

# **CURRENT AFFAIRS**





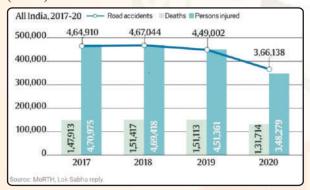
#### **NATIONAL**

#### 1. Decline in road accidents since 2018

Why in news - Minister of road transport and highways Nitin Gadkari tabled figures in Lok Sabha about road accidents and the resultant deaths from 2018 to 2020.

#### **Key Points** –

- It declined from 4.5 lakh accidents (1.5 lakh deaths) in 2019 to 3.5 lakh accidents (1.3 lakh deaths) in 2020.
- Tamil Nadu (highest road accidents) 45484(2020).
- Uttar Pradesh (highest deaths) 19149 (2020).
- Bihar ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in terms of road deaths 6699 (2020).



## 2. Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-27

Why in news - Gujarat has become the first state in the country to have a dedicated semiconductor policy.

#### **Key Points** –

- It proposes to develop a special "Semicon City" as a part of the Dholera Special Investment Region(DSIR).
- China (24%) is the largest producer of semiconductors followed by Taiwan (21%) and South Korea (19%).

#### India Semiconductor Mission (2021) –

- Total financial outlay Rs 76,000 crores.
- Ministry Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### 1. SCO Foreign Ministers' meeting

Why in news - External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar participated in the SCO Foreign Ministers' meeting at Tashkent in Uzbekistan.

#### **Key Points** –

- He highlighted the energy and food crisis due to disruptions from the Covid pandemic and Ukraine conflict.
- PM Narendra Modi will visit Samarkand (Uzbekistan) on September15-16, 2022 to attend the SCO meet.

#### **ECONOMY**

#### 1. Core sector output

Why in news - The Office of Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has released the Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI).

#### **Key Points**-

- The output of 8 core sectors expanded by 12.7% in June 2022 against 9.4% in the year-ago period.
- Crude oil production contracted by 1.7%.
- These comprise 40.27% of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).
- 8 core industries in decreasing order of their weightage - Refinery Products> Electricity> Steel> Coal> Crude Oil> Natural Gas> Cement> Fertilizers.

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# 2. India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)

Why in news - PM Narendra Modi launched India's first international bullion exchange in Gandhinagar on July 29, 2022.

#### **Key Points**-

- Qualified jewellers will be permitted to import gold through the IIBX.
- India is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest consumer (imported 1,069 tonnes of gold in 2021) of Gold after China.
- He also laid the foundation stone of the International Financial Services Centres Authority(IFSCA) headquarters in Gandhinagar.
- IFSCA has been established under the IFSCA Act, 2019.
- GIFT city is the maiden international financial services centre in India.

#### **RANKS & INDICES**

#### 1. Digital Payments Index

Why in news - Reserve Bank of India announced the Digital Payments Index for March 2022.

#### **Key Points** –

- The index for March 2022 stands at 349.30.
- It uses 5 broad parameters.
- RBI had developed the RBI Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) with March 2018 as the base year to assess the extent of digitisation of payments in the country.

#### **SECURITY**

### 1. Phasing out of MiG 21

Why in news - The Indian Air Force has drawn up a time line of three years to phase out MiG-21 squadrons by 2025.

#### **Key Points** –

- The IAF also plans to phase out 3 squadrons of MiG-29 in the next 5 years.
- It is part of the IAF's modernization drive and not related to accidents of MiG-21.
- Currently, the IAF has around 70 MiG-21

aircraft and 50 MiG-29 variants.

- The first fleet of the MiG variant was inducted into the IAF in 1963.
- To replace MiG 21, Defence ministry sealed a Rs 48,000 crore deal with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) for the procurement of 83 Tejas fighter aircraft.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### 1. Partha Pratim Mazumdar

Why in news - IAS ParthaPratim Mazumdar has been appointed the National Register of Citizens (NRC) Coordinator of Assam.

#### **Key Points**-

- He will replace Hitesh Dev Sharma.
- NRC for Assam was published in August 2019.
- It excluded 19,06,657 names out of 3,30,27,661 applicants.

#### **FESTIVALS**

#### 1. Bonalu festival

Why in news - Bonalu or Mahakali Bonalu was celebrated in Telangana.

#### STATES/UTS

#### 1. Chief minister's breakfast scheme

Why in news - The Tamil Nadu government launched the first phase of the 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme' on July 27, 2022.

#### **Key Points**-

- It is first-of-its-kind in the country.
- It would provide free nutritious breakfast to students of Classes I to V.

## 2. Har Ghar Urja Utsav

Why in news - Maharashtra government is organizing 'Har Ghar Urja Utsav' in tribal areas to bring light to the lives of rural people.

#### **BIHAR**

#### 1. Bihar Start Up Policy-2022

Why in news - Industries Minister Shahnawaz Hussain launched the Bihar Start Up Policy-2022 and portal on July 29, 2022.

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#### **Key Points** –

#### About the policy –

- Start up project would get Rs 10 lakh interest free seed fund for 10 years.
- If a start-up company is started by a woman entrepreneur, then they will get 5% more facilities under the policy. For SCs, STs and Persons with Disabilities—15% more facilities.
- Incubation Center to give Rs 2 lakh per start-up for hand-handling of start-ups.
- In case of angel investment, 2% of the total investment would be given by the government to them as a success fee.

#### 2. Grand Finale of "Bijli Mahotsav"

Why in news - 5 districts of the state would be connected with PM Narendra Modi's address during the grand finale of 'Bijli Mahotsav'.

#### **Key Points**-

5 districts - Patna, Bhojpur, Nalanda, Supaul and Muzaffarpur.

- Bijli Mahotsav was celebrated by Government of India from 25th to 30th July 2022 under "UjwalBharat, UjwalBhavisya - Power@2047".
- It is being celebrated at 75 places in 38 districts of Bihar.
- NTPC as the nodal agency of Bihar is organizing the event in 25 districts and Power Grid in the remaining districts.

#### 3. Naming of cubs in Patna Zoo

Why in news – Hon' CM Nitish Kumar has named four cubs of tigress Sangeeta born in Patna Zoo.

#### **Key Points** –

- Name of male cubs Kesari, Magadha, Vikram.
- Female cub-Rani.
- All of them were born on May 25, 2022.
- Now, the number of tigers and tigress in Patna Zoo has reached 9.

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# PERFECTION IAS



- ➤ Bob Rafelson died at the age of 89. He was associated with which profession Filmmaker.
- ➤ Indian Navy received two MH 60R helicopters from which country USA.
- As per World Airport Traffic Dataset 2021, What is the rank of IGI airport, New Delhi 13<sup>th</sup>.
- As per government records, how many tigers died in India in the last three years -329.
- ➤ Who released World Economic Outlook report—**IMF.**
- Recently, which bank joined India-led Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure European Investment Bank.
- ➤ Taiwan organized which military exercise amid Chinese threat Han Kuang 2022.
- ➤ Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched which edition of Agriculture Census in the country 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Antarctic Ocean endemic species Albatross spotted in which Indian state
  Tamil Nadu.
- ➤ Which indigenous aircraft carrier has been handed over to Indian Navy –Vikrant.

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