



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## NATIONAL

### 1. Election of Vice-President

**Why in news** – NDA candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected India's 14th Vice-President on August 6, 2022.

**Key Points** –

- He defeated Opposition candidate Margaret Alva.
- He got 528 out of 725 votes polled. Alva – 182 votes.
- Among the 780-member electorate, 725 votes were polled (92.94% turnout), 15 votes were invalid.
- Dhankhar succeeds M Venkaiah Naidu, whose term ends on August 10.
- 55 MPs did not vote (34 from TMC).

### 2. Operation Yatri Suraksha

**Why in news** – Railway Protection Force (RPF) has launched the pan-India operation improve to the security of passengers.

**Key Points** –

- It is a month-long drive launched against criminals in July 2022 by RPF.

### 3. Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD)

**Why in news** – Nearly 3,000 cattle have died in Rajasthan and Gujarat due to LSD in few weeks.

**Key Points** –

- NDDB has supplied 28 lakh doses of goat pox vaccine bought from a private entity called Hester Biosciences.

**About LSD** –

- It is caused by Capripox virus.

- It is genetically related to the goatpox and sheeppox virus family.
- In September 2020, a strain of the virus was discovered in Maharashtra.
- It is not zoonotic i.e., it does not spread from animals to humans.

### 4. US Navy Ship (USNS) Charles Drew

**Why in news** – USNS Charles Drew arrived at Kattupalli shipyard in Chennai for undertaking repairs and allied services.

**Key Points** –

- This is the first ever repair of a US Navy ship in India.
- US Navy had awarded a contract to the L&T Shipyard for undertaking maintenance of the ship.
- India has six major shipyards with a turnover of nearly USD 2 billion.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. Cuban oil facility on fire

**Why in news** – A fire set off by a lightning strike at an oil storage facility raged uncontrolled in the Cuban city of Matanzas.

## GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

### 1. “Badhe Chalo” movement

**Why in news** – The movement began under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on August 5, 2022.

**Key Points** –

- Organized by - Ministry of Culture.
- Aim - To connect with the youth of the nation and to instil a deeper sense of patriotism among them.

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- It would feature Flash Dances happening across 75 cities where dancers would perform on a specially created “Youth Anthem”.

## ECONOMY

### 1. Akasa Air

**Why in news** – Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated Akasa Air's first commercial flight on August 7, 2022.

**Key Points** –

- 1<sup>st</sup> flight - Mumbai-Ahmedabad route.
- In July 2022, Rakesh Jhunjhunwala backed airline received the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from DGCA.

## SCIENCE – TECH

### 1. SSLV-D1

**Why in news** –The newly developed Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) suffered a setback with “data loss” at the terminal stage.

**Key Points** –

- The satellites were placed in an elliptical orbit and are “no longer usable”.
- It was carrying –
  - A. Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-02
  - B. Azaadi Sat, made by 750 schoolgirls under Space Kidz India.

### 2. Multispectral maps of Mars

**Why in news** – NASA released the first piece of the multispectral maps of Mars' surface public.

**Key Points** –

- Maps were made by the Compact Reconnaissance Imaging Spectrometer for Mars (CRISM).
- The multicoloured map covers 86% of the area of Mars.
- It searches for the residue of minerals, ancient hot springs, thermal vents, lakes, or ponds that may have existed on Mars.

## SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

### 1. 7th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog

**Why in news** – The meeting was attended by 23 CMs, 3 L-Gs and 2 Administrators and Union Ministers on August 08, 2022 in New Delhi.

**Key Points** –

- The CMs of Bihar, Telangana, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Mizoram did not attend the meeting.

**About Governing Council** –

- It is a platform to discuss inter-sectoral, inter-departmental and federal issues.
- **It comprises** –
  - A. Prime Minister (Chairman)
  - B. CM of all the states and UTs with legislature.
  - C. Lt Governors of other UTs.
  - D. Ex-Officio - Vice Chairman and full-time members of NITI Aayog.
  - E. Union Ministers as special invitees.

## SECURITY

### 1. Exercise “Skylight”

**Why in news** – Indian Army conducted exercise “Skylight” to test satellite-based systems.

**Key Points** –

- It was conducted from July 25 to 29.
- 100% of all satellite communication assets in the Indian Army were activated and various operational scenarios were played up.

## COMMITTEES

### 1. KV Subramanian committee

**Why in news** – SEBI has constituted a 15-member expert group to boost overseas flows into the country.

**Key Points** –

- FPI Advisory Committee (FAC) would be chaired by former Chief Economic Adviser KV Subramanian.
- Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have pulled out more than \$30 billion from domestic stocks since October 2021.

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## APPOINTMENTS

### 1. Lt. Gen. Michael E. Langley

**Why in news** – Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Michael E. Langley became the first Black 4-star general in the Marine's 246-year history.

### 2. Nallathamby Kalaiselvi

**Why in news** – Nallathamby Kalaiselvi has become the first woman director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). She succeeds Shekhar Mande.

## BIHAR

### 1. Connecting Patna and Bihar museum

**Why in news** – The work of connecting Patna museum and Bihar museum with an underground tunnel is going to start soon.

**Key Points** –

- Approved amount - Rs 375 crores.
- Project duration -3 years.
- Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has been given the task of connecting Patna Museum and Bihar Museum.

### 2. National Handloom Day

**Why in news** –Bihar government would soon launch “Chief Minister Integrated Weavers Development Scheme” for the development of the handloom sector.

**Key Points** –

- Handloom sheets are being used in government hospitals to help weavers.
- Around 7 lakh handloom products worth Rs 24.87 crore have been manufactured so far under the “Santrangi Chadar Yojana”.
- 8<sup>th</sup> National Handloom Day was celebrated on August 7, 2022.

### 3. No arsenic in Patna's groundwater

**Why in news** – The Bihar State Pollution Control Board found that amount of arsenic did not exceed the desired limit in Patna.

**Key Points** –

- TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) in water ranged from 300 to 400 which is suitable for drinking.
- The pH value of water ranged between 7 and 7.5 which is better.
- The amount of iron was found to be somewhere up to 1.2 or 1.5. (desired - 1).



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- Who has been conferred with the “dPal rNgam Duston” award by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) - **Dalai Lama.**
- Which ministry has implemented the “Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0” scheme - **Ministry of Women and Child Development.**
- Which state has been selected for quality testing of National Highways – **Odisha.**
- Who has chaired the 7th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre - **PM Narendra Modi.**
- In which state, foundation stone has been laid for the Shrimad Rajchandra Mission project - **Gujarat.**
- NPCI has tied up with which IIT for digital payment solutions - **IIT Kanpur.**
- Who has unveiled the digital version of One District One Product gift catalogue - **Piyush Goyal.**
- For how long has the government extended the tenure of Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba - **1 year.**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of Bharat Pe recently - **Nalin Negi.**
- UGC has asked all universities and colleges to observe Partition Horror Memorial Day on which date – **August 14.**

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