Choudhury, Passed Away:** On 25th April 2023, former Indian Administrative Services (IAS) Officer, Himangshu Mohan Choudhury, who was the first recipient of Padma Shri from Tripura, passed away in Agartala, Tripura. He was born into a family hailing Feni district (now in Bangladesh). ✓ Himangshu Mohan Choudhury was honoured by the Government of India in 1972 with Padma Shri for Civil Service, the 4th highest Indian civilian award.
- 42. Boxing Champion, Padma Shri Awardee Kaur Singh passed away:** Veteran heavyweight boxer, a Padma Shri and Arjuna awardee, Kaur Singh, 74 passed away in Kurukshetra, Haryana. Kaur Singh won six gold medals in international competitions. He was awarded Sena Medal and the Vishisht Sewa Medal in 1988 for his bravery. ✓ In 1982 he got the Arjuna Award, India's second-highest National Sports Award by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, for earning gold medal in the Asian Games. ✓ In 1983, the Government of India awarded Kaur Singh with the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour award for outstanding contribution to Indian sports.

### BOOKS & AUTHORS

- 43. PM Narendra Modi launches a Book 'Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamprashastih':** Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi launched the 113-verse book titled "Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamprashastih" (सौराष्ट्र-तमिलसङ्गप्रशस्तिः) – Saurashtra Tamil Sangam Praise) prepared by Shree Somnath Sanskrit University, Gujarat. ✓ The book was launched via video conferencing during the closing ceremony of a 10-day Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam, which was held from 17th April 2023 to 26th April 2023 in Somnath, Gujarat.
- 44. Book Title - "Collective Spirit, Concrete Actions":** Shashi Shekhar Vempati, a former CEO of Prasar Bharati, released his book titled "Collective Spirit, Concrete Actions" focused on 'Mann Ki Baat', a radio broadcast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and its impact on India. ✓ The book was released at the inaugural event of the National Conclave on Mann Ki Baat @100 in the presence of Union Minister Anurag Thakur, Ministry for Information and Broadcasting at the Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.
- 45. Tennis legend Jaidip Mukerjea launches his Autobiography "Crosscourt":** Jaidip Mukerjea, a retired professional tennis player from India, launched his autobiography titled "Crosscourt" at a function in the presence of prominent Indian tennis players like Ramesh Krishnan and Somdev



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Devvaraman. "Crosscourt" is co-authored by Papri Sen Sri Raman, a journalistwriter and translator, and published by Vitasta Publishing Private Limited. ✓ The book brings out the journey of Jaidip Mukerjea, widely recognised as one of India's top tennis players.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

- 46. World Malaria Day 2023 – April 25:** World Malaria Day is annually observed across the world on 25th April to create awareness about the importance of investment and commitment toward the prevention and control of Malaria. The day also highlights the importance to educate and offer a better understanding of Malaria, a preventable and curable disease. ✓ The annual observance of World Malaria Day is led by the World Health Organisation (WHO). ✓ The theme of World Malaria Day 2023 is "Time to deliver zero malaria: invest, innovate, implement".
- 47. World Intellectual Property Day 2023 – April 26:** World Intellectual Property Day (World IP Day) is annually observed across the globe on 26th April to recognise the importance of intellectual property (IP) rights such as, patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright, in encouraging innovation and creativity. ✓ The World IP Day also marks the anniversary of the establishment of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). ✓ The theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2023, is "Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity".
- 48. 48) World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2023 – April 28:** World Day for Safety and Health at Work is annually observed across the globe on April 28 to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally. The day is an awarenessraising campaign intended to focus international attention on the importance of the problem. ✓ World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2023 was observed on 28th April 2023 under the theme "A safe and healthy working environment as a fundamental principle and right at work".
- 49. 14th National Panchayati Raj Day – 24th April 2023:** 3 National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD) is annually observed across India on 24th April to mark the day of the decentralisation of power to the grassroots, with the institutionalisation of Panchayati Raj. The day marks the establishment of the 1st Panchayati Raj system with constitutional status in India back in 1993. ✓ 24th April 2023 marks the observance of the 14th National Panchayati Raj Day. ✓ The National Panchayati Raj Day 2023 commemorates 30 years of Panchayati Raj in India. ✓ PM Modi inaugurated an integrated eGramSwaraj (eGS) and Government eMarketplace (GeM) portal for public procurement at the Panchayat level.
- 50. UN English Language Day 2023 – April 23:** United Nations (UN) English Language Day is annually observed across the globe on 23rd April to promote the English language and to celebrate the history, culture and achievements associated with the English language. The day, 23rd April, also marks the birth and death anniversary of English playwright, poet and actor, William Shakespeare.

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- 1. Which of these countries have been replaced by Argentina as the under-20 FIFA World Cup host?**  
(a) Brazil (b) Croatia (c) Indonesia (d) France
- 2. Who has been awarded the Santokbaa Humanitarian Award in April 2023?**  
(a) Sonam Wangchuk (b) Greta Thunberg (c) Dalai Lama (d) None of the above
- 3. Which bank has appointed Sekhar Rao as the interim CEO?**  
(a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) Karnataka Bank (d) Axis Bank
- 4. Which country has become the world's largest narco-state?**  
(a) Afghanistan (b) Syria (c) Mexico (d) Colombia
- 5. Where will India Steel 2023 be held?**  
(a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Bangalore (d) Kolkata
- 6. Which city will host the 2023 Men's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy?**  
(a) Mumbai (b) Chennai (c) New Delhi (d) Hyderabad
- 7. Who has been selected for the prestigious Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023?**  
(a) Utsa Patnaik (b) Arundhati Roy (c) Shashi Tharoor (d) Vikram Seth
- 8. Where does India rank in world's most criminal countries 2023 ranking?**  
(a) 73 (b) 75 (c) 77 (d) 79
- 9. Who won ICC Men's Player of the Month awards for March 2023?**  
(a) Harry Broke (b) Jos Buttler (c) Shreyas Iyer (d) Shakib al Hasan
- 10. UAE announced that the HAKUTO-R Mission 1 Lunar Lander, is scheduled to land on the Moon on 25th April 2023. What is the name of the Rover?**  
(a) Curiosity (b) Rashid (c) Zephyr (d) JUNO
- 11. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar launched the '\_\_\_\_\_ Restoration Project' of Varanasi, during his visit to Uganda's Kampala**  
(a) Assi Ghat (b) Scindia Ghat (c) Tulsi Ghat (d) Dasaswamedh Ghat
- 12. Justice A.K.Singh of Jharkand has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of which state?**  
(a) Assam (b) West Bengal (c) Delhi (d) Tripura