



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## NATIONAL

### 1. India likely to ban Chinese mobiles

**Why in news** – India seeks to restrict Chinese smart phone makers from selling devices cheaper than Rs 12,000 (\$150).

**Key Points** –

- Aim - To kickstart its faltering domestic industry.
- Smart phones under Rs 12000 contributed to a third of India's sales volume for the quarter through June 2022, with Chinese companies accounting for up to 80%.

### 2. Himalayan spice garden

**Why in news** – The first of its kind, a Himalayan spice garden was inaugurated at Soni in Ranikhet (UK).

**Key Points** –

- It was inaugurated by historian Shekhar Pathak.
- It presently houses more than 30 different spices. e.g., Kashmiri Kesar, Tejpat, Timoor and Wild Heeng.
- It has been established with funding from the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. Taiwan's "Porcupine strategy"

**Why in news** – Taiwan has deployed "Porcupine strategy" to fight back in case China attempts to occupy it by force.

**Key Points** –

**About Porcupine strategy** –

- It was proposed in 2008 by US professor William S Murray.
- It is a strategy of asymmetric warfare focused on fortifying a weak state's defences to exploit the enemy's weaknesses.

- It was adopted by Taiwan in 2017.

- It has 3 layers of defences.

### 2. New START treaty

**Why in news** – Russia suspends arms inspection under new START treaty over western sanctions.

**Key Points** –

**About the New START treaty** –

- It is the last remaining arms reduction pact between USA and Russia.
- It caps the number of nuclear warheads to 1,550 that can be deployed by Moscow and Washington.
- In 2021, the US and Russia extended New START by the maximum allowed time of 5 years.

## SCIENCE – TECH

### 1. Synthetic mouse embryo

**Why in news** – An Israeli lab has claimed to have grown a synthetic mouse embryo through stem cells.

**Key Points** –

- It is world's first synthetic embryo outside the womb bypassing need for sperm, eggs and fertilisation.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### 1. dPal rNgam Duston award

**Why in news** – Dalai Lama was honoured with the 6<sup>th</sup> dPal rNgam Duston award for his immense contribution to humanity.

**Key Points** –

- It is the highest civilian honour of Ladakh.
- It was conferred by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh.

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## 2. Miss India USA 2022

**Why in news** – Indian American Aarya Walvekar has been crowned Miss India USA 2022.

**Key Points** –

- Runner up - Saumya Sharma (1st) and Sanjana Chekuru (2nd).
- Akshi Jain won the title of Mrs India USA; Tanvi Grover was crowned Miss Teen India USA.
- Venue - Annual beauty pageant held in New Jersey.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 1. International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2022

**Why in news** – It is celebrated across the world on August 9.

**Key Points** –

- Theme - The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge.
- On December 23, 1994, the UNGA declared August 9 as the International Day of the World's Indigenous People.

### 2. National Javelin Throw Day

**Why in news** – The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) celebrated the 2nd Javelin Throw Day on August 7, 2022.

**Key Points** –

- It was first observed in 2021.
- Reason - To honour of Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra who won India's 1st Olympic gold medal (87.58m throw) in athletics at Tokyo.

## APPOINTMENTS

### 1. Viswanathan Anand

**Why in news** – Viswanathan Anand was elected deputy president of the International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation (FIDE).

**Key points** –

- President Arkady Dvorkovich was re-elected for a second term.

## OBITUARY

### 1. David McCullough

**Why in news** – Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough dies at 89.

## SPORTS

### 1. Under-20 SAFF Football Championship 2022

**Why in news** – India beat Bangladesh 5-2 but in extra time to clinch the 2022 title.

**Key Points** –

- Venue - Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar (Odisha).
- It was 4th edition of the SAFF U-20 Championship.
- Indian captain - Sibajit Singh Leimapokpam.

### 2. Commonwealth Games 2022

**Why in news** – The 22<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Games 2022 (Birmingham, UK) was concluded on August 08, 2022.

