



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

17 AUGUST, 2022

## NATIONAL

### 1. World record in singing patriotic songs

**Why in news** – On August 13, 1 crore children in Rajasthan set a world record by singing patriotic songs collectively.

**Key Points** –

- They set a world record under the World Book of Records, London.
- The function was held at Sawai Man Singh Stadium, Jaipur.
- Songs sung - VandeMataram, Jana Gana Mana, Hum HongeKaamyaab, Jhanda Uncha Rahe Hamara, Jhanki Hindustan ki and Saare Jahan Se Achcha.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. Omicron vaccine

**Why in news** – UK becomes world's first country to approve vaccine against both Omicron & original COVID strain.

**Key Points** –

- The “bivalent” vaccine has been made by US drugmaker Moderna.
- It produced a strong immune response against both Omicron (BA.1) and the original 2020 virus.
- In early 2020, the UK became the first country to roll out a COVID vaccination drive.

## GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

### 1. National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM)

**Why in news** - NIPAM has achieved the target of imparting Intellectual Property (IP) basic training to 1 million students.

**Key Points** –

- The target was achieved on July 31, 2022. (Deadline – August 15, 2022).
- NIPAM was launched in Dec 2021.
- Aim of NIPAM - To inculcate the spirit of creativity and innovation to students of higher education (classes 8 to 12).
- Implementing Agency - Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM), M/o Commerce and Industry.
- IPR types - Patents, Copyright, Industrial design, Trademarks, Plant variety rights, trade, GI, and trade secrets.

### 2. Manthan Manch

**Why in news** - The Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) has announced the launch of Manthan Manch.

**Key Points** –

- Aim – For collaboration between the industry and research institutes to implement technology-based social impact innovations.

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## SCIENCE – TECH

### 1. Saline water LED lamps “Roshni”

**Why in news** - Union Minister Jitendra Singh launched India's first saline water LED lamps called “Roshni”.

#### Key Points –

- It uses seawater to power LED lamps.
- SAGAR ANVESHKA –It is a Coastal Research Vessel operated and used by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) Chennai.
- It will also boost UJALA (launched 2015) for the distribution of LED bulbs across the country.

## RANKS & INDICES

### 1. Digital currency ownership

**Why in news** – In 2021, developing countries accounted for 15 of the top 20 economies in crypto currency ownership.

#### Key Points –

- Top 5-Ukraine (12.7%), Russia (11.9%), Venezuela (10.3%), Singapore (9.4%), Kenya (8.5%).
- India rank – 7<sup>th</sup> (7.3%).
- Report name - All that glitters is not gold: The high cost of leaving crypto currencies unregulated.
- The report was released by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

## SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

### 1. Pre-Summit of Tiger Range Countries (TRCs)

**Why in news** – India has hosted the Pre-Summit meeting of TRCs in New

Delhi on Aug 10, 2022.

#### Key Points –

- The meeting was attended by 12 tiger range countries except for China and Indonesia.
- The TRC summit is scheduled to be held at Vladivostok, Russia on September 5, 2022.
- The 4th Asia Ministerial Conference on “Tiger Conservation culminated” held at Kuala Lumpur.
- 13 TRC - India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Thailand, Vietnam, China and Indonesia.
- India has 52 tiger reserves across 18 states and accounts for nearly 70% of the global wild tiger population.

## ENVIRONMENT

### 1. Agasthyamalai Elephant Sanctuary

**Why in news** – Tamil Nadu got its 5th elephant reserve at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli district.

#### Key Points –

- In the last 3 years, Dandeli Elephant Reserve (Karnataka), Singphan Elephant Reserve (Nagaland) and Lemru Elephant Reserve (Chhattisgarh) have been notified.
- India has 31 elephant reserves.
- A total of 76,508 sq km across 14 states in the country are under elephant reserves.

## AWARDS

### 1. Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) Awards 2022

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**Why in news** – The 13th IIFM awards held in Melbourne, Australia on August 12.

**Key Points –**

- Best Film: 83
- Best Director: Shoojit Sircar (Sardar Udham) and Aparna Sen (The Rapist)
- Best Actor: Ranveer Singh (83)
- Best Actress: Shefali Shah (Jalsa)
- Best Series: Mumbai Diaries 26/11
- Leadership in Cinema Award: Abhishek Bachchan.

## FESTIVALS

### 1. Navroz 2022

**Why in news** – Parsi New Year, Navroz, is being celebrated this year on August 16.

**Key Points –**

- Navroz celebration is believed to date back to the time when Prophet Zarathustra founded Zoroastrianism.
- Navroz marks the first day of Farvardin, the first month in the Zoroastrian calendar.

## SPORTS

### 1. UEFA Super Cup 2022

**Why in news** – Real Madrid beat Eintracht Frankfurt in the finals to win the 2022 UEFA Super Cup for 5th time.

**Key Points –**

- It is an annual football match for the winners of the two main European club competitions, i.e. the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League.
- Venue - Helsinki, Finland.

### 2. FIFA suspended AIFF

**Why in news** – FIFA suspended the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) due to “undue influence from third parties”.

**Key Points –**

- India has also been stripped of the right to host the 2022 Under-17 Women's World Cup in October.
- This is the 1st time that the AIFF has been suspended by FIFA in its 85-year history.
- The ban will be lifted once the Indian administration regains full control of AIFF's daily affairs.

## STATES/UTs

### 1. Village Defense Guard Scheme

**Why in news** – J&K government has approved the “Village Defense Guard Scheme 2022” to prevent incidents of terrorist acts.

**Key Points –**

- It came into effect from August 15, 2022.
- It aims to organize a small group of volunteer armed citizens with a view to inculcate a sense of self service.

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