



# CURRENT AFFAIRS



23 JULY, 2022



## NATIONAL

### 1. Viva Engage app

**Why in news** - Tech giant Microsoft has introduced Viva Engage app that helps build community and connection.

**Key Points** –

- In June 2022, Microsoft introduced “Microsoft Viva Sales”.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. Panama papers leak

**Why in news** - The anonymous whistle blower who leaked the Panama Papers came forward for the first time in an interview.

**Key Points** –

**About Panama papers** –

- It showed how rich and powerful park and move their money in and out of secret tax havens, launder money, dodge sanctions and avoid tax.
- Leaked from a Panamanian law firm called Mossack Fonseca.
- The documents were released on April 3, 2016 by the German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung (SZ).
- It exposed alleged illegal properties worth around Rs 20,078 crore of 500 Indians.
- Indians in Panama Papers - Vinod Adani (Gautam Adani's brother), Amitabh Bachchan, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Ajay Devgn.
- Other similar leaks - Paradise Papers, Pandora Papers.

### 2. Grain export deal

**Why in news** - Russia and Ukraine signed separate agreements for exporting millions of tons of grain and fertilizer, ending a wartime standoff.

**Key Points** –

- Ukraine is one of the world's largest exporters of wheat, corn and sunflower oil.
- It would establish a control center in Istanbul.

### 3. Dinesh Gunawardena

**Why in news** - Dinesh Gunawardena has been appointed as Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister on July 22, 2022.

## ECONOMY

### 1. 4-tier regulatory structure

**Why in news** - The RBI has decided to create a 4-tiered regulatory framework to improve the financial soundness of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs).

**Key Points** –

- It was recommended by N S Vishwanathan panel on improving UCBs.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### 1. 68th National Film awards

**Why in news** - Anurag Thakur announced the winners of the 68th National Film awards on July 22, 2022 in New Delhi.

**Key Points** –

- The event was organized by the Directorate of Film Festivals, M/o Information and Broadcasting.

- The award was established in 1954.
- Winners list –**
- **Best Feature Film :** Soorai Potru
- **Best Director :** Sathy, Ayyappanum Koshiyum
- **Best Actor :** Suriya for Soorai Potru and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji
- **Best Actress :** Aparna Balamurali, Soorai Potru
- **Best Hindi Film :** Toolsidas Junior
- **Best Film on Social Issue :** Funeral.

## 2. JC Daniel Award 2022

**Why in news -** Malayalam filmmaker KP Kumaran has been honoured with Kerala's highest film award, the JC Daniel Award.

**Key Points –**

- He made his directorial debut with Athithi in 1975.
- JC Daniel Award is Kerala's highest award in Malayalam cinema.

## SCIENCE – TECH

### 1. Human Spaceflight Expo

**Why in news -** ISRO Chairman S Somnath inaugurated the Human Space Flight Expo at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru.

**Key Points –**

- “The Indian Space Odyssey – Sounding rockets to Gaganyaan” movie was also screened.
- The Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota held a 3-day “Space on Wheels” mobile exhibition.
- Future ISRO missions – Gaganyaan (human space flight), Chandrayaan-3 (Moon), Aditya L1 (Sun) and Shukrayaan-1 (Venus).

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1. National Flag day 2022

**Why in news –** India celebrates the National Flag day every year on July 22, 2022.

**Key Points –**

- On July 22, 1947, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the National Flag.
- The resolution about the Flag was moved by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.
- The flag was designed by Pingali Venkayya.
- The Tricolour was hoisted for the first-ever time on April 13, 1923 during a procession in Nagpur.

## APPOINTMENTS

### 1. Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem

**Why in news –** He has been appointed the new Prime Minister of Kuwait.

## SPORTS

### 1. Asia Cup 2022

**Why in news –** BCCI President Sourav Ganguly informed that the Cricket Asia Cup 2022 will be played in UAE. (Earlier venue - Sri Lanka).

### 2. Fencing Women's League

**Why in news –** The 1<sup>st</sup> Khelo India Fencing Women's League is scheduled to start on July 25 at the Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi.

**Key Points –**

- Bhavani Devi will be a participant in the league in the Senior category Sabre event.
- It will be held across three phases. Phase 1 and 2 - New Delhi, 3<sup>rd</sup> phase – Patiala.

