

NATIONAL

1. Yoga Mahotsav

Why in news – Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the International Yoga Mahotsav at Dibrugarh, Assam on April 10, 2023.

Key Points –

- It marked the upcoming International Day of Yoga 2023 which is just 75 days away.
- An MoU was signed between the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) and Dibrugarh University to develop an ecosystem of Yoga practitioners.
- International Day of Yoga is observed on June 21.



SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. 5th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI)

Why in news – PM Narendra Modi addressed the 5th ICDRI 2023.

Key Points –

- Theme - Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure.

Infrastructure for Resilient Island State (IRIS)

- Part of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).
- Focus – Capacity building in small island developing states (SIDS).
- SIDS – A distinct group of 38 UN Member States and 20 Non-UN Members/Associate Members of United Nations regional commissions.
- Barbados Programme of Action (1994) - To assist the SIDS in their sustainable development efforts.

- SIDS' vulnerabilities were highlighted in "The Future We Want", adopted at UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20 summit) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012.

Infrastructure Resilience Accelerator Fund (IRAF)

- CDRI Multi-Partner Trust Fund.
- Launched at - COP27 Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt in 2022.
- Established with the support of UNDP and UNDRR.
- Managed by - United Nation Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (UN MPTFO), New York.
- Aim - to support global action on disaster resilience of infrastructure systems.
- One of the first initiatives to be supported by IRAF is the Infrastructure for Resilient Island States (IRIS).

ENVIRONMENT

1. Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre (JCBC)

Why in news - World's first Asian King Vulture Conservation and Breeding Center to be inaugurated in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points –

- Location - Maharajganj district, Uttar Pradesh (spread - 1.5 hectares).
- The use of diclofenac in veterinary medicine in India has led to a population decline in recent years.

Sr. No.	Name of the Vulture Species	IUCN status	Pictorial Representation
1.	Oriental White-backed Vulture (Gyps Bengalensis)	Critically Endangered	
2.	Slender-billed Vulture (Gyps tenuirostris)	Critically Endangered	
3.	Long-billed Vulture (Gyps Indicus)	Critically Endangered	
4.	Egyptian Vulture (Neophron percnopterus)	Endangered	
5.	Red-Headed Vulture (Sarcogyps Calvus)	Critically Endangered	

About Asian King Vulture –

- Also known as the Red-headed Vulture, Indian black vulture or Pondicherry vulture.
- IUCN - Critically endangered.
- It is not a migrant bird but a resident species in the Indian subcontinent except Sri Lanka.

SCIENCE – TECHNOLOGY

1. Tianlong-2 (Sky Dragon-2)

Why in news - Space Pioneer has become the first Chinese private launch firm to achieve orbit with a liquid propellant rocket.

Key Points –

- Space Pioneer full name - Beijing Tianbing Technology Co Ltd.
- Space Pioneer became the first private company to reach orbit with its first launch.
- The rocket used coal-derived kerosene instead of fuel refined from oil.
- The three-stage Tianlong-2 is capable of carrying 2,000 kilograms to low Earth orbit (LEO).

SECURITY

1. Exercise Cope India 2023

Why in news - The Indian Air Force (IAF) and the United States Air Force (USAF) kicked off the first phase of Exercise Cope India 23 on April 10, 2023.

Key Points –

- Venue - Arjan Singh (Panagarh, WB), Kalaikunda (WB) and Agra (UP).
- Panagarh sector (Eastern Command) - It is home to India's only mountain strike corps aimed at China.
- The Pacific command of the US military coordinates with India in the Indo-Pacific sector.

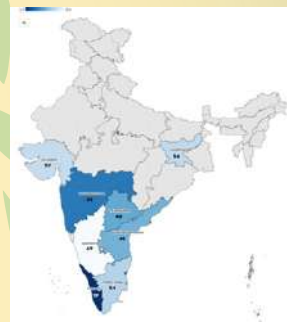
IMPORTANT DAYS

1. National Safe Motherhood Day 2023

Why in news - It is observed on April 11 to promote healthy pregnancy and motherhood.

Key Points –

- Launched by - White Ribbon Alliance (WRAI).
- Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in India – 97 per lakh live births in 2018-20. (National Health Policy 2017 target - to bring the MMR in India below 100/lakh live births by 2020).
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) target - to reduce the global MMR to less than 70/lakh live births by 2030.
- 8 states achieved MMR SDG target - Kerala (19), Maharashtra (33), Telangana (43) Andhra Pradesh (45), Tamil Nadu (54), Jharkhand (56), Gujarat (57) and Karnataka (69).



- Institutional deliveries have increased from 79% in 2015-16 to 89% in 2019-20. (Rural - 87% and Urban - 94%).

Government Initiatives –

- POSHAN Abhiyaan (Launched from - Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan, 8th March 2018)
- Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) (Cash incentive of Rs 5000 in 3 instalments, 2017).
- Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) (12th April 2005)
- Surakshit Matritva Anushasan (SUMAN)
- Labour Room & Quality Improvement Initiative (LaQshya)
- Anaemia Mukta Bharat Program – To reduce anaemia by 3% points per year in adults, children, and adolescents from 2018 to 2022 through 6X6X6 strategy.

STATES/UTS

1. Atal Bihari Vajpayee Powerloom Electricity Flat Rate Scheme

Why in news – Uttar Pradesh approved the scheme for flat rate for powerloom electricity.

Key Points –

- Budget – Rs 400 crore.
- Implemented from – April 1, 2023.

Benefits –

- 80% subsidy on handloom and 60% on the installation of power-loom.
- Powerloom connection holders with a load of more than 5 kw would be given a subsidy of Rs 700 per horsepower, a maximum of Rs 9100 per month.

Jhalkari Bai Kori Handloom and Powerloom Development Scheme –

- Aim - to link the unemployed with employment opportunities.

- Weavers would be given a grant of Rs 50,000 and Rs 80,000 on two estimated prices of handlooms.

BIHAR

1. Safe Motherhood

Why in news – It is observed on April 11 to promote healthy pregnancy and motherhood.

- MMR in Bihar – 118 per lakh live births in 2018-20. (165 in 2014-16 and 130 in 2017-19).
- It shows a reduction of nearly 25% in the deaths on an average.
- Bihar's rank in MMR national index – 15th (as per Sample Registration System 2018-20).

➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

POINTERS

- In which state 'Food Conclave 2023' will be organized – **Telangana.**
- Which union minister has launched the 'Vibrant Villages Programme' in Arunachal Pradesh border village Kibithu - **Amit Shah.**
- Draupadi Murmu has become the President of which order to fly on Sukhoi fighter jet - **Third President and second woman President.**
- Which city will host the second edition of 'Street Child Cricket World Cup' - **Chennai.**
- Which state government has formed a panel to frame rules for app-based taxi services – **Maharashtra.**
- Which country has become India's largest crude oil supplier for the sixth consecutive month – **Russia.**
- Which state has been awarded as the best performing state for e-procurement in the North Eastern region – **Tripura.**
- Which Hyderabad-based company is executing the Zoji La tunnel that is likely to be completed by December 2026 - **Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Limited (MEIL).**
- Who will start Guru Kripa Yatra train for Sikh pilgrims, which will take Sikh pilgrims from Amritsar to Patna Sahib via Bidar in Karnataka and Nanded Sahib in Maharashtra – **IRCTC.**
- Which Indian has won the title of "World Chess Armageddon Asia and Oceania Event" - **D Gukesh.**

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