**Key Points** –

- Top 3 - Australia 178 (67 Gold), England 176 (57 Gold), Canada 92 (26 Gold).
- India finished 4th on the podium with 61 medals, (22 G, 16 S, and 23 B).
- It was India's 4<sup>th</sup> best performance at the CWG in terms of gold medals won tied with the 2006 Manchester Games.
- In terms of overall medals won, Birmingham 2022 is 5th best showing after New Delhi (101).
- India's best-ever CWG – New Delhi 2010 when India won 101 medals, including 38 Gold.

### CWG 2022 MEDAL TALLY

COUNTRIES	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1 AUS	67	57	54	178
2 ENG	57	66	53	176
3 CAN	26	32	34	92
4 IND	22	16	23	61
5 NZL	20	12	17	49

### 3. 75th Grandmaster

**Why in news** – V Pranav became India's 75th Grandmaster by winning Limpedea Open in Baia Mare, Romania.

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### Key Points –

- Pranav is the 27th Grandmaster from Tamil Nadu.
- He secured his 3rd and final GM norm and attained the Grandmaster title.

## STATES/UTs

### 1. Sanskrit-speaking villages

**Why in news** – Uttarakhand has decided to develop one Sanskrit-speaking village in each district in the state.

### Key Points –

- Sanskrit is the second official language of Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand is the first state to launch an initiative on this scale to promote Sanskrit.
- Mattur (Shivamogga, Karnataka) –The only Sanskrit-speaking village in India.

### 2. Panchamrut Yojana

**Why in news** – Under Panchamrut Yojana, Uttar Pradesh plans to achieve the goal of doubling farmers' income.

### Key Points –

- Methods - Introduction of cost-effective technical measures and promotion of co-cropping method.
- UP has increased the sugarcane support price by Rs 350.

## BIHAR

### 1. Rakhi in Indian book of records

**Why in news** – 480 girl students of Notredam Academy, Patna have made their name in Indian Book of Records.

### Key Points –

- They made 808 feet long and 60 feet wide Rakhi.
- It took three hours to make a complete Rakhi.
- Theme - National unity, universal fraternity, communal harmony and brotherhood.
- Earlier in 2019, 666 feet long Rakhi was made at NTR Bhawan Banjara Hill Hyderabad.

### 2. Internet penetration among women

**Why in news** – As per NFHS-5, the number of women using internet in Bihar is very low.

### Key Points –

- Only 20.6% of women use internet. (Urban - 38.4%, Rural – 17%).
- 35.4% of men use internet. (Urban -58.4%, Rural –39.4%).
- As per Telecom Regulatory Authority of India –  
A. 53.72% of people use mobile phones in Bihar.  
B. 3 crores 93 lakh (43%) use internet in Bihar.

### 3. After rice, now pulses' crisis

**Why in news** – The condition of production of pulses' crops in the state is not satisfactory.

### Key Points –

- Sowing of pulses is only 70% against the target.
- Target – 1,23,852 hectares in Kharif 2022. So far, about 81,542 hectares of area has been covered.
- Maximum pulses sown - Samastipur (7942 ha), Saran (6300 ha), Nawada (5594 ha), Bhagalpur (6460 ha), Gopalganj (4540 ha) and Siwan (5130 ha).



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- ASEAN has banned which country's general from attending meetings until the progress of the peace plan – **Myanmar**
- The 7th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog held at which place – **Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi**
- ITU's Regional Standardization Forum for Asia and Oceania began in which city – **New Delhi**
- International Dairy Federation's World Dairy Summit 2022 will be held in which city – **New Delhi**
- Amazon India tied up with which organisation for delivery of goods – **Indian Railways**
- For developing secure digital payment solutions NPCI has signed an MoU with the collaboration of which institution – **IIT Kanpur**
- Who has launched the Hindi serial Swaraj based on the overall story of India's freedom struggle – **Amit Shah**
- Which blockchain company will help Goa Police to make the transition to smart policing – **5ire**
- Indian Navy has signed MoU for cooperation on satellite-based naval applications in ocean science and meteorology with which organization – **ISRO**
- Who took over as chairman of Oil India – **Ranjit Rath**

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