## STATES/UTs

### 1. Swanirbhar Naari scheme

**Why in news –** Assam government has launched “Swanirbhar Naari” scheme to empower indigenous weavers.

## BIHAR

### 1. Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA) projects

**Why in news** – Flipkart has signed an MoU with the Bihar State Skill Development Mission to start SCOA projects in the state.

**Key Points** –

- The successful candidates would receive a stipend of Rs 17,500 for completing the program including 45 days of on-the-job training.
- The Flipkart team devised and developed the training curriculum for SCOA.

## 2. Ancient structures damaged

**Why in news** – Ancient structures have been damaged during the excavation of the historic Badgaon Pond in the forbidden part of the World Heritage Nalanda University.

**Key Points** –

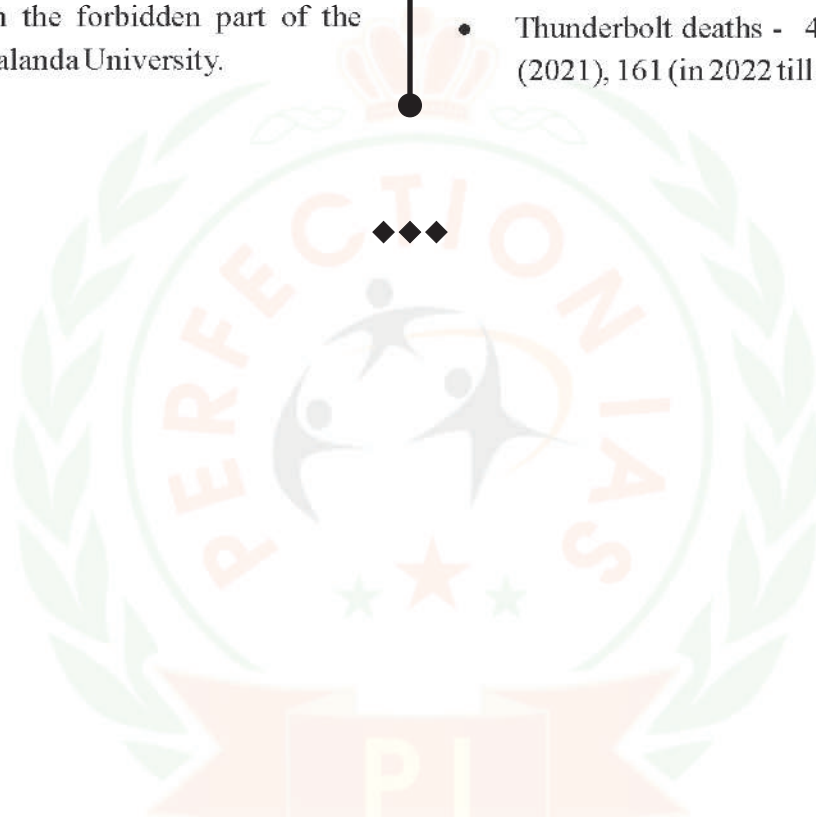
- The remains of Pala period bricks and ancient utensils have been found here.
- The pond has been mentioned in the archaeological survey (1862-65) by Alexander Cunningham.

## 3. Lightning conductor (Tadit chalak)

**Why in news** – Bihar government has decided to install lightning conductors on all government buildings to avoid thunderbolts.

**Key Points** –

- There is a provision to give an ex-gratia grant of Rs 4 lakh for death caused due to thunderbolts.
- Thunderbolt deaths - 459 people (2020), 280 (2021), 161 (in 2022 till July 22, 2022).



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- ADB slashed India's growth forecast for FY2023 to what percent - **7.2%**.
- Which telescope has detected water in the atmosphere of a distant planet - **NASA's James Webb**.
- The cabinet approved a Memorandum of Understanding between India and which country in the field of judicial cooperation - **Maldives**.
- As per India Bio-economy Report 2022, India's bio-economy will cross what amount by 2025 - **USD 150 billion**.
- Who has launched Repos Pay and Phy-gital for MSMEs - **Narayan Rane**.
- Which India-origin person made it to the final round to replace Boris Johnson as the Prime Minister of Britain - **Rishi Sunak**.
- Scientists have agreed to develop effective antivenom to neutralize the venom of which snake - **Green pit viper**.
- Who has received ICAR's Sardar Patel Award - **National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM)**.
- ISRO has sent how many satellites from foreign countries into space through the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle since 1999 - **345**.
- US Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service approved irradiation treatment facility in which state - **Gujarat**.

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