



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## NATIONAL

### 1. Asia's Largest CBG Plant

**Why in news** - Asia's largest Compressed Biogas Plant begins commercial operations in Sangrur, Punjab.

**Key Points** –

- Total capacity - 33.23 tonnes CBG per day.
- CBG is being supplied to the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL).
- The Punjab Energy Development Agency has also decided to setup 42 additional CBG projects with a total capacity of 492.58 tonnes per day.

### 2. Super Vasuki

**Why in news** - The Railways have conducted operational trial of longest goods train in the country Super Vasuki.

**Key Points** –

- It is 3.5 km-long having 295 wagons and 6 locos.
- Trial was conducted between Korba in Chhattisgarh and Rajnandgaon in Nagpur.
- It was operated by the South East Central Railway.

### 3. 100% “Har Ghar Jal” certification

**Why in news** - Goa became the first state to achieve 100% “Har Ghar Jal”

certification under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

**Key Points** –

- Recently, Burhanpur (MP) became the first “Har Ghar Jal” certified district of the country.
- JJM aims to provide piped water to all rural households by 2024.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. USS Jacob Jones

**Why in news** - US ship USS Jacob Jones sunk by Germans in 1917 is found off English coast.

**Key Points** –

- It was the first US destroyer to be lost to enemy action.
- It was sunk by a German submarine on Dec 6, 1917 during WWI.

## GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

### 1. Paalan 1000

**Why in news** - Union Minister Bharti Pravin Pawar launched the Paalan 1000 campaign and parenting app in Mumbai.

**Key Points** –

- Aim - To reduce the child mortality rate and take care of the first 1000 days a child after birth.

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- Mortality rate (2014) - 45 per 1000 live births, 2019 - 35 per 1000 live births.
- The concept of “Continuum of Care” is being followed under the national program.

## APPS & PORTALS

### 1. NIDAAN portal

**Why in news** - India's first portal on arrested narcotics offenders gets operational.

**Key Points –**

- NIDAAN or the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders.
- It has been developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
- It is part of the narcotics coordination mechanism (NCORD) portal launched by Amit Shah.
- It sources its data from the ICJS (inter-operable criminal justice system) and the e-Prisons repository.

## ECONOMY

### 1. Inflation target breached

**Why in news** - RBI committee will meet after Oct 12 to draft report for Government explaining the reasons for the average retail inflation remaining above the upper tolerance limit of 6 per cent.

**Key Points –**

- Reason - Retail inflation slipped beyond the upper tolerance limit of 6% for 3 straight quarters.
- In the last 8 years, it happened for the first time.

## Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)

- The Union government, in consultation with the RBI, fixes the inflation target every 5 years.
- It had fixed it at 4% +/- 2% (upper limit 6%, lower limit 2%) for the next five years (Apr 1, 2021 – Mar 31, 2026).
- MPC requires the RBI to submit a report to the Union government if inflation targets are breached for 3 consecutive quarters.

## SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

### 1. 9th India-Thailand Joint Commission Meeting

**Why in news** – EAM S. Jaishankar arrived in Thailand to attend the meeting.

**Key Points –**

- The meeting was co-chaired by Jaishankar and Don Pramudwinai.
- He offered prayers at the Devasthan (a Hindu temple) at Bangkok. God of this temple - Maharajaguru Vidhi.
- Thailand was the country Coordinator for India-ASEAN Strategic Partnership for 2018-21.

### 2. National Security Strategies Conference 2022

**Why in news** – The two-day conference was concluded on Aug 18, 2022.

**Key Points –**

- It was chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah.
- He also mentioned that for the first time the country had developed National

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Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS).

- Shah had instructed the DGPs of the bordering areas to keep a close watch on the demographic changes.

## SECURITY

### 1. Vostok 2022

**Why in news** – India will take part in the Vostok-2022 strategic command and staff exercise in Russia.

**Key Points** –

- It also includes the armies of China, Belarus, Tajikistan and Mongolia.
- It is a strategic command and staff exercise under the Valery Gerasimov.
- Duration - August 30 to September 5.

## ENVIRONMENT

### 1. India's first electric double-decker bus

**Why in news** – Nitin Gadkari unveiled India's first electric double-decker air-conditioned bus in Mumbai.

**Key Points** –

- It was manufactured by Switch Mobility (Ashok Leyland).

- The rest will hit the city's roads by mid-2023.

## WORDS IN NEWS

### 1. Megalodon

**Why in news** – Researchers have found new evidence about the life of Megalodon.

**Key Points** –

- Megalodon means "big tooth"
- It was one of the biggest predatory animals of all time.
- It is an extinct species of mackerel shark that lived about 23 to 3.6 million years ago.

## SPORTS

### 1. 2% quota for sports persons

**Why in news** – Karnataka will extend 2% job reservation to sports persons in all government departments.

**Key Points** –

- Also, 75 sportspersons were selected under the 'Amrit Kreedadattu Yojane'.
- Karnataka has decided to recognise basketball as the state game.